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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, February 28, 2023

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the Chair.

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend PAUL DONECKER, of All Saints Episcopal Church, Selinsgrove, offered the following prayer:

First, I would like to thank you for the honor of being among you today. Thank you to Senator Lisa Baker and her special assistant, Cara Laudenslager, and especially thank you to our Senator-elect, Lynda Schlegel Culver, of the 27th Senatorial District.

Let us pray.

Lord God, we give You thanks for those who serve this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Governor Josh Shapiro; Senate President, Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis; President pro tempore Kim L. Ward; Majority Leader Joe Pittman; Minority Leader Jay Costa; and all the Members of this Chamber and their hard-working staff. May this Chamber honor the rich tradition that took shape within our borders just down the road in Philadelphia. May this Chamber encourage us to place service above our own self interests. May this Chamber be filled with respect and with kindness. May this Chamber search out wisdom wherever it may be found. May this Chamber secure the opportunities for the pursuit of excellence for our sisters and brothers. May this Chamber strive for justice and tranquility in our cities, in our towns, in our hamlets, and in our homes. May this Chamber, as recently stated by our Senator-elect, grow the capacity to do good. This we ask, knowing that our reach must always exceed our grasp, and knowing that our prayers are always to extend our arms of love so that what we do on Earth in our time approaches the love that abounds in the heavens. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Father Donecker, who is the guest today of Senator-elect Culver.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

**CLERK OF COURTS, BUCKS COUNTY**

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, Bucks County [sic], to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Brian Munroe, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

**CLERK OF COURTS, DAUPHIN COUNTY**

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, Dauphin County [sic], to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Dale E. Klein, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

**JUDGE, COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Commonwealth Court of

Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Kevin Brobson, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
BUTLER COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Addie Abelson, Esquire, 158 Erford Road, Apartment 404, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin [sic] County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable William R. Shaffer, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
DAUPHIN COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Richard A. Lewis, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
ERIE COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Erie County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Stephanie A. Domitrovich, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
LYCOMING COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311

Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lycoming County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Marc F. Lovecchio, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Theron Perez, Esquire, 22 Tall Tree Drive, Camp Hill 17011, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Lori A. Dumas, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Schuylkill County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable William Baldwin, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
VENANGO COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Venango County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Oliver J. Lobaugh, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
YORK COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Michael E. Bortner, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christ Zervanos, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kurt Brink, Milford, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donna Rovito, Allentown, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Alexis Barbieri, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

RECORDER OF DEEDS, CHESTER COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Recorder of Deeds, Chester County [sic], to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Christopher Pielli, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF SELINGROVE CENTER

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selingsrove Center, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Margaret Keller, Port Trevorton, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

SHERIFF, CARBON COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, Carbon County [sic], to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Anthony Harvilla, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

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

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Amy Keisling, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

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

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jennifer Easter, Lebanon, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Shank, Chambersburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Trudy Mosey, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Pease, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Charles H. Martin, Doylestown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve until October 23, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Chad Amond, Greensburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve until November 18, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Mast, Telford, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

TREASURER, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, Susquehanna County [sic], to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Jason D. Miller, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Addie Abelson, Esquire (Public Member), 2111 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19130, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Minor, Greensboro, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six

months beyond that period, vice George Mermon, Nesquehoning, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Brian Bentley, Newtown, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frank Snyder, Reynoldsville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lance Alexander, Blairsville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald Stoy, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rene Barczak, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine [sic], to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Meredith Odato Graham, McMurray, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren

State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice William McCarthy, Erie, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Burt Alexander, Warren, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kenneth Harting, Wernersville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ivan Torres, Reading, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gerald LaValle, New Castle, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Fee, New Castle, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Loretta Hogans, New Castle, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard J. Cortese, Pocono Lake, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Zurick, Paxinos, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan McDermott, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County

of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Thomas P. Caulfield, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-32, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Linda Zucco, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Beaver, Magisterial District 36-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable C. Douglas Loughner, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Beaver, Magisterial District 36-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Dale F. Nicholson, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of

Berks, Magisterial District 23-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Michael G. Hartman, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Bucks, Magisterial District 07-1-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable John J. Kelly, Jr., resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Cambria, Magisterial District 47-3-07, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Frederick S. Creany, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Chester, Magisterial District 15-3-06, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Michael J. Cabry, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Columbia and Montour, Magisterial District 26-3-02, to



serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Richard W. Knecht, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Delaware, Magisterial District 32-1-22, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Spencer B. Seaton, Jr., resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Delaware, Magisterial District 32-1-35, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Ann Berardocco, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Juniata and Perry, Magisterial District 41-3-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Elizabeth R. Frownfelter, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County

of Lancaster, Magisterial District 02-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Scott E. Albert, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lycoming, Magisterial District 29-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Jon E. Kemp, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Potter, Magisterial District 55-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Annette L. Easton, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of York, Magisterial District 19-2-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Keith L. Albright, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of

York, Magisterial District 19-1-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Dwayne A. Dubs, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce that the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:

Senator Wayne Langerholc, Jr., as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

Senator Kim L. Ward as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee. Further, in accordance with committee bylaws, my counsel, John Gordner, is hereby appointed as my designee.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Farry and Senator Gebhard, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Muth and Senator Saval, and legislative leaves for Senator Cappelletti and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Farry and Senator Gebhard, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Muth and Senator Saval, and legislative leaves for Senator Cappelletti and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

February 27, 2023

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 443**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 46706, carrying State Route 4001, also known as Iverson Road, over Stevens Run in Blacklick Township, Cambria County, as the PVT Donald D. Marsh Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 27, 2023.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 453**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sentence of total confinement; in licensing of drivers, further providing for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for ignition interlock.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 27, 2023.

Senators ROTHMAN, MILLER, BREWSTER, BAKER, SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, DILLON, J. WARD, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, SCHWANK, STEFANO, ROBINSON, ARGALL, KANE, FLYNN, BARTOLOTTA and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 459**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 27, 2023.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY RECESS**

Senator PITTMAN offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 28, 2023

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, March 6, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, March 6, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Costa	Kearney	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	Santarsiero
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	Saval
Bartolotta	Dush	Martin	Schwank
Boscola	Farry	Mastriano	Stefano
Brewster	Flynn	Miller	Street
Brooks	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Brown	Gebhard	Pennycuick	Vogel
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw

NAY-0

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

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, as a special order of business, I ask that the Senate proceed to receive the returns of election for the special election held in the 27th Senatorial District on the 31st day of January 2023, and that the oath of office be administered to Senator-elect Lynda Schlegel Culver.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. At the request of Senator Pittman, and without objection, as a special order of business, the Senate will now proceed to receive the official election returns for the special election held in the 27th Senatorial District on January 31, 2023, and administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Lynda Schlegel Culver.

**ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Madam President, I have the honor to present the Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions of the Pennsylvania Department of State, Jonathan Marks.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions, Mr. Marks.

Deputy Secretary MARKS. Madam President, it is my honor and privilege to present the returns and the certification of campaign expense compliance for the special election held on January 1 [31], 2023, in the 27th Senatorial District.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Deputy Secretary Marks.

The returns for Senator-elect Culver will be read by the Clerk. The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Columbia, Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, and Snyder County Boards of Elections. Lynda J. Schlegel Culver, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Senator in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-seventh day of February in the

year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

AL SCHMIDT  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICIAL RETURNS  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
27th Senatorial District

January 31, 2023

VOTES

DEMOCRATIC	- Patricia L. Lawton	11,395
REPUBLICAN	- Lynda J. Schlegel Culver	25,002
WRITE-INS	- Scattered	79

**STATEMENT BY THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the record, the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth has also certified that the Senator-elect has filed the accounts and affidavits as required by the election laws of this Commonwealth.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair would now take this opportunity to announce that permission has been granted for photographers from *The Daily Item* and photographers from the Republican Caucus to take photographs on the floor of the Senate during today's swearing-in ceremony. For our guests, however, I would like to politely advise you that taking still pictures or videotaping in the Senate Chamber is not permitted. I ask that during the administration of the oath of office, no pictures be taken or video be taped. At the end of today's ceremony, the Senate will go at ease so that you can then take photographs.

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It is an honor and privilege to have with us today the Honorable Paige Rosini, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County. Judge Rosini has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Culver in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Will the Senator-elect please present herself with your Bible at the bar of the Senate.

Members and guests will please rise.

Judge Rosini will now administer the oath of office.

Judge ROSINI. Good afternoon. Senator-elect, please repeat after me:

I, Lynda Schlegel Culver, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations, Senator.

[Applause.]

**REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On behalf of all the Senate, the Chair would like to thank Judge Rosini for presiding at this ceremony and congratulate Senator Culver.

And for just the couple of people who are here today [laughter] to support Senator Culver, the Senate will be at ease so that you can take your pictures.

[The Senate was at ease.]

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Ryan P. Aument) in the Chair.**

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Kearney.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Kearney. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**PERMISSION TO ADDRESS**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, before I introduce our guest here from the University of Pittsburgh, if the Members would allow me, I just want to take a moment to talk a little bit about this historic day we have here today. It is a day of new beginnings, quite frankly. We are honored to have, joining us now, a new Senator, Senator Culver, who has joined us now as 1 of the 50 Members of our State Senate here. And earlier today--and we are excited and looking forward to working with her, she brings the breadth of experience from the House of Representatives and understands how important it is for all of us to work together going forward. But I also want to mention to the Members that on the other side of the building today, we witnessed history. And that history is that for the first time ever, Pennsylvania has elected a Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Joanna McClinton, and we are very honored that that has happened today, and I think it is a great day for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I would be remiss if I did not mention that both Speaker McClinton and our own Leader, our President pro tempore, Senator Kim Ward, for the first time in the history of Pennsylvania, we have two women who represent and serve as the Leaders in our respective Chambers. And that is a pretty significant step and a great statement for all of us in this building, that is our case. I would be remiss if--[applause]--thank you. So, we are blessed with great leadership in both parts of the building, and I would be remiss if I did not mention, as the ladies today took a picture together during intermission, 15 women are representing parts of Pennsylvania: 15 of 50. Certainly is the high-water mark, I think when I started, there may have been four women who served here, and I think Senator Tartaglione said there were three when she started before I did. So, it is a great testament, certainly to the voters of Pennsylvania, but also the leadership roles that these women have achieved over the course of their career here, and I just, I felt obligated to just recognize that moment in history here

in Pennsylvania; and thank you and my Members and all the Members for allowing me to do that.

**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, the second reason I rise today is to introduce an outstanding student from the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics. Airi Tilley is an undergraduate student, as I mentioned, at the University of Pittsburgh, pursuing a degree in media and professional communication, with a B.A. Her degree focus is in community and corporate relations with gender, sexuality, and women's studies as a minor. Airi is in her final semester and will be the first in her family to graduate from college. She has worked as vice president of marketing, outreach, and also events for the Pitt food pantry, focusing on implementing ways to allow for the destigmatization of food insecurity on colleges' campuses. She is very passionate about combating food insecurity and destigmatizing conversations about other social issues. Airi is interested in learning more about systems advocacy to create equitable change in the Pittsburgh community. She also hopes to remain active in local cultural scenes. As a native of Pittsburgh myself, I am happy to hear that students from the University of Pittsburgh in our community want to invest in our rich, diverse community. It is also important to mention that she is an alumna of our President pro tempore, Senator Kim Ward, a Hempfield Township graduate. So, Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give our guest a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Costa please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, today I rise with a personal sense of pride in introducing three guests who I have a history with, but more importantly, have shared over 70 years of a family small business with Lancaster County: George Soukas, Helen Hazatonos, and Maria Georgallis. See, back in 1953, two gentlemen, Pete Photis and John Petunis, opened up The Village Nightclub in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For any of us who grew up in Lancaster, we knew it was a great place to hang out, listen to great music and other entertainment, and enjoy beautiful downtown Lancaster. Some of the examples of some of the people or musicians who have played there: The Sharks, 38 Special, Mr. Greengenes, Blue Oyster Cult, The Marshall Tucker Band, Quiet Riot, Flock of Seagulls, The Hooters, The Guess Who, Steppenwolf, The Village People, The Ramones, and The Band, DJ Rob Base, and of course, whenever you have surprise performances by the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Cyndi Lauper, Gregg Allman, and of course, Charles Barkley and the 76ers, you can see how much that this venue meant to so many in Lancaster County. It was a special place, and as a personal note, for almost 10 years, I served as a bouncer at The Village Nightclub. And though there are some things you do not want to talk about, the one thing I can

say is this, is that throughout my life, there are relationships that I have had, even since my days of working there, of just amazing people. We had some great times, and as a 21-year-old kid, and you are sitting in an alleyway talking to The Hooters, you never forget those kinds of memories. On December 11, in the wee hours of the morning of 2022, The Village closed its doors after 70 years. So, not only do I want to introduce our special guests here today who kept that family business going and alive, I want to say thank you on behalf of the citizens of Lancaster County for just an amazing place to have a good time and for so many special memories.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETINGS PURSUANT TO RULE 9**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Before we proceed further with the introduction of guests, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business and pursuant to Rule 9, the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Banking and Insurance, will meet off the floor immediately in the Rules room during the introduction of guests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to Senate Rule 9 as a special order of business, the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Minority Leader, has permitted the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Banking and Insurance to meet off the floor in the Rules room during the introduction of guests. Without objection, the Committee on Appropriations will meet immediately off the floor in the Rules room while the Senate continues with the introduction of guests. The Committee on Banking and Insurance will meet off the floor in the Rules room following the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senate will be at ease momentarily while the Members of the Committee on Appropriations report to the Rules room.

[The Senate was at ease.]

### **GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, if I am being perfectly honest, I have never been prouder to introduce guests than I am today. With us today are the PIAA Class 4[A] State champions, the Bishop McDevitt Crusaders. This is the school's 2nd State title, and over the years, they have brought home 10 district championship titles. Bishop McDevitt has a storied history, which started just a few blocks north on Market Street. Many may recall the old McDevitt field tucked in behind the former school in Reservoir Park, where past players included many college all-stars and Super Bowl champions, Ricky Watters, and LeSean McCoy.

During this season's momentous run, the mighty Crusaders outscored their opponents 692 to 114. Let me repeat that, they outscored their opponents 692 to 114, culminating and soundly defeating Aliquippa with a score of 41-18. Now, Senator Brewster may disagree with me on this, but where I come from, that is

known as a blowout. McDevitt, while not officially in my district, has a special place in my heart. I have watched the school grow from its humble beginnings in an old, historic building where my father attended high school when it was called Harrisburg Catholic; to where it is now in their beautiful new school located at 1 Crusader Way. The combination of tradition, of high academic standards, and exceptional athletics affords its students not only a quality education and a high school experience, but it has provided countless athletes with scholarships to top-tier colleges and universities. I deeply appreciate my friend and colleague, Senator John DiSanto, who proudly represents Bishop McDevitt, for allowing me to offer these remarks and welcome our guests to the Senate today. I mentioned at the beginning that this is a proud day for me, and that is because my son, Chase, is a member of this team. He and all his teammates have worked extremely hard, day-in and day-out, to reach the pinnacle of high school athletics, a State championship. I also want to commend the coaches who teach and inspire and push these young men to be the best that they can be. Head Coach Jeff Weachter has cemented his place in Pennsylvania high school football history. In his more than 20 years at McDevitt, he has coached seven players who have gone on to play in the NFL. He has helped numerous student athletes continue their dreams in college, and he seems to just keep on racking up wins. I look forward to what the future holds for him and all the players who are with us today. It is an exciting future. I can promise you that.

Now, it is my absolute pleasure to introduce the PIAA Class 4A State champions, the Bishop McDevitt Crusaders, and I ask my colleagues to help me welcome the State champs.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

### **GUEST 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, on the last day of February, in the spirit of Groundhog Day, I have a shadow today, but unlike Punxsutawney Phil, my shadow does not bring with it 6 more weeks of winter and a collective groan from across the Commonwealth. I would like to introduce you to my shadow, Juan Luis Garcia Tafolla, an 11th grader who attends Kennett High School, along with TCHS Pennock's Bridge Career and Technical School in the afternoon. Before gaining an interest in public service, Juan set out with an interest to become an aerospace engineer, but he had to enroll in an auto collision program, taking him to TCHS Pennock's Bridge in the afternoon. Whether it is working under the hood of a car or under the seat of a toilet, both Juan and I know the importance of taking up a trade and working with your hands. But after learning that he has already been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania, I think he may be just a little tiny bit smarter than me.

During a conversation with his family, Juan decided a career in politics would be right up his alley. Through an amazing program in school, Juan connected with school staff, talked to experienced mentors, and ended up here in Harrisburg to follow me around. Little does he know, I am still trying to figure it out

myself. Today I am proud to recognize my constituent, Juan Luis Garcia Tafolla, not only for his commitment to this community and to making this world a better place, but for reminding me what I love so much about this job. To be in a position to help is an awesome responsibility, and after spending time with him today, it is obvious that Juan is ready to seize his moment. We should all take comfort that our next generation is filled with leaders just like this young man. We are in good hands.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Kane please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, today I would like to introduce Caleb Loughrin, who is participating in Pitt's Legislator for a Day program. He shadowed me--at least tried to--throughout the day. Caleb is currently a senior who is studying philosophy and economics and has ambitions to go on to law school. He also has a strong interest in the education system here in Pennsylvania, as he spent most of his morning attending the Committee on Education hearing that we had. So, becoming, obviously, as he mentioned, becoming a teacher is not out of the realm of his possible career path in the future, and he mentioned that his father is also a teacher. So again, has a strong interest in the education system here in Pennsylvania. Originally, Mr. President, Caleb is from Switzerland; he now resides in Senator Costa's district, with plans to stay in the area post-graduation. Mr. President, would you please ask the Senate to give Caleb a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator David G. Argall) in the Chair.**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Fontana please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN P. AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest, Mr. Mike Hostetler. In November, Mike retired from WGAL-TV 8 as a sports anchor after 32 years of dedicated service. For more than 3 decades, Mike made it fun for viewers to watch as he went skydiving, filled in as a goalie for an impressive peewee hockey team, and participated in a synchronized swimming routine. Before he became the weeknight sports anchor at WGAL, he worked at television stations in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio. During his career, he was the recipient of several *Associated Press* broadcasting awards and a Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for Football Friday. Mike truly was a part of our homes for many years, and we are lucky to have enjoyed his segments. While watching sports coverage after his retirement just is

not the same, I want to wish Mike the relaxing and fulfilling retirement he so richly deserves. Please join me in welcoming my guest, Mike Hostetler, to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Aument please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the information of the Members, the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations has ended. The Committee on Banking and Insurance will meet immediately in the Rules room.

The Senate will be at ease momentarily while the Members of the Committee on Banking and Insurance report to the Rules room.

[The Senate was at ease.]

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Ryan P. Aument) in the Chair.**

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today we have a very special guest joining us from the University of Pittsburgh, Nicole Sanna, who was chosen by the Institute of Politics program to participate in their Legislator for a Day program. This is a program that I participated in in the past, and I am happy to have the opportunity again today. My guest, Nicole, is no stranger to the Harrisburg area or the State Capitol, growing up locally across the river in Enola. Nicole is currently enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in political science and psychology, while also pursuing certificates in digital media and communication. Her primary focus is on policy related to the environment, gender equality, racial justice, and other social issues. Nicole has had the opportunity to spend time interning on various political campaigns, as well as working with advocacy groups that promote disability rights and gender equality. In her free time, she likes listening to music and podcasts, spending time with her friends, yoga, reading, journaling, and biking. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering a very warm Senate welcome to Nicole Sanna.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Bartolotta please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce guests to the Senate Chamber, the State officers of the Pennsylvania FFA, who are seated in the gallery. Last week, the week of February 18 through the 25, was National FFA Week. I would like to welcome President James Winklosky, who is a constituent of Senator Pittman; Vice President Benjamin Torrey, who is a constituent of Senator Dush; Treasurer Callie Whiting, who is a constituent of Senator Brooks; Secretary Grace Benton, who is a constituent of Senator Regan; Reporter Jeremy Rose, who is a constituent of Senator Pittman; and Chaplain Zaleigh Wade, who is a constituent of Senator Laughlin.

The FFA is a national organization that seeks to engage our youth while promoting the future of agriculture through education. FFA is not just for students who want to be in production agriculture, FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners, and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture. Today, there are nearly 900,000 FFA members ages 12 through 21 in almost 9,000 chapters in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Pennsylvania's 4 FFA regions are comprised of over 13,600 student members. FFA members are encouraged to participate in career and leadership development events; compete at the chapter, regional, State, and national levels; and benefit from gaining real-life, hands-on experience. Trademarked by their traditional blue corduroy jackets, young men and women with diverse backgrounds serve their chapters, their communities, and their country through this exemplary youth organization. Please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to the Pennsylvania FFA officers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I have been waiting for this, and my young guests have been waiting as well, and have done so well. Today, I have the pleasure of introducing my guests, Anna Bluestone; her daughter, Lena; and Lena's friends, Lily Jordan, Chloe LaRiviere, Jacinda Motley, and CeCe Rohrbach. All of these young ladies are students at Exeter Middle School, and I have just had a really enjoyable time this morning meeting with them, talking with them. They are so enthusiastic about being here in the Capitol, and I am glad--even though it has been a long day--they came on a day when they saw a new, female Senator being sworn in. And, as Senator Costa said, a new, female Leader of color for our House of Representatives. It is a historic day, and I hope they will remember it. So that you understand that these folks came to us--they won a winning bid at a charity donation hosted by the Bernadine Franciscan Sisters, and I offer a tour of the Capitol. This was 2 years ago. They finally made it here. So, I am delighted to see them, wish them well, and I hope to see you young ladies back in your classes sometime this year. Thank

you, girls. And would my colleagues join me, Mr. President, in welcoming them to the Senate.

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

[Applause.]

#### **REQUEST FOR RECESS**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President [sic], I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

#### **PERMISSION TO ADDRESS**

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I do want to correct the record and acknowledge it is Mr. President, not Madam President [laughter]. I understand that I was misinformed, and I apologize.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

#### **RECESS**

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, we request that the Democrats caucus at the rear of the Chamber immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

**The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the Chair.**

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

#### **LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Martin.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Martin.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 144 (Pr. No. 119) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing for fire-fighting foam management.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 155 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 211 (Pr. No. 180) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in environmental protection, providing for decommissioning of solar energy facilities.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 254 (Pr. No. 217) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for suspension of the Pennsylvania Heavy-Duty Diesel Emissions Control Program and for expiration of suspension.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 9, ADOPTED

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 2 of the Calendar, Senate Resolution No. 9, entitled:

A Resolution urging the President of the United States to restart and expedite the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, may I submit remarks for the record on behalf of Senator Cappelletti.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa submits remarks on behalf of Senator Cappelletti, and they will be spread across 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 Montgomery, Senator CAPPELLETTI.)

Mr. President, I oppose Senate Resolution No. 9, which urges President Biden to restart and expedite the Keystone XL pipeline. This resolution not only pushes an unpopular position, but it also pushes a position that is dangerous for our public health and our climate. It is useless and irrelevant and, to be frank, a blatant waste of time and taxpayer dollars to move this resolution forward when we all know this project is dead. On June 9, 2021, TC Energy Corporation confirmed that after a comprehensive review of its options, and in consultation with its partner, the government of Alberta, they terminated the Keystone XL Pipeline Project. Further showcasing the irrelevance of this resolution, the fact remains that this project would not even go through Pennsylvania or provide additional resources to Pennsylvanians combatting fluctuating gas prices. In fact, the majority of Keystone XL oil would have been sent to markets overseas. The argument that this pipeline project would enable Americans to feel less pain at the pump or avoid paying exorbitant energy policies is invalid.

If the legislators who are championing this resolution were serious about American energy independence and economic success, they would be supporting my proposal with Senator Muth that lays the groundwork for Pennsylvania to transition to 100 percent renewable energy. Our proposal will actually serve Pennsylvanians by protecting their public health and setting us up for long-term economic success. I urge my colleagues to vote against this pointless resolution.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-31

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Culver, DiSanto, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Hutchinson, Langerholc, Laughlin, Muth, Mastriano, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Rothman, Stefano, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Kim, Yaw.

NAY-18

Table with 4 columns of names: Boscola, Cappelletti, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Dillon, Haywood, Hughes, Kane, Kearney, Miller, Muth, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Street, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution is adopted.



**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

**SB 115 (Pr. No. 41) (Rereported)**

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.

**SB 121 (Pr. No. 11) (Rereported)**

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

Senator GEBHARD, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bill:

**SB 8 (Pr. No. 290)**

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, further providing for coverage for mammographic examinations and diagnostic breast imaging and providing for coverage for BRCA-related genetic counseling and genetic testing.

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

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 115 (Pr. No. 41) --** The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Madam President, Senate Bill No. 115 amends the Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act to allow a coal mine operator to submit a request for an amendment to the operator's approved diesel-powered equipment packages. In light of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopting multiple tiers of emission standards, more efficient engines, and often the use of synthetic oil, we require oil and filter changes prematurely. My legislation would allow DEP's Bureau of Mine Safety to accept requests for amendments extending the oil and oil filter requirements from 100 hours to 200 hours. This is simply a codification of recommendations made last year by the task force formed by the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-49**

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	Santarsiero
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	Saval
Bartolotta	Dush	Martin	Schwank
Boscola	Farry	Mastriano	Stefano
Brewster	Flynn	Miller	Street
Brooks	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Brown	Gebhard	Pennycuick	Vogel
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
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.

**SB 121 (Pr. No. 11) --** The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam President, I rise to ask for support for Senate Bill No. 121; and the subject matter of this bill is really no stranger to this Chamber, and I credit the work of yourself, Madam President, as well as my colleague, Senator Pittman, on this issue to take the politics out of the State Police. And year after year, as we budget and we talk about critical infrastructure as well as roads and what the Motor License Fund was intended for, this issue comes up. It is time to stop playing politics with the Pennsylvania State Police and give them the secure line-item funding that they need within the general budget, and this bill will do that while contemporaneously reducing the amount of money that goes out of the Motor License Fund. And when people drive in our Commonwealth and pay that gas tax, it goes towards what was its intended purpose. I think this is an issue that has garnered--I know that it is an issue that has garnered--bipartisan support and something that we can work on across the aisle to get this done for the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And again, I stress this as a former prosecutor, that it is time to give the Pennsylvania State Police that dedicated funding that they so deserve in a budget--in a line item in the budget--and

have the Motor License Fund go towards the intended purpose. I would ask for an affirmative vote for Senate Bill No. 121.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me, at this moment in time, not support Senate Bill No. 121. While it is true that this issue has been around for quite a while, and I know it goes back to the time when we started Act 89 a number of years ago, began this process to wean ourselves off of the reliance upon the Motor License Fund to pay State Police. We then, last year, made a significant step in the budget, thanks to the bipartisan work in this part of the building especially, to get it to that point in time. But at this moment in time, I think it is not appropriate for us to advance this measure, given that it is a significant reduction: a \$250 million reduction. We certainly agree with the notion and concept that we need to continue to wean ourselves off of the reliance upon the Motor License Fund to pay for our State Police, so that we can do more in terms of making sure we preserve our roads and our bridges across Pennsylvania. This is a budget--as was indicated by my colleague, Senator Hughes, in the Committee on Appropriations--this is really a budget matter and a budget issue; and I think we also know that the concern is that our Governor, who will be making his announcement in a week from today, it is my understanding, may be addressing this issue as we go forward. There is no doubt that it was part of his conversation through the campaign over the course of the last year, to be able to include this measure as one of the priorities that we would be discussing through our budgetary process. The other part that we are concerned about is while we removed \$250 million from the Motor License Fund, at the end of the day, what it means is that it is going to shift to the General Fund budget, and there is no assurance or guarantees that there will be any funding, along those lines, for the State Police, along those lines. There is no dedicated funding stream outside of the fact that it is going to be in the General Fund. There are no assurances that we are going to be able to replicate or replace the \$250 [million] that we are not going to be receiving from the Motor License Fund. So given that uncertainty, we certainly do not want to be in a position where we are defunding police as we go forward, and that is one of the concerns that we have as well. So, at the end of the day, we know that our friends across the Commonwealth would like to see us take this step, but we just do not think it is appropriate at this time to be able to do it, and welcome the opportunity to join the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and everyone else to have a fruitful discussion about how we continue down this path in a thoughtful and appropriate way through the budgetary process.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam President, just briefly, I would be remiss if I did not mention the support that this bill has garnered, and I thank those stakeholders, specifically, the American Concrete Pavement Association Pennsylvania Chapter, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania, the Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union 66, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 57, the

Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association, Pennsylvania Bus Association, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, and the Pennsylvania State Building & Construction Trades Council. And again, I look forward to working with my colleagues in this Chamber to continuing to move this forward.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, just very briefly, and I appreciate the Member bringing to light of everyone, those organizations that support this measure; and we stand with those organizations to address this issue. What our point is, it is not appropriate at this time because this is really a budgetary matter, and I would be remiss if I did not mention that the Shapiro Administration has indicated to us, and I think to all the Members of this Chamber, that they do not support this measure at this moment in time and thus the reason for a negative vote. But clearly, we recognize what needs to be done, we clearly recognize what we want to do in the end, just now is not the time to do that. And we are looking forward to that fruitful conversation through the budgetary process after next week.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-28

Argall	Coleman	Langerholc	Regan
Aument	Culver	Laughlin	Robinson
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Rothman
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brooks	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Brown	Hutchinson	Pittman	Yaw

NAY-21

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

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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator DUSH. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The bill was as follows:

**SB 8.**

And said bill 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, MARCH 1, 2023

9:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 162, 446 and 447; and motions to authorize the issuance of subpoenas)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 232 and 297; and Senate Resolution No. 48)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 8 and 144)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 154, 191, 298, 443, 453 and 459)	Room 461 Main Capitol

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

1:00 P.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing to collect testimony on "Charging Electric Vehicles")	Univ. of Pitt. Alumni Hall Room 121 4227 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from York, Senator Phillips-Hill.

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Madam President, I rise today along with the Majority Leader, the gentleman from Indiana County, to commemorate the observance of Four Chaplains Day. Each year on February 3, this day of remembrance is celebrated across our nation and our Commonwealth. This year marked the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the *USAT Dorchester* and the legendary acts of selflessness by the Four Chaplains on board. These brave men, who became known as the Four Chaplains, were Methodist minister, the Reverend George L. Fox; Reformed Church in America minister, the Reverend Clarke V. Poling; Rabbi Alexander D. Goode; and Roman Catholic priest, Father John P. Washington. These military Chaplains sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of their fellow service members during World War II when attacked in what was known as Torpedo Junction, about 150 miles off of the coast of Greenland. Each year, we gather at the Four Chaplains Memorial of York County at their annual breakfast to commemorate and honor the service and

sacrifice of the Four Chaplains. In York, we find strength in the legacy of the Four Chaplains and of Rabbi Alexander David Goode, who left the pulpit at Temple Beth Israel in 1942 to become an Army Chaplain. We continue to remember, reflect, commemorate, and honor the service and sacrifice of the Four Chaplains. Local leaders who live their lives by the values of the Four Chaplains are recognized by scholarships that are awarded to students from the Alexander D. Goode Elementary School to help those students pursue a future in education and to build a strong foundation for a life in which they can give of themselves for the betterment of others. Today I thank the Senate of Pennsylvania for the opportunity to remember the Four Chaplains, their service, their sacrifice, and their legacy.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,078 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. As we come together today here in this esteemed, legislative Chamber, thousands of workers across our State struggle to make ends meet, despite working long hours and doing their best to support their families. It is morally unacceptable, Madam President, that we continue to have our minimum wage be a legalized poverty-level wage. Raising the minimum wage is not just a moral imperative, it is an economic one as well, Madam President. These people do not believe that their government is working for them because, let us be honest, it often is not. But we have the chance as we move through the early stages of the 2023-2024 legislative Session to show our lowest-wage earners that we are fighting for them. Let us pass commonsense, minimum wage legislation.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Madam President, on this day in 1991, Desert Storm ended. On this very day in 1991, the end of Desert Storm. The war began, of course, with Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, on 2 August 1990, when the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait. The United States and the international forces responded quickly to the brutality of the Iraqi occupation. President George Herbert Walker Bush responded to the invasion by deploying nearly 700,000 of our own forces to the region, bolstered by about a quarter million allied and coalition military personnel. The first portion of the deployment from August until January was Operation Desert Shield: a defensive phase build-up of military operations which focused, of course, on the defense of Saudi Arabia. And the second phase began on 16 January 1991, when coalition and allied air forces began an air campaign against Saddam Hussein's forces that had occupied Kuwait.

The ground campaign began actually a day earlier than the books say, it began on 23 February 1991, when my own regiment was ordered into Iraq, the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. We were ordered into the southeastern corner of Iraq to lead the main attack against Saddam Hussein's elite Republican Guards. The ground attack kicked off in earnest on the next day, 24 February 1991, and resulted in the complete liberation of Kuwait on this day in 1991. Desert Storm was a stunning display of near perfection, conduct, and the conduct of joint combined international

military operations that had been learned over many years since the loss of Vietnam.

More importantly, it was the single most important point of unification for the American people since Vietnam. The people of our State, our Commonwealth, and our nation were united in their support for the military. Spontaneous prayer movements sprung up across the State--it was fantastic to see that--yellow ribbons on the trees, reminders to pray for our troops. It was quite a thing. This was a unique time in our history, and I do believe God answered those prayers of so many people. Changing the wind on the day my unit entered Iraq, restoring it to its normal direction, the moment ceasefire came into effect on 28 February at 0800, and delivering so many of our troops from being killed during combat operations.

But the cost to liberate Kuwait was high for our own Commonwealth. Pennsylvania sent thousands of its sons and daughters to serve in Operation Desert Storm, and Pennsylvania suffered the highest loss of life in a single attack when an Iraqi scud exploded in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 13 of our soldiers and wounding 43 members of a Pennsylvania-based unit, the 14th Quartermaster Detachment deployed out of Greensburg. May we never forget the losses of these great heroes. As to Desert Storm, Pennsylvania lost 14 of its finest to non-combat deaths during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and during combat operations during Desert Storm, 15 Pennsylvanians lost their lives. And I think it is fitting and good to remember each by name.

The 14 non-combat-related casualties included: Daniel Lupatsky, from Centralia; Clayton Daniel McKinsey, from Hanover; John Jeffrey Bnosky, from Tamaqua; Michael Edward Codispodo, Philadelphia; Jeffrey William Speicher; Camp Hill; Corzere Monray Carrington, from North Braddock; Howard John Gillespie, from Philadelphia; John [Joseph] Thomas Moran, from Cornwells Heights; Arthur Fredrick Reid, from Harrisburg; Michael Craig Wallington, from Gibsonsia; Sean Michael Smith, from Erie; Carl William Brace, from Bath; Dennis Michael Cooke, from Montgomery; Thomas Donald Murphy, [Jr.], from Munhall.

Pennsylvania's 15 combat-related losses included the following heroes: Mark Alan Connelly, from Lancaster; Anthony Erik Madison, from Monessen; James Frank Walls, from Hawthorn; Eric James Waldron, from Jeannette; Vincent Richard Wolverton, from Latrobe; Thomas John Boxler, from Johnstown; Brent Alan Craver, from Penn Hills; Steven Eric Atherton, from Templeton [sic]; August John Boliver, [Jr.], from Monongahela; Julius Stephen Siko, from Youngstown [sic]; Writner Duane Hollen, [Jr.], from Bellwood; Christine Lynn Mayes, from Rochester Mills; Sue Beverly Clark, from Armagh; Joseph Phillip Bongiorno III, from Hickory; Scott Frank Keough, from Huntingdon. May we forever remember our honored dead and keep their families in prayer.

Madam President, I also rise in honor of USO Month. This is in support of Senate Resolution No. 49, designating the month of February as USO Month in Pennsylvania. The United Service Organizations, USO, was founded in 1941 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt to enhance the quality of life and morale of military members and their families deployed overseas. Over the decades since the USO has been formed, it adjusted to the needs of men and women around the world during the Second World War, in Korea, Vietnam, and all the other missions and deployments and

operations, all the way through even Desert Storm and beyond, our war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq, and elsewhere. Their presence across the world, boosting the morale of our soldiers, helping them remember that they were not forgotten, made a difference and continues to do so. I, myself, have enjoyed the benefits of the USO, and their welcome centers around the world and around the nation, where they provide around-the-clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families, they are a great blessing and encouragement and a relief from the rigors of war and travel. The trademark USO tours bring America and its celebrities to the service members wherever they are around the world. Madam President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the USO's dedication to troops and their families.

Thank you, Madam President.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Camera C. Bartolotta) in the Chair.**

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

Senator COMITTA. Madam President, I rise in support of the window to justice legislation that would finally give abuse victims the access to justice that they deserve. Victims of childhood sexual abuse deserve justice. After years of delays and uncertainty, we are close to finally bringing forward legislation that would do just that. The House has sent us two bills that would offer a 2-year window of justice to victims. One that would open the window through legislation and the other that would open a window through a constitutional amendment. Both measures have strong bipartisan support in the House and have broad bipartisan support in our communities. This is not a political issue. It is just simply the right thing to do. Voters overwhelmingly support justice for abuse victims, and now is the time to get that done. Whether it comes through statutory enactment or a constitutional change, we must act. There is no reason and no excuse to delay this pathway to justice any further. Let us do the right thing and pass clean bills now. Let us deliver justice for those who have waited for years, for decades, and in some cases, for their entire adult lives. Thank you.

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

Senator KEARNEY. Madam President, I rise to echo the comments of my colleague from Bucks County on Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which takes place this week between February 27 and March 5. This year's focus is strength through experience and knowledge with a focus on time for change. In the spirit of knowledge, I want to share some of the statistics around eating disorders. Eating disorders are something often overlooked, yet it has the second-highest mortality rate of mental health disorders, surpassed only by opioid use disorder. Nationally, there will be 1 death as a direct result of an eating disorder nearly every 52 minutes, and some 28.8 million Americans, including over 1.1 million Pennsylvanians, experience an eating disorder at some point in their lives. These statistics are alarming, but they are only meant to highlight the impact that eating disorders have. There is treatment, and recovery is real for these disorders, but to realize and improve treatment, we need to be part of that change. Eating disorders stretch across all ages, races, genders, sexual orientations, and socio-economic backgrounds, yet these disorders are

continually misconstrued and stigmatized. Focusing on a time for change is about raising awareness, spreading knowledge, and increasing access to resources for all those impacted by disorders.

It is my hope that my colleagues will take this time this week to listen to the stories of individuals who have and continue to struggle with eating disorders. This resolution and participating in the week can provide us all with an opportunity to bring awareness and help those impacted get access to treatment so they do not struggle in silence. Organizations like the National Eating Disorders Association and the National Alliance for Eating Disorders can be a lifeline for many of our constituents, and I ask my colleagues to share these resources with their constituents. But we can do more. There are legislative actions that we can take to ensure people have access to the resources they need. We can pass bills like my colleague, Senator Santarsiero's bill, to provide information to all parents at school entities about eating disorders so they can spot early signs and get treatment before the serious impacts of these disorders. We can take action to make sure there is no prohibitive barrier to treatment for eating disorders by guaranteeing insurance coverage like my bill does, Senate Bill No. 294, because without treatment, up to 15 percent of those individuals with eating disorders will die or suffer from long-term chronic illness. Now is the time for change; now is the time for action.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I rise to join my colleague, the gentlewoman from Chester County, speaking about two very important pieces of legislation that rest now here in the Senate of Pennsylvania: House Bill No. 1, the constitutional amendment with respect to the individuals having the opportunity to pursue justice, as well as the statutory framework in House Bill No. 2 that allows the same opportunity for the 2-year window. Madam President, as was indicated by my colleague and we spoke about yesterday, these are really important measures. They have enjoyed strong bipartisan support in the House of Representatives last week when they came to us in overwhelming fashion. And as was indicated, the support of the public, the support of our communities to be able to do the right thing and move these measures forward is really important. To achieve that, the ball is in our Senate court, and what we need to do, Madam President, is take steps to be able to position these bills for a vote, hopefully next week. What does that mean? That means we have got to be called into Special Session. As much as I would love to be able to call us into Special Session as the Democratic Leader, I cannot do that. But the Majority party needs to do that, and we are asking that the Majority party call us into Special Session to be able to address these bills. Once we do that, we will then have the opportunity to be able to establish the committees to be able to refer these measures to, and then beyond that, we will also be able to adopt rules that will govern us through that process.

Now, I can say to you in years past when this situation occurred, what occurred was that we would simply adopt the Session rules as the Special Session rules. So, whenever there was a situation during the Special Session period--there was a question about the rules or the assignment of committees--the Senate rules we adopted in January governed that process. But we cannot do that unless the Senate Majority party acts, and we ask them to act

now. So, these measures will not be discussed or moved forward until that time. So, we are again calling upon our colleagues to do the right thing, create the committee, and take the steps necessary, call us into Special Session, create the committees, create the rules, and allow these bills to be assigned to a committee for then us to begin to do the work to be able to bring these measures to a vote on this floor. That is the only thing standing in the way of these individuals receiving the justice they rightly deserve, and we cannot continue to go down this path. As I said yesterday and will continue to say every day while we are here, doing nothing is not a solution. Doing nothing is not an option. We must take steps, we must move forward, and we are calling upon our colleagues in the Majority party to take the necessary steps to be able to do that.

Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the opportunity to say a few words.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

### NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

February 28, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks (Congressional District 7), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Amy Cozze, Nazareth, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

February 28, 2023

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

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

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

February 28, 2023

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

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

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

**APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO STANDING  
COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 27, 2023

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator KIM WARD  
President Pro Tempore

RE: Standing Committee Changes  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of the Senate, I hereby make the following standing committee changes for the remainder of the 2023-24 legislative sessions:

Remove Senator Ryan Aument from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

Remove Senator Chris Gebhard from the Committee on Aging and Youth.

Remove Senator Lisa Baker from the Committee on Appropriations.

Remove Senator Ryan Aument from the Committee on Finance.

Remove Senator Ryan Aument from the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Remove Senator Scott Hutchinson from the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations.

Remove Senator Ryan Aument from the Committee on Law and Justice.

Appoint Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver to the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, the Committee on Aging and Youth, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Health and Human Services, the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations and the Committee on Law and Justice.

**RECESS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 11:30 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 4:53 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.