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SENATE

FRIDAY, January 13, 2023

The Senate met at 10:04 a.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, we ask for Your mercy on all of us gathered here today. May we be guided by Your spirit to pursue the highest good and to see the best in each other. May we always strive to do what is right and just. We pray that the work we do here will be meaningful and that it will make the Commonwealth a better place to live for all of our residents. 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 12, 2023

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator KIM WARD
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to NON-VOTING Session
Friday, January 13, 2023

Consistent with the recess motion made on January 11, 2023, the Senate is recalled for NON-VOTING session tomorrow, Friday, January 13, 2023, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of reading certain communications across the desk.

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 12, 2023

Senators LANGERHOLC, DUSH, STEFANO, HUTCHINSON and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 43**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 8, 1891 (P.L.212, No.184), entitled "An act in relation to cremation of human bodies in this Commonwealth," providing for cremation temperature.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 12, 2023.

Senators BROOKS, GEBHARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, STEFANO, COSTA, DUSH, BREWSTER, J. WARD, MASTRIANO, BAKER and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 75**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 12, 2023.

Senators BROOKS, PHILLIPS-HILL, DUSH, STEFANO, J. WARD and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 80**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for application.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 12, 2023.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, BROOKS, MARTIN, COSTA, J. WARD and ROBINSON presented to the Chair **SB 82**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, January 12, 2023.

Senators MUTH, FONTANA, KANE, DILLON, COMITTA, COLLETT and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 83**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing for hospital pricing transparency; providing for acquisition of health care facilities; and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Attorney General.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, January 12, 2023.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, STEFANO, VOGEL, J. WARD, MASTRIANO, ROTHMAN, BAKER and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 85**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, further providing for additional powers and duties of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, January 12, 2023.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, STEFANO, J. WARD, MASTRIANO, BAKER and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 86**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 12, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO, SCHWANK, AUMENT and ROBINSON presented to the Chair **SB 97**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for community-engaged schools; establishing the Community-Engaged School for Success Pilot Program; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, January 12, 2023.

Senators STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, PHILLIPS-HILL, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, PENNYCUICK, BOSCOLA, SANTARSIERO, BAKER, J. WARD, AUMENT and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 102**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 12, 2023.

Senators STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, COSTA, SCHWANK, PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, BAKER, J. WARD and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 103**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, January 12, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC, PENNYCUICK, HUTCHINSON and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 112**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, in public health, further providing for provision for burial of dependents and other persons.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, January 12, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC, REGAN, BROOKS, PENNYCUICK, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, STEFANO, J. WARD, AUMENT and ROBINSON presented to the Chair **SB 113**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of hate crimes against law enforcement officers and first responders.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 12, 2023.

Senators STEFANO, BARTOLOTTA, ROTHMAN, HUTCHINSON, J. WARD, VOGEL and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 115**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 12, 2023.

Senators J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, MASTRIANO, MARTIN, BAKER, HUTCHINSON, DiSANTO, AUMENT, REGAN and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 116**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 12, 2023.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

REMARKS ON VOTE

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 13, 2023

Senator Kim Ward
President Pro Tempore
292 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Ward,

Pursuant to Rule 20, I write to request that the record from Senate Session on 11 January 2023 be adjusted to reflect my intended vote on final passage for SB 35 PN 13. As I was on legislative leave during this vote, my vote was incorrectly recorded as a "nay" when it should have been recorded as a "yea."

A copy of this request has also been transmitted to the Senate Secretary's office.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Senator ART HAYWOOD (D-4)
Montgomery and Philadelphia
Counties

CALENDAR OVER IN ORDER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, at the request of Senator DiSANTO, all of the bills on today's Calendar will go over in their order without prejudice as to day.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcement was read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bill No. 155)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 10:07 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.