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SENATE

FRIDAY, January 6, 2023

The Senate met at 3:12 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Michael R. Regan) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Hon. MICHAEL GERDES, Secretary of the Senate:

Heavenly Father, as we begin a new year and a new legislative Session, we ask You for Your blessing on the Members of the Senate and their staffs. We pray for Your wisdom to guide their decision-making and to grant them the ability to work together to achieve the common goal of serving the people of this Commonwealth. We pray for Your gift of courage so that they may represent their constituents with honor and compassion. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 5, 2023

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator KIM WARD
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to NON-VOTING Session
Friday, January 6, 2023

Consistent with the recess motion made on January 3, 2023, the Senate is recalled for non-voting session tomorrow, Friday, January 6, 2023, at 3:00 PM for the purpose of reading standing committee assignments, as well as certain communications across the desk.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 6, 2023

MEMO TO: The Honorable Michael Gerdes
Secretary of the Senate

FROM: Senator KIM WARD
President Pro Tempore

SUBJECT: Standing Committees of the Senate
Appointments -- 2023-2024 Sessions

Pursuant to Rule 5 (a) (1), as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint the following Senators to the Standing Committees of the Senate for the 2023-2024 Sessions of the Senate. The appointment of Minority members is based on the recommendation of the Minority Leader and the naming of Minority chairmen by designation of the Minority Leader.

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
SESSIONS OF 2023-2024**

AGING AND YOUTH

J. Ward, Chair
Baker, Vice Chair

Gebhard	Stefano	Haywood
Pennycuick	Collett*	Schwank
Phillips-Hill	Comitta	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Vogel, Chair
Rothman, Vice Chair

Argall	Yaw	Street
Brooks	Schwank*	L. Williams
Mastriano	Comitta	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

APPROPRIATIONS

Martin, Chair
Vogel, Vice Chair

Aument	Robinson	Saval
Baker	Rothman	Schwank
Brown	Stefano	Street
Dush	Hughes*	<i>ex-officio members:</i>
Farry	Kearney	K. Ward
Langerholc	Haywood	Pittman
Pennycuick	Miller	Costa
Phillips-Hill	Santarsiero	

BANKING AND INSURANCE

DiSanto, Chair
Gebhard, Vice Chair

Baker	Vogel	Brewster
Laughlin	Yaw	Santarsiero
Phillips-Hill	Street*	A.H. Williams
Robinson	Boscola	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Pennycuik, Chair
Phillips-Hill, Vice Chair

Brooks	Rothman	Kane
Coleman	Dillon*	Street
Farry	Cappelletti	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Gebhard, Chair
Brown, Vice Chair

Farry	Stefano	Dillon
Laughlin	Yaw	Fontana
Regan	A.H. Williams*	Miller
Robinson	Boscola	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Stefano, Chair
Farry, Vice Chair

Aument	Regan	Flynn
Coleman	Robinson	Santarsiero
Gebhard	Boscola*	Tartaglione
Pennycuik	Dillon	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

EDUCATION

Argall, Chair
Mastriano, Vice Chair

Aument	DiSanto	Kearney
Brooks	L. Williams*	A.H. Williams
Coleman	Comitta	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Yaw, Chair
Hutchinson, Vice Chair

Aument	Vogel	Muth
Gebhard	Comitta*	Saval
Martin	Cappelletti	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

FINANCE

Hutchinson, Chair
Brooks, Vice Chair

Aument	Pennycuik	Haywood
Argall	Miller*	Muth
Rothman	Fontana	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

GAME AND FISHERIES

Rothman, Chair
Laughlin, Vice Chair

Dush	Martin	Schwank
Hutchinson	Brewster*	L. Williams
Mastriano	Boscola	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Brooks, Chair
J. Ward, Vice Chair

Aument	Stefano	Collett
Farry	Haywood*	Schwank
Hutchinson	Cappelletti	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Coleman, Chair
Dush, Vice Chair

Hutchinson	J. Ward	Hughes
Mastriano	Tartaglione*	Saval
Rothman	Costa	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

JUDICIARY

Baker, Chair
Yaw, Vice Chair

Bartolotta	Pennycuik	Collett
Brown	Regan	Haywood
Dush	Santarsiero*	Saval
Langerholc	Cappelletti	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Robinson, Chair
Bartolotta, Vice Chair

Baker	Laughlin	Flynn
Brown	Kane*	Tartaglione
DiSanto	Dillon	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

LAW AND JUSTICE

Regan, Chair
Robinson, Vice Chair

Aument	J. Ward	Flynn
Farry	Brewster*	Tartaglione
Gebhard	Dillon	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Brown, Chair
Regan, Vice Chair

Coleman	Robinson	Comitta
Dush	Kearney*	Fontana
Hutchinson	Brewster	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Pittman, Chair
Aument, Vice Chair

Argall	Regan	Fontana
Bartolotta	J. Ward	Hughes
Brooks	Yaw	Muth
Laughlin	Costa*	Tartaglione
Gebhard	Collett	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

STATE GOVERNMENT

Dush, Chair
Argall, Vice Chair

Mastriano	J. Ward	Muth
Phillips-Hill	Cappelletti*	A.H. Williams
Stefano	Boscola	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Langerholc, Chair
Stefano, Vice Chair

Argall	Vogel	Kane
Bartolotta	Rothman	Kearney
Brown	Flynn*	L. Williams
DiSanto	Brewster	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

Farry, Chair
DiSanto, Vice Chair

Argall	Coleman	Miller
Aument	Saval*	Street
Brown	Fontana	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mastriano, Chair
Pennyquick, Vice Chair

Bartolotta	Langerholc	Kane
Brooks	Muth*	L. Williams
Dush	Collett	K. Ward, <i>ex-officio</i>

*Minority Chair

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

January 6, 2023

Senators LAUGHLIN, J. WARD, K. WARD, PITTMAN, AUMENT, PHILLIPS-HILL, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, BAKER, ARGALL, BROOKS, BROWN, COLEMAN, DISANTO, DUSH, FARRY, GEBHARD, LANGERHOLC, MASTRIANO, PENNYCUICK, REGAN, ROBINSON, ROTHMAN, STEFANO, VOGEL and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of electors.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 6, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC, BARTOLOTTA, DUSH, MASTRIANO, BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUTCHINSON, ROTHMAN, STEFANO, BROOKS, GEBHARD and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 35**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 6, 2023.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, STREET, DUSH, MARTIN and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 84**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, repealing provisions relating to religious garb, insignia, etc., prohibited and penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 6, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROOKS, STEFANO, DUSH, VOGEL, J. WARD, MASTRIANO, HUTCHINSON, ROTHMAN and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 95**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for use of farm vehicle plates.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 6, 2023.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 96**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8537, carrying Pennsylvania Route 869 over a tributary of the Little Conemaugh River in Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the Sergeant Vance Stephan Keslar Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8392, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Bruebaker Run in Dean Township, Cambria County, as the U.S. Army Technical Sergeant Joseph F. Johnston Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 43267, on that portion of State Route 3041, also known as Dishong Mountain Road, over U.S. Route 22 in Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial Bridge; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 6, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, ARGALL, ROTHMAN, BARTOLOTTA, K. WARD, PENNYCUICK, BAKER and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 121**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for restrictions on appropriations; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 6, 2023.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 122**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45701, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over the Conemaugh River between Johnstown City and West Taylor Township, Cambria County, as the Captain Raymond W. Callahan, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8574, carrying State Route 1021 over Clearfield Creek between Reade Township and White Township, Cambria County, as the CPL Reid Rex Ross 3 BT 26 Marine Reg. Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 56008, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over Stonycreek River in Johnstown City, Cambria County, as the Sgt. John C. Alaimo Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8444, carrying US Route 219 over Pennsylvania Route 56, also known as Scalp Avenue, in Richland Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Stanley Albert Stys Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8547, located on State Route 1002, Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Cyril T. Yeckley Memorial Bridge; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 6, 2023.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CONTROL ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
1 Oxford Centre, Suite 3130
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

December 21, 2022

Mr. Michael Gerdes
Interim Secretary - Parliamentarian of the Senate
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Gerdes:

In accordance with Section 5723(d) of the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 5723(d), I forward herewith the required annual report.

Warmest regards,

DEBRA TODD
Chief Justice

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Senator Wayne Langerholc, Jr., as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the Majority Leader has made the following appointment:

Senator Wayne Langerholc, Jr., as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

Off the Floor STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1 and 130) Rules Committee Conference Room

Off the Floor TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 35, 95, 96, 121 and 122) Rules Committee Conference Room

RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Kim L. Ward) in the Chair.

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

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, January 9, 2023, at 1:04 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 10:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.