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TUESDAY, October 25, 2022

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

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Hon. MEGAN MARTIN, Secretary of the Senate:

It is my honor to offer today's prayer on the day we are honoring our President pro tempore, Senator Corman.

Let us pray.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he explains to us the wondrous unity of our faith: Many Parts in One Body. [Reading:]

For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

What beautiful and profound words to reflect upon. Lord, we seek and need the same unity here in our Senate today, tomorrow, and every day. Each Senator offers unique gifts and perspectives. Help all the Members to appreciate and respect these gifts and differences in one another and to find the common ground that is needed to govern. For though they are all many individual parts in our Senate, they are one body, and in their unity, there will be strength and governing for the people of this great Commonwealth. Lord, I also ask today for a special blessing for Senator Corman, who has led this Chamber with loving integrity. Love and truth form a good leader. This good leader, who reveres our institution, will be missed. Lord, bless Senator Corman and his family as they enter this new chapter in their lives. All this we ask in Your name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 121** and **HB 2426**.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators J. WARD and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SR 379**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2022 as "Home Care and Hospice Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 25, 2022.

Senators MARTIN, KANE, BARTOLOTTA, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROWNE, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, DUSH and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 380**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 14, 2022, as "World Diabetes Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 25, 2022.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

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HB 2638 -- Committee on Transportation.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 1338 (Pr. No. 1951)

An Act amending the act of July 10, 2008 (P.L.1009, No.78), known as the Biofuel Development and In-State Production Incentive Act, further providing for short title of act and for definitions; providing for low emission transportation fuel incentive and for registration and other requirements; and further providing for department authority and responsibility and for infrastructure reports.

SB 1339 (Pr. No. 1952)

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178), known as the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act, further providing for title of act, for short title of act, for definitions and for Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund; repealing provisions relating to biomass-based diesel production incentives; further providing for annual report; and repealing provisions relating to interfund transfer.

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

SB 996 (Pr. No. 1305)

An Act providing for parental rights protection.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Cappelletti, Senator Collett, and Senator Santarsiero, and a legislative leave for Senator Saval.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Cappelletti, Senator Collett, and Senator Santarsiero, and a legislative leave for Senator Saval.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journals of the Sessions of June 28, 2022; June 29, 2022; and June 30, 2022, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of June 28, 2022; June 29, 2022; and June 30, 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-50

Argall	Dillon	Laughlin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Street
Bartolotta	Flynn	Mensch	Tartaglione

Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Brooks	Gordner	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Browne	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Kearney	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Langerholc		

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journals are approved.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Brooks has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I have a number of guests here with us today who have been working in the Capitol building with us both in the legal sense, in terms of working with our legal team, as well as folks in our communications space. In the communications space, Mr. President, we have with us today, Ayanna Byers, who comes to us from New Castle, Pennsylvania, by way of Dickinson School of Law, where she earned her undergraduate degree at Slippery Rock and her master's degree in higher education from Bowling Green State University. Ayanna comes from a musical family and, herself, plays the piano and the drums when she takes a break from her study of law.

Clifton Newell has also been an intern with our office and has done an excellent job, as Ayanna did, with respect to working with us. An alumni of Shippensburg University and a current student at Widener Commonwealth School of Law, Clif comes to us with a vast teaching experience, most recently instructing writing at an international school. Throughout the duration of their internship, both Ayanna and Clif have been performing necessary legal research, but also researching legislation and helping to draft in areas of firearms, elections, child endangerment, and also consumer protection. The two of them have been immensely helpful to us in our process and our legal work that was being done and provide a great benefit to the folks we work with and our legal team. We are grateful for their commitment to this work, and we wish them the best of luck as they join the legal profession in the years to come. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give our two interns their warm Senate welcome, and they are seated to my left behind me.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the 2022 PIAA Class 5A State championship baseball team, the Bethel Park High School Black Hawks, who are seated in the gallery. It is an honor to have these extraordinary athletes with us today to celebrate their great achievement. The Black Hawks captured their second consecutive State title by defeating Selinsgrove High School by a score of 5-0 to end up 21-4 overall. Last year, they defeated Red Land 4-2 to finish the season at 22-4.

Mr. President, I want to congratulate each of these players on their impressive back-to-back wins: Ryan Walsh, Evan Lejeune, Lucas Lybarger, Raymond Altmeyer, Sebastian Schein, Nicholas Gasper, Nicholas Calano, Evan Holewinski, Joshua Clunan, Santino Diulus, Gianni Magnotti, John Chalus, Nathan Vargo, Cody Geddes, Jason Nuttridge, David Kessler, Ryan Petras, Benjamin Hudson, Dylan Schmude, Coby Goelz, William Sokira, Jack Edner, Bo Conrad. I also want to thank and credit their coaches for their time, dedication, and expert guidance: head coach, Patrick Zehnder, who recently was named the 2022 *Post-Gazette* Baseball Coach of the Year. Congratulations. I also want to thank their assistant coaches, Tyler Dillinger and Jared King; athletic director, Dan Sloan; assistant superintendent, Zeb Jansante; and the director of communications and public relations, Jim Cromie. Finally, I want to thank the parents of these talented athletes who have supported them every step of the way. To the Bethel Park Black Hawks, you have made your school district and Allegheny County, this Senate Chamber, and the entire Commonwealth so very proud of you. Mr. President, would my colleagues please join me in giving a warm welcome to the 2022 PIAA Class 5A State baseball champions, the Bethel Park Black Hawks. We hope to see you next year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Black Hawks, the coaches and team, rise.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an impressive group of young athletes from across western Pennsylvania who won the 2022 PIHL Girls' High School Ice Hockey Championships. The East Girls' Ice Hockey team completed an impressive season by winning the inaugural championship, defeating the Central team in overtime 2-1. The team capped off the regular season on a three-game winning streak and won all three of their playoff games, including knocking off a previously unbeaten team in the semifinals. This team has girls from Armstrong, Westmont Hilltop, Burrell, Windber, Latrobe, Serra Catholic, West Shamokin, Hempfield, Norwin, Penn-Trafford, and Elizabeth Forward. Every player on the team has a patch on their shoulder with their school's logo.

This team is led by head coach, Jon Yackmack; and assistant coaches, Gregory O'Donnell and Scott Williams; as well as team manager, John Plunkard. Members of this impressive team from

my Senatorial District include Julia Clement, Nora Mullen, and Shannen Mullen. I will allow my colleagues to introduce the team members from their district in due turn. I will mention my colleague, Senator Brewster, has representatives from his district: Elizabeth Jarrett, Alexa Kelley, and Madison Sloan. These individuals, Mr. President, have very bright futures, and I look forward to witnessing their future success. Again, Mr. President, I wish to introduce the 2022 PIHL Girls' High School Ice Hockey champion East Girls' Ice Hockey team as my guests for the day and ask for a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the girls' hockey team please rise so we can give you our usual warm welcome.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR KIM L. WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I want to start by saying it is a hockey day in Harrisburg. [Applause.] Today, we have a lot of extra girl power here in the Chamber as we celebrate the first PIHL Girls' Ice Hockey champs, team East. The East team has girls from Armstrong, Westmont Hilltop, Burrell, Windber, Latrobe, Serra Catholic, West Shamokin, Hempfield, Norwin, Penn-Trafford, and Elizabeth, and I am honored to see all of you girls here. As a hockey mom myself, with three sons who played hockey, I can remember their teams in the early nineties, late eighties, and there were not any girls. There was one named Gabby, eventually, and she was a goalie, and she was awesome, and we loved her. So, hockey has come a long way. I am honored that some of my constituents—people who I represent—are here today, and they are: Corinne Brunetto, Kira Florek, Olivia Knoechel, Ashlynn LeBlanc, Kylie McKenzie, and Katelyn Porter.

You know, it is no small accomplishment to bring girls together from various districts and different backgrounds and find them all together to form a winning team. These young women are full of energy and commitment and will to win, and these are future leaders. Those are great, great assets to have, girls, and I look forward to where you are going next. You know, girls' hockey is not an easy thing to be part of, so you are rocking it in my book. So, I would like to congratulate you all for not only being trailblazers and role models for other young women ice hockey players, but also for being the first to win this title. The hardest win is always the first win, and you were fearless. Congratulations, and keep making it happen. Please join me in a warm welcome, again, for the PIHL girls' hockey champions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Welcome the girls.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOE PITTMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, to echo the words of my colleague from Cambria County, there are five individuals from Armstrong County who are part of this team, and I would like to take a moment to specifically recognize them. They are: Olyvia Yackmack, Leah O'Donnell, Cora Williams, Emmery Taylor, and

Leia Lewis--and many of their parents also serve as the coaches of this team--and it is an honor to have them here in the Capitol today. I would ask that my colleagues give them their usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the girls' hockey team please rise, again.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, as we still continue on this great girls' hockey team, and as you can tell, it is a regional team, and they are spread across multiple districts. So, from the 32nd Senatorial District, in the wonderful town of Windber of Somerset County, we have player, Taylor Plunkard, and her father, the team manager, John Plunkard. Taylor is a senior at Windber Area High School in Somerset and is also on the honor roll. She has been playing hockey since she was 5 years old, and her goal is to play at the collegiate level. So, you can see with this great excitement, we have a wonderful team up there. So, I wanted to, again, say a warm Senate welcome to our Somerset guests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the girls' hockey team please rise one more time. Congratulations.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Collett has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIA COLLETT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to introduce six special guests to the Senate from Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School located in the great 12th Senatorial District. Students Alexis Borrelli, Katie Burgess, and Caroline Fitzgerald were interns in my office this year, and they are joined by school officials: president, Denise Marbach; principal, Eileen Carty; and director of leadership initiatives, Jennifer Guarnaccia. They are here visiting the Capitol to see up close how our government works in action. Throughout their internships, Alexis, Katie, and Caroline demonstrated a genuine interest in serving the people of our Commonwealth and were eager to learn about State government. I was excited to attend the Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School's externship fair a few weeks ago, where the three students shared their experiences in my office. In addition to their work as interns, their drive to be involved is illustrated in their impressive extracurricular activities.

Alexis is part of the leadership council, ambassador board, mock trial team, speech and debate team, National Honor Society, and is the founder of the health careers club. Katie promotes women empowerment, plays flag football, and participates in ministry and service programs. Caroline is a field hockey player and a member of ministry and service, sustainability committee, and the chair of athletics for the Learn, Educate, Achieve,

Develop council. I am excited to see where the future takes these young leaders. Their eagerness to learn and engage is, in part, a reflection of their school's leadership and commitment to career development. That is why I am so thrilled to have Gwynedd Mercy's administrators here today.

Denise Marbach is the current president of Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School. She has a nearly 50-year history with Gwynedd Mercy as a Gwynedd student, an alumna, and a parent of two Gwynedd alumnae. During her tenure, she has instituted programs to educate, inspire, and empower the young women of Gwynedd. And Jennifer Guarnaccia oversees all leadership initiatives at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, including the externship program that Alexis, Katie, and Caroline took part in. She is also an alumna and current parent. It is clear that these administrators go above and beyond to support their students. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. I am honored to host this group today. Hopefully, this experience will foster greater interest in public service. Who knows, we may have a future Senator or governor among them. I ask my colleagues to please join me in extending our warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Collett please rise so that we can give you our usual warm welcome.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN I. KANE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today not to sing the "Fly, Eagles, Fly" song or "No One Likes Us" but to recognize three special interns who have brought skillful assistance, can-do attitudes, and an irreplaceable energy to my office. First, I rise to acknowledge two interns who were not able to make the trip to Harrisburg today due to illness, but I want to recognize them so their names are forever a part of the Senate Journal. The first intern I am recognizing is Asheem Bey. Asheem has served our country with honor in the U.S. Army, and he currently serves in the U.S. Army Reserves. During his Army service, Asheem was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, and he successfully completed his tour in South Korea. Asheem is full of so many interesting and fun facts, but one I would like to highlight is that he is able to speak a total of eight languages, four with high proficiency. So, long story short, the only thing Asheem could speak to at this point is his animals because he is sick.

Next, I would like to recognize Jasmine Morrow. Jasmine is the class president at Eastern University. Also, while attending Eastern University, Jasmine started the cheerleading program, and I do not know about you, but anyone who can tumble and get a crowd to repeat after them, while also leading an entire class, is someone who I could not afford to miss having on my team. This upcoming May of 2023, we will be celebrating Jasmine's graduation from Eastern University with a B.A. in political science.

And last, but certainly not least, joining us here today in the Senate is our current Temple University graduate, Matt Wolf. Matt is what one would call "a big deal" around Philadelphia, as he is the dungeon master for a Dungeons and Dragons campaign and has been paid for gigs all around Philadelphia to be a dungeon master. Now, although Matt is incredibly skilled at creating fun

stories and interesting adventures, he also has a goal to go to graduate school and get involved in the city of Philadelphia's politics.

And once again, Mr. President, I must recognize the incredible leadership of our constituent service director, Nancy Love, who sets our interns up for success every single day as they join us to serve the constituents of the Ninth Senatorial District. This team of interns, and every intern before and after them, are in the best hands when Nancy is guiding them through what it is like working in our office, and we thank her. Mr. President, please join me in recognizing the awesome interns who have boosted my office and served the constituents of the Ninth Senatorial District.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the interns of Senator Kane please rise so we can give you our usual warm welcome.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Cappelletti and Senator Santarsiero have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I rise to introduce two very special guests who are shadowing me here in the Capitol today, Jimmy Rhoads and Sophia Zubeck. Jimmy Rhoads is a senior at Susquenita High School in Duncannon, PA. He is an excellent student and has maintained straight A's. Jimmy plans to graduate and study business and law in the future. Jimmy is a skilled strategist and someone who applies the principles of strategy in his life's activities. He is also a talented debater. He has established himself on the school's political debate team as a leader. Jimmy also enjoys the computer club at school. He has been a member of the West Shore Harrisburg Chess Club for many years. He excels at teaching the game of chess to others while utilizing his love of strategy. Jimmy also is in the process of establishing a chess club at his school.

Sophia Zubeck is a junior at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, PA. She is an exemplary student and plans to attend college, studying law in the future. Sophia is a member of the Bishop McDevitt mock trial team and is a skilled debater. Sophia is a talented student athlete and believes in showing as much hard work and dedication on the court as she does off the court. Sophia is a volleyball player for her high school team, as well as a club team, and she aspires to play in college. Sophia is also a member of her high school E-sports team. In her spare time, Sophia is an excellent artist and enjoys reading. She has also volunteered in her community in various roles, including The Salvation Army.

Jimmy is the son of Dacia Rhoads, and Sophia is the daughter of Christine Zubeck, both of whom have worked with me in my Harrisburg office for the last 8 years. It is a pleasure to be able to recognize these talented, future leaders seated in the Senate balcony, and please join me in offering them our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Scavello please rise so we can give you our usual warm welcome.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Yaw has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I have the privilege of acknowledging a couple of my folks from my office. But before I do that, hopefully everyone will notice the hat that I have displayed proudly on this floor today. Because I will just say this: some of us are from Philadelphia, and some of you are not [laughing]. That being said, when we return to greatness and become the champions of the world in baseball, we will share with all of you--Democrat, Republican, rural, urban, suburban--you are personally invited to Philadelphia to have a beer on Jay Costa, who said Philadelphia is now his team--right--and others.

I am privileged also to introduce to you, as many of us are--you know what makes us successful is not us, it is our families, our spouses, our friends, our supporters, and our staff. And today I have two gentlemen--I would ask them to stand--Wilson Alexander and Randall Sims, who are activists in my community, community organizers in my community, and I am blessed enough to have them on my staff, working diligently every day. And I do not want to just have the meek kind of applause, I want to have the Phillies kind of applause for them. Please welcome them today. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Anthony Williams please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEVEN J. SANTARSIERO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, it is an honor to welcome to the Capitol today members of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, who have come from across the State to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj. We are especially delighted to welcome you to our State's Capitol during the Diwali celebration that began this week. The BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is a spiritual, volunteer-driven faith dedicated to improving society through individual growth by fostering the Hindu ideals of faith, unity, and selfless service. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is the most widely celebrated Indian festival. Diwali signifies the victory of good over evil and is not only a Hindu festival; it is celebrated, in fact, by all Indians.

We are proud to gather here today and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, who was the spiritual leader and the guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha--a worldwide Hindu organization dedicated to promoting harmony between individuals within families and amongst diverse communities. The guru in the Hindu tradition is the gateway to Moksha, the state of being released from the cycle of rebirth. He was the guiding light in the lives of his

followers. They came to him for everything--spiritual enlightenment, moral development, and even worldly advice--and, of course, the guru listened. Pramukh Swami Maharaj lent his ears to millions of individuals around the world and shared their sorrows. He gave them the courage to overcome their personal battles. The guru led BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha for many decades, effectively administering its spiritual, cultural, and personal development, and humanitarian activities. He comforted and advised the faithful on mundane issues, such as where to place a well in their field or what businesses they should pursue, and on significant matters, such as how to secure Moksha. His success was not measured by accolades or worldwide recognition--although he received both--but rather by the number of lives he transformed.

Mr. President, I want to thank the members of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha for traveling here today to be with us to mark this joyous occasion, and I pray that they continue to be guided by the example of Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Please join me in giving them our traditional warm Senate welcome. And I want to note that they are, indeed, from many parts of Pennsylvania here today, including Warrington, Allentown, Souderton, Harrisburg, Levittown, Downingtown, and Scranton. I think I got all the places. So, please join me in giving them our warm welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Santarsiero please rise for our usual warm welcome.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise to introduce to my Senate colleagues and our guests here today, another outstanding intern who had the opportunity to work in our Senate Democratic Caucus. I would like to introduce to everyone Nila Cobb, who is a lifelong resident of Harrisburg and a student at Temple University, where she is pursuing studies in political science, public relations, and performing arts. In addition to her studies at Temple, Nila is a member of the university's Ignite chapter, which is a nonprofit organization aimed to advance young women in civic and political leaderships across the country. She is an active member of the Temple College Democrats, where she was founder and president of Temple Students for Biden in 2020. Nila also served as a digital organizer with the Biden Fellowship Program at the campaign's headquarters in Philadelphia and is a former campus fellow for the DNC, where she conducted voter training and organized campus visibility. As for her postgraduate plans next spring, Nila plans to pursue a career in some level of government and hopes her career path will lead her one day to our White House. Mr. President, I ask that you join me in allowing Nila the courtesy of our warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Please welcome the guest of Senator Costa.

[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 the special order of business, farewell to our President pro tempore.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, it is an honor to stand here to honor my colleague, Jake. I have been waiting a long time to do this, Jake. [Laughter.] So, Jake has represented Centre, Mifflin, Juniata Counties, and parts of Huntingdon County. The Corman family is a legacy, a real legacy. Actually, I met Jake's mom, Becky, before I met Jake. I worked under her when we were with Senator Santorum, and Becky is known as the mother of grassroots in Pennsylvania. I learned a lot from her, and she is here with us in the gallery [Chamber] today. Hi, Becky; say hi. [Applause.]

This family--the Corman family--it represents commitment, dedication, and loyalty to the people of Pennsylvania and to the constituents who they serve. They have done work across our Commonwealth that we will feel for years to come. Jake succeeded his dad, who was a legacy in himself, Jake Doyle Corman, Jr., when he ran to represent the people of the 34th Senatorial District. Jake has worked his way up through the Senate Republican Caucus. He served as chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Senate Majority Leader, and now, reaching President pro tempore, making him the highest-ranking Republican in the General Assembly. He has done not only a lot of work for his district, but a lot of work for our Commonwealth. His actions are backed by his words. One of the most important things he has done and one of the things that we feel, but maybe we do not realize we feel, and the people of the future will not realize they feel, were his efforts to modernize the State's pension system in 2017. He established a hybrid pension plan for new public employees and reduced pension costs faced by Pennsylvania taxpayers, and it was a historic task. The growth of the mandate spending was beyond anything that we could keep up with, and revenues were not expected to keep up with the amount required to spend. He worked through 2 years of hearings and countless hours, working with State employees, public school teachers, to stabilize and sustain the systems that would save \$18.3 billion over 18 years. That is not something that everybody wakes up every day and says: oh, thank goodness that happened. But it happened, and it matters.

While his list of accomplishments captures what he has achieved for his constituents and our residents, it is the measures that were not signed into law that represent his mark as a true Leader in the legislature. You know, I just went through--as a representative of the Senate--through the redistricting process, and it was hard. We have lost a lot of population out in the west, and we picked it up in the east. Jake said: I am not going to run. And he cleared the way for others to be able to hold their seats, and that is something huge. So, how about that folks? How about a

[clapping] from our Caucus. [Applause.] Without him doing that, we would definitely be down—one or two of us would not be running today. So, he got rid of unnecessary spending, he helped with redistricting, and you know, as a Leader, here is the one thing I know about Jake. I have disagreed with him many times—I am sure none of you know that—over the past, but if you go to Jake for help, even if he disagrees with you, he is going to help you. He helped us; he stuck with us; he stuck with you; he stuck with me on things that we were vehemently on the other side of, and I am not mentioning any of those things because I do not want to bring them up. But, you know, so that is the mark of a true Leader and someone who represented us well in the Caucus and in the Assembly. You know, I do not hear nary a bad word about Jake as I wander through these Caucus Chambers, through this Senate Chamber—not from the Democrats and not from the Republicans. You know, it is not an easy task to be a Leader and to face some of the things that he has had to face, that others never would have had to face as pro tem in the past. And you have done a really, really good job with that Jake, and thank you. We appreciate it. Thank you for your dedication and your loyalty to us and to the institution over the past 20 years. You will be missed. This is not a goodbye for sure. It is: we will see you soon somewhere, and thank you for your service. Now, if we could all just take a moment, let us view Senator Corman's tribute video to honor his time in the legislature.

[Whereupon, a video tribute of the career of President pro tempore Senator Jacob D. Corman III was presented.]

[Applause.]

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, this is going to be a mess. [Laughter.] It is pretty funny having your son talk about how you are crying all the time while you are crying. But, you know, what a great piece of work. I want to thank Greg Milligan and his staff and Carol Milligan for putting that together for me. Ironically, the first time we did that—our Senate communications never did a video like that—was in 1998 for my father, and we began the tradition of doing something of that nature. And Carol was actually retired, but she insisted on coming back and being part of this. And so, I want to thank her and Greg for doing that for me, and it was very, very shocking, emotional.

Let me start out by a couple introductions. First, I want to introduce our State Treasurer, Stacy Garrity, and our Auditor General, Tim DeFoor. You honor me by coming here today. Thank you so much. You are two great new faces in statewide politics and government here in Pennsylvania, and I am excited by the work that you have done, and I am excited about the work that you will do in the future. So, thank you so much for honoring me, for being here. I want to thank Governor Wolf's former chief of staff, Mike Brunelle, for being here. Now, it may seem odd that a Republican President pro tempore would ask the chief of staff of a Democratic governor to be here today, but I wanted him to come because, as Senator Yudichak referred to it last week, Mike was part of the "let's get things done" caucus. And if you recall, Governor Wolf vetoed public pension reform; he vetoed liquor modernization; he vetoed energy tax credit in northeastern Pennsylvania to try to revolutionize that economy. In every case, Mike would call me after and say: you know, we can still get this done if we just negotiate a little further. And we negotiated a little

further and got things done, and you are a big cause of that. So, thank you so much for honoring me, for being here. I do not see my good friend, Representative Benninghoff. He is probably running the House as they are doing their retirements, but Kerry has been my longest ally back home. You know, when you are Doyle Corman's son, you know, you get a little bit of benefit of the doubt that you can do the job. But when someone like Kerry Benninghoff, who was already an elected official, stands up and supports you, then you get instant credibility. And he did that for me in 1998, and it began our journey together where we both at one time became Majority Leaders. And I know we have had Majority Leaders from the same county before, but I do not know that we have had them from the same town, who go to the same church. So, it was an exciting ride for Kerry and I, and so, I thank him so much for his friendship over the years.

I also want to thank Representative Hershey and Representative Irvin for coming today. Representative Irvin and Representative Hershey both represent parts of my Senatorial District. You know, a lot of times Senators and House Members, we can have a little competition and maybe a little prickly relationship. That never happened. We worked great together. You are both great public servants, and thank you so much for honoring me by coming here today. I am not going to spend a lot of time on my family because I will not get through it, but they are here, and my mother, as I said, she walked on this Senate floor in 1977—45 years ago. When she walked on it today, she said: this is the last time I am coming to the Senate floor. But as Kim mentioned—Senator Ward mentioned—my mother was the political brains of the Corman family. You know, worked for Senator Specter in '92; for Santorum in '94; Attorney General Mike Fisher in '96; myself in '98; was Kim's boss in 2000. You know, if you ever go into my office, my favorite pictures—and you saw a little bit of it here—was myself and Senator Santorum and my father were taking a picture on my first day here on the Senate floor, and as usual, my tie was a little disheveled, and the Senate photographer said: Senator, fix your tie, and instinctively, all three of us at the same time reached for our tie, and the *Lewistown Sentinel* photographer captured that photo with my mother in it, laughing. So, there it was, the three Senators and the woman who created it all.

My wife—not going to go there—and kids are here. You know, I get credit for being a good dad, and I hope that I am, but I am going to tell you a story about my wife. So, when my wife and I first got married in 2001, we were at a dinner with then-Attorney General Mike Fisher and his wife, Carol. And so, Carol was talking to my wife, and she is like: so, you know, how is it going? You know, how has it been so far? And she said: oh, great, but you know, I just moved to a new town because I got married, and my husband is going to be going to Session 3 days a week. I am just a little uneasy about being home alone. And Carol said to her, as a seasoned Senate wife: dear, there is going to be a day you are going to cherish those 3 days he is away. [Laughter.] So, it has been 21 great years, but the biggest challenge of our marriage may be coming before us. The kids are heading off to college, and I am coming home. So, wish my wife well. I said everything about her in the video, and if I start saying more, I will not get through it. But I am looking forward to our journey as well. And my kids, you know, I am in awe of them; if I did not trust my wife's integrity, I would question that my DNA is any part of them, but they are just outstanding young men and women, and I

am so excited for their future. You know, they have never known a life other than their father being a Senator, and that is hard sometimes. Sometimes it is nice, but sometimes it is really hard. And they have handled it with class and dignity, and they certainly are the best of me.

I want to thank my extended family. What I mean by that is the men and women who work for the 34th Senatorial District. Now, before I say anything nice about them, I just want to say something. I think there is a running wager in our office about how long it will take for my phone to lock up, my laptop no longer to work, and what is a Google calendar anyway? So, they are not sure that I am going to be able to manage on my own, with good reason, but we will persevere. But if you do see a line item in the budget next year and it says past President pro tempore's assistance fund, do not worry about it, it will be fine. But they have been great to work with, and again, I will not mention a lot of it; but it is, again, coming from a great family. I always would try to apply those principles to my work. When I became a, quote, a boss, I wanted to apply that, which means we were there for each other. You know, someone had childcare issues or issues at home they needed to attend to: you go do it; we will make up for you. If someone had healthcare crises, either themselves or a family member, which happens over time: you go take care of your family; we will be all right; we will cover your back while you are gone. And I always tried to apply that principle. But even more than just that was the fun that we had together and the, you know, the things that we would talk about personally; get to know one another.

My favorite story is: Scott Sikorski worked for me for a long time--now works for Senator Ward in the Majority Leader's office--but Scott and I were going over the day's business, as you do as a Leader. As we would normally, as our custom, we would break away from our discussion about the business and talk about something else, whether it be sports or popular culture. Well one day we entered into a discussion about my favorite TV series, the "Game of Thrones." Scott and I were talking about it, and I said, you know, I really like this series--it was about the third or fourth season--I said: but I do not quite get it, I do not quite understand it. And Scott being a tremendous friend and staff person came in the next day with a chart and a diagram that explained all the families and the houses, and it was like a lightbulb went off. And I was like: I get it; this is fantastic; this is so much better. I said: Scott, of all the things you have done for me over the years, this is the best thing you have ever given me. Now understand, you know, Scott helped fashion public pension reform, he designed the Endowment Act, which brought down the NCAA's case against Penn State; so, I do not know that he was overly thrilled to get that compliment or take that, but I was just so happy. And so that transferred to our--you know, as you get to know, half of my staff loved the "Game of Thrones" and half did not--and so in the final season, which the shows were on Sunday night, I came in on the next day and emailed the staff, we are having a staff meeting at 5 p.m. tonight. They were all looking at me: a staff meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday night? I said: yeah, we are going to discuss what we saw last night in the "Game of Thrones" and figure out what is going to happen in the future. And Ashley Albert brought in a map of Westeros, and we had figurines and the whole thing, and we just sat there and had the greatest time. And like anything else, half of us liked it and the other half said: you guys

are really strange, this is a sickness--I think Anna Fitzsimmons called us a bunch of nerds, which probably applied. But that is the kind of family we are, that is what kind of time we have had together. You know, I may have been the face of the organization, but all of you are the heart and soul, and I thank you for everything you have done for me.

I want to mention a couple of colleagues. Senator Anthony Williams, I did not remember that photo; what a great photo. We were sworn in, it was Senator Boscola, together in January of 1999, and Tony and I made a little history by both replacing our fathers of the same name. I did not remember that photo. I am glad someone found it; I will cherish that photo. It has been a pleasure working with you over the years. Senator Costa, we came into Leadership together in 2009 as the Committee on Appropriations chairmen when the economy tanked; not a particularly great time to be the Committee on Appropriations chairmen. We can tell you a lot of funny stories about that year, including having secret meetings at the Lieutenant Governor's house to ultimately solve the budget crisis. But it has been a 14-year journey with you, and I thank you so much.

Senator Gordner, you know, Senator Gordner has been the best Majority Whip who I have ever served with. Now, I say that somewhat tongue in cheek because before he was--I do not know if a Whip ever did anything--and John is a tremendous one. I think we get along so well because of our Penn State degrees. You know, John--he is shaking his head a little bit; it is a little inside joke--John still has not gotten over that the Dickinson School of Law was bailed out by Penn State University. But, you know, when you are the Majority Leader, as I was for 6 years, you know, it is an amazing job that the good part is you are involved in everything, and the bad part is you are involved in everything. And you have crisis after crisis, and so it can be isolating. So, what I needed and what I got from John was, you know, an unconditional friendship and trust that he could tell me when I am wrong--which he did--he can tell me what the sense of the Caucus was, and without that, I could not have been able to lead for 6 years. So, thank you, John, for that.

I also want to mention Senator Regan, because if I do not, he will take offense and never forgive me. The reason I bring it up is a funny, interesting story how we met, and I want to warn him. So, the first time I met Mike was when he was running for the State House, and he ran against my nephew, my godson, who is with us here today; and I met him on Election Day as I was working a poll for my nephew. And after speaking with him a half hour, I called my nephew's campaign manager and said: we are totally screwed; we are going to lose this race, and we did big. So, you have been a great friend, Mike, but I wanted to warn you that my nephew's grandmother is sitting right here, and she still has not forgiven you for it. [Laughter.] So, be careful. You know, I could tell stories about all of you, and I wish that I had time to do it, but it has been just a tremendous honor serving with each and every one of you.

I do want to mention two former colleagues. Senator Joe Scarnati, who after sitting through Senator Browne's yesterday, was not coming back to do this again today. But, you know, Senator Scarnati and I bonded in friendship in 2006 when we both ran for Leadership. He won; I lost. But he put me on his Leadership team, and he supported me for the Committee on Appropriations in 2008, for Majority Leader in 2014. And the best part about my

relationship with Joe, again, as Leaders, you can sometimes have rivalries and difficulties amongst yourselves and staff; we never had that. It was just complete trust. He had my back; I had his back, and it was just a great time working together. I think one of the reasons why I decided to retire after he did, it just was not as much fun that Joe was not here anymore. And so, I miss him, and he told me he would be listening, so I better say nice things.

Senator Conti, who is with us today. He and Senator Tomlinson, as I mentioned during Senator Tomlinson's retirement, were my first friends, which again, scared my father, but they were just great friends of mine. Now, the story I am going to tell you is when I got married in 2001. They came to my wedding, and it was kind of a legendary wedding reception--we will not get into those details--but at the end of the wedding--my father-in-law is from a pretty big family, he is 1 of 8 children, so we had a pretty big family--and so we were taking the family photo of all my wife's family and me, and just as they were getting ready to snap the photo, Senator Tomlinson from this side, Senator Conti from this side, came sliding in on their knees with their hands in the air, the photographer snapped the picture, and we never took another one. So, that is where Uncle Tommy and Uncle Joe started. And you know, whether it was our rounds of golf together or whether it was our legendary dinners at Tavern on the Hill--song sheets in hand, if you can believe that--you were my first friends and most meaningful, and I thank you so much for your support and friendship.

And finally, to introduce my political team, Ray and Jen Zaborney. Now, you might not know this, but Ray was my intern when I worked for Santorum back in the mid-nineties. He was a pretty lousy intern; did not like taking the garbage out--still to this day complains about it. But in 2006, when I interviewed them to hire them for my political team, it was the funniest interview because Ray was all serious thinking that, you know, he might not get the job and Jen laughed through the whole interview knowing fully well she was going to get the job. But not only were you great political supporters, the two of you have been just tremendous friends to Kelli, myself, and my kids. And so, thank you so much for all that you have done.

Well as I leave here, I just want to share a story. I know Senator Yudichak amused us all last week with his sense of humor and his wit, and being a good politician, I am not going to try to duplicate that. So, if you would allow me to take a little bit of a different tone. You know, last year, a constituent of mine called me, and he asked me to come up and see him--someone I have known for some time--and he and his father wanted to meet with me; and I said: okay, I would be happy to come up and see you. And see, my constituents migrated to this country back in the late seventies from Iran, and the father was a very successful businessman in Iran--he owned a bottling company. And that bottling company had a lot of international contracts like Coca-Cola and things of that nature, so they did very well. But if you know your history well, in the late seventies was a very turbulent time in Iran: the Shah had been deposed, the Ayatollah Khomeini and his religious zealots were seizing power. And so as an industrialist, my constituents had to leave, and so the father first got his family out of Iran, and then he got out just before he probably would have been executed. In fact, a couple months later he told me the story that he was going through a magazine, *Newsweek* or *Time* or something of that nature, and he was reading the story about

what was going on in Iran, and he sees this picture, it is this picture of a bunch of men with hoods on who had just been executed by hanging. And when he looked closer at the picture, he saw that the crates that they were standing on, that they kicked out from under them, were crates from his bottling company, and that if he would have stayed--he likely knew many of those people--and if he would have stayed, he likely would have suffered the same fate. Now, he said that they shared this story with me because in the 40 years that they have lived in their adopted country, here in the United States of America and here in Pennsylvania, for the first time they were scared. They did not take democracy for granted. They see what angry mobs can do, whether it is angry mobs that occupy our cities, or they are angry mobs that occupy our nation's Capital. So, when I left that meeting, as you can imagine, that had a profound impact on me. And I thought about it, and I said: well, what differentiates us from these types of rogue nations that prevents something like that from happening here? And to me, what differentiates us is our institutions of our government and the faith that our citizens have in those institutions.

You know, I think back to the 2000 presidential election; it went on for 5 weeks after Election Day, ultimately decided by the United States Supreme Court. And when the court ruled, essentially made George W. Bush the President of the United States. Well, Al Gore was the Vice President at the time and his opponent, and he made, to me, one of the most important speeches of my lifetime. He said, although he vehemently disagreed with the decision of the court, he accepted it. He kept faith in our institutions and our style of government. You look back at just the 2020 election; this legislature and legislatures around the country were asked to implement our own sense of fairness above the current law. And despite many of us having very serious concerns about how the election was conducted and a tremendous amount of pressure put on us by our constituents, we kept the faith. We allowed our system to unfold and determine a winner. No tanks in the streets deciding who was in power; no dragons flying above burning down buildings to determine who was in control. Here in the Senate, you have heard me come to the floor and debate not necessarily the substance of the issue, but the fact that the Senate had the constitutional right to weigh in on the decisions of policy. See, I think every time an executive branch does an executive order to achieve a policy goal, it is an infringement on the powers of the Senate and a rock being removed from the pillars of our democracy. See, to me, how we do things is just as important as what we do. Using political expediency to justify bypassing our laws and our Constitution to achieve a goal, no matter how noble that goal may be, is always wrong. You know, when I told my wife what I wanted to say here today, she said: you know, some people may think you are defending the swamp. And maybe I am, and Lord knows I am probably a living breathing example of a need for term limits. And look, I know how frustrating it can be. As Senator Tomlinson talked last week about working 10 years to pass, you know, the gaming legislation. Senator Browne and I started on public pension reform in 2009, and it passed in 2017, signed into law. For goodness sakes, it took Senator Boscola a decade to get snow off the top of trucks. So, it can be frustrating; it can be difficult. But, you know, it is better than standing on a bunch of crates, having them kicked out from under you, for those people's way of deciding what justice is.

If you take anything away from my career, just keep one little phrase in your mind: keep the faith. The most important invention, in my opinion, of mankind is not the wheel, it is not the light bulb, it is not even the internet. In my mind, the most important invention is the Senate and the House of Representatives. We are the people's House. We support the majority but protect the minority. Our country is not the norm, we are the exception, which is why we are the greatest country in the history of this planet. So every day when you walk through the Senate floor, these great doors here behind me--whether you are tall like Senator Dillon or Senator Hutchinson, and you have to bow to come in; or maybe you are little more vertically challenged like my good friends, Senators Wards--when you walk through those doors, take a bow and remember: you are not only here fighting for your constituents, you are not only here fighting for your Caucus or your party, you are here fighting for all the people who served here before you and will come after you. If you keep the faith in the Senate of Pennsylvania, it will never let you down. God bless. Thank you.

[Applause.]

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am honored today to provide remarks on behalf of myself and many of my Members of our Caucus to say thank you. Thank you to Senator Corman for his tremendous career here in the Senate and the work that has been done over those years. His perseverance on many of the issues that we talked about. And certainly, we can talk about the legislative accomplishments of Senator Corman in the realm of pension work that was done--both he and Senator Browne, as we talked about yesterday as well. The hazing legislation that will maybe save the lives of so many young college students in this Commonwealth and in this country. And the work that he has always done as it related in transportation measures, and I think back to the number of pictures that we saw with Senator Corman's father, certainly, led us to understand how it is that he has such passion for that space. For those of us who had the privilege of serving with Doyle Corman a number of years ago, both he and Senator J. Barry Stout, who served in our Chamber, were really the folks who really helped stabilize our transportation system and our funding for that along those lines many years ago. But, if you had to do anything in that space and transportation, you had to make a stop there. And the gentlemen led us, and certainly allowed Senator Corman to learn at the feet of two masters along those lines. His commitment to higher education, the work that was done in that space in those years that we talked about the budget, were really important and certainly made a big difference.

As Senator Corman indicated, he and I started in 2009 as our respective Committee on Appropriations chairperson in the middle of a financial crisis. And, Jake, I am not sure you remember, but you would conduct meetings over at the Governor's residence where you brought everybody in from all the agencies and had them come and explain why they needed the appropriation that they needed; and down to the detail of the number of positions that were open. I can vividly remember the questions about the secretaries, you have X number of positions budgeted, but only so many filled, do you need those other positions in your budget? Conversations along those lines when we would spend hours and hours, and I would say to my colleagues, that was the best

learning experience I think I ever had in terms of understanding how government works and the role that government plays. And he talked about the meetings that we would have along with Senator Mellow and Senator Scarnati and Senator Pileggi and Senator Corman, crafting a budget that we would take to our respective colleagues over in the House--which we did at a meeting at the Cracker Barrel--and then at the end of the day, presented it to Governor Rendell, where he proceeded to yell and scream at us for a number of hours--at least me, anyhow. But at the end of the day, it broke the logjam. It forced a logjam that allowed us to bring a resolution to a long budget process that was really something that we needed to address, and it was done in a thoughtful way, in recognizing what we could and could not do. It was extremely important. And over the years--serving as the Committee on Appropriations chairperson, but as Leader the last several years, you and I have served in this capacity, and more recently as the President pro tempore--your demonstration of fairness, fairness to our Caucus, year-in and year-out through the budget process, to ensure that we have the resources necessary and needed to be able to function as a Caucus. I know, and we both know, and many folks in this room may know that that was not the case year-in and year-out on the other side of the building. So, I truly appreciate that, and our Members, we recognize that that was something both you and Senator Scarnati ensured that you would not disrupt--the operations of our operation here--and we want to say thank you for that.

But some of the things I admire most--I think about Senator Corman, we learned a lot about today--was his love of his family and taking steps to be able to spend time with his family. Having children growing up around, you know, a number of years earlier, but commitment to some of the similar things that Senator Corman did. When I was not in leadership position, it was easy to get back home to get to practices or get back to basketball games. But when you take a leadership role, that consumes a lot of your time, and Senator Corman--as I understand it and saw firsthand--made it a point to go back and spend time with his family and his kids and his wife, and I think that is something we all need to understand how significant that is. And that it is a very difficult thing to be able to do, to balance your role as a Leader, but also at the same time, recognizing you need to be a husband and a dad to your family. So, I applaud you for what was done along those lines.

In the latter part of your comments, I also want to say thank you for the position that you have taken over the years in terms of your respect for the institution. And there have been times where you and I and our Caucuses respectfully have disagreed on points, but I do not feel that that has ever been personal, along those lines. We just simply had leadership responsibilities that forced us to a place where we have had disagreements, and sometimes they may have gotten a little too far; and I think both of us would like, I believe, to be able to rein back in what occurred through those years. But I think at the end of the day, it is the respect for the institution that I think is really important. The fact that we are having these conversations with our Members, giving our Members the opportunity to be able to speak and talk about their careers, and to ensure that other Members and newer Members know and understand the story about who we are as individuals and the relationships that we have. How important that is to be able to have that take place here in this Senate Chamber. But

also, any time we had issues where we had disagreements or issues that arose from our Caucus Members that needed the attention of the Leader or the President pro tempore, you were always somebody who was thoughtful in your approach to it. You were open to ideas and suggestions of how to get to a resolution and a solution, and that is one of the things that I really just want to say thank you for, because you helped allow us the opportunity to lead our Caucus and address the issues that arose--whatever they may have related to, at the end of the day, you were there to be able to listen and work out a resolution, and I appreciate that very, very much.

So, for those reasons, I am going to say all the best to you. You have been a wonderful person to work with. I appreciate all the things that we have done together and you have done for this Commonwealth, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and hope you continue to have a good time with your family as we go forward. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. President.

[Applause.]

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

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I am very proud to rise today to help honor and celebrate the extraordinary leadership and service of our President pro tempore, Jake Corman. Me and Jake met, I guess, back in 2005 when I moved from that side of the building to this side of the building. But I think we got to know each other better when we decided that we wanted the same job in 2009. And we ran a campaign that people talk about that is the right campaign outside this building but does not happen. We talked with our Caucus Members about our resume and what we would do if we got the job, and Jake was successful. And I learned very soon after that race why the decision of our Caucus was the right decision. They made absolutely the right decision.

Jake Corman took the financial responsibility of this Caucus--and this is not a stretch--at the most difficult time financially in the history of this Commonwealth. We had a \$4 billion deficit. We believed that raising revenue during the most significant recession since 1932 would be a mistake. And Jake understood that we had to look inside ourselves and the commitments we had made over a long period of time to try to balance those books. And when it would have been easy to do--is coalesce in a collective with the House and the Senate and the Governor towards one package that we could all stand behind--but Jake did not want to do that. Jake understood that this is the governing body, that we had to put together a package that we would stand on and put out there and defend. A package that was pretty difficult and contained a lot of difficult choices, and he put his name right on the front of it, and he got out there and he defended it--notwithstanding the difficult choices we had to make--and at the end of the day, everyone came towards Jake. The House came towards Jake. The Governor came towards Jake. The difficult choice we had to make, and it was Jake Corman's leadership that led to that--the most significant, most difficult financial year that this Commonwealth has ever had. And I did not really realize, I was not in the conversation at that point in time, I was the Committee on Finance chair at that point in time. I did not realize his skills until I had an opportunity several years ago, several years after that, to be in the budget conversation. Jake always had a tremendous handle on the financial business of this Commonwealth, but he also

understood that that was not the most significant issue: to get budgets done, to get significant issues done. It was the people and the issues behind the numbers that were important. Jake understood in identifying the important issues behind the numbers that we needed to focus on, that the most difficult decisions we needed to make, which is the budgets we have to do every year, could get done; and Jake understood that. Jake has always been about the big picture.

Jake exhibits what I believe is the most important quality in any leadership position in a significant institution on significant issues: to approach issues from multiple dimensions, to pull all those issues together for a successful result. In here, like any other place, that is wisdom. In here, like any other place, that is success. Jake is always focused on the bigger picture. The bigger picture of the issues behind the numbers. The bigger picture of the balance between our job and our families. We always talked about legislative issues, but Jake did not light up when we talked about legislative issues. He lit up when he talked about his family and his children and the activities that he always was involved in. The bigger picture about the institution: there is no one who has been committed more to this institution than Jake Corman. The fact that we have issues that we have to solve now, but like the marble that surrounds us, this institution has to survive so that the issues in the future can be solved as well. And the big picture about the fact that we are legislators, but at the end of the day, we are people. And when Jake Corman had the opportunity to speak to us as people, you saw his emotion, and you knew it came from his heart, and I was always very moved by the opportunity that Jake Corman had talked to all of us about our issues as people.

I know there are people from Allentown in the crowd today. Jennifer Mann is here, the Lopsonzskis are here. The progress that I got--we got this yesterday, so I am not going to be long on this--but the progress that is being made in our State's third-largest city would not be happening without the commitment of the Lehigh Valley's third Senator, Jake Corman. And I know because of Jake's leadership, other cities will see that progress in the future.

Several years ago, I had an opportunity to be in a meeting with Jake on our budget progress we were making, and we got into the education budget, and I got frustrated that the House rank and file and the leadership did not understand the rationale and the logic that were Education Funding Formulas. I was focused on that, and I always remember this; Jake looked me in the eye and said: Pat, we are dealing with people; sometimes things are not supposed to make sense. What makes sense to me is the fact if I had any qualities in leadership, any strengths in leadership, it was because of what I learned from Jake Corman. And this State, this institution, this body, is so much better off because of your leadership and your service. Thank you, Jake, for all your service.

[Applause.]

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, when I first came to Harrisburg, the Senator from Centre County was named Doyle, not Jake, and when I finally got to the Senate--I do not know if you ever caught me--but I came this close so many times to calling you by the wrong name. That cannot have been easy--talk about a tough act for you to follow as you did. When constituents or college students ask me: well, what in the heck does the President

pro tempore do? I talk about, of course, presiding over the Senate and making some important rulings, but I also talk about the fact that most people do not see it--appointing every Majority chair of practically every committee except for the Committee on Appropriations; appointing every single Member on our side to committee slots. That is the difference between life and death of a bill, and so, it is a very, very important responsibility that most people never see.

And so, 2 years ago when he asked--you did not really ask--when he told me I was going to chair the Committee on State Government, I went back home and said to my wife, Beth, that, you know, he really trusts me. He is giving me a difficult assignment, and when she found out all of the issues that Sharif and I were going to be dealing with in that committee, her only response was: are you sure he likes you? We have worked together on a lot of good issues, including the Committee on State Government. I am going to keep this really short. Just congratulations, Jake, on a long period of very effective service, and as Senator Kim Ward had noted, we do not expect to see you sitting in a rocking chair anytime soon. Congratulations.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, one of the disadvantages of going so far down the list is that everything has kind of been said. So, I may be a little bit redundant, and I apologize for that. But I am going to start with telling the story that--the real story behind the story that Jake told from the rostrum. The first time I heard the name Jake Corman was in 2012 when I was a real political rookie running for the House of Representatives, and I was running in a field of five, and one of the others running in that field was a guy by the name of B.J. Sieg. So, the first time I heard Jake's name, the context was: you are running for the House, hmm, oh, good. You will get to serve with B.J. Sieg. I am like: well, no, I am actually running against B.J. Sieg. You know that is Jake Corman's nephew? So, the name Jake Corman became like the boogeyman to my campaign. [Laughter.]

So, we went through that whole campaign, and I finally got to meet Jake at a polling place after, as he mentioned, and I saw this guy. I do not know, I had conjured up this vision in my mind of who I was going to--when I finally met him, because I did not know what he looked like; I did not know anything about--I knew a little about the Committee on Appropriations chairmanship and how much power he had--but I did not know what to expect, and I was expecting to see someone who looked, I do not know, like Don White, maybe. [Laughter.] But I see this guy come up to me--stuck his hand out and said: hi, I am Jake Corman, nice to meet you. And he was so soft-spoken and kind and young. I did not expect to see the young guy--much younger than me--standing before me. But I think that is where the bromance kind of began between you and I, Jake. And I got to watch Jake from afar as he did his job in the Senate, and I was a new Member of the House, and I was struck by the way that he was willing to take on the big issues, the really big issues. So, when he took on the NCAA and sued them and said: that \$60 million fine that you imposed on Penn State, that needs to stay here to help the victims of child sex abuse here in Pennsylvania. You know, by the way, those wins that you arbitrarily stripped away from those players who worked so hard for them, they are staying too, and he won.

That was incredible, and I think this is an important point to make. Jake's challenge helped lift a very dark cloud, and it reenergized the Penn State spirit and pride that is built on generations of good works, success, both on and off the field. It was the work and your chutzpah--the work that you did there, Jake, I think was a really important part of paving the road to recovery in Happy Valley. So, thank you so very much for doing that.

Pension reform--I mean there was a point in time when we were deluged with the words "unfunded liability" and "actuarial notes," right? It was the biggest issue of the 2010s, without a doubt, and you took it on. And it took you two Sessions to get it done, but at the end of the day, you produced a bill that ultimately got past the Governor's veto and got signed by the Governor and I think was really the benchmark for States--so much in fact, though, I think you got national attention from the media, and it was considered to be the way to get through that thing for other States. And you actually went around, I think, and spoke to other States about that. I mean, those are just two of many legislative accomplishments that Jake did, but probably the thing--you know, and through this all I became to like Jake. But as I saw him work, I became to respect Jake, and my respect really peaked when, you know, when I was transitioning into the Senate. And someone said to me: look, things operate differently here in the Senate than they do in the House. And I go: what do you mean? They said: well, it is like on a compressed schedule. They are much more efficient in the way they accomplish things, and they get things done in a much more efficient fashion. And I thought to myself, well, maybe that is because there are 50 Members as opposed to 152 Members or 153 Members. And what it really was, is because Jake was hellbent on getting home to be with his family. He made sure we did our work, we got it done, and he was in the car headed back to be with his kids. You know, I really think what is really admirable about that is, I think--and Kim can probably bear this out--that the job of Majority Leader can be all-encompassing. And if you let it take over your life, it will. But you never let it take over your life. It never became number one. It always was a distant second to your family, and I think that is so unbelievably admirable.

This day is bittersweet for many of us, and I am sure that includes you. This Chamber will not be the same without you, Jake. It will be the first time the Corman name will be absent from the Senate roster in 45 years. I am sure that nephew you spoke of may have an eye on the seat, but my bet is that that would be one of your kids, and I can tell you that my two sons are hoping that it is Bella. [Laughter.] I am sure one of them will carry on the proud tradition of the Corman name, and if that does happen, this Chamber will be better for it, Jake. May God continue to bless you and your family. Thank you so much for your many courtesies of me and my family throughout the years. So, thank you very much. Wish you godspeed on your future endeavors and thank you, thank you very much. Thank you.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Regan, you are not that far down on the list, unfortunately.

[Laughter.]

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Robinson.

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, thank you, and I will make it quick because I have not been here too long. But

whenever I first was elected, I did not know much about how things worked around here, and Senator Corman had a very fraternal mentorship over me, and that is something that I will never forget. My most memorable moment was, as a new Senator, the President pro tempore asked me to play golf. And I am nervous, and I have my father's old clubs--they are about 20 years old. I probably used them only about five times in my life. And he stands there, and he looks at me, he says: what is your handicap? And I am like: oh, you are not really going to keep score, are you? [Laughter.] But we had a good day, and he told me a very important lesson and said: you know, the most important thing is just to play fast. And I did not waste too much time looking for my stray golf balls. I must have lost about 20 or 30 that day. But, you know, through these last 2 years, I have really learned a lot, and I know that our friendship--I will be able to give you a call and ask for advice throughout my tenure here, and I can just say that I am going to miss you, but I know that it will not be as much as Cafe Fresco is going to miss you. [Laughter.] So, thank you.

[Applause.]

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I too rise in tribute to our retiring President pro tempore, Senator Jake Corman. And when I think back on my time, the last 8 years serving with Jake, I will always recall the day--and I shared this story with him just a few weeks ago--recall the day that he and I negotiated here on the floor the acceptance of an amendment offered by our friend and former colleague from Chester County, Senator Andy Dinniman. I love this story because I think it points to Jake's effectiveness, his focus on results, and his sense of humor. We were--the public, I should say--is largely unaware of the work that takes place here in this room that keeps the legislative process on track and on track in a timely manner. And a few years ago, during the frantic activity during the last week of June, Senator Dinniman had offered an amendment to a piece of legislation, and I have since forgotten the details of the piece of legislation. But, Senator Corman, in his capacity as Majority Leader, came over here to Senator Martin and myself and asked about the Dinniman amendment because he knew the amendment would potentially have an impact on Lancaster County, and there would be some concern in Lancaster County with respect to this amendment. And Scott and I reviewed the language. We did not see anything that caused any particular concern, and so, I went back to Jake, and I said: Scott and I are fine, we will accept the amendment. And Jake started to walk away, and I said: wait. I said: we will accept the amendment, but Senator Dinniman cannot speak. [Laughter.] And I said: he has to agree not to speak on the amendment, but he also cannot speak the rest of the week. [Laughter.] Now, there are some in this room who have a gift for using precisely the number of words absolutely necessary to get a point across. This was not Senator Dinniman's gift. For those who were not here when Senator Dinniman served here with us, more often than not, he used many words to get a point across. At any rate, Andy took the deal. The amendment was accepted. Senator Dinniman did not speak for the rest of the week, though Jake had to give him a glance a few times when he rose, to tell him to sit back down, and he did. He sat back down, and I thought the rest of the week progressed quite smoothly.

Jake Corman is a son of the Senate who has become a chief champion of this institution, and we heard it here today. A chief champion of this institution and the important role this body must play in a civil society. He has understood and has articulated clearly that if we are going to solve complex issues for the people of Pennsylvania during this divisive national moment, the General Assembly and, specifically, this Chamber must play a central role. No one has been a stronger voice for restoring the balance of power between the branches of State government; no one has done more to highlight the central role the people assembled here in the General Assembly must play; and no one has more consistently reminded us that our rules exist to ensure civility and orderly debate. So, Jake, as you depart this body, my thanks to you for your leadership; my thanks to your family for the extraordinary sacrifices that they have made. You will be remembered here for your love for your family, your commitment to your community, your dedication to this body, your focus on results. And I think that is a tremendous legacy. God bless you.

[Applause.]

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

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, Mike thought he was down the list [laughing]. Jake, I used to room with Kerry Benninghoff back in '02 and '03 and '04 and '05 and '06, and he talked about you all the time. So, I said: who is this Jake Corman? Back, you see--and he was proud, he had one Senator; at that time I had six. On any given day, I am in six Senatorial Districts in my little House seat. But he honored you, you know, and he, believe me, he was so proud to have you as his Senator. And so, when I see Kerry, I am going to tell him my story because I truly--as far as a friend and Leader goes, well, you have been phenomenal. You know, I am one of those guys who sits back and looks, you know, maybe that is because of my supermarket upbringing and all, but you have your heart in everything you do, and it shows. You care about people. You care about the institution, and you got the results. You got the results, and you knew how to do it, how to bring people together to get those votes and get it done. You are phenomenal, my friend. I will never forget the work that you did. It was a pleasure working with you.

Now, on the other hand, I have to make a comment. You know, I looked at your children there and Kelli, and I have got to say, thank God they took the looks from your wife, thank God, Kelli. And I think the athletic ability might have come from them also, but I know you are pretty good as well. [Laughter.] The other thing is, I had a business on City Island in the Bronx, and when my kids both played three or four sports apiece, I made a point of going home to see them, and you did the same thing; and I looked over and said, good man. You know, he loves what he does here, but he loves his family, and it was special, and I want you to know that I saw that. God bless you, and I wish you the very best.

[Applause.]

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, Jake, just to be clear, it is 2:00; do you have to get to a game? We have a little bit of time, okay, all right. Wanted to be sure. A lot has been said already about Jake Corman, and so much of it was thoughts that I have had as well, but I just want to reamplify a few of them. First of all is your love and your respect for the institution, that is

something that you taught me. I came from the corporate world where we were not this structured, we did things to get things done; and we still do that here, but we do it in a more legislative way. And you, from the start, when I came to the Senate 14 years ago, impressed upon me the need for respect for the institution and the respect for each other. And I have watched you, and I have always seen you present that image to all of us, to the institution, to the body of the Senate. I hope that your successors will instill the same respect in the institution. Mike, Senator Regan, already talked about your endeavor with fighting the NCAA, and I believe it was \$60 million that you had reversed from the money that they wanted to take from Penn State, and you kept it in the State, and thank goodness it was driven to child abuse prevention. We all know what a scourge that is in our State and an incredible effort on your part to bring \$60 million that we did not have otherwise in the budget--we have already talked about our financial difficulties--but here was \$60 million that we could redirect effectively, and you are to be congratulated for that effort. Also, your effort and your work on the pension reform. Although a lot of people still do not know that we did it. I was at an event on Saturday night, and I was listening to some speech of someone who said we need 401(k)-like pension plan, and I thought: well, you know, we did that 5 years ago or 4 years ago; but he will catch up, I am sure, as he campaigns further. But congratulations, because that, again, was creating such a deficit, such a financial burden, not for the legislature, but for the taxpayers. And you are to be, you and Senator Browne as well, respected for that effort. And I know that you have been asked to speak at events in other States as they are interested in knowing how you did what we did here in Pennsylvania. Congratulations for that. The taxpayers, of which I am one, are very happy that you have been able to do that.

And I want to talk about family for a little bit. I was kidding you when I asked about the game, okay, if you have any game to get to today [laughing]. But being the Caucus chair for 8 years, you would lean over to me and say: I got a game tonight, hurry up. You know, let us get the Calendar done [laughing]. It was really, the love that he has for his children that made him want to get out there, and he was a coach. And I was thinking to myself now, when my wife--4 years ago or so--when my wife got ill, I am thinking to myself: Jake and I live about the same distance from Harrisburg, and he is going home every night; gee, I am going home every night. So, I started those long journeys too, but it was you--partly the inspiration, partly of course, understanding what I had to do for the family--but knowing that you did it made me want to do it just that much more; and respect you for that; and love you as a brother for that.

Now my last comment, Jake, you were talking a little bit ago about legislators were always away 3 days a week, and it is a pressure on the family, and it is certainly true. In my 35 years in business, I was away a great deal. And so, I missed the kids growing up, and I missed almost a grandson growing up, and that continued when I was here in the legislature. So, I have one piece of advice for you, Jake. When I would get home, it was, you know, the person who was happiest to see me was my dog. So, you have got to buy a dog, it is good for the ego, you have to, all right [laughing]. Jake, congratulations. You have been a true leader, an inspiration to all of us. God bless you. Continued luck and success in life.

[Applause.]

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

Senator YUDICHAK. Mr. President, in my farewell remarks, I noted that Senator Jake Corman and I have followed similar paths in life. We graduated from Penn State together in 1993; we got elected to the legislature in 1998; and here we are retiring together in 2022. What I did not share with our colleagues was that while we were at Penn State, I was an English major; Senator Corman majored in modern dance [laughter], and I will never forget seeing him performing at the Bryce Jordan Center with that sparkling baton with the big red ribbon, just twirling and twirling away. And it was then that I said, this man is destined for greatness [laughter], and by God I was right. Jake Corman has done great things in the Pennsylvania State Senate: pension reform, beating the NCAA, helping create thousands of jobs all across Pennsylvania; he has done great things. But the accomplishment that will endure for the ages is that when the integrity of this Senate was threatened by actors internal and external, one man always stood in the breach for the institution of the Senate and for each and every Member of the Senate, regardless of political party. So let history be written. Let history be written that the integrity of this fine institution of the Pennsylvania State Senate was preserved when Jake Corman had the helm of the ship. One man, a great man, my friend, Senator Jake Corman.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I am not really going to talk about Jake's legislative accomplishments as much as I am going to focus upon what I think sometimes we miss in this body. There are 50 of us who are privileged enough to serve the public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and if you do it long enough, you come to have some relationship with other Members, whether they are Democrat or Republican, man, woman, Black or White, rural, it does not really matter. And when I first got here, my dad wanted to make sure that I knew Jake, because Jake's dad was here as well. That picture you saw--which by the way, I want you to burn that picture, Jake [laughter], I am about 400 pounds heavier then, you can get rid of it tomorrow, yeah, thank you--that picture, which memorializes our parents and our fathers who were significant in our lives. I did not know you; you did not know me. I knew you were a guy from Centre County; I knew I was a guy from Philadelphia. I knew you were Penn State; my father was Penn State. I knew you were Black, and I was White--I mean you were White, and I was Black [laughter]. That is about as much as I knew. And I will tell you that interacting with you, I discovered that Pennsylvania values--it does not matter where you live, what party you are affiliated with--it matters about what your heart is. Our parents, our fathers, we were privileged enough to have them with us for many years. They have gone on to glory. They imprinted upon us not politics but character; what you say, you mean. Sometimes you have to disappoint people, and other times you can help them. But what you say, you stick by. And I will tell you that over the years, the more I got to know you--not just as a politician, but as a man--I grew to understand that your dad imparted upon you what he imparted upon me. I am married also--and I will not go down that road either because I, like you, would tear up--and like

you, our wives are in charge--we are not in charge of anything, especially when we get home. And of course, our children are always available to tell the public what we do not want them to know, as yours did today. Thank God mine are not here because I cry at every movie as well. Those values that require you to go home--as I did when my daughter did her recitals--are what makes us connected to the constituents we represent. My dad was available like yours, 24/7, 7 days a week, and it had an impact upon our family, and I was sensitive to that when I became a public servant. And I did not want to do the exact same thing he did, but I did want to make sure I was available. And that mixture of you being here as a Leader and getting home to your children's events always struck me when we were having these conversations.

When you were talking about Penn State, when you were talking about our love of sports, our love of family, those overwhelmed me when we had to negotiate on things that you and I differed upon. But that is what this place is about. That is what it is supposed to be about. You arrive at your base consideration of people you represent and may live with you your entire life, but this is the Commonwealth, which means we are supposed to be doing common good. That speech you gave, I hope everybody listened to it, because I did. Those pictures you illustrated, I hope people saw them. It was the most impactful departing comments that we could have in this General Assembly, especially now, especially when people see our politics as so divided and so fractured. The only way we can serve the public and do common good is we understand that we are going to differ, but we have to compromise. There is too much in our politics that I am right and you are wrong, as opposed to, what is it that we agree upon, as opposed to what we disagree upon. And I will tell you that you have led in those spaces and helped a lot of us in quiet ways that we did not expect. So, when you call upon me, hopefully I will be as available as you have been to me. But most importantly, I pray for you and your family, your wife and your children, that good health will reside for you for generations; that you will enjoy your grandchildren when they finally arrive; that Penn State will get back to some level of relevance at some point in time; and that your mother--my mom is 89 years old, I do not know how old your mom is, but we are both older--that she is still here guiding you like my mom is still here guiding me. So, my departing comments to you, my friend, is truly about friendship, your character, who you are, and I hope that the Members we leave behind will remember Jake Corman's charge, and that is to find a common ground that will move the State forward, that will protect our families and our friends. God bless you, my friend.

[Applause.]

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, I was not sure I was going to speak, but after hearing Senator Corman, he touched a nerve. And after hearing my colleagues talk about all of his accolades and accomplishments, I thought it might be important to give a special event that occurred, a personal one. And I will just try to shrink it up a little bit because I know how anxious we are to run the Calendar. Senator Corman would not have it any other way. So, this election that you remember--you might remember--in 2020 and mail-in ballots, the Trump election, the most contentious presidential race in history, probably. I would like to

know why my election happened to be at the same time, but there was a little event called the swearing-in event. And everybody in this room has accomplished an awful lot or you would not be here--very bright, very opinionated folks--this wide, right? So, the discussion about: am I going to get sworn in--for those of you who do not know and you are in the audience, a very close race. And close races are not uncommon, but it had to do with a new process, and I heard Jake mention process. That is what we have to abide by--not always our gut feeling, not our emotion. It is how do we get the right answer based on the guidelines that we put our hand on the Bible and said we are going to support the Constitution no matter what my personal feelings may be. So, the debate was in every court--and I will not get into the judicial challenges--Commonwealth Court, Supreme Court, Common Pleas, different counties. And so, our Caucus talked, and I must say this: I found a lot out about myself that day, about how people who you really do not know real well are there for you. Now, we are talking about a multimillion-dollar Senate race. We are not talking about some small event, okay? And, in my particular case--and I have to say this because Jake was one of the ones who called, as did many--on May 12, I had the unfortunate event of losing my oldest daughter; May 12. June 2 was the primary.

So, try to imagine in your mind's eye: you are going through a contentious race, the processes are changing--mail-in ballots, all this stuff going on--the primary race on June 2, right after a horrible event, personally, and now we go on to November, and no one is sure who won my race. I think I was down 10,000 votes at one time. This new thing we did, mail-in ballots--whether you like it or do not, that is not the issue--they start coming in. And I had about a handful of people, one named Senator Costa, one named Senator Hughes: this is going to be all right. You have seen Senator Hughes up here: this is going to be all right; do not worry about it; we are all right. And all of a sudden, the days shrunk up. As it got closer, it got more emotional. We get into the court system, and the swearing-in was January 5. January 4, I got a call from Senator Corman, and this is an exact quote. He said: Jim, this is Senator Corman; you are a friend, but this is not a friendly call. And I was not surprised. I knew. He said: I cannot swear you in tomorrow; which would have been January 5. And, if he remembers it the way I do, I thanked him because it was an important call, an unexpected call from a Leader, okay? And I said: well, Jake, I have to go, but I understand your situation. But I owe it to my folks over here to be here--the door-knocking, the calls, the fundraising, the emotion. So, I asked my wife: I think, you know, I think you want to go with me--I was not sure. She said: well, sure, we are going to get sworn in. I said: well, we are not exactly going to get sworn in. [Laughter.] We are going to go to a swearing-in, and it took 3 hours for me to explain what that meant--God bless her.

And then we pull into the plaza, and literally, there had to be 1,000 people on the steps. I do not know if you all remember that. That was January 5, and we know what happened January 6. I will not get into that. So, we come in, and we gather here. Long story short, we all walked up with our Bibles, and Jake is standing up there, and the judge is waiting to swear us in. And my wife said to me: well, what are you going to do to what Senator Corman said to you? I said: what I am going to try and do is not let it get out of hand. And for those of you who were here, we were angry. There was emotion on both sides, and I will never forget

until the day I die—I looked up at Jake, and I think both of us remember the phone call. And I said to Vincent and Jay Costa, if you recall, I said: how about if we just swear me in another day. And that is what happened that day, and I was not even angry about it. I mean—but if you think about his leadership and the NCAA and all the money and all this stuff, that was a defining moment in my eyes about Jake Corman, about my Caucus, and about my colleagues over there, because every one of them contacted me on May 12--whatever it was. We went through a hellacious election, spent--between the 2 of us--over \$4 million, okay? A quarter of a million people back in western Pennsylvania were waiting to see if I am still going to be their Senator, or is it going to be somebody different? Your families, your folks who have knocked on doors every day and worked hard, as you all do. So, it ended up in court again. And, on January 13, I get another phone call from Senator Corman. I am thinking, you know, I got three phone calls from him: one when Jamie passed away; one saying he was not going to swear me in; this one has to be better [laughing]. He says: this is Jake. He said: are you ready to get sworn in? I said: I am in the car. He says: no, how about tomorrow at 11:00?

So, the bottom line is we came back, got my wife, and I got sworn in. And the only reason I wanted to bring that up is because there is an emotional side and a personal side to all of us, and no matter who we are, we should all remember the process, okay? That is what we swore our oath to do. Respect each other; respect this room we are in. I was the mayor of McKeesport, minding my own business, and I did not have to ask anybody for an opinion, okay? And then I come out here and find out we had to do it a little differently, but I will not regret it. It has been a great experience for me, personally. But when you talk about leadership--and we have a lot of them here on both sides--Jake Corman is the one who convinced me not to come out here on January 5 and maybe make a fool out of myself, and I thank him for that. And I was able to rely on my friends over here to abide by that, thanks to Jay and Vincent and others. So, Jake, all the NCAA stuff, all the money you got, I want your family to know deep down and all your friends, you got a heart and you got a brain and you had them working together that day. So, next time you call me, let us talk about it before you make the call [laughter]. Thank you and good luck to you.

[Applause.]

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, like the other Ward in this body, Jake, you and I have not always seen eye to eye, but it was never, ever personal. You have always, always been respectful, gracious, and a good friend. When you presided over this body, you have never been partisan and always professional. You were strong when you needed to be strong and always poised. You are a Leader in the true sense of the word. I thank you for your kindness, and I especially thank you for the gift that keeps on giving: Lori Comp and John Breneman, who have been so great and represented you so well in Mifflin, Juniata, and Huntingdon Counties; and I know they will do the same for me. I wish you all the very best moving forward. Enjoy your new world. God bless you and your family. Thank you, Jake.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, we heard all about Jake working his way up and about all of his accomplishments, what a great person he is, and everything. Well, I would just like to go back a little bit and talk about the base that prepared him for all of his successes. Now, if any of you have talked to me at all within the past few years, you have heard me talk about the fact that I am the chairman of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania College of Technology. And when the college was formed in 1989, I was actually the general counsel for that institution. One of the very first board members when the legislature formed the Pennsylvania College of Technology was the Senator by the name of J. Doyle Corman, who I happened--I worked with him. Now, Senator Corman brought with him his son. I never figured out why Senator Corman brought Jake Corman with him. Maybe I should ask your mother the real reason behind how he got to Penn College. But he eventually graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Technology, then went on to graduate from Penn State. As you have heard many, many times, Jake is a very good speaker. And I would like to think that part of his training when he was at Penn College was the fact that he did color commentary for the Lycoming College football games with an announcer by the name of Ken Sawyer, who still does a lot of broadcasting in central Pennsylvania. So, I just wanted to put a little personal touch behind it and to show that, you know, Jake really--I mean, he had this other side of him that, you know, doing color commentary. I do not know, maybe the Nittany Lions or the Philadelphia Eagles or somebody is out there looking for somebody. But congratulations, Jake, on a really outstanding career, and we are very, very proud at Penn College to consider you an alumnus. Thank you.

[Applause.]

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

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, this is an unusual situation, and I want to thank Jake for the respect for the institution. You heard it from Senator Brewster, you have heard it from others, you know, and I have heard it over and over again in caucus. The fact that the constitutional lanes that we are given in each branch--they have to be protected, and we have to make sure that we never color outside of our own lane. During the caucus one day--it was funny--Jake made the comment that just by one appointment, he had managed to do what the previous pro tem and the previous Speaker of the House were not able to do: he had me painted as a RINO. That is not going to stand [laughing]. The fact that we have a Constitutional Republic, where the franchise owners are the people, and this body and the body across the building are the Rules Committee. That is something that I know I have seen Jake stand for repeatedly, and the fact that he had the trust in me to take on the investigation, knowing with my investigative background and my respect for this institution and the history of it, I was not going to color outside the lines. Thank you.

I also want to thank you for your leadership on the pensions. In 2000, I was getting letters from AFSCME--I was an AFSCME member--urging me to get a hold of my legislator and ask them to vote for what became Act 19. It just sounded too good to be true. Senator Yudichak made the same comments. And I took it home to my dad, who was a retired placement counselor for Voc-Rehab, and he used to always brag: Pennsylvania and Wisconsin

are the only two States in the country that had fully funded pensions. At the time, SERS was 130 percent funded and the PSERS was at 120 percent. Dad told me, he said: if that passes, the COLA is dead. He even totally underestimated how bad that was going to be. Within 6 months, both of those pension funds were under 100 percent because all these people who were looking to retire 2, 4, 6 years down the road hit the exit button. It had a huge impact on the actuarial tables. When we were getting to the point where we were \$70 billion in the hole--we waited way too long; we deferred so much; the legislature just kept deferring it and deferring it, along with complicit governors. Jake stood up on this side of the building--I was fighting the fight over on the other side because I knew what had happened to it--and thank you for leading over here on that because future generations of kids are going to have to pay for that--my kids, your kids--and you and your leadership over here did tremendous strides to help fix that. I want to thank you for Brandy. I know she is going to be helping me out a lot, and I appreciate your help in the transition as I pick up a large portion of Centre County. You have been a great friend and an ally in making the introductions and helping me out there, and I promise I know the people, the businesses, and the institutions are important to you, and I hope to be able to use you to help me serve them as well. Thank you.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, Jake Corman, because of our friendship, my comments will be brief, and I know you are not used to hearing that. Looking around the room, Tomlinson, Browne, now, Corman. First time in the history of my career in this building, both sides, that I will have served without a Corman. A lot I could say, a lot that has already been said that would be embodied in my remarks, but I think your speech, your comments, said it all for me, Jake, about this institution. I served in the House; lots of fun. The personalities, you just cannot beat. You just cannot beat it. But this is the adult room in the building, where we really have to take all that we have heard, all that we have considered, the conversations, the interaction, and we have got to figure out a way to make it come together. And we have got to do it in a way that preserves the institution because of its importance for the people of this Commonwealth, and you do not really realize it until you have been here for a bit. And as the son of a Senator, and as a serving Senator, and one who has ascended to the highest position, you have come to realize it, and realize it well. I have been summoned to the office. We know those conversations. They were intense, they were heated, but they were always respectful, and I appreciate that because it was always about preserving this institution which matters so much.

We could go on, and I will not because I respect you, and I consider you a friend. Our doors will always be open because I know you will be coming back just to hang out or with a request. Joe was here yesterday--Joe, meaning Scarnati--he was here, and he has been back, and that is all right because I know you will ask with integrity. I know you will talk about the issues or concerns with integrity from the context of the impact of all of Pennsylvania and from the context of the impact on this institution because it is so important. I thank you for this relationship. I thank you for this friendship. I know it will endure after you walk out of here, and that is most important, my friend. Thank you, Jake.

[Applause.]

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, so, I may get a round of applause by saying that I think I am the closer for this event. [Applause.] Yep, thank you, thank you. I hope I am a better closer than I was for the Capitol All-Stars softball game, where I took the 9th inning with a 3-run lead. Although, someone here really, really, really, really wanted to win that event. Jay, I think you and I know who it was, and it is this guy right here. So, I am not saying I threw it, but I think he was very happy with the results of that event. So, Pat Browne and I share something in common. Pat told the story about how, when he first ran for the Senate, he ran against someone by the name of Jennifer Mann, and our good friend, Jake Corman, was a little favorable towards, obviously, his wife's cousin, Jennifer Mann. So, just so you know, back in 2003, Senator Helfrick retired mid-term, so there was a convention. So, I was put up in the convention against a guy by the name of Chuck Erdman. Chuck Erdman, some folks may know, is the chief of staff to John DiSanto here in the back. And maybe I will mention Chuck Erdman's really, really, really, really close friend, Ray Zaborney. Let me just mention that again, his really, really, really close friend was Ray Zaborney. So, John Gordner against Chuck Erdman--I do not know where Jake exactly was, but I know where Ray Zaborney was. So, first ballot: Gordner, 24; Erdman, 24; and another guy, 3. So, it went to the second ballot, and the results of the second ballot was Gordner, 26; Erdman, 25; and the rest is history. But I make the point in the story because the guy who was there at the convention--who was actually head of the SRCC at the time--was Jake Corman, and Jake went down to the front of that auditorium and said: now, we all need to get behind John Gordner. And you actually handed me my first check. I did not know when you wrote it. I do not know if the ink was dry on it or not, but you came through and supported me as you have from there on in.

I remember in 2006, after two folks by the name of Bob Jubelirer and Chip Brightbill ended up losing their primaries, I remember going out to DuBois--I do not know if people go to DuBois a lot--but I went out to DuBois. Actually, I looked it up. I remember it was a Ruby Tuesday there. There was a workforce development hearing that Joe Scarnati wanted to have, and so, we had the workforce development hearing, went to the Ruby Tuesday's there, and Joe said: I am going to run for pro tem; Jake said: I am going to run for Majority Leader; I decided I was going to run for Whip. One of us won--Joe Scarnati; thank you, Terry Punt. If you do not know that story, you could ask us about it. That is also an interesting historical event that occurred. Jake lost to Dominic; I lost to Jane Orie; but we live to have another day. I remember back in 2014, when Joe Scarnati decided he was maybe going to put a slate together, and someone came down to my office, closed the door behind him, and sat down and said: what do you think? And we sat there and discussed it, and Jake--I appreciated--wanted my feedback on what he thought we should do and what should happen. And the rest, again, was history, with Joe and Jake and Pat and myself in that position.

What I have really appreciated, and maybe not everyone in the Caucus knows, but Jake's leadership style is to get folks in a room and bounce ideas off of each other. Whether it was staff, whether it was Members--and I appreciate being in all of those meetings,

whatever they were about--but he would want people in the room to be honest about what their thoughts were and then, after hearing everything, develop a strategy and a consensus. I remember--I will not name the Majority Leader--but there was a previous Majority Leader where I think Jake Corman got in a shouting match with, as a matter of fact; you can ask Jake about that story. But I think the belief that that Majority Leader maybe was not a consensus builder maybe led to his leadership style of: let us bounce ideas off and let us see how we can make things work. Jake is one of those who will--much like Jim Brewster told the story--give folks a call. He likes to give people a heads up. He likes to try to round off the sharp edges, if possible, to try to get to the end result. And as he said, he is part of that "get things done" caucus, which has been evident while he has been Majority Leader and pro tem.

So, I do have some nervousness here, much like when Joe retired, Mangia Qui's business dipped. The owners of Cafe Fresco are a little nervous about you leaving--or "Cafe Corman" as some of us refer to it as. And you would think that, you know, he would go there because maybe they have 50 items on the menu, and he would like to try them all. If you know Jake, there are two things he eats there. I mean, so, it is either one or the other. It is not like I am going to go there because there are 12 things. If you do not know he is a picky eater--he is a picky eater. Try scheduling lunches on Mondays, right? You know who is second worst? Yeah, the guy who is talking right now, who was looking for ketchup yesterday to put on the meatloaf. So, Cafe Corman--although I imagine you will still be there. I do want to just--I will finish with two themes. One is: while I was Whip and you were Majority Leader, you were here for all the important things, but I also knew when there was a sporting event that you needed to get back home and: I need to get out of here by 2:30 because I want to make sure I catch the game. And just to go with the theme, there is no doubt--and if you are a Facebook follower of Jake Corman, even in recent days--very proud of his kids and all the activities that they are continuing to be involved with. Maybe because he is a lifetime Pirates fan, and he does not have anything else to do during the summer. Once spring training is over, your season is pretty well done. So, you need to follow the sports, but that is important as well.

And you finished by saying: keep the faith. That is very important. Jake, you are a passionate guy, you are a very caring guy. We used to talk about how Jubelirer would cry in caucus. He has become the Jubelirer of our Caucus. You almost made it through today, and the tears came out. And a lot of it has to do with the tradition and the institution of this Senate. A number of us got to serve with Matt Ryan in the House. He was an icon in the House in regard to the institution and making sure both Democrat and Republican Members were respected and had their day and time. And while your time up front has been short, I knew that once you got there you would fill that same role of caring about the institution, caring about the Members, caring about the individuals.

As head of the Capitol Preservation Committee, I know all of you know that one of the neatest things about these desks--which by the way, when you come back in November, this row of desks is going to be taken out as we start to repair the John Pippy hole in them. If you do not know, that is the John Pippy hole that is right between where the desk goes up and down so that his cord

could go through to his laptop. But, in those desks are the list of every single Senator who has served and has sat at that desk, and that was done purposefully so that we knew the tradition of the folks who served here and where they come from and how long they served and what they did. And that is part, again, of the history and the tradition of this Senate. One of these years we will be going and walking through the hallway downstairs, and we will be looking up, and we will be looking at Jake Corman's picture from--I do not know if it is--I think Scott Wagner yelled at you that you should stop using your high school portrait in your Senate biography. So, we will see if it is an up-to-date one or your high school portrait. But you will rightfully join those pro tems in that hallway, so that when folks come to visit this place, they can look at the history, they can look at the folks who were elected by the Senate. That is the one position, Jake, that is elected by the Senate--is the pro tem--to represent all of the Senators and all of the Senate. Thank you, my friend, for your years of service. Thank you for the example you have provided. Thank you for the history of where you have been and wish you all the best in the future.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. One more round of applause, please, for our President pro tempore, Senator Corman.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy to meet today off the floor to consider House Bill No. 2528.

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 meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, to be followed by a Republican caucus.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Corman, and a legislative leave for Senator Aument.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Corman, and a legislative leave for Senator Aument.

Senator Schwank requests a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator GORDNER asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator MASTRIANO, for the remainder of today's Session, for personal reasons.

RECESS

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

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

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, no further leaves.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 103 (Pr. No. 3500) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

SANTARSIERO AMENDMENT A5737 OFFERED

Senator SANTARSIERO offered the following amendment No. A5737:

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

misdemeanor

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, this amendment is very straightforward. It merely changes the penalty grade for an offense under the primary offense in the bill, which is in § 2701.1(a)(2), from a felony of the third degree to a misdemeanor of the second degree, essentially taking the maximum sentence from 7 years to 2 years. I ask for its adoption.

SANTARSIERO AMENDMENT A5737 TABLED

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, House Bill No. 103 is very important to our police officers, and I do not want to do anything that would slow down or impede the passage of this at this late hour, so I make a motion to table the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward moves that Senator Santarsiero's amendment be laid upon the table.

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-28

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

NAY-21

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment A5737 will be laid on the table.

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

KEARNEY AMENDMENT A5784 OFFERED

Senator KEARNEY offered the following amendment No. A5784:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "PRISONER;":
in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms;
Amend Bill, page 2, line 20, by striking out "2702.1(A) AND (B), 2703(A)(2) AND 2704" and inserting:

2702.1, 2703(A)(2), 2704 AND 6105(B)

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 24 and 25:

(4) Except as provided under paragraph (5), a person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if that person intentionally or knowingly participates, attempts to participate or aids those participating in an insurrection against the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or a political subdivision thereof, and a law enforcement officer suffers bodily injury.

(5) A person commits a felony of the second degree if that person commits an offense under paragraph (4) and is directly responsible for causing bodily injury to a law enforcement officer.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 28, by inserting after "YEARS.":

A person convicted under subsection (a)(4) or (5) shall be prohibited from holding or running for public office in this Commonwealth.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

"Insurrection." A violent uprising by a group or movement acting to overthrow or impede the civil authority or operations of the constituted government and take possession of its inherent powers.

"Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same meaning as the term "peace officer" is given under section 501 (relating to definitions).

"Firearm." As defined under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9712(e) (relating to sentences for offenses committed with firearms).

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 17 and 18:

§ 6105. Persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

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(b) Enumerated offenses.--The following offenses shall apply to subsection (a):

Section 908 (relating to prohibited offensive weapons).

Section 911 (relating to corrupt organizations).

Section 912 (relating to possession of weapon on school property).

Section 2502 (relating to murder).

Section 2503 (relating to voluntary manslaughter).

Section 2504 (relating to involuntary manslaughter) if the offense is based on the reckless use of a firearm.

Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).

Section 2702.1 (relating to assault of law enforcement officer).

Section 2703 (relating to assault by prisoner).

Section 2704 (relating to assault by life prisoner).

Section 2709.1 (relating to stalking).

Section 2716 (relating to weapons of mass destruction).

Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping).

Section 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).

Section 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure).

Section 3121 (relating to rape).

Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse).

Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).

Section 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses).

Section 3302 (relating to causing or risking catastrophe).

Section 3502 (relating to burglary).

Section 3503 (relating to criminal trespass) if the offense is graded a felony of the second degree or higher.

Section 3701 (relating to robbery).

Section 3702 (relating to robbery of motor vehicle).

Section 3921 (relating to theft by unlawful taking or disposition) upon conviction of the second felony offense.

Section 3923 (relating to theft by extortion) when the offense is accompanied by threats of violence.

Section 3925 (relating to receiving stolen property) upon conviction of the second felony offense.

Section 4906 (relating to false reports to law enforcement authorities) if the fictitious report involved the theft of a firearm as provided in section 4906(c)(2).

Section 4912 (relating to impersonating a public servant) if the person is impersonating a law enforcement officer.

Section 4952 (relating to intimidation of witnesses or victims).

Section 4953 (relating to retaliation against witness, victim or party).

Section 5121 (relating to escape).

Section 5122 (relating to weapons or implements for escape).

Section 5501(3) (relating to riot).

Section 5515 (relating to prohibiting of paramilitary training).

Section 5516 (relating to facsimile weapons of mass destruction).

Section 6110.1 (relating to possession of firearm by minor).

Section 6301 (relating to corruption of minors).

Section 6302 (relating to sale or lease of weapons and explosives).

Any offense equivalent to any of the above-enumerated offenses under the prior laws of this Commonwealth or any offense equivalent to any of the above-enumerated offenses under the statutes of any other state or of the United States.

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, as long as we are considering legislation that layers on supersized extra sentences for spitting at law enforcement--which I find abhorrent, by the way--I think this body should address a more serious crime against law enforcement and against the government and Constitution, more generally, the crime of insurrection. The increasingly violent, unhinged, and separated-from-reality extremism of far-right groups in America is growing due to repeated lies about the election from so-called leaders like the former President. In the aftermath of the insurrection on the Capitol on January 6, for which dozens of Pennsylvanians have been arrested and prosecuted for attacking the Capitol Police in Congress, I think it is imperative that we make sure our laws capture the gravity of these heinous crimes. Let me remind this body that the former President's followers killed a police officer and injured dozens during the insurrection, traumatizing the officers sworn to defend the Constitution and leading to the suicide of four officers. The insurrectionists likely spat on the officers. We know they sprayed them with bear repellent; they threw fire hydrants; they beat them with any object they

could find, even trying to impale them on an American flag. In the light of such horrible events, how can we let these attacks stand? What sensible person would allow one of these rioters to walk free, let alone hold a public office in Pennsylvania or carry a gun after such a disgusting violence. How can we let the individuals who aided the insurrectionists, who prayed for the insurrectionists, who brought comfort to them or brought them to the insurrection, how can we let these people walk away? We must condemn this movement of violence and hate in the strongest terms. It is anti-police, anti-American, and anti-democratic. That is why I think it is imperative that the Senate consider this amendment, which would make it a misdemeanor to participate in or aid an insurrection; make it a felony to attack a police officer in an insurrection; and would bar any insurrectionist from holding office in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, this should be easy for all of us who have sworn to defend the Constitution and who support law and order to vote in favor of, and I urge a "yes" vote.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Yudichak. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

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

KEARNEY AMENDMENT A5784 TABLED

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, again, this bill is very important to our police officers, and we do not want to do anything that would impede or hurt the underlying bill. So, I move that the amendment be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward moves that the amendment be laid upon the table.

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-28

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

NAY-21

Boscola	Dillon	Kane	Schwank
Brewster	Flynn	Kearney	Street

Cappelletti	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Collett	Haywood	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Hughes	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Costa			

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment A5784 will be laid on the table.

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

HAYWOOD AMENDMENT A5840 OFFERED

Senator HAYWOOD offered the following amendment No. A5840:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by inserting after "OFFICER," providing for the offense of threatening or intimidating a judge and further providing

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out "AND,"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "OFFICER":
; and imposing a penalty

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 20 through 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 2702.1(a) and (b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 29 and 30:

Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2702.2. Threat or intimidation of judge.

(a) Misdemeanor offense.--The following shall apply:

(1) A person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree who threatens or intimidates to cause bodily injury to a judge, while in the performance of duty and with knowledge that the victim is a judge.

(2) A second or subsequent offense under this subsection shall constitute a felony of the third degree.

(b) Felony offense.--The following shall apply:

(1) A person commits a felony of the third degree who threatens or intimidates to cause serious bodily injury to a judge, while in the performance of duty and with knowledge that the victim is a judge.

(2) A second or subsequent offense under this subsection shall constitute a felony of the second degree.

(c) Penalties.--The following penalties shall apply:

(1) A person convicted under subsection (a)(1) shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment fixed by the court at not more than 10 years.

(2) A person convicted under subsection (a)(2) shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment fixed by the court at not more than 15 years.

(3) A person convicted under subsection (b)(1) shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment fixed by the court at not more than 20 years.

(4) A person convicted under subsection (b)(2) shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment fixed by the court at not more than 25 years.

(d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Judge." The term includes any judge of any court in the unified judicial system.

Section 3. Sections 2703(a)(2) and 2704 of Title 18 are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 5, line 18, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 7, line 5, by striking out "3" and inserting:

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

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, this amendment would create a new section of Title 18 to provide enhanced sentences for individuals who threaten judges, and it will specifically provide for felony misdemeanor of the first degree for anyone who threatens or intimidates, by word or conduct, or causes bodily injury to a judge while in their performance of duty and when someone knows that the victim is a judge. Unfortunately, we have had too many incidences of judges being recently threatened with death based upon a decision that they have made. The political violence in our nation is a tremendous threat to the maintenance of law and order, and judges have been at the core of protecting and sustaining our democratic institutions. This legislation is intended to protect our judges from the threats of violence that have, unfortunately, become more commonplace in our nation. For these reasons, I request an affirmative vote.

HAYWOOD AMENDMENT A5840 TABLED

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that the amendment be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward moves that the amendment be laid upon the table.

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-28

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

NAY-21

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment A5840 will be laid on the table.

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

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Haywood.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Scavello.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Haywood.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-43

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

NAY-6

Cappelletti	Hughes	Street	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Saval		

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 118 (Pr. No. 2521) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the final disposition of fetal remains; and imposing penalties.

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

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

BILL AMENDED

HB 140 (Pr. No. 3333) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

LANGERHOLC AMENDMENT A5837 ADOPTED

Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A5837:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 20 and 21:

(4) Nothing under this section shall be deemed to apply to the stopping or standing of school buses or school vehicles when receiving or discharging school students. A school bus or school vehicle may stop or stand as close as practicable to the curb or shoulder.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 21, by striking out "(4)" and inserting:

(5)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out "(5)" and inserting:

(6)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 22, by striking out "(6)" and inserting:

(7)

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 19 through 30; pages 5 and 6, lines 1 through 30; page 7, lines 1 through 22; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(ii) The Special Prosecutor Selection Panel established under clause (A) has appointed a special prosecutor in the county of the first class to investigate and institute criminal proceedings for a violation of the laws of this Commonwealth occurring within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class. The following shall apply:

(A) The Special Prosecutor Selection Panel is established for the purpose of selecting a special prosecutor, to which the following shall apply:

(I) The panel shall be composed of one judge of the Superior Court and two judges, which may include senior judges, of the courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth.

(II) The members of the panel shall be chosen by lot.

(III) The procedure for selecting the panel shall be determined and supervised by the Court Administrator of Pennsylvania in the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

(IV) The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts shall disclose to the public the membership of the panel by posting the membership of the panel on the office's publicly accessible Internet website and by transmitting notice of the membership of the panel to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(V) Within 30 days of the effective date of this subsection, the panel shall select a special prosecutor in accordance with this section.

(VI) All decisions of the panel shall be by majority vote of the members of the panel.

(VII) A member of the panel who participated in a function conferred on the panel under this section involving a special prosecutor shall not be eligible to participate in any judicial or disciplinary proceeding concerning a matter that involves the special

prosecutor or the exercise of the special prosecutor's official duties, notwithstanding whether the special prosecutor is still serving in that office.

(B) The special prosecutor must:

(I) Be a member in good standing of the bar of this Commonwealth for a minimum of 10 years.

(II) Have a minimum of five years of experience in criminal prosecutions in this Commonwealth.

(III) Not have been employed by the district attorney's office in a county of the first class within six years of the effective date of this subparagraph.

(IV) Possess the character and fitness compatible with the standards expected to be observed by members of the bar of this Commonwealth.

(V) Be a resident of the county in which the special prosecutor shall serve.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, a special prosecutor shall have the authority to investigate and prosecute, and has jurisdiction over, any criminal matter involving an alleged violation of the laws of this Commonwealth occurring within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class. The special prosecutor's prosecutorial jurisdiction shall include the power and independent authority to exercise all investigative and prosecutorial functions and powers of an office of the district attorney of a county of the first class and any other officer or employee of the office of the district attorney in the county of the first class. The special prosecutor's authority shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(I) Investigative and prosecutorial functions and powers shall include the following:

(a) Conducting proceedings before grand juries and other investigations.

(b) Participating in court proceedings and engaging in any litigation, including civil and criminal matters, that the special prosecutor considers necessary.

(c) Initiating and conducting prosecutions in any court of competent jurisdiction, appealing any decision of a court in a proceeding in which the special prosecutor participates and handling all aspects of any case in the name of the Commonwealth.

(d) Reviewing all documentary evidence available from any source.

(e) Making applications to a State court for a grant of immunity to a witness, consistent with applicable statutory requirements, or for warrants, subpoenas or other court orders.

(II) (Reserved).

(D) For the purposes of carrying out the duties of the Office of Special Prosecutor, a special prosecutor may use facilities, resources and personnel of the Attorney General, including investigators, attorneys and necessary experts, to assist with a criminal investigation or prosecution. A special prosecutor may request assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police in carrying out the functions of the special prosecutor. The Pennsylvania State Police shall provide assistance, which may include the use of resources and personnel necessary to perform the duties of the special prosecutor.

(E) A special prosecutor may assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction over any criminal actions or proceedings involving alleged violations of the laws of this Commonwealth occurring within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class. The following shall apply:

(I) An assertion of preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this section shall be within the sole discretion of the special prosecutor.

(II) In cases in which a special prosecutor asserts preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this section, no other prosecuting entity for the Commonwealth shall have authority to act, except as authorized by the special prosecutor.

(III) A special prosecutor may not assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this section in a case where jurisdiction also exists in a county other than a county of the first class unless the special prosecutor requests in writing to the district attorney in the county other than the county of the first class to assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction and the district attorney in the county other than the county of the first class accepts the request in writing.

(IV) When a special prosecutor asserts preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under this clause, the office of the district attorney in a county of the first class shall suspend all investigations and proceedings regarding the matter and shall turn over to the special prosecutor all materials, files and other data relating to the matter.

(V) Notwithstanding any other law or court rule, prior approval of the district attorney of a county of the first class or an employee of the district attorney of a county of the first class shall not be required prior to the filing of any criminal complaint or arrest warrant affidavit, or both, involving any violation of the laws of this Commonwealth occurring within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class.

(F) No person charged with a violation of the law by a special prosecutor shall have standing to challenge the authority of the special prosecutor to prosecute the case. If a challenge is made, the challenge shall be dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of this Commonwealth to the individual making the challenge.

(G) If a vacancy in office arises by reason of the resignation, death or removal for any other reason of a special prosecutor, the panel shall appoint a replacement within 30 days.

(H) Each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in a county of the first class shall notify a special prosecutor of any arrest or other criminal action or proceeding involving an alleged violation of the laws of this Commonwealth occurring within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class within 48 hours of the arrest or of instituting the action or proceeding.

(I) No new action or proceeding may be initiated by a special prosecutor under this section after December 31, 2025. Notice of final disposition of the last remaining action or proceeding initiated under this section prior to December 31, 2025, shall be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(J) The special prosecutor shall compile reports related to the criminal activity and administrative proceedings within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class, to which the following shall apply:

(I) An initial report shall be submitted no later than 90 days following appointment of the special prosecutor. Following the initial report, annual reports shall be submitted to the General Assembly.

(II) Reports shall be submitted to the following:

(a) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

(d) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

(e) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the Senate.

(f) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

(III) Each report shall contain the following information for the period of time between each report:

(a) The total number of arrests for alleged criminal activity within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class.

(b) The total number of bills of information filed for alleged violations within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class.

(c) The total number of convictions resulting from prosecutions by the special prosecutor.

(d) Each sentence imposed for each conviction for a crime committed within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class.

(IV) If, at any time, the General Assembly finds the contents of the report to be unsatisfactory, including if the special prosecutor has been found not to reduce crime or result in successful prosecutions, the General Assembly may pass a concurrent resolution in opposition of the report. Following adoption of the concurrent resolution, the department shall prohibit the construction of protected pedestrian plazas and pedalcycle lanes in the county of the first class until the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution in support of a subsequent report.

(K) A county of the first class in which a special prosecutor is appointed under this subparagraph shall reimburse the special prosecutor and the Office of Attorney General for any expenses incurred while investigating or prosecuting an alleged violation of the laws of this Commonwealth occurring within a public transportation authority that serves as the primary provider of public passenger transportation in the county of the first class. For reimbursement, the special prosecutor shall submit an itemized statement of expenses of the special prosecutor and Office of Attorney General to the treasurer of the county of the first class, who shall pay the expenses from the general funds of the county of the first class within 30 days of receipt of the itemized statement. Reimbursement under this section may not exceed actual expenses incurred in prosecuting any action, including the amount necessary to compensate the special prosecutor.

(L) A special prosecutor appointed under this subparagraph shall receive compensation to be paid by the Office of Attorney General at the per diem rate equal to the annual rate of compensation payable to the district attorney of a county of the first class. A special prosecutor shall be entitled to the payment of travel expenses within this Commonwealth.

(M) Notwithstanding section 1401(p) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, during the period in which a special prosecutor serves in a county of the first class, the Commonwealth may not reimburse that county for the salary of the district attorney of that county. An amount equal to the reimbursement that would have been made if no special prosecutor had been appointed shall be used to reimburse the Office of Attorney General for the compensation of the special

prosecutor and any expenses incurred for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the special prosecutor.

(N) This subparagraph shall expire upon publication of the notice under clause (I).

(O) The county of the first class must comply with this subsection until this subparagraph expires under clause (N).

Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 27 and 28:

"Panel." The Special Prosecutor Selection Panel established under section 3354(b.1)(7)(ii).

Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 7 and 8:

"Special prosecutor." An attorney appointed by the panel in accordance with section 3354(b.1)(7)(ii).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-21

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

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 220 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 324 (Pr. No. 298) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 30, 1984 (P.L.345, No.69), known as the First Class City Business Tax Reform Act, 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	Dillon	Langerholc	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Martin	Street
Bartolotta	Flynn	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Tomlinson
Brewster	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Brooks	Gordner	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Browne	Haywood	Regan	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Hughes	Robinson	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Kearney	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 358 and **HB 365** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL AMENDED

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

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

STEFANO AMENDMENT A5826 AGREED TO

Senator STEFANO offered the following amendment No. A5826:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

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

recruitment, training and retention; and establishing the EMS Training Fund.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 through 17, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Sections 5602(f) and 5604 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 5602. Nonprofit Security Grant Fund.

* * *

(f) Lapse of funds.--All unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the fund as of July 1, [2024] 2029, shall lapse and be transferred to the General Fund.

§ 5604. Expiration.

This chapter shall expire July 1, [2024] 2029.

Section 2. Section 7383 of Title 35 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 7383. State Fire Commissioner.

* * *

(d) Fireworks safety education.--Money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(7) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be used by the commissioner for a public safety campaign on the precautions that should be taken when using fireworks. The commissioner may use up to \$50,000 of the money transferred for administrative costs.

Section 3. Section 7383.1 of Title 35 is amended to read:

§ 7383.1. Curriculum [and], training and education certification management system.

(a) Duty to establish guidelines.--The commissioner shall establish guidelines for the development, delivery and maintenance of [a system of] fire and emergency services training and an education certification management system.

(b) Training.--Training shall be lecture-based, hands on or online. Training may be conducted at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, a county training center, a community college[, a local fire station or other appropriate area] or other approved educational training agency. The training records shall be incorporated into the [Train PA system or any other system] training and education certification management system approved by the commissioner.

(c) Certificate of completion.--The commissioner shall provide a certificate of completion to an individual who successfully completes a fire or emergency services training program. The training and education certification management system shall include a method by which the trainee can download and print the certificate.

[(d) Publication.--The commissioner shall post a complete listing of the available fire and emergency services training courses on the office's publicly accessible Internet website.]

(e) Accessibility.--The commissioner shall facilitate access to each available fire and emergency services training course through a publicly accessible Internet website or portal. The Internet website or portal shall record firefighter training and certification. The commissioner shall establish and maintain or participate in an existing electronic database or portal that meets all of the following criteria:

(1) Allows for user registration for an individual trainee or an accredited provider.

(2) Allows a user to register for courses offered through the database or portal and in any other format authorized under this section.

(3) Establishes a course completion transcript and certificate for a registered user.

(4) Facilitates communication and access to training materials between an accredited provider and a registered trainee using the database or portal.

(f) Fees.--The commissioner may establish a fee of no more than \$1 per course on the training and education certification management system, which shall be used for administrative costs within the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

(g) Annual reports.--

(1) The commissioner shall prepare an annual report on the training and education certification management system. The report shall include all of the following information:

(i) The total number of firefighters in the system, delineated between paid and volunteer firefighter.

(ii) The number of firefighters under subparagraph (i) who took a course on the system during the previous year.

(iii) The number of firefighters under subparagraph (i) who are certified as Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor 1 or Fire Officer 1.

(iv) A summary of courses that were taken by firefighters under subparagraph (i).

(v) A summary of how the funds under this section were expended.

(2) The commissioner shall submit the annual report under paragraph (1) no later than October 1, 2023, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, to all of the following:

(i) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

(3) The commissioner shall post the annual report under paragraph (1) on the Office of the State Fire Commissioner's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 4. Title 35 is amended by adding sections to read:

§ 7385.1. Capital grants for municipal fire departments.

(a) Source.--Money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(6) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be utilized by the commissioner to administer capital grants.

(b) Recipients.--Municipal and combination fire departments recognized by the commissioner under standards developed through rules and guidelines in consultation with the State Fire Advisory Board may be recipients of grants under subsection (a) upon application.

(c) Purposes.--Capital grants administered to recipients under this section shall be used to:

(1) Establish or modernize facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances or rescue vehicles.

(2) Acquire or renovate existing structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances or rescue vehicles or for the construction or modernization of facilities.

(3) Repair or purchase firefighting, ambulance or rescue equipment as necessary to provide proper and adequate training.

(d) Restrictions.--Capital grants administered under this section may not be used for:

(1) Operating expenses.

(2) Refinancing of renovated structures.

(3) Refinancing the construction or modernization of facilities.

(4) Apparatus equipment, communication equipment or accessory equipment.

(5) Reduction of debt or other obligations issued prior to the effective date of this section.

(e) Applications.--The following apply:

(1) Every application for a capital grant shall be accompanied by a notarized financial statement of the entity making the application accompanied with information sufficient to show need for the grant funding.

(2) Applications shall be reviewed by the Application Review Committee utilizing criteria established under subsection (b).

(f) Amounts and criteria.--The following apply:

(1) Capital grant amounts and the criteria for determining amounts shall be established by the commissioner in consultation with the State Fire Advisory Board.

(2) An entity may be awarded a capital grant, if available, for an approved project in lieu of approved reimbursement payments or, if not available, shall receive payments in the form of reimbursements.

(g) Use.--Capital grants may be used in combination with the funding authorized under section 7813(e) (relating to award of grants) if an applicant is officially proceeding with an approved project evidenced by required documentation as determined by the commissioner.

(h) Administration.--The commissioner may use up to \$50,000 of the funds available under this section for administrative costs.

(i) Annual reports.--

(1) The commissioner shall prepare an annual report on the capital grants administered under this section. The report shall include all of the following information:

(i) The total number of applications received for capital grants.

(ii) The total number of applications approved and the amounts funded for each recipient.

(iii) An analysis of how the grants were used by each recipient.

(2) The commissioner shall submit the annual report under paragraph (1) no later than October 1, 2023, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, to all of the following:

(i) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

(3) The commissioner shall post the annual report under paragraph (1) on the Office of the State Fire Commissioner's publicly accessible Internet website.

§ 7385.2. Capital grants for emergency service training centers.

(a) Source.--Money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(5) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be utilized by the commissioner to administer capital grants.

(b) Recipients.--Emergency services training centers, community colleges, county-owned facilities, municipal or fire department-owned facilities or nonprofit countywide associations recognized by the commissioner under standards developed through rules and guidelines in consultation with the State Fire Advisory Board may be recipients of grants under subsection (a) upon application. A privately owned facility shall not be eligible for a grant under subsection (a).

(c) Purposes.--Capital grants administered to recipients under this section shall be used to:

(1) Establish or modernize facilities that house firefighting equipment, ambulances or rescue vehicles.

(2) Acquire or renovate existing structures to house firefighting equipment, ambulances or rescue vehicles or for the construction or modernization of facilities.

(3) Repair or purchase firefighting, ambulance or rescue equipment as necessary to provide proper and adequate training.

(d) Restrictions.--Capital grants administered under this section may not be used for:

(1) Operating expenses.

(2) Refinancing of renovated structures.

(3) Refinancing the construction or modernization of facilities.

(4) Apparatus equipment, communication equipment or accessory equipment.

(5) Reduction of debt or other obligations issued prior to the effective date of this section.

(e) Applications.--The following apply:

(1) Every application for a capital grant shall be accompanied by a notarized financial statement of the entity making the application accompanied with information sufficient to show need for the grant funding.

(2) Applications shall be reviewed by the Application Review Committee utilizing criteria established under subsection (b).

(f) Amounts and criteria.--The following apply:

(1) Capital grant amounts and the criteria for determining amounts shall be established by the commissioner in consultation with the State Fire Advisory Board.

(2) An entity may be awarded a capital grant, if available, for an approved project in lieu of approved reimbursement payments or, if not available, shall receive payments in the form of reimbursements.

(g) Use.--Capital grants may be used in combination with the funding authorized under section 7813(e) (relating to award of grants) if an applicant is officially proceeding with an approved project evidenced by required documentation as determined by the commissioner.

(h) Administration.--The commissioner may use up to \$50,000 of the funds available under this section for administrative costs.

(i) Annual reports.--

(1) The commissioner shall prepare an annual report on the capital grants administered under this section. The report shall include all of the following information:

(i) The total number of applications received for capital grants.

(ii) The total number of applications approved and the amounts funded for each recipient.

(iii) An analysis of how the grants were used by each recipient.

(2) The commissioner shall submit the annual report under paragraph (1) no later than October 1, 2023, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, to all of the following:

(i) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

(3) The commissioner shall post the annual report under paragraph (1) on the Office of the State Fire Commissioner's publicly accessible Internet website.

§ 7388.1. Money for online training for firefighters.

Money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(2) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be utilized by the commissioner for the purposes under section 7388 (relating to online training for firefighters).

§ 7389. Money for reimbursement to Pennsylvania bomb squads.

(a) Source.--Money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(7.1) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be utilized by the commissioner to provide reimbursements to Pennsylvania bomb squads in accordance with this section.

(b) Recipients.--A Pennsylvania bomb squad accredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and certified in hazardous devices training shall be eligible to receive a reimbursement under this section for costs associated with the removal, transportation, storage and destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles, including for any of the following:

(1) Establishing, expanding or modernizing facilities that will store consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles, including upfront costs for safety and security improvements of the facilities.

(2) The transportation of fireworks from the place of confiscation, to-and-from storage facilities and to the place of destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles.

(3) Personnel costs associated with the confiscation, transportation and destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles.

(4) Equipment necessary for the removal, transportation, storage and destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles.

(5) The destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles.

(6) Any other costs related to the removal, transportation, storage and destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

(c) Restrictions.--The commissioner shall only provide a reimbursement under this section when receipts are provided for the actual costs associated with the removal, transportation, storage and destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles and either of the following apply:

(1) The Pennsylvania bomb squad makes a good faith effort to recover any costs associated with the removal, transportation, storage and destruction of consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1115(b) (relating to removal, storage and destruction) from the owner of the consumer fireworks and is unable to recover the full or partial amount of the costs.

(2) The costs are associated with the establishment, expansion or modernization of facilities that will store consumer fireworks, display fireworks or combustibles.

(d) Applications.--The commissioner shall develop an application form for the request for reimbursements under this section.

(e) Amounts and criteria.--Reimbursement amounts for actual costs and the criteria for determining the amounts under this section shall be established by the commissioner.

(f) Administration.--The commissioner may use up to 3% of the money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(7.1) for administrative costs under this section.

(g) Annual report.--

(1) The commissioner shall prepare an annual report on the reimbursements provided under this section. The report shall include all of the following information:

(i) The total number of applications received.

(ii) The total number of applications approved and the amounts funded for each recipient.

(iii) An analysis of how the funds were used by each recipient.

(2) The commissioner shall submit the annual report under paragraph (1) no later than October 1, 2023, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, to all of the following:

(i) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

(3) The commissioner shall post the annual report under paragraph (1) on the Office of the State Fire Commissioner's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 5. Section 7419.1(a)(6) introductory paragraph of Title 35 is amended to read:

§ 7419.1. Fire relief formula study.

(a) Study.--The State Fire Advisory Board shall have the following duties:

(6) No later than [November 30, 2022] December 31, 2023, issue a report on the board's findings and recommendations regarding the fire relief funding formula and fire relief services to all of the following:

Section 6. Sections 7813(b)(1) and (3) and 7823(b)(1) and (3) of Title 35 are amended and the subsections are amended by adding paragraphs to read:

§ 7813. Award of grants.

(b) Limits.--

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more than [\$15,000] \$20,000 per fire company.

(3) In a municipality where there are two or more volunteer fire companies and if two or more volunteer fire companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters and services within [10] 20 years preceding the date of the current year application submission deadline, the consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for which the individual companies would have been eligible had they not consolidated.

(5) In a municipality where one volunteer fire company and one EMS company consolidate their use of equipment, personnel and services within 20 years preceding the date of the current year application submission deadline, the consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for which the individual companies would have been eligible had they not consolidated.

§ 7823. Award of grants.

(b) Limits.--

(1) Grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more than [\$10,000] \$15,000 per EMS company.

(3) If two or more EMS companies consolidated their use of equipment, personnel and services within [10] 20 years preceding the date of the current year application submission deadline, the consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for which the individual companies would have been eligible had they not consolidated.

(4) In a municipality where one volunteer fire company and one EMS company consolidate their use of equipment, personnel and services within 20 years preceding the date of the current year application submission deadline, the consolidated entity shall be deemed eligible to receive a grant not to exceed the amount of the combined total for which the individual companies would have been eligible had they not consolidated.

Section 7. Section 79A24(a) of Title 35 is amended to read:

§ 79A24. Rejection and appeal.

(a) General rule.--A governing body that establishes a tax credit under this chapter shall adopt, by ordinance or resolution, a process for rejecting a claim by an active volunteer who does not satisfy all of the criteria established under this chapter for each type of tax credit provided under this chapter.

Section 8. Title 35 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 79B

TUITION AND LOAN ASSISTANCE FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

Subchapter

A. Preliminary Provisions

B. Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program

SUBCHAPTER A

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Sec.

79B01. Definitions.

§ 79B01. 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:

"Active volunteer." A volunteer for a volunteer organization who satisfies the eligibility criteria under section 79B12(a) (relating to eligibility), receives a certificate of eligibility and complies with the requirements of the program.

"Agency." The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

"Approved institution of higher learning." An educational institution offering a postsecondary program of education located in this Commonwealth and approved by the agency.

"Approved program of education." A degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study or training program required for entrance into a specific career to be pursued on a full-time or part-time basis or its equivalent as determined by the agency, at an approved institution of higher learning.

"Certificate of eligibility." A certificate issued by the agency under section 79B12(b) that certifies that an active volunteer satisfies the eligibility criteria under section 79B12(a).

"Emergency medical services agency." As defined in section 8103 (relating to definitions).

"Fund." The Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program Fund established under section 79B21(a) (relating to Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program Fund).

"Program." The Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program established under section 79B11 (relating to establishment).

"Qualified applicant." An active volunteer who qualifies for tuition or loan assistance under Subchapter B (relating to Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program).

"Tuition or loan assistance." Reimbursement provided by the agency for tuition or loans under the program or in a form of loan forgiveness.

"Volunteer fire company." A nonprofit chartered corporation, association or organization located in this Commonwealth that provides fire protection services and may offer other voluntary emergency services within this Commonwealth.

"Volunteer organization." A volunteer fire company or emergency medical services agency.

SUBCHAPTER B

ACTIVE VOLUNTEER TUITION AND LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sec.

79B11. Establishment.

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§ 79B11. Establishment.

The Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program is established within the agency to provide tuition or loan assistance to active volunteers with volunteer organizations who are students at approved institutions of higher learning.

§ 79B12. Eligibility.

(a) Criteria.--Upon submitting an application to participate in the program in accordance with the agency's regulations, rules or guidelines under section 79B22 (relating to regulations), an individual shall be eligible to receive tuition or loan assistance if the individual satisfies all of the following eligibility criteria:

(1) Is a resident of this Commonwealth.

(2) Is an active volunteer.

(3) Has participated in not less than 30% or, if the individual was enrolled as a student in a high school or in an approved program of education at an approved institution of higher learning within the one-year period before the individual submitted an application to the agency for tuition or loan assistance, not less than 15% of a volunteer organization's activities within the one-year period before the individual submitted an application to the agency for tuition or loan assistance. The activities may include, but not be limited to, training, drills, emergency response calls, administrative and operational support, fundraising or other events and projects that aid the financial viability of the volunteer organization.

(4) Has enrolled as a student in an approved program of education at an approved institution of higher learning after the effective date of this section.

(5) Accepts an obligation to serve as an active volunteer with a volunteer organization for at least one year prior to enrolling in an approved program of education and at least five years after completing an approved program of education.

(6) Has signed a promissory note obligating the individual to repay the full amount of tuition or loan assistance received by the individual if the individual fails to satisfy the requirements under the program.

(7) Is in good standing with the volunteer organization for which the individual is an active volunteer.

(b) Certificate.--The agency shall issue a certificate of eligibility to an individual who satisfies the eligibility criteria under subsection (a).

§ 79B13. Tuition or loan assistance.

From money appropriated for the program, tuition or loan assistance shall be provided to eligible students to pursue approved programs of education on or after the effective date of this section.

§ 79B14. Promissory note.

Before participating in the program, an individual must sign a promissory note obligating the individual to repay the full amount of the tuition or loan assistance received by the individual if the individual fails to satisfy the requirements under the program as specified under section 79B17 (relating to recoupment of tuition or loan assistance payments).

§ 79B15. Amount of tuition or loan payments.

(a) Full-time students.--Payments of tuition or loan assistance to a full-time student shall be \$1,000 per academic year.

(b) Part-time students.--Payments of tuition or loan assistance to a part-time student shall not exceed \$500 for an academic year.

(c) First come, first served.--Tuition or loan assistance shall be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

§ 79B16. Limitation on tuition or loan assistance.

An eligible student may not receive tuition or loan assistance for a total of more than five academic years or an equivalent amount of time as determined by the agency. Tuition or loan assistance must be used within seven years of graduation.

§ 79B17. Recoupment of tuition or loan assistance payments.

(a) Noncompliance.--An individual who fails to satisfy the requirements under the program shall be liable to the Commonwealth for the full amount of tuition or loan assistance received by the individual, unless the failure and inability to do so is a result of an injury while responding to an emergency as an active volunteer that prevents the individual from complying with the requirements under the program. The promissory note under section 79B14 (relating to promissory note) shall be repaid by the individual upon demand by the agency on a schedule as the agency may determine.

(b) Notice.--A volunteer organization shall notify the agency if an active volunteer fails to satisfy the volunteer requirements under the program.

§ 79B18. Service records.

(a) Logs.--For the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements under the program, the chief of a volunteer fire company or the supervisor or chief of an emergency medical services agency or their designees shall establish and maintain a service log that documents the services provided by an active volunteer participating in the program, including a calculation of the amount of time the active volunteer conducts activities with the volunteer organization.

(b) Review.--Service logs under subsection (a) shall be subject to periodic review by the agency and the Department of Auditor General for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements under this subchapter.

§ 79B19. Verification of active volunteer status.

(a) Self-certification.--An individual shall sign and submit an application to the chief of a volunteer fire company or the supervisor or chief of the emergency medical services agency to attest that the individual is an active volunteer.

(b) Injured volunteer.--Notwithstanding the volunteer requirements under the program, an individual who was injured while responding to an emergency as an active volunteer who can no longer serve as an active volunteer because of the injury and who would otherwise be eligible for the program shall be eligible to participate in the program for five years from the date of the injury if able to do so or under subsection (a) or (b), as appropriate.

(c) Local sign-off.--The chief and another officer of the volunteer fire company and the supervisor or chief and another officer of the emergency medical services agency shall sign the application attesting that the individual is an active volunteer under subsection (a) or that the individual can no longer serve as an active volunteer due to injury under subsection (b). The application shall then be forwarded to the agency for final review and processing.

§ 79B20. Administrative costs.

The administrative costs of the program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter shall not exceed 3.5% of the total amount of money appropriated to the agency to implement the program.

§ 79B21. Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program Fund.

(a) Establishment.--The Active Volunteer Tuition and Loan Assistance Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing restricted receipts account in the State Treasury in accordance with the money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(3) (relating to disposition of certain funds).

(b) Appropriation.--Money deposited or transferred into the fund, including any accrued interest, is appropriated to the agency on a continuing basis to implement the program.

(c) Administrative actions.--An administrative action may not prevent the deposit or transfer of money into the fund.

(d) Use.--Money in the fund may only be used to implement the program. Money in the fund may not be diverted for any other purpose by administrative action.

§ 79B22. Regulations.

The agency shall promulgate regulations and establish rules or guidelines to administer this subchapter.

Section 9. Title 35 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 8112.1. Scholarships for recruitment, training and retention.

(a) Utilization.--Except as provided under subsection (d), money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(4) (relating to disposition of certain funds) shall be utilized by the department's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to:

(1) Issue scholarships to EMS providers who complete EMS training provided by an approved entity under section 8105(b)(6) (relating to duties of department).

(2) Reimburse EMS agencies for recruitment and retention costs, which are to be determined by the department's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

(3) Make available a pilot program for high school students with instruction through partnerships between institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth and school entities or nonpublic schools, or both, to increase the number of individuals capable of becoming EMS providers. The pilot program shall be conducted in accordance with section 7 of the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L. 1209, No. 151), known as the Child Labor Act. The following shall apply:

(i) The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health shall accept proposals from institutions

of higher education in this Commonwealth for the pilot program. From the proposals submitted, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health shall select three institutions of higher education to offer a pilot program. The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health, to the greatest extent practicable, shall select one institution of higher education from each eastern, central and western region of this Commonwealth. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an institution of higher education from incorporating fire instruction into the pilot program.

(ii) An institution of higher education selected by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health under subparagraph (i) shall operate the pilot program by entering into an agreement with a school entity or nonpublic school, or both, for the provision of instruction to students who are in at least the ninth grade.

(iii) The EMS Training Fund is established in the State Treasury. The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health may accept monetary donations and other money for deposit into the EMS Training Fund from a person, business, foundation, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)) or government entity on behalf of the Commonwealth.

(iv) The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health shall disburse no less than \$50,000 from the EMS Training Fund to each institution of higher education operating the pilot program for each year of the pilot program. After the fourth year of operation of the pilot program, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health may not disburse money from the EMS Training Fund.

(v) The State Treasurer shall transfer any money appropriated, transferred or donated for the pilot program into the EMS Training Fund, and interest earned on the money in the EMS Training Fund shall remain in the EMS Training Fund.

(b) Application.--An individual shall submit an application for a scholarship to the department on a form approved by the department.

(c) Form.--The scholarships shall be in the form of:

(1) Reimbursement to EMS providers who obtain certification upon successful completion of EMS training by an approved provider.

(2) Reimbursement to an EMS agency for recruitment and retention costs, which are to be determined by the department's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

(d) Administrative costs.--No more than \$50,000 of the money transferred under 3 Pa.C.S. § 1113(a)(4) may be used by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for administrative costs.

(e) Annual reports.--

(1) The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health shall prepare an annual report on the scholarships under subsection (a)(1) and the pilot program under subsection (a)(3). The report shall include all of the following information:

(i) The total number of scholarship applications received.

(ii) The total number of scholarship applications approved and the amounts funded for each recipient.

(iii) An analysis of the classes taken and the levels of education obtained through the scholarships.

(iv) The number of applications received for the pilot program.

(v) The applications approved for the pilot program.

(vi) The number of high school students served by the pilot program.

(2) The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health shall submit the annual report under paragraph (1) no later than October 1, 2023, and by October 1 of each year thereafter, to all of the following:

(i) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chair and minority chair of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Secretary of Health shall post the annual report under paragraph (1) on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

Section 10. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment of 35 Pa.C.S. §§ 7813(b)(3) and 7823(b)(3) shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, this amendment has been discussed and agreed to. Thank you.

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 third consideration, as amended?

COSTA AMENDMENT A5696 OFFERED

Senator COSTA offered the following amendment No. A5696:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Statutes," in emergency management services, providing for counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response; in emergency management assistance compact, providing for construction;

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "appeal":
; and making a related repeal

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 7 and 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 72

COUNTERTERRORISM PLANNING, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Subchapter

A. Preliminary Provisions

B. Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response

SUBCHAPTER A

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Sec.

7201. Scope of chapter.

7202. Definitions.

§ 7201. Scope of chapter.

This chapter relates to counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response.

§ 7202. 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:

"Disaster medical assistance team." A complement of individuals organized in accordance with standards developed by the agency and applicable Federal agencies to provide medical service at the scene of disasters and mass casualty incidents.

"Disaster mortuary response team." A complement of individuals organized in accordance with standards developed by the agency and applicable Federal agencies to provide mortuary service at the scene of disasters and mass casualty incidents.

"FEMA." The Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Letter of agreement." A written agreement between a regional counterterrorism task force and a public, semipublic, private or nonprofit

corporation, business, association, partnership, authority, individual or other entity that provides for:

(1) Personnel, equipment, supplies, training facilities or other resources either directly to or in support of the task force's specialized regional counterterrorism response team.

(2) Workers' compensation and death benefits.

(3) Use of county 911 communications centers, county emergency management agencies or the State emergency operations center.

(4) Member participation in training exercises, drills and actual activation and deployment.

"Municipal" or "municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town, township or home rule municipality of this Commonwealth.

"Mutual aid." A county's, municipality's or volunteer service organization's affirmative act of sending its personnel, equipment or resources to the scene of an actual or potential disaster, whether inside or outside the boundaries of this Commonwealth, in response to an official dispatch request from a county 911 communications center, county emergency management agency or the State emergency operations center.

"Mutual aid agreement." A written agreement between a regional counterterrorism task force and a county, municipality or volunteer service organization that provides for:

(1) The county, municipality or volunteer service organization to provide personnel, equipment or other resources in response to an actual or potential disaster.

(2) Workers' compensation and death benefits.

(3) Use of county 911 communications centers, county emergency management agencies or the State emergency operations center.

(4) Member participation in training exercises, drills and actual activation and deployment.

"Regional counterterrorism task force." A complement of Federal, State, county and municipal emergency management, health, law enforcement, public safety and other officials and representatives from volunteer service organizations, private business and industry, hospitals and medical care facilities and other entities within a multicounty area as determined by the agency that is responsible for conducting counterterrorism planning, training preparedness and response activities.

"Specialized regional counterterrorism response team." A complement of individuals established by a regional counterterrorism task force and organized in accordance with standards developed by the agency and applicable Federal agencies to respond to emergencies involving an actual or potential disaster. The term includes a disaster medical assistance team and disaster mortuary response team.

"Specialized Statewide response team." A complement of individuals organized by the Commonwealth to provide specialized personnel, equipment and other support capabilities in response to an actual or potential disaster in this Commonwealth. The term includes a disaster medical assistance team and disaster mortuary response team.

"Type 1 urban search and rescue task force." An urban search and rescue task force organized by the agency that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of a Type 1 urban search and rescue task force as designated by FEMA in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines.

"Urban search and rescue task force." A multidisciplinary complement of individuals organized by the agency in accordance with standards developed by the agency and FEMA to provide emergency response and search and rescue capabilities and resources at the scene of a disaster consistent with National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines.

"Volunteer service organization." A volunteer fire company, volunteer ambulance or medical company, volunteer rescue squad or any other volunteer entity organized and chartered or incorporated in this Commonwealth or chartered by the Congress of the United States for the primary purpose of providing emergency services as defined in section 7102 (relating to definitions).

SUBCHAPTER B

COUNTERTERRORISM PLANNING, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Sec.

7211. Counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response program.

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7217. Miscellaneous provisions.

7218. Commonwealth indemnification.

§ 7211. Counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response program.

(a) General rule.--The agency shall coordinate and consult with other State agencies, departments and offices, including the Office of Homeland Security of the Commonwealth, to establish, develop and maintain a counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response program to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of emergency responders, public officials and the general public from actual or potential disasters in this Commonwealth.

(b) Agency responsibilities.--The agency shall:

(1) Define the necessary components and composition of regional counterterrorism task forces and specialized regional counterterrorism response teams and the respective regional counterterrorism zones for each, but shall not be responsible for appointing individual members to the regional counterterrorism task forces or the specialized regional counterterrorism response teams.

(2) Provide training and technical assistance for counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response.

(3) Establish guidelines and policies to coordinate emergency response activities with Federal, State, county and municipal emergency management, health, law enforcement, public safety and other officials and representatives from volunteer service organizations, private business and industry, hospitals and medical care facilities and other entities responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of this Commonwealth. The agency shall consult with representatives of the regional counterterrorism task forces to develop such policies and guidelines necessary to carry out this chapter.

(4) Require the regional counterterrorism task forces to prepare counterterrorism emergency response plans or protocols, readiness evaluation reports or other documents deemed necessary by the agency.

(5) Provide grants and other funding assistance as required by this chapter.

(6) Conduct terrorist incident exercises.

(7) Provide technical assistance to regional counterterrorism task forces in developing and entering into mutual aid agreements and letters of agreement.

(8) Establish a certification program for specialized regional counterterrorism response teams that may include standards for the administration, composition, training and equipping of the teams.

§ 7212. Regional counterterrorism task forces.

(a) Establishment.--The agency, in coordination with State, county and municipal emergency management, health, law enforcement, public safety and other officials and representatives from volunteer service organizations, private business and industry, hospitals and medical care facilities and other entities responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of this Commonwealth, shall establish regional counterterrorism task forces throughout this Commonwealth.

(b) Response plans.--A regional counterterrorism task force shall prepare a counterterrorism preparedness and response plan in accordance with guidelines developed by the agency. The agency shall review and approve each plan in a timely manner, but no later than 90 days after its submission to the agency. The task force shall review and update the plan on an annual basis.

(c) Meetings.--Regional counterterrorism task force meetings that are called to discuss sensitive or classified law enforcement, terrorist threat assessment or other confidential public and private facility safety information shall not be deemed a public record subject to disclosure under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings).

§ 7213. Regional counterterrorism response and preparedness.

(a) Specialized regional counterterrorism response teams.--A regional counterterrorism task force shall establish specialized regional counterterrorism response teams.

(b) Regional counterterrorism response zones.--The agency shall establish primary and secondary regional response zones within this Commonwealth for specialized regional counterterrorism response teams. The regional response zones may consist of multiple counties or portions of several adjoining counties as determined by the agency.

(c) Activation and deployment.--A specialized regional counterterrorism response team may be activated and deployed by the Governor, the Governor's designee or an official designated by the appropriate regional counterterrorism task force.

§ 7214. Urban search and rescue task forces.

(a) Establishment.--The agency shall establish urban search and rescue task forces, including:

(1) At least one Type 1 urban search and rescue task force within a regional counterterrorism task force covering a county of the first class, which shall be called Pennsylvania Task Force 1 (PA-TF1).

(2) At least one urban search and rescue task force within a regional counterterrorism task force covering a county of the second class, which shall be called Pennsylvania Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) and, no later than January 1, 2026, shall be a Type 1 urban search and rescue task force.

(a.1) Support.--The task forces shall also provide professional, logistical, material and other forms of support to regional counterterrorism task forces and specialized regional counterterrorism response teams.

(b) Organization.--An urban search and rescue task force shall be organized in accordance with guidelines developed by the agency in coordination with FEMA and members of the task force.

(c) Responsibilities.--An urban search and rescue task force shall respond to actual or potential disasters in this Commonwealth and shall also perform search and rescue functions as delineated in The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.), the Federal Response Plan or its successor and the counterterrorism preparedness and response plans created in accordance with this chapter.

(d) Activation and deployment.--

(1) An urban search and rescue task force or any of its components, subgroups or regional elements may only be activated and deployed to the scene of a disaster by either:

(i) the Governor or the Governor's designee; or

(ii) the President of the United States or a FEMA-designated official.

(2) During an activation and deployment by the Governor, the administrative and operational costs of the task force, its individual members and their employers, State agencies and other parties shall be paid under the Governor's declaration of disaster emergency, including paying or reimbursing any parties for workers' compensation and death benefits in the event of injury or death of an urban search and rescue task force member.

(e) Workers' compensation and death benefits.--A member of an urban search and rescue task force shall be eligible to receive workers' compensation and death benefits in the event of injury or death that occurs during the period of activation or deployment.

(f) Funding, grants and donations.--In addition to money that is provided to a task force under section 7216 (relating to grant program) or the authority of section 1508 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, the urban search and rescue task force may be eligible to receive grants, donations of equipment and supplies and other funds from any source. As an agent of the Commonwealth, a task force is entitled to tax-exempt status from the Federal Government.

§ 7215. Specialized Statewide response teams.

(a) Establishment.--The Commonwealth may establish one or more specialized Statewide response teams. These specialized statewide response teams shall also provide professional, logistical, material and other forms of support to the regional counterterrorism task forces and specialized regional counterterrorism response teams organized in this Commonwealth. The Commonwealth may enter into an agreement with a One Call System as defined in the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, for the provision of specialized communications services.

(b) Organization and responsibilities.--Specialized Statewide response teams shall be organized in accordance with guidelines developed by the Commonwealth in consultation with applicable Federal or State agencies.

(c) Activation.--Specialized Statewide response teams may only be activated and deployed to the scene of a disaster by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

§ 7216. Grant program.

(a) Authorization.--The agency may make grants to regional counterterrorism task forces, specialized regional counterterrorism response teams, specialized Statewide response teams and urban search and rescue task forces to assist them in carrying out this chapter, including entering into letters of agreement or mutual aid agreements or providing mutual aid.

(b) Grants and funding.--Regional counterterrorism task forces, specialized regional counterterrorism response teams, specialized Statewide response teams and urban search and rescue task forces may receive grants and funding from the Federal Government and the Commonwealth through application to the agency or other entity providing grants or funding for the purposes of this chapter.

(c) Limitation.--Grants shall only be made by the agency to the extent that funding is available.

§ 7217. Miscellaneous provisions.

(a) Immunity from liability.--The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331 (relating to medical good Samaritan civil immunity), 8332 (relating to emergency response provider and bystander good Samaritan civil immunity) or 8332.4 (relating to volunteer-in-public-service negligence standard) shall apply to a member of a specialized regional counterterrorism response team, an urban search and rescue task force or a specialized Statewide response team and an individual who provides logistical, material or other forms of emergency response support to a team or task force during activation or deployment of a team or task force to a potential or actual disaster or while engaged in a task force or team drill or training exercise.

(b) Effect on workers' compensation premiums.--Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit an insurer to raise workers' compensation premiums due to the participation or membership of a county, municipality, volunteer service organization, individual or employer on a regional counterterrorism task force, specialized regional counterterrorism response team, specialized Statewide response team or urban search and rescue task force.

§ 7218. Commonwealth indemnification.

The Commonwealth shall indemnify a county or municipality for costs related to damaged county or municipal property that results from participation in a regional counterterrorism task force, specialized regional counterterrorism response team or specialized Statewide response team response only when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The county or municipality is responding upon activation or deployment by the Governor.

(2) The damage to county or municipal property occurs outside of the primary regional counterterrorism response zone.

(3) The county's or municipality's insurance does not cover the property damage.

(4) The property damage was not caused by the willful misconduct of the county or municipality or any of its employees or agents.

Section 2. Title 35 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 7605. Construction.

For purposes of Article VI of the compact, "officers or employees of a party state" shall be construed to include urban search and rescue task forces as defined in section 7202 (relating to definitions) that are assets of the Federal Emergency Management Agency or Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the components, subgroups and regional elements of the task forces based in this Commonwealth.

Section 3. Section 79A24(a) of Title 35 is amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:

Section 4. Repeals are as follows:

(1) The General Assembly finds that the repeals under paragraphs (2) and (3) are necessary to effectuate the addition of 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 72.

(2) The definitions, excluding the definitions of "department" and "local health department," in section 102 of the act of December 16, 2002 (P.L.1967, No.227), known as the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act, are repealed.

(3) Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act, is repealed.

Section 5. The addition of 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 72 is a continuation of Chapter 2 of the act of December 16, 2002 (P.L.1967, No.227), known as the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act. The following apply:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 72, all activities initiated under Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning,

Preparedness and Response Act, shall continue and remain in full force and effect and may be completed under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 72. Orders, regulations, rules and decisions which were made under Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act and which are in effect on the effective date of this section shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, vacated or modified under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 72. Contracts, obligations and collective bargaining agreements entered into under Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act are not affected nor impaired by the repeal of Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act.

(2) Except as set forth in paragraph (3), any difference in language between 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 72 and Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act 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 Chapter 2 of the Counterterrorism Planning, Preparedness and Response Act.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply to the addition of the following provisions:

(i) The definitions of "Type 1 urban search and rescue task force" and "urban search and rescue task force" in 35 Pa.C.S. § 7202.

(ii) 35 Pa.C.S. § 7212(b).

(iii) 35 Pa.C.S. § 7214(a) and (a.1).

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, this amendment adds a new chapter to Title 35, Chapter 72, which would establish and create a counterterrorism planning, preparedness, and response subchapter. Essentially, what this would do, Mr. President, would be creating a task force and the like--emergency response--to establish, develop, and maintain counterterrorism planning and preparedness and response; and the goal is to promote and protect health, safety, and welfare of our residents, of our EMS responders, as well as police officers and the public, as I mentioned earlier. Protect them from either actual or perceived dangers, or perceived or actual disasters that may occur.

This issue came to light, really, in my western part of the State. I happen to live close to the Fern Hollow Bridge incident that occurred, where the bridge collapsed a number of months ago. And before I go any further, I want to thank my colleagues for the support in allowing the emergency declaration to proceed, to allow that process to move forward, and to quickly get that bridge back up and operational. But what we have realized was, that while we were very fortunate and blessed to not have any fatalities, we did have some folks who were injured. Response time, for folks who are really well-versed in this space, we were fortunate that it was a 5:45 or 6 a.m. incident. But what would have happened had there been more folks on the bridge during the collapse, for example, or any other type of disaster? Response time is extremely critical, and having an emergency response team that hails from the eastern part of the State makes it very difficult to travel across central Pennsylvania or western PA to be able to respond to these incidents. Time is of the essence, and that is why it is important that we recognize that while it is great and we have one very good emergency response team that functions out of southeast PA, we believe it is necessary to have a second one in western Pennsylvania that would allow for us to have two rescue

operations along those lines: one in the west and one in the east to quickly respond.

I recognize that funding has been a concern that has been raised. We have already provided an excess of--or close to--\$5 million to this second rescue operation in this past budget. We know more needs to be done, and we need to take steps to be able to address that. This is a measure that has been discussed in the House as well in a bipartisan way, and I happened to stand with a number of my colleagues over the course of the past, probably 2 or 3 weeks ago, with the Fire Academy in Allegheny County, where we learned a lot about the rescue efforts that need to take place and how essential this program is. More importantly, about the number of dedicated individuals who are well-trained and specialized training that they receive to deal with these types of incidents that do not occur that often, but when they do, it is critical that we have an emergency response team in place to respond quickly. So, for all those reasons, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in accepting this amendment to be able to advance a second emergency response team in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, we are short on time to get this bill done, and I do think the amendment is worthy of further discussion. The intent, I think, is very worthy of further discussion. But respectfully, I ask for a "no" vote on the amendment.

COSTA AMENDMENT A5696 WITHDRAWN

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I ask for an affirmative vote, obviously, and I appreciate the gentlewoman's willingness to be able to work with us. I am not so sure I want to go through an exercise where we vote "no" on this measure, because I do think it is an important measure to advance, and I do not want to do anything that is going to disrupt the process going forward. I accept the opportunity to work with the Majority Leader as we go forward next year to be able to work to advance this measure. I know that there is a measure in the House that would also be advancing. So, that being said, in lieu of having folks cast a negative or affirmative vote on this measure, I respectfully withdraw the amendment to ensure that we have a positive step going forward and accept the ability to be able to work with the Majority Leader and others to advance the legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you, Senator Costa. Your amendment is withdrawn on House Bill No. 397.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 492 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 822 (Pr. No. 1001) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for museum unclaimed loaned property.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from York, Senator Phillips-Hill.

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 822. This legislation would allow Pennsylvania's private and not-for-profit museums and historical societies to establish ownership to property that has been donated or left with them when the lender cannot be found. This legislation will allow more efficient use of museum funds and assist museums in conveying, displaying, and when necessary, ethically disposing of abandoned, unclaimed, or unsolicited property. Museums and historical societies are faced with ownership issues related to abandoned or unclaimed property in their possession. When a lender of property is deceased or unable to be located, it may be difficult for museums to exhibit, conserve, or dispose of the property without incurring liability. Senate Bill No. 822 establishes a process for museums while enacting protections and safeguards for rightful owners. Frequently, the unclaimed or abandoned property in question is not of high monetary value and came into the museum's inventory many decades ago. Thankfully, more recent documentation standards for acquisition and lending of property have greatly reduced the creation of new, unclaimed property issues. However, when an issue does arise, an established process will be crucial to ensure rightful ownership of the property and less confusion for the museum or historical society. I respectfully ask my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Gebhard and Senator Kim Ward.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, no leaves.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Gebhard and Senator Kim Ward. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 987 (Pr. No. 1000) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1031, SB 1135, SB 1160, SB 1161, SB 1226, SB 1227, SB 1228 and SB 1229 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS AMENDED

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

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

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

BROWNE AMENDMENT A5695 AGREED TO

Senator BROWNE offered the following amendment No. A5695:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 6 and 7:

(7) The executive director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, or a designee, who shall serve as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 7, by striking out "(7)" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by striking out "(8)" and inserting:

(9)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out "(9)" and inserting:

(10)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 13, by striking out "(10)" and inserting:

(11)

Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by striking out "(11)" and inserting:

(12)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 17, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(13) Three judges who routinely preside over criminal or juvenile cases

Amend Bill, page 4, line 21, by striking out "(13)" and inserting:

(14)

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "2-A class" and inserting:

second class A

Amend Bill, page 5, line 2, by striking out "One public defender" and inserting:

Two public defenders

Amend Bill, page 5, line 17, by striking out "AND (6)" and inserting:

(6) and (7)

Amend Bill, page 12, line 1, by striking out "COUNTY" and inserting:

grant recipient

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

It was agreed to.

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

HB 1486 (Pr. No. 3315) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

ROBINSON AMENDMENT A5855 AGREED TO

Senator ROBINSON offered the following amendment No. A5855:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, further providing for definitions, for electronic toll collection and for annual hearing; in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, further providing for display of registration plate, providing for Afghanistan and Iraq veterans plate and for Blue Star Family plate and further providing for suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for provisions relating to fare evasion.

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. The definitions of "electronic toll collection" and "violation enforcement system" in section 8102 of Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

§ 8102. 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:

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"Electronic toll collection." A system of collecting tolls or charges that is capable of charging an account holder or a registered vehicle owner for the prescribed toll [by electronic transmission of information between a device on a vehicle and a device in a toll lane at a toll collection facility.] based on the automatic identification and classification of vehicles using electronic systems. The term includes a system of open road tolls, video tolls or other similar structural or technological enhancements pertaining to tolls.

"Electronic toll collection device." A piece of mechanical or electrical equipment used for electronic toll collection.

"Flat video toll." A toll rate that does not vary based on a video image which is charged to an account when the commission is able to match a license plate image to an account in good standing.

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"Toll collection system." A vehicle sensor, placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection facility, which automatically produces a videotape or photograph, microphotograph or other recorded image of a vehicle, at the time the vehicle travels through a tolling point. The term includes any other technology which identifies a vehicle by photographic, mechanical, electronic or other method.

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"Video toll." A toll based on a vehicle's license plate image when a valid electronic toll collection device is not read as the vehicle travels through a tolling point.

"[Violation enforcement system." A vehicle sensor, placed in a location to work in conjunction with a toll collection facility, which automatically produces a videotape or photograph, microphotograph or other recorded image of the rear portion of each vehicle at the time the vehicle is used or operated in violation of the toll collection regulations. The term includes any other technology which identifies a vehicle by photographic, electronic or other method.]

Section 2. Section 8117(a), (b) and (d) of Title 74 are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 8117. Electronic toll collection.

(a) Liability of owner.--

(1) If an operator of a vehicle fails to pay the prescribed toll at any location where tolls are collected by means of electronic toll collection, the owner of the vehicle shall be liable to the commission for failure of the operator of the vehicle to comply with this section if the violation is evidenced by information obtained from a [violation enforcement] toll collection system.

(2) [If a violation of this section is committed, the] The registration plate number of the vehicle as recorded by a [violation enforcement] toll collection system shall establish an inference that the owner of the vehicle was then operating the vehicle. The inference

shall be overcome if the owner [does all of] provides a written statement indicating the following:

(i) [Testifies that] that the owner was not operating the vehicle at the time of [the violation].

(ii) Submits to an examination as to who at the time was operating the vehicle.

(iii) Reveals the name and residence address, if known,] travel; and

(iv) the name and residence address of the operator of the vehicle at the time of travel.

(3) [If an action or proceeding is commenced in a county other than that of the residence of the owner, a verified written statement setting forth the facts prescribed under paragraph (2)(i), (ii) and (iii) shall suffice to overcome the inference.] Failure to send the required information within 30 days of the original invoice date shall result in the owner being liable for the total amount due.

(4) If the inference is overcome, the operator of the vehicle at the time of travel may be held liable under this section for failure to pay the prescribed toll in the same manner as if the operator were the owner of the vehicle.

(b) Imposition of liability.—Liability under this section shall be imposed upon an owner for [a violation of] failure to pay the prescribed toll charges assessed under this section or the regulations of the commission occurring within the territorial limits of this Commonwealth. [If a violation is committed as evidenced by a violation enforcement] Based on evidence obtained by a toll collection system, the following shall apply:

(1) The commission or an authorized agent or employee must prepare and mail [a notice of violation] an invoice assessing the toll charges incurred as follows:

(i) The [notice of violation] invoice must be sent by first class mail to each person alleged to be liable as an owner [for a violation of this section].

(ii) The [notice] invoice must be mailed at the address shown on the vehicle registration or at the address of the operator, as applicable. [Notice] The invoice must be mailed no later than 60 days after:

(A) the [alleged conduct] date of travel; or

(B) the date the inference is overcome under subsection (a)(2).

(iii) Personal service is not required.

(iv) The [notice] invoice must contain all of the following:

(A) Information advising the person charged of the manner and time in which the [liability alleged] toll charges in the [notice] invoice may be contested.

(B) A warning advising the person charged that failure to contest the invoice in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an admission of liability [and that a default judgment may be entered on the notice] for the total amount due.

(1.1) A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the mailing of [notice] the invoice.

(1.2) If mail, other than unclaimed mail, is returned undelivered, the commission may obtain address information from sources, such as the United States Postal Service, debt collection services, reviews of telephone directories or related skip-tracing practices, to locate an alternative address for the vehicle owner or the address of the operator, as applicable.

(2) If an owner of a vehicle or an owner that is a lessor of a vehicle receives [a notice of violation] an invoice under this section for any time period during which the vehicle was reported to a police department as having been stolen, it shall be a defense to the allegation of liability that the vehicle had been reported to the police as having been stolen prior to the time the [violation] travel occurred and that the vehicle had not been recovered by the time of the [violation] travel. For purposes of asserting the defense under this paragraph, it shall be sufficient that a certified copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle be sent by first class mail to the commission within 30 days after receiving the original [notice of violation] invoice. Failure to send the information within the time limit under this paragraph shall render the owner or lessor liable for the [penalty] tolls and fees assessed in the invoice as prescribed by this section.

(3) An owner that is a lessor of a vehicle as to which [a notice of violation] an invoice was issued under paragraph (1) shall not be liable for [a violation] tolls assessed in the invoice if the owner sends to the commission a copy of the rental, lease or other contract document covering the vehicle on the date of [the violation] travel, with the name and address of the lessee clearly legible to the commission, within 30 days after receiving the original [notice of violation] invoice. Failure to send the information within the time limit under this paragraph shall render the lessor liable for the [penalty] tolls and fees assessed in the invoice as prescribed by this section. If the lessor complies with the provisions of this section, the lessee of the vehicle on the date of [the violation] travel shall be deemed to be the owner of the vehicle for purposes of this section and shall be subject to liability for the [penalty] tolls and fees assessed in the invoice under this section.

(4) A certified report or a facsimile report of an authorized agent or employee of the commission reporting a violation of this section or regulations of the commission based upon the recorded information obtained from a [violation enforcement] toll collection system shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the report and shall be admissible as an official record kept in the ordinary course of business in any proceeding charging a violation of this section or the toll collection regulations of the commission.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, videotapes, photographs, microphotographs, other recorded images, written records, reports or facsimiles prepared pursuant to this section shall be for the exclusive use of the commission, its authorized agents, its employees and law enforcement officials for the purpose of discharging duties under this section and the regulations of the commission. The information shall not be deemed a public record under the act of [June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to as the Right-to-Know Law] February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law. The information shall not be discoverable by court order or otherwise; nor shall it be offered in evidence in any action or proceeding which is not directly related to a violation of this section, the regulations of the commission or indemnification for liability imposed pursuant to this section. The restrictions set forth in this paragraph:

(i) shall not be deemed to preclude a court of competent jurisdiction from issuing an order directing that the information be provided to law enforcement officials if the information is reasonably described and is requested solely in connection with a criminal law enforcement action;

(ii) shall not be deemed to preclude the exchange of the information between any entities with jurisdiction over or which operate [an electronic] a toll collection system in this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction; and

(iii) shall not be deemed to prohibit the use of information exclusively for the purpose of billing electronic toll collection [account holders] accounts, deducting toll charges from [the account of an account holder] accounts, enforcing toll collection laws and related regulations or enforcing the provisions of [an account holder agreement] accounts.

(6) An imposition of liability under this section must be based upon a preponderance of evidence.

(7) An imposition of liability pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction of an owner and shall not be made part of the motor vehicle operating record of the person upon whom the liability is imposed, nor shall it be considered in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(8) An owner that admits, is found liable or fails to [respond to the notice of violation for] pay the invoice resulting in a violation of this section shall be civilly liable to the commission for all of the following:

(i) Either:

(A) the amount of the toll evaded or attempted to be evaded if the amount can be determined; or

(B) the maximum toll from the farthest point of entry on the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the actual point of exit if the amount of the toll evaded or attempted to be evaded cannot be determined.

(ii) A reasonable administrative fee not to exceed \$35 per notification.

(9) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability of the operator of a vehicle for a violation of this section or of the regulations of the commission.

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(d) Privacy of electronic toll collection [account holder] information.--

(1) Except as set forth under paragraph (2), notwithstanding any other provision of law, all of the following apply to information kept by the commission, its authorized agents or its employees which is related to [the] an account [of an] for electronic toll collection [system account holder] and any information collected by a toll collection system:

(i) The information shall be for the exclusive use of the commission, its authorized agents, its employees and law enforcement officials for the purpose of discharging their duties pursuant to this section and the regulations of the commission. This subparagraph includes names, addresses, account numbers, account balances, personal financial information, vehicle movement records and other information compiled [from transactions with the account holders] by a toll collection system.

(ii) The information shall not be deemed a public record under the Right-to-Know Law, nor shall it be discoverable by court order or otherwise or be offered in evidence in any action or proceeding which is not directly related to the discharge of duties under this section, the regulations of the commission or a violation of the terms in an account [holder agreement].

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be deemed to do any of the following:

(i) Preclude a court of competent jurisdiction from issuing an order directing that the information be provided to law enforcement officials if the information is reasonably described and is requested solely in connection with a criminal law enforcement action.

(ii) Preclude the exchange of the information between any entities with jurisdiction over or which operate [an electronic] a toll collection system in this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction.

(iii) Prohibit the use of the information exclusively for the purpose of billing electronic toll collection [account holders] accounts, deducting toll charges from [the] an account [of an account holder], enforcing toll collection laws and related regulations or enforcing the provisions of an account [holder agreement].

(d.1) Notice for posting video toll or flat video toll to customer account.--

(1) The commission shall indicate on an account statement if a video toll has been posted to the customer's account, including the date and the dollar amount of the video toll.

(2) The commission shall post notice on its publicly accessible Internet website indicating an account may be charged a flat video toll if the commission is unable to match a license plate image.

(3) The commission shall notify the account upon the posting of the first flat video toll to the account in a calendar year in accordance with the preferences indicated in the account. The notification shall include:

(i) Information on proper placement of the electronic toll collection device.

(ii) Information regarding replacement of the electronic toll collection device.

(iii) Notice that failure to respond may result in additional flat video tolls and administrative fees posted to the account.

(iv) Other information as determined by the commission.

(4) The commission shall provide for an appeal process.

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Section 3. Section 8121 of Title 74 is amended to read:

§ 8121. Annual hearing and reports.

(a) Duty to testify.--Upon request, at least one commission member shall testify at a public hearing before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives each year to present information on turnpike operations and coordination with other State agencies.

(b) Duty to report.--

(1) No later than October 1, 2022, and each October 1 thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly summarizing toll revenues that are collected and uncollected, and projected to be collected and uncollected, including the reasons that the toll revenues are uncollected, during the prior fiscal year.

(2) The report shall be submitted to the following:

(i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

(3) The report shall include the following information:

(i) The dollar amount of toll revenues collected and projected to be collected during the prior fiscal year.

(ii) The dollar amount and percentage of toll revenues collected and projected to be collected during the prior fiscal year by collection method.

(iii) The dollar amount and percentage of tolls uncollected and projected to be uncollected during the prior fiscal year.

(iv) A breakdown of uncollected tolls detailing the reason for failure to collect, including an unreadable or missing license plate, an undeliverable address or an unpaid invoice.

(c) Feasibility study.--

(1) The commission shall conduct a feasibility study to assess alternative electronic toll collection payment options. The study shall include:

(i) A review of third-party organizations that process accounts and transactions for toll collection through electronic funds transfer.

(ii) A review of electronic push notification alerts with the goal of posting a notification within 24 hours of the transaction posting to a customer's account or as soon as practicable if a valid account is not recognized at the time of the transaction.

(iii) Review of the commission's existing customer payment application.

(iv) Recommendations from the commission.

(2) The study shall be completed within one year of the effective date of this subsection and copies shall be submitted to the following:

(i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 1324. Contributions for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

(a) General rule.--Within one year of the effective date of this section, the department shall provide for all of the following:

(1) Ability of a person renewing a driver's license or identification card electronically through the department's publicly accessible Internet website to make a contribution of \$5 to the Children's Trust Fund.

(2) Ability of a person renewing a vehicle registration electronically through the department's publicly accessible Internet website to make a contribution of \$5 to the Children's Trust Fund.

(b) Implementation.--

(1) A contribution under subsection (a) shall be added, as appropriate, to the regular fee for:

(i) a renewal of a driver's license or identification card; and

(ii) a renewal of a vehicle registration.

(2) One contribution under subsection (a) may be made for:

(i) each renewal of a driver's license or identification card;

and

(ii) each renewal of a vehicle registration.

(c) Use.--Contributions made under subsection (a) shall be used by the Children's Trust Fund Board exclusively for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

(d) Deposits.--The department shall determine annually the total amount designated under this section and shall report the amount to the State Treasurer who shall transfer the amount from the Motor License Fund to the Children's Trust Fund.

(e) Information.--The department shall provide adequate information concerning the contribution for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in its instructions for the applicants described in subsection (a). The information concerning the contribution shall include the address of

the Children's Trust Fund to which contributions may be sent by individuals wishing to make additional contributions.

(f) Reporting.--The Children's Trust Fund Board shall include in its annual report required under section 5(6) of the act of December 15, 1988 (P.L.1235, No.151), known as the Children's Trust Fund Act, the amount received from the contributions authorized by this section and how the funds were used.

(g) Reimbursement.--The Children's Trust Fund shall reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by the department in the administration of this section.

(h) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Children's Trust Fund." The fund created under section 8 of the Children's Trust Fund Act.

"Children's Trust Fund Board." The board created under section 4 of the Children's Trust Fund Act.

Section 5. Section 1332(b) of Title 75 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 1332. Display of registration plate.

(b) Obscuring plate.--It is unlawful to display on any vehicle a registration plate which:

(1) is so dirty as to prevent the reading of the number or letters thereon at a reasonable distance;

(2) is illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise obstructed in any manner which inhibits the proper operation of an automated red light enforcement system in place pursuant to section 3116 (relating to automated red light enforcement systems in first class cities) or 3117 (relating to automated red light enforcement systems in certain municipalities) or any other automated enforcement system authorized by this title or an electronic toll collection system as authorized under 74 Pa.C.S. § 8117 (relating to electronic toll collection);

(3) is [otherwise] illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise obstructed in any manner at a reasonable distance [or is obscured in any manner; or];

(4) is illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise obstructed in [a] any manner which inhibits the visibility of the issuing jurisdiction at a reasonable distance[.]; or

(5) has a tinted plate cover.

(b.1) Construction.--Nothing under subsection (b) shall be construed to prohibit a vehicle from being affixed with a registration plate frame that minimally outlines the registration plate in such a manner that the registration plate's number and issuing jurisdiction is identifiable by an automated enforcement system under subsection (b)(2) or by law enforcement.

Section 6. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

§ 1363.1. Afghanistan and Iraq veterans plate.

Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the liberation or occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq, accompanied by a fee of \$23 which shall be in addition to the registration fee and by documentation as the department shall require, the department shall issue to the person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq. The special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 18 and 19:

Section 7. Sections 1380(a)(1), (c)(2), (d), (e) and (h) and 6110.1(c) and (f) of Title 75 are amended to read:

§ 1380. Suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls.

(a) General rule.--

(1) The department shall suspend the registration of a vehicle upon notification from a tolling entity that the owner or registrant of the vehicle has either:

(i) failed to pay or defaulted in the payment of [six] four or more [violations] invoices issued under 74 Pa.C.S. § 8116(a) (relating to collection and disposition of tolls and other revenue) or 8117(a)(1) (relating to electronic toll collection), including violation notices issued prior to March 16, 2020, or other law, regulation, ordinance or standard applicable to the toll collection or payment requirements for a tolling entity; or

(ii) incurred unpaid tolls or administrative fees or costs that collectively total a minimum of [\$500] \$250, regardless of the number of [violations] unpaid invoices.

(c) Notice to department.--

(2) When a tolling entity has provided notice under this subsection and all of the [violations] unpaid invoices are subsequently paid, dismissed, reversed on appeal or canceled, the tolling entity shall notify the department electronically in a format prescribed by the department of the disposition of the [violation] unpaid invoice and shall provide the owner or registrant with a release from the suspension.

(d) Period of suspension.--A suspension under subsection (a) shall continue until the department receives notice from the tolling entity that the [violations] unpaid invoices are paid, dismissed, reversed on appeal or canceled or the owner or registrant enters into an agreement with the tolling entity to make installment payments for tolls, administrative fees and costs imposed and pays the fee prescribed in section 1960 (relating to reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle registration), provided that the suspension may be reimposed by the department if the owner or registrant fails to make regular installment payments.

(e) Additional suspension.--The department shall impose an additional period of registration suspension if, subsequent to the issuance of a suspension under subsection (a) but prior to the restoration of the registration, the department is notified by the tolling entity that the owner or registrant has failed to pay, failed to respond or defaulted in the payment of an additional [violation] invoice issued under 74 Pa.C.S. § 8116(a) (relating to collection and disposition of tolls and other revenue) or 8117(a)(1).

(h) [Three-year statute] Statute of limitations.--No suspension may be imposed based upon a violation of 74 Pa.C.S. § 8117(a)(1) or similar provision from another state more than [three] five years after the violation is committed.

§ 6110.1. Fare evasion.

(c) Construction.--Prosecution of a violation of this section shall not preclude prosecution under section 1332 (relating to display of registration plate), 1380 (relating to suspension of registration upon unpaid tolls), 7122 (relating to altered, forged or counterfeit documents and plates) or 7124 (relating to fraudulent use or removal of registration plate).

(f) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "affirmative action" includes:

(1) [removing a license plate from a vehicle to impede electronic toll collection;] operating a vehicle without a license plate and valid vehicle registration;

(2) operating a vehicle without a valid electronic toll collection device and installing a mechanism which rotates, changes, blocks or otherwise mechanically alters the ability of a license plate to be read by a [violation enforcement system] toll collection system;

(3) installing a [mechanical apparatus] device upon a vehicle which serves the sole purpose of masking, hiding or manipulating the true weight of the vehicle as it appears to a mechanical scale;

(4) conspiring with an individual or group of individuals to alter, lower or evade payment of correct tolls; [and]

(5) unauthorized use of a Pennsylvania Turnpike private gate access or otherwise unauthorized movement entering or exiting the turnpike other than at approved [interchanges.] tolling points; and

(6) operating a vehicle without a valid electronic toll collection device and altering, obstructing, covering, distorting, manipulating or removing a license plate from a vehicle to impede electronic toll collection.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "in 120 days." and inserting:

as follows:

(1) The following shall take effect immediately:

(i) This section.

- (ii) The amendment or addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1332(b)(2), (3) and (4) and (b.1).
- (2) The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1324 shall take effect in 180 days.
- (3) The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1363.1 and 1366.2 shall take effect in 120 days.
- (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

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

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, my amendment No. A5855 will allow veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan to apply for a special license plate. Authorized registration plate frames and banned, tinted plate covers require the Turnpike Commission to provide notice for V-toll violations and other reports and also provide for contributions when renewing online licenses. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on amendment No. A5855 to House Bill No. 1486.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Flynn.

Senator FLYNN. Mr. President, I rise to express my support of amendment No. A5855 to House Bill No. 1486. This amendment, among other measures, includes provisions that will help recoup some of the more than \$150 million uncollected turnpike tolls and reestablish public confidence in the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The language has been taken from what I proposed in the turnpike reform package—a group of bills that received support from not only my constituents, but also from many across Pennsylvania. Pennsylvanians want answers and solutions to the inconsistency with toll collecting across the Commonwealth, and the legislation I wrote delivers on that. Specifically, these measures would require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to submit an annual report to the General Assembly that outlines revenue from collected tolls as well as missed revenue from uncollected tolls during the prior fiscal year. It would also lower the threshold needed to trigger a registration suspension from six unpaid tolls to four, or from \$500 in total unpaid dues to \$250. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and House Bill No. 1486, as amended. Thank you.

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

RECONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT A5855

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which amendment No. A5855 was agreed to.

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

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

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, this amendment also includes language from my Senate Bill No. 1357, which protects Pennsylvania drivers from the recent Commonwealth Court decision that effectively made license plate frames illegal in Pennsylvania. The decision not only put an incredible amount of Pennsylvanians at risk for being pulled over for simply having a frame around their plates from their local car dealer or favorite sports team, but it also put an unreasonable expectation on law enforcement to consistently apply the ruling. This legislation would clarify the statute to make it clear: only the necessary identifiable information of the plate is needed to be visible. It also outright bans the use of tinted covers on license plates that have caused enforcement issues for automated plate readers and law enforcement statewide. I would like to personally thank Senator Langerholc and his executive director for the Committee on Transportation, Nolan Ritchie, for working to include this language in this amendment and for their assistance throughout the drafting process. I urge my colleagues for a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-46

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

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

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

COMITTA AMENDMENT A5715 AGREED TO

Senator COMITTA offered the following amendment No. A5715:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out "Blue" in line 2 and all of line 3 and inserting:
pollinator conservation registration plate and for Blue Star Family plate;
and, in fees, further providing for payments to special funds and establishing the Pollinator Habitat Program Fund.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "a section" and inserting:
sections

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 7 and 8:

§ 1352.2. Pollinator conservation registration plate.

The department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, shall design a special pollinator conservation registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$38 which shall be in addition to the registration fee, the department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds. The Pollinator Habitat Program Fund shall receive \$25 of the fee paid by the applicant for the plate.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 18 and 19:

Section 2. Section 1905 of Title 75 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 1905. Payments to special funds.

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(d) Pollinator Habitat Program Fund.--Twenty-five dollars of each fee received under section 1352.2 (relating to pollinator conservation registration plate) shall be credited to the Pollinator Habitat Program Fund, established as follows:

(1) The Pollinator Habitat Program Fund is established as a special fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of providing support for roadside pollinator initiatives.

(2) All money in the Pollinator Habitat Program Fund is annually appropriated to the department and may be expended for the purposes authorized under this subsection.

(3) Estimates of amounts to be expended under this subsection shall be submitted to the Governor by the department for approval.

(4) The State Treasurer shall not honor any requisition for expenditures by the department in excess of estimates approved by the Governor or in excess of the amount available for the purposes for which the requisition was made, whichever is the lesser amount.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator COMMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today in support of this amendment, which is based on legislation I introduced in the Senate to establish the pollinator conservation license plate and the Pollinator Habitat Program fund. We are all very concerned about pollinator decline and the loss of pollinator habitat. In my Chester County district, municipalities and organizations are currently installing pollinator gardens in parks, downtowns, suburban areas, and along roadsides. This is a simple way motorists can raise awareness of the need to protect pollinators and raise funds to support pollinator programs. The amendment is revenue neutral and has no cost to taxpayers. I ask for a "yes" vote, and I hope that we can come together to support other legislative initiatives to protect pollinators and promote pollinator habitat growth.

Thanks very much, Mr. President.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1546 (Pr. No. 3569) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL AMENDED AND REREFERRED

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

BROOKS AMENDMENT A5829 AGREED TO

Senator BROOKS offered the following amendment No. A5829:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "obligations":
; and abrogating regulations

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 13 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 5; by striking out "means any of the following:" in line 13, all of lines 14 through 30 on page 2 and all of lines 1 through 5 on page 3 and inserting: shall have the same meaning as in section 449.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

Section 2. The following provisions of 55 Pa. Code are abrogated:

- (1) Section 1153.14(1) (relating to noncovered services).
- (2) Section 1223.14(2) (relating to noncovered services).
- (3) Section 5230.55(c) (relating to supervision) to the extent that it requires a face-to-face meeting.
- (4) Section 1121.53(c) (relating to limitations on payment) to the extent that payment for prescriptions is limited to a 34-day supply or 100 units.

(5) To the extent permitted under Federal law:

(i) Section 1249.52(a)(1) (relating to payment conditions for various services) and section 1249.53(a)(1) (relating to payment conditions for skilled nursing care) to the extent that home health services are only covered and reimbursable under the medical assistance program if a physician orders the services and establishes the plan of treatment.

(ii) Section 1249.54(a)(3) (relating to payment conditions for home health aide services) to the extent that a home health aide service is only covered and reimbursable under the medical assistance program if a physician establishes the written plan of treatment and, if skilled care is not required, certifies that the personal care services are medically necessary.

Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

- (1) This section shall take effect immediately.
- (2) Section 2 of this act shall take effect immediately.
- (3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, first, this amendment revises the definition of a "pharmacy benefit management" in House Bill No. 1630 to be consistent with the language used in the Human Services Code for the same term. Secondly, it incorporates a few remaining COVID-19 waiver flexibilities into law by abrogating regulations in our State's Medicaid program once the current Act 30 of 2022 waiver extensions end on October 31. This abrogation of regulation allows for audio-only, outpatient psychiatric services to improve access to these services where broadband is not available and appointments by phone are the only option; telehealth services in outpatient drug and alcohol clinic services to ensure better access to these services when individuals are trying to juggle a job, a family, transportation, and their treatment; virtual supervision for psychiatric rehabilitation services; payment for pharmacists dispensing prescriptions greater than one month's supply; and also permits physician assistants and nurse practitioners to order home care, home health services, and personal care services under the supervision of a physician. The abrogation of these regulations is effective immediately and the remainder of House Bill No. 1630 will take effect in 60 days.

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 third consideration, as amended?

FONTANA AMENDMENT A5852 OFFERED

Senator FONTANA offered the following amendment No. A5852:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "obligations":
; and providing for carbon monoxide alarm standards in child-care facilities

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE VIII-J

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM STANDARDS IN CHILD-CARE FACILITIES

Section 801-J. Definitions.

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

"Approved carbon monoxide alarm." The term includes:

(1) A single or multiple station carbon monoxide alarm listed as complying with the Standard for Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms (ANSI/UL2034) or a carbon monoxide detector listed as complying with the Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors (ANSI/UL2075) installed in accordance with this article.

(2) A device that may be combined with a smoke alarm or smoke detector if the combined smoke alarm or smoke detector meets all of the following:

(i) Complies with either of the following:

(A) The Standard for Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms (ANSI/UL2034) for carbon monoxide alarms and the Standard for Single and Multiple Station Smoke Alarms (ANSI/UL217) for smoke alarms.

(B) The Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors (ANSI/UL2075) for carbon monoxide detectors and the Standard for Safety for Smoke Detectors for Fire Alarm Systems (ANSI/UL268) for smoke detectors.

(ii) Emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates between detecting the presence of carbon monoxide and the presence of smoke.

(3) A carbon monoxide detection system that includes carbon monoxide detectors and audible notification appliances that are installed and maintained in accordance with the National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code (NFPA 72) and the Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment (NFPA 720) and are in compliance with the Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors (ANSI/UL2075).

"Child care." Care in lieu of parental care given for part of the day to a child under 16 years of age away from the child's own home. The term does not include child care furnished in places of worship during religious services.

"Child-care facility." Any of the following:

(1) A premises in which child care is provided for a period exceeding 24 hours for a child under 16 years of age who is not a relative of the operator and who is not accompanied by a parent, individual standing in loco parentis or legal guardian. For purposes of this paragraph, the term does not include a premises selected for care of a child by a parent, individual standing in loco parentis or legal guardian for a period of 30 days or less or a facility operated under social service auspices.

(2) A premises in which child care is provided simultaneously for seven or more children who are not relatives of the operator, except a facility operated under social service auspices.

(3) A home where child care is provided at any time to no less than four children and no more than six children who are not relatives of the caregiver.

(4) A nursery school that is licensed and regulated by the Commonwealth.

"Fossil fuel." Coal, kerosene, oil, wood, fuel gases and other petroleum or hydrocarbon products which emit carbon monoxide as a by-product of combustion.

"Installed." A carbon monoxide alarm that is hardwired into the electrical wiring, directly plugged into an electrical outlet without a switch, other than a circuit breaker, or, if the alarm is battery-powered, attached to the wall or ceiling of a unit of a child-care facility, in accordance with the Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment (NFPA 720).

"Operational." Working and in service.

"Unit." A room or suite of two or more rooms that is occupied as a residence, intended or designed to be occupied as a residence, or is occupied by a client of a child-care facility.

Section 802-J. Administration.

Nothing in this article is intended to modify the authority and responsibilities of the Department of Labor and Industry under the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

Section 803-J. Carbon monoxide alarm requirements.

Each building in which a child-care facility is in operation, which uses a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage, must have an operational, centrally located and approved carbon monoxide alarm installed in the vicinity of the fossil-fuel-burning heater or fireplace and in every unit that is located on the same story as the fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance within 18 months of the effective date of this section.

Section 804-J. Licensure.

(a) General rule.--Except as provided under subsection (b), the department may not issue or renew a license for a child-care facility supervised or licensed under Article IX or X if the child-care facility fails to meet the requirements under section 803-J.

(b) Provisional licensure.--If a child-care facility licensed under Article X is not in compliance with the requirements of section 803-J, the department may issue a provisional license in accordance with section 1008.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 3, line 11, by striking out "in 60 days." and inserting:

as follows:

(1) This section shall take effect immediately.

(2) The addition of Article VIII-J of the act shall take effect in 90 days.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, amendment No. A5852 is my Senate Bill No. 129 that recently unanimously passed the Senate, as it has done the last two consecutive Sessions. This amendment would simply require all childcare facilities in Pennsylvania to install and maintain at least one carbon monoxide detector. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania is a national leader in carbon monoxide deaths and poisoning according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In fact, Mr. President, on CBS national news, Norah O'Donnell last week noted: Pennsylvania is only one of seven States without a carbon monoxide requirement in daycare centers. Although carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal to anyone, children are particularly vulnerable, which was the case in mid-October when 27 children needed to be hospitalized due to a leak at their daycare center in Allentown, PA. These poisonings and deaths are entirely preventable, Mr. President. The only safe way to know if carbon monoxide is present in a building is with a working alarm. They average around \$20 for a detector; it is certainly a small price tag to put on any individual's

life. Mr. President, it is time to make carbon monoxide detectors a requirement in childcare facilities in Pennsylvania. Thank you, sir.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Regan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Regan. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

FONTANA AMENDMENT A5852 TABLED

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, as mentioned by the Senator from Allegheny County, we did take up Senate Bill No. 129 in September and voted that unanimously; the bill is over in the House. For the purposes of this amendment to this bill, I move that the amendment be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner moves that the amendment be laid upon the table.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-21

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment A5852 will be laid on the table.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1929, HB 1958 and HB 2373 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2525 (Pr. No. 3586) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal history record information, providing for crime victim right of access.

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-48

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

NAY-1

Saval

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 69, 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 GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 722 (Pr. No. 709) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 749, SB 917, SB 1136, HB 1155, HB 1178, SB 1195 and HB 1307 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 1328 (Pr. No. 2641) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 26, 1947 (P.L.318, No.140), known as the CPA Law, further providing for general powers of the board, for requirements for issuance of certificate, for peer review and for unlawful acts.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1331, SB 1333, SB 1358, HB 1377, HB 1500, HB 1738, HB 2367, HB 2372, HB 2406, HB 2407, HB 2425, HB 2524 and HB 2632 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 2648 (Pr. No. 3591) -- 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 Office of State Inspector General, further providing for powers, purpose and duties; repealing provisions relating to coordination of Commonwealth community service programs; providing for PennSERVE and for public works employment verification; establishing the Public Works Employment Verification Account; and making a related repeal.

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 352, ADOPTED

Senator GORDNER, without objection, called up from page 10 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 352**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study and issue a report on the specific data, calculations and mechanisms that the Department of Human Services utilizes to determine the amount of Medical Assistance capitation funding that is ultimately paid to drug and alcohol addiction treatment providers within this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I would like to submit comments for the record on Senate Resolution No. 352.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

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

Mr. President, Senate Resolution No. 352 requires the Joint State Government Commission to study the complex Medicaid reimbursement system that includes Behavioral HealthChoices managed care organizations, counties, and drug and alcohol addiction treatment providers to understand how the Department of Human Services and its actuary determine its rate-setting methodology.

Pennsylvania is among the top 10 States with the highest drug overdose rate in this country, with approximately 42 deaths per 100,000 citizens recorded in the year 2020. At least 15 Pennsylvanians died each day due to a drug overdose in 2021. Further, the demand for drug and alcohol addiction treatment services has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and has heightened not only provider costs and supply chain issues, but created a workforce demand unable to keep up.

As we have all learned, the demand for these services is truly crippling our health care system, in which acute care hospitals are unable to find available settings to discharge patients or to transition patients to post-acute care settings or treatment facilities. Financing drug and alcohol addiction treatment and coordinating care for Medicaid beneficiaries is not only complex, but can be hard to follow from our State appropriations to the counties, through the behavioral health MCOs, and to the providers. What data is used to determine the reimbursement rates? How are the rates calculated? How much of what we allocate at the State level finds its way into service provision and care coordination? Hopefully, by looking at these things we determine the most effective and efficient path forward to combat this crisis.

Thank you to the statewide drug and alcohol addiction treatment provider associations for their support and assistance in this effort and to my colleagues for its adoption today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution is adopted.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

HB 1393 (Pr. No. 3253) (Rereported)

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

HB 1731 (Pr. No. 2953) (Rereported)

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee on Greater Father Involvement within the Joint State Government Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

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

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

HB 1866 (Pr. No. 3064) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 67 (Public Welfare) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for disposition of dependent child; in human services generally, reorganizing provisions relating to adoption opportunities and to family finding and kinship care; and making editorial changes.

HB 1988 (Pr. No. 3592) (Rereported)

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.

HB 2079 (Pr. No. 3127) (Rereported)

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

HB 2216 (Pr. No. 2582) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank and for Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank Fund; and making related repeals.

HB 2361 (Pr. No. 2775) (Rereported)

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

HB 2458 (Pr. No. 2981) (Rereported)

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

HB 2586 (Pr. No. 3100) (Rereported)

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

HB 2633 (Pr. No. 3593) (Rereported)

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

HB 2800 (Pr. No. 3436) (Rereported)

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

Senator K. WARD, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bills:

SB 736 (Pr. No. 1938) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for use of farm vehicle plates; consolidating the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, further providing for regulations and for emergency controls and electrical disconnects; and making a related repeal.

SB 1123 (Pr. No. 1916) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for flashing or revolving yellow and white lights.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 736 (Pr. No. 1938) -- 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 registration of vehicles, further providing for use of farm vehicle plates;

consolidating the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, further providing for regulations and for emergency controls and electrical disconnects; and making a related repeal.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 736?

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 736.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to ask for an affirmative vote for Senate Bill No. 736. This legislation was borne out of the legislative farm tours that so many of these Members of this assembly take part in each summer with the Farm Bureau. And I credit the advocacy of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for making this a top priority. This was first brought to my attention by Vale Wood Farms, that is involved in the home delivery of agricultural products. Actually, so much so that Thursday mornings at my house one of my daughters looks forward to, because that is the iced coffee delivery day. And one thing that we saw during the pandemic, Mr. President, was the increase, the overwhelming increase in the delivery of food and various farm products to consumers.

This legislation will streamline that home delivery of agricultural products, which was prompted, again, by the pandemic as well as different stay-at-home orders. Currently, farm vehicle plates must require also commercial designation. In such, a farmer will need to purchase, register, and maintain a separate commercial vehicle for at-home delivery, while also maintaining a farm vehicle to deliver agricultural commodities to businesses. This is duplicative, unnecessary, and overburdensome. Senate Bill No. 736 will remove this barrier to support the farming community, which is why this legislation, as I had indicated, is prioritized by the Farm Bureau. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

I would note there are two amendments that were added to this in the House, one by Representative Metzgar, which would allow a passenger car to bear a farm vehicle plate, which is exempt from vehicle registration. And secondly, a Representative Saylor amendment that consolidates Act 15, the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act in the Vehicle Code, expanding the allowable maximum distance from 200 feet to 350 feet for an emergency shut off device at fueling stations. And what that simply does is, as we see fueling stations growing bigger and further away from the shut off valve, it merely moves it 150 feet. I would ask for an affirmative vote for a bill that has been prioritized by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. Let us send a message this evening that we support our farmers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I respectfully ask for a negative vote on this particular piece of legislation, Senate Bill No. 736. While it passed here unanimously a number of months ago, I believe changes that were made in the House that, I think, have been detrimental to its further support from Members on this side of the aisle. Also, I wanted to point out, it was indicated to us, that the Governor intends to veto the legislation. And for those reasons, while we recognize this is an important priority for our agriculture community, we believe that some of the things that were added are inappropriate and need to be reconciled in that regard for us to have further support. So, I am asking for a negative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-33

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

NAY-16

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

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A5819 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A5819:

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:

(12) The director of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Services.

(13) One physician who specializes in developmental pediatrics, preventative medicine and environmental health. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least three individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the one member under this paragraph from the list within 14 days of receipt of the list.

(14) One representative of an environmental advocacy organization. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least three individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the one member under this paragraph from the list within 14 days of receipt of the list.

(15) One representative of a hazardous materials response team serving the Port of Philadelphia. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least three individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the one member under this paragraph from the list within 14 days of receipt of the list.

(16) Two representatives who are residents of the community in the area of the Port of Philadelphia. No later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly submit a list of at least four individuals who qualify for appointment to the task force under this paragraph to the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the two members under this paragraph from the list within 14 days of receipt of the list.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 28, by striking out "OR (10)" and inserting: , (11), (13), (14), (15) or (16)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 1, by striking out "five" and inserting:

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

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, my amendment would add additional members to the proposed Philadelphia Liquefied Natural Gas Task Force. My amendment would add the following members to the Philadelphia LNG Task Force: the director of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Services office; a physician who specializes in developmental pediatrics, preventative medicine, and environmental health; one representative of an environmental advocacy organization; one representative of a hazardous materials response team serving the Port of Philadelphia; and two representatives who are residents of a community in close proximity to the location of the proposed plant.

Mr. President, all of these perspectives are so important to the potential exportation of LNG gas from the Port of Philadelphia, and everyone needs to have a seat at the table. As currently written in House Bill No. 2458, the Philadelphia LNG Task Force does not include any members who can speak to the potential local and regional health impacts, or just in general environmental impacts, as well as economic. Mr. President, these are commonsense additions to the Philadelphia LNG Task Force to ensure that the local community, its residents, and experts are not only part of the conversation, but have a seat at the table. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

MUTH AMENDMENT A5819 TABLED

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the amendment be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Gordner moves that the amendment be laid upon the table.

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

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-21

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment A5819 will be laid on the table.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was 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-37

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

NAY-12

Cappelletti	Costa	Hughes	Saval
Collett	Fontana	Kearney	Street

Comitta Haywood Muth Tartaglione

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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 3

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1731 (Pr. No. 2953) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee on Greater Father Involvement within the Joint State Government Commission and providing for its powers and duties.

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 1829 (Pr. No. 2072) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Haywood has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 1988 (Pr. No. 3592) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

Comitta	Kane	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Kearney	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

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

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

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 2633 (Pr. No. 3593) -- 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; providing for intercollegiate athletics; making related and inconsistent repeals; and making an editorial change.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

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 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	Dillon	Langerholc	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Martin	Street
Bartolotta	Flynn	Mensch	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Tomlinson
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Comitta	Kane	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Kearney	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 4

MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 4 and move that the Senate proceed to consider House Bill No. 140, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(p)(2)(ii).

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

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 140 (Pr. No. 3601) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to House Bill No. 140, as amended. House Bill No. 140 was a bipartisan, commonsense bill that got a unanimous stamp of approval from the House before a completely unrelated amendment was rammed into it in the last week of the summer Session. The bill's requirements for a special prosecutor for crimes on the SEPTA system and repeal the Philadelphia driver's equity ordinance not only have nothing to do with the merits of carparked, protected bike lanes, they are an unwarranted attack on the will of the Philadelphia voters. It is an anti-democratic scheme to replace an elected official over political and philosophical disagreements. Let us be clear that this is naked politics at work. We all know this bike lane bill is now a victim of fearmongering and finger-pointing at Philadelphia's district attorney. I know that many of us do not agree with every decision that the district attorney has made--I know that I do not--but that does not mean we should start tearing apart local governance, tearing apart home rule, and tearing away at the will of the county's voters.

Let us be clear, SEPTA could use funding support for more police officers. We have a shortage of police officers across the Commonwealth, including hundreds of vacancies in the

Philadelphia Police Department and dozens of vacancies within SEPTA's police force. SEPTA asked this legislature for help with police funding. They asked for that help months and months ago. They did not ask the legislature to hold up a good bill about bike lanes with a bill about who prosecutes which crimes where in the city of Philadelphia. This bill does not fund the police; this bill does not help with officer recruitment and retention; this bill does not provide the resources needed to make sure that our officers are not spread too thin over too many transit stations. This bill dishonors the hard work that SEPTA has been putting to keep riders safe by rejecting their asks and pretending that a special prosecutor is going to wave a wand and make crime go away.

My constituents have been calling on me for years to legalize protected bike lanes. They are smart for street planning, smart for safety, and smart for communities. My constituents have also made it clear that they are very worried about the state of democracy in this country and in Pennsylvania. This bill is an insult to my constituents, not just Philadelphians. It is amendments like these that are causing so many Pennsylvanians to lose faith in the legislature. We were asked to fund the police and instead we are pointing fingers. We took a good idea and held it hostage to score some political points. It is sad, and it is infuriating for constituents. Pennsylvanians deserve better.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to ask for support for House Bill No. 140, and I will agree with one thing at the outset: we should not have to be enacting this legislation, and we would not have to be enacting this legislation if the district attorney would do his job--that simple. We can argue it; we can deny it, but the facts on the own website of the district attorney--64 percent of cases have been withdrawn or dismissed. Only 27 percent of cases have resulted in a guilty verdict or plea. Withdrawals in violent cases are up over 65 percent, and so far in 2022, the district attorney has released 230 violent offenders on no bail and 1,143 violent offenders on unsecured bail. I am not making those facts up. That is from the district attorney's website.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, point of order, sir.

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

Senator COSTA. Thank you very much. I think the gentleman is referencing numbers, I believe, that are more broad than the specific nature of this legislation as I understand deals with SEPTA incidences. And I think we should restrict our comments to the legislation that is before us that relates to the special prosecutor that has been added to specifically address that issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator LANGERHOLC. I would like to say let them be offered for their weight and their merit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Your points are taken, Senator Costa. Senator Langerholc, please narrow your comments on the bill, please.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, as I indicated, we should not have to be here with this legislation. But, perhaps this legislation will reach to the people who need it--those people on

SEPTA. They are being attacked, assaulted, beaten, raped on a weekly basis with nothing being done to address it. This bill adds an amendment. One of the amendments would be to repeal the ordinances or direct that the city of Philadelphia, as well as the city of Pittsburgh, repeal ordinances that were enacted by their city council, which I would argue is in direct contravention of Federal law. That can be decided at a later basis. But what those ordinances have done, what they have done is handcuffed our men and women of law enforcement and have denied them the ability to pull someone over for a moving violation--a minor traffic violation. And what is happening, specifically within the city of Philadelphia, is that our law enforcement knows that a vehicle may be stolen as a result of a carjacking, but they are powerless to pull that vehicle over, which is what is leading to this rampant rise in crime--a failure to prosecute the books, the laws on the books. As chair of the Committee on Transportation, Mr. President, I took the Committee on Transportation to SEPTA headquarters many months ago for this very issue. I spoke with many: law enforcement, detectives, police officers. I heard what they are faced with. I saw the videos of the assaults occurring on SEPTA. I saw the people shooting up--drugs rampant. I saw the people congregating in those areas. I saw the people jumping the turnstiles to get there, and nothing is being done about it--no prosecutions.

Again, our law enforcement are handcuffed to do their job, and when they do their job, what happens? The district attorney lets them out on bail or non-monetary bail, and they reoffend, and we are back here. That is why we are here. Somebody has to stand up and do something. Enough is enough. This bill will appoint a special prosecutor, someone who will do their job; who will prosecute these individuals. I have said this time and time again. When we talk about criminal justice reform--things of that nature--I get it. However, there is a hardened fact. There are some individuals in this Commonwealth who need to be incarcerated. We can sugarcoat it all we want; paint rainbows in the sky; get together and sing, but at the end of the day, there are individuals who need to be incarcerated. That is not happening, and it is bleeding out into our other communities. My home county of Cambria County has seen a dramatic rise in individuals who are being apprehended at the magisterial district level and the common police level with a Philadelphia address. Others of my colleagues see that as well. When I toured SEPTA, I saw an individual brandish a firearm and assault a female--chased her up the stairs while security of SEPTA stood by, observed it, called it in by the time he was apprehended. So, I followed up and asked: what happened to that individual? One year of probation. The running theme is: individuals who brandish weapons are given 1 year probation. In Cambria County, in every county in this Commonwealth, that is a 5-year sentence enhancement--not in SEPTA.

And again, it is not anything to do with the hard-working men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to combat this problem. There is no follow through. So, we get what we have here tonight. This bill, which will appoint a special prosecutor to do that to urge Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, to repeal those ordinances for a moving violation and for someone to stand up, someone to stand up for these people because nobody is doing it.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator COSTA. Mr. President--

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

Senator COSTA. Point of order. I think that the gentleman may be heading down the path where he is beginning to impugn the motives of people who may vote against this measure. I am asking to refrain from impugning the motives of the Members who vote. Thank you.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I am going to agree. Just as the previous speaker, the Senator from the other side of the aisle, who, in the beginning part of his remarks, talked about motives. I would agree that his remarks were inappropriate and that we should stay on the subject.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Langerholc, just do not talk about the motives of the other Members, please. Continue.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President--

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For everybody.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President--

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

Senator GORDNER. And if we have a chance, if we could go back and look at the remarks of the previous speaker at the beginning of his remarks--if we could also take a look at that and see if that was inappropriate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. From this point forward, all Members will refrain from discussing the motives of other Members. Senator Langerholc, you may continue.

Senator COSTA. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, as it has been indicated and laid forth here this evening, this bill will address this issue which is of dire consequence to our Commonwealth. It will put someone--it will appoint someone--with power--prosecutorial power--to do their job. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

MOTION TO REVERT TO PRIOR PRINTER'S No.

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

Senator COSTA. I move that we revert to a prior Printer's No. Specifically, prior Printer's No. 387 to House Bill No. 140 and ask that my Members join me in that request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa moves to revert to a prior Printer's No. 387 to House Bill No. 140.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, under the Rules of the Senate, motions to revert to a prior Printer's No. are considered to be an amendment. This bill was read as a bill on third consideration, so that motion is out of order. I would say to the Chair that the motion is out of order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. You are correct, Senator Gordner. The motion to revert is out of order on final passage.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 140

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, another point of order, sir.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, given that you have determined that this reversion motion is out of order, I move that we reconsider the vote by which we moved House Bill No. 140 from third consideration to final passage and ask for a roll call vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa moves that the Senate reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 140 received third consideration.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I am going to urge Members on this side of the aisle to oppose it and vote "no."

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask for affirmative vote. I ask my colleagues to join me in addressing an important issue that needs to be discussed with respect to the reversion. Thank you.

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

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

YEA-21

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

NAY-28

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to reconsider fails.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise and ask my colleagues to oppose House Bill No. 140. This is a measure, so we are all clear, started in the House as a House Bill, obviously, that passed

unanimously; and it addressed the issue with respect to bike riders and safety which related to them and how cars park, et cetera. It was a well-intended bill, and as I mentioned, passed unanimously. Now, Mr. President, I can say to you that this bill, in our view, was hijacked here in the Senate with an amendment that is part and parcel to the conversation that is going on the other side of the building relating to the district attorney. Clearly there are a number of counties that we can look at, and statistics demonstrate that there are many, many counties that are dealing with issues with respect to crime. But we are not doing that here. We are isolating one particular county to address this problem with. And going beyond that, we are selecting a special prosecutor. How many times have we done a special prosecutor in this Commonwealth, in this General Assembly, to be able to address issues like this? When we start out with the original intent of a bill that was related to bike safety, that is what the intent was. There is no question that this is a violation, in our view--in my view and personally--of a single subject conversation that has to take place, and I have no doubt that if this matter does pass and get to the Governor's desk and passes, that it will be subject to a lawsuit that will prevent it from being implemented going forward.

That being said, Mr. President, I think what is important for us to recognize is that the activities in this county you are making reference to may very well be the subject of a conversation that needs to take place, as we know it is taking place over on the other side of the building--both yesterday, and I do not know what is going to happen today or tomorrow--with respect to impeachment proceedings. But at the end of the day, at the end of the day, this is a subject that may or may not deserve its own attention. It is not a subject that needs to be jammed into a bill--that all good intentions--to be able to work and protect people of Pennsylvania: bike riders and pedestrians and those folks who are driving, to ensure that there is public safety in that regard. To be able to say that we are now going to take issues related to one county in one city--and maybe a second city--with respect to the ordinances they put into place, those are conversations that need to take place outside of this measure, outside of this bill. And again, folks can disagree about what is happening in any particular county in terms of the law enforcement. At the end of the day, last time I checked, the person who is responsible for prosecuting cases in that county was duly elected by an overwhelming margin by the people of that county. That should be what the case may be, but that is a different conversation that has to take place. At the end of the day, what I am saying to my colleagues--and it is why I am asking for their negative vote--is separate out these issues; do not allow these types of issues to make their way in well-intentioned, a thoughtful measure, that has been in this General Assembly for a number of years trying to get done. I ask for a negative vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to ask for a "no" vote on this bill. It is outrageous to suggest that there needs to be a special prosecutor for SEPTA. Moreover, these provisions do not belong in this bill if we were going to have a special prosecutor for SEPTA. But to suggest that the people of Philadelphia are incapable of making decisions about who best can make decisions about whether they are safe, about how crime should be prosecuted, it just does not make a whole lot of sense, and moreover, it is insulting. As a person who lives two blocks away from a

SEPTA station, who has ridden SEPTA for most of his life, who has children who ride SEPTA, grandchildren who ride SEPTA, I do not think that the people of Philadelphia, many of whom ride SEPTA, would believe that we should have something different done in the way of a prosecutor. Moreover, this bill would set up a regime that is around prosecutions; that is nonsensical. If a person is standing across the street from a SEPTA station, then you would be prosecuted by one person, and if you take a few feet over and you walk down into the tunnel, now you are prosecuted by somebody else. And then what comes next, are we going to have different prosecutors for people who go to supermarkets, or people who are standing on one side of the street or the other within a municipality? The reality is that we have a diversity of opinions around this Commonwealth about how should we proceed with local laws and how we should move forward with enforcement. But the people of Philadelphia have made their voices clear on who they want to handle these prosecutions, not once, but twice.

Moreover, it has been suggested that this has a statewide implication because it is affecting people in other counties. And the implication was that Cambria County--250 miles from the city of Philadelphia--that what happens around prosecution on SEPTA is affecting crime 250 miles away from Philadelphia. I would suggest that that is inaccurate. That in fact, whatever is going on with prosecutions in crime in Cambria County is probably something to do with what is happening with the failures or successes of the prosecutors there. But it is certainly not because of prosecutions that are happening or not happening in the city of Philadelphia. Let us be clear, what is happening here as we discuss this, is taking two issues that do not belong together and putting them together. And moreover, it would set up a precedent where this Commonwealth goes in and makes decisions about local law enforcement. If we do not like the sheriff in a particular county and the Majority of the General Assembly does not like that, do we then vote to take away the powers of the sheriff and maybe appoint a special master to conduct sheriff sales in different counties? If we do not like the way the clerk of courts is run or the register of wills is handling deeds, are we going to then, as a General Assembly, set a precedent where we pass legislation to then suggest that we appoint different registers of wills?

What I am suggesting is that this legislation is both unnecessary and it sets a dangerous precedent where we no longer respect the will of people to elect their local county leaders to make decisions about how things should be run in those counties. So, I urge a "no" vote for two reasons. One, the people of Philadelphia have clearly spoken, and the people who live in a county best know who should prosecute that county. That is why we allow local decisions as to prosecutors. Secondly, the suggestion that it is implicating what happens in one county on a local level in terms of prosecutions has material implications for crime as far as 250 miles away is, in fact, inaccurate. And third, the subject matter about who is prosecuting cases in Philadelphia is not material or germane to the underlying bill about bike lanes. For all those reasons and more, I urge a "no" vote.

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-28

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

NAY-21

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

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

HB 2528 (Pr. No. 3594) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in oil and gas well plugging oversight, further providing for allocation of funding, for establishment of Oil and Gas Well Plugging Grant Program, for grants, for eligible wells, for qualified well plugger and for applications and review process; in development, further providing for well plugging funds and providing for well plugging contracts; and making editorial changes.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 996, SB 1338 and SB 1339.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 284, 397, 609, 668, 1059, 1103, 1328, 1630, 2057, 2086, 2214, 2293, 2398, 2447, 2484, 2528 and 2648)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 225, 522, 696, 786, 806, 1083, 1152, 1194 and 1208; and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

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

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

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I would like to submit comments for the record in support of Senate Resolution No. 360, designating Children's Grief Awareness Day on November 17. I would like to thank Mayland Learn from Saegertown for her strong advocacy for this Senate resolution and Children's Grief Awareness Day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

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

Mr. President, last year, I received a surprising and heartwarming letter. It was written in pencil in a child-like scrawl that every parent can instantly recognize as the determined effort of a young child. It was a note from Mayland Learn from Saegertown, located in the 50th Senatorial District. She had just been crowned the 2022 Miss Pennsylvania Senior Elementary. However, in Mayland's letter, she was not writing about her accomplishment, but instead about her dad, who passed away suddenly in 2017 at the age of 29. While her dad was an avid hockey player who was part of the 2013 State championship team, his greatest joy was being a father to Mayland and her brother, Shepard.

Mayland asked me if I would work to have November 18, 2021, declared as Children's Grief Awareness Day in Pennsylvania. I am pleased to say that, due to Mayland's passionate efforts, I introduced Senate Resolution No. 205 last Session. This Session, I am happy to have introduced Senate Resolution No. 360, designating Children's Grief Awareness Day once again, this year being recognized on November 17.

National Children's Grief Awareness Day is observed every year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, preceding the winter holidays when the empty chair at the Thanksgiving family table is painfully evident; the missing stocking over the fireplace at Christmas leaves a painful hole; and the start of a new year without a loved one yelling "happy new year" can leave a deafening silence. This specially designated day originated here in our Commonwealth in 2008 thanks to Highmark and the Caring

Place, who created a center dedicated to bereaved children. Children who are grieving need strong support systems as too often, they withdraw; they feel different; they feel alone; and do not always have the words to explain how they feel. Their grief may be invisible, but it is a stabbing pain beneath the surface, and that anguish can last a lifetime. Before they graduate from high school, 1 child out of every 20 will lose a parent, and that number does not include those who will lose a close grandparent, brother or sister, friend, aunt, or uncle. This commemoration is to let grieving children know that support is available to them and that Pennsylvania recognizes their grief.

On behalf of Mayland and all the children who are grieving a loved one over the holidays, and every day, I ask that you all please join me in recognizing November 17 as Children's Grief Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about Senate Resolution No. 373, designating the month of November as Good Samaritan Law Awareness Month. The Good Samaritan Law guarantees immunity of prosecution in cases of opioid use and ensures that Pennsylvanians who are facing medical emergencies can get the medical attention they need to potentially save their lives. A study done by GAO found that States that have enacted the Good Samaritan Law have seen a pattern of lower rates of opioid-related overdose deaths. We are past the point of pretending addiction is not real and stealing lives that could have been saved. The United States faced an estimated 107,622 drug overdose deaths in 2021, reported by the CDC. We are even further past the point of allowing the stigma of addiction to impact the decisions we make for those in need of help. We are seeing increased use of fentanyl and other opioids on a yearly basis, and it is taking the lives of nearly 15 Pennsylvanians every day. I have a feeling that a lot of them were not alone while they were overdosing. The Good Samaritan Law is a way to save the life of a family, a friend, or even a complete stranger without the fear of prosecution delaying action. There is an overwhelming fear of judgment, shame, and prosecution that goes along with addiction. But this is the reality for thousands of Pennsylvanians, and it once was a reality of mine as well. In the time to think about the consequences of addiction, a life is lost. The Good Samaritan Law eliminates that fear. Just like addiction, Mr. President, overdoses do not discriminate; they do not have favorites; and they do not pick and choose who should live and die based on the person. The addiction and overdoses will take every single life it can. An overdose can happen anywhere at any time and happen to anyone who is suffering from addiction. Remember this: nobody grows up wanting to be an addict. I ask you to join me in bringing awareness to the Good Samaritan Law in our Commonwealth and help save the lives of our family, friends, and neighbors without attacking the fear, judgment, and stigma that has stuck to those facing addiction.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, nurse practitioners play a critical role in delivering quality healthcare to Pennsylvanians of all ages. They provide counseling services many, many times; they provide drug rehabilitation, as our dear colleague was just talking about overdoses in Pennsylvania; and we know all too well, those cases are on the rise because of the pandemic

lockdowns and the isolation that so many of our constituents have suffered. Approximately 16,300 nurses currently practice in the Commonwealth and provide primary, acute, and specialty care to patients. In fact, patients across the country visit nurse practitioners more than 1 billion times each year. As gaining access to doctors becomes more and more challenging, nurses help to provide care that would otherwise be greatly delayed to the point that patients suffer consequences or give up on receiving care altogether. Delaying medical care is a dangerous game that too often results in patients ultimately needing more care that comes at a higher cost. Sadly, for people who are struggling financially—as so many people are right now because of elevated gas prices and ever-rising food costs—that often means they forego necessary care. Nurses help to avoid this terrible outcome, which is why I sponsored legislation that would grant full-practice authority to these providers as the District of Columbia, our VAs, and 26 other States have already done. But today I rise to highlight the impressive work of these men and women and all they do for us, which is why we designate November 13 through 19, 2022, as Nurse Practitioner Week in Pennsylvania. Together, let us acknowledge the important and vital role nurse practitioners play in providing vital healthcare services and recognizing the exceptional job these highly educated and trained medical professionals do to ensure general health and well-being in all of our communities.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I rise in support of the resolution that I have introduced with Senator Collett, Senate Resolution No. 379, which recognizes November as Home Care and Hospice Month in Pennsylvania. Senate Resolution No. 379 recognizes the thousands of physicians, nurses, home health aides, direct-care workers, social workers, counselors and chaplains, therapists, and volunteers throughout Pennsylvania who provide care and comfort during some of the most challenging seasons of life. These important workers provide home care, home health services, and hospice services to some of our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians. Expectant mothers, infants, children, disabled individuals, and the elderly all benefit from their dedication. In fact, during the past 12 months, home care, home health, and hospice workers have provided this care to more than 450,000 Pennsylvanians. These services build upon a strong tradition of compassion and strive to keep families together while preserving an individual's independence and dignity in the comfort of the home and the greater community.

At a time in which demand for in-home care is at its highest levels, home-based care providers are facing crisis-level workforce shortages, requiring those who provide care to go above and beyond in order to serve this Commonwealth's most vulnerable individuals. I encourage residents to learn more about options for care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and healthcare professionals. And I hope all Pennsylvanians will join me, Senator Collett, and the entire Senate in recognizing the dignifying and comforting work that these invaluable workers provide each and every day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am honored to once again join with my friend from Allegheny County, Democratic Leader Senator Costa, to introduce Senate Resolution No. 377, designating December 17, 2022, as Wreaths Across America Day in Pennsylvania. During every December for more than 30 years, volunteers throughout America coordinate wreath-laying ceremonies for the graves of veterans. Their mission in this is to remember, honor, and teach. To remember our loved ones who have placed their lives on the line for our freedoms, to honor the sacrifices made for our country, and to teach the next generation that the willingness of our veterans deserves our lasting gratitude.

Last year, more than 2.4 million wreaths were laid throughout 3,136 locations across all 50 States, at sea, and abroad. With each act of the laying of the wreath on the grave, volunteers speak the veteran's name aloud, thank them for their service and their sacrifice, and reflect on the veteran's life. The holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. The fresh, balsam fir wreaths with a simple red bow hopefully make those mourning family members' hearts a bit less heavy as they know their loved ones are thoughtfully remembered. I encourage every one of my colleagues here today to join me and Senator Costa in our Wreaths Across America ceremony on November 17 in my district in Allegheny County to honor all of our veterans. This will kick off the national event taking place in December. I also encourage anyone who can volunteer for the program by laying wreaths on Saturday, December 17. Let us say their names this holiday season and keep their legacy alive, and let us never forget.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am honored again this year to join with my friend and colleague, Senator Robinson, to recognize the program called Wreaths Across America. Mr. President, as indicated by Senator Robinson, holidays are, in most cases, a time to celebrate and to be grateful for your friends and your family, spending as much time as you can with them. We also exchange gifts for those who are closest to us, and we try to share meals and honor traditions. But know that the real gift, the real gift that we all share around the holidays is being able to be with our relatives and our friends who we do not always see during the course of the year. Many of our military families, however, it was indicated, are not as lucky. Men and women in the Armed Services risk their lives to serve and protect our country, and many of them, many of them are not able to return home for the holidays because they either lost their lives to our nation, protecting our nation, securing our nation, and allowing it to remain free; or they are simply deployed elsewhere. Though we may not have known these individuals personally, we owe them our tremendous gratitude, and that is really what Wreaths Across America is about: holding space in our days and in our memories, and recognize the service and sacrifice of the folks who protect us in the military, those individuals in the military. The wreaths purchased through Wreaths Across America will be placed on soldiers' graves throughout the country by volunteers like those in this room.

The project began at Arlington National Cemetery but has now spread across the 50 States of our great country. And all of those, all those we have lost, they deserve, they deserve our recognition, and more importantly, our gratitude for their

sacrifice that they made for our nation's safety and security, and I am grateful to be able to have an opportunity to do a small part, a very small part, to deliver on some of the debt we owe them as we go forward. I really echo the comments of my colleague, Senator Robinson. I invite all of us, all my colleagues, to attend Wreaths Across America ceremony on November 17. But also, to find time to lay a wreath on Saturday, December 17. Thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity to provide a few remarks to recognize those individuals who served our country and many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you, sir.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I have two resolutions introduced on behalf of my colleague--comments, I should say--on behalf of Senator Tartaglione. One relating to the issue of raising the minimum wage, and I ask my colleagues to recognize and accept this testimony.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

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

Mr. President, I rise because today marks 5,952 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last passed a raise in the minimum wage. That means that for more than 16 years, Pennsylvania's General Assembly has continued to fail its lowest earners. But that does not mean our minimum wage has not changed since then, Mr. President.

In 2009, the Federal government stepped up and raised the nation's minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, up 10 cents from the minimum wage established in Senate Bill No. 1090 in 2006. That means for more than 13 years our minimum wage has not moved one cent since the Federal government's incremental minimum wage hikes topped out at \$7.25 an hour in 2009. And since the Capitol building is abuzz this week talking about the Philadelphia Phillies, 2009--that last minimum wage hike--is just 1 year after our Phillies won their last World Series in 2008.

So, the question becomes, Mr. President, why must we wait? Do we need to wait until the Phillies win a World Series again to see movement in the minimum wage? Why can we not put our lowest earners on a path to prosperity? We have heard since the first creation of the minimum wage in 1933 that we cannot raise the minimum wage because it will cost our lowest earners their jobs. But time after time and study after study we see there is no discernable effect on the employment prospects of low-wage workers.

So, if there is no discernable effect on the number of people in the workforce, why not guarantee a raise for the nearly 1 million Pennsylvanians that would see it under my proposed Senate Bill No. 12? These are hardworking Pennsylvanians who are living paycheck to paycheck, and according to an Ipsos survey from last year, they are more likely to be women, people of color, and have less formal education. And, Mr. President, according to that same Ipsos survey, more than 80 percent of people support raising the minimum wage, and almost 60 percent support raising it to \$15 an hour. When polled, people who make less than \$15 an hour are significantly less likely to say they can afford basic human needs such as shopping for groceries, paying for prescription drugs, or seeing a doctor.

Pennsylvanians deserve better, Mr. President. That is why we need to pass Senate Bill No. 12 and finally put our Commonwealth's lowest earner on a path to \$15 an hour.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, a second resolution I offer for Senator Tartaglione would be to ask our colleagues to join her in

sponsoring and supporting Senate Resolution No. 388 [368], which recognizes October 2022 as National Sensory Processing Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. I would ask it to be added to the record as well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

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

Mr. President, I rise today and ask my Senate colleagues to join me in supporting Senate Resolution No. 368, which recognizes October 2022 as National Sensory Processing Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, sensory processing refers to the way the nervous system receives messages from the senses and turns them into appropriate motor and behavioral responses. Sensory processing disorders exist when sensory signals are either not detected or do not get organized into appropriate responses. Although it affects as many as 1 in 20 Americans, many are not familiar with this disorder.

Throughout the month, parents, educators, therapists, and caregivers spread awareness of sensory processing disorders and how they affect many children and adults every day. The Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation, which marks its 33rd anniversary this year, works to educate and raise awareness of processing disorders. Treatment for SPD often involves customized therapy based on the specific needs of the individual.

As we take time today to recognize October as National Sensory Processing Awareness Month, I encourage all parents, caregivers, and educators to be aware of the warning signs of SPD and to consult a physician if symptoms persist. Warning signs can be physical, such as clumsiness, or emotional, such as anxiety and depression. They may manifest in behavioral problems, poor performance at school, an extremely high or low tolerance for pain, or difficulty engaging in conversation or play.

I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting October as National Sensory Processing Awareness Month throughout Pennsylvania and continue to help bring attention to sensory processing disorders.

Thank you, Mr. President.

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 423** and **SB 786**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 8:02 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.