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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend LAURA SAFFELL, of Amity and Liberty United Methodist Churches, Washington, offered the following prayer:

Good morning. I am grateful for this invitation to lead us all in prayer as you do the good work to which you have each been called. As we hear in the Scriptures, all requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving are to be made for everyone, for kings and all of those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

With this word in mind, let us pray.

Creator and Master of the universe, our Lord and our God, our Father, we come before You today asking that You give wisdom and discernment to these Members of the Senate, to their staff, and to all who are in humble service to You, and to the people of this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The desires of their hearts are to make decisions that will benefit all of those who live in their jurisdictions, that their lives may have peace. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, O God, so we pray that righteousness and justice would be the basis of all the decisions made in this place and by these leaders.

Heavenly Father, we pray that out of Your glorious riches, You would strengthen us with power through Your holy Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. And to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Saffell, who is the guest today of Senator Bartolotta.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following Senate Bill numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

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Senators LAUGHLIN, BOSCOLA, COLLETT, DiSANTO, HAYWOOD, PENNYCUICK, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, COMITTA, STEFANO, COSTA, KEARNEY, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 400**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in qualifications of electors, further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries; in party organization, further providing for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; in nomination of candidates, further providing for candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected at primaries and providing for procedure for unenrolled electors to cast primary ballots; and, in preparation for and conduct of primaries and elections, further providing for manner of applying to vote, persons entitled to vote, voter's certificates, entries to be made in district register, numbered lists of voters and challenges.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 26, 2023.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator LANGERHOLC, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 140 (Pr. No. 654) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in metropolitan transportation authorities, providing for special prosecutor for mass transit.

SB 153 (Pr. No. 125)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for power of Governor during emergency.

SB 362 (Pr. No. 655) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in budget and finance, further providing for county portion of fines, etc.; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for railroad trains not to block crossings; and imposing penalties.

SB 561 (Pr. No. 559)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

SB 562 (Pr. No. 570)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program.

Senator MASTRIANO, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 81 (Pr. No. 652) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts.

SB 189 (Pr. No. 653) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for blind veteran's pension and for amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator MASTRIANO, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following resolution:

SR 82 (Pr. No. 553)

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Secretary of the Navy to designate the City of Philadelphia and both banks of the Delaware River as the site of the main celebration of the 250th birthdays of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps in October and November 2025.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Judy Ward and Senator Stefano, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Farry, and Senator Gebhard.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Fontana.

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Anthony Williams, and legislative leaves for Senator Cappelletti and Senator Haywood.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Judy Ward and Senator Stefano, and legislative leaves for Senator DiSanto, Senator Farry, and Senator Gebhard.

Senator Fontana requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Anthony Williams, and legislative leaves for Senator Cappelletti and Senator Haywood.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of February 28, 2023, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 28, 2023.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
MEETING PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 9**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business and pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the Committee on Health and Human Services, followed by the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, will meet off the floor immediately in the Rules room during the introduction of guests.

The PRESIDENT. 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 Health and Human Services, followed by the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, as well, to meet off the floor in the Rules room during the introduction of guests. Without objection, the Committee on Health and Human Services, and then the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, will meet immediately off the floor in the Rules room while the Senate continues with the introduction of guests. The Senate will be at ease momentarily.

[The Senate was at ease.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Judy Ward has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOE PITTMAN
AND SENATOR SCOTT E. HUTCHINSON
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, it is my distinct honor to join with Senator Hutchinson in welcoming the Freeport girls' volleyball team here today, and they are seated in the gallery. The Freeport High School Yellowjackets became the State PIAA AA volleyball champions this past November. This, I believe, is their second State championship in the last 6 years. Obviously, they are quite talented. When I was talking to the students, it is clear that they have a bench for next year, and I believe that Freeport is going to have many very successful volleyball seasons ahead. I do want to recognize, specifically, their head coach, Thomas Phillips; the JV coach, Claire Crytzer; and the students of the volleyball team from Freeport, and I ask that the Senate extend to them our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Pittman and Senator Hutchinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN
ON BEHALF OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a group of talented athletes from the Central Dauphin School District. I do so on behalf of my Dauphin County colleague, Senator DiSanto, who represents the Central Dauphin School District, but he was not able to be here because of surgery he had last week. In November, the Central Dauphin Girls' Soccer Team won the PIAA Class 4A championship with a 2-1 victory over Penn Ridge. The Rams' girls demonstrated tenacity, athletic prowess, and great sportsmanship under head coach Chris Jones, and assistants Richard Chinapoo and Zach Ferguson. Team captains were Samantha Widnick, AJ Renaldi, and Nia Chinapoo. The team joins us in the gallery today along with athletic director Chris Hunter, and high school principal Eric Shrader. Please help me and Senator DiSanto welcome the 4A State championship Central Dauphin Girls' Soccer Team.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Rothman and Senator DiSanto please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am delighted to introduce and welcome a special group of active and engaged citizens from the beautiful Endless Mountains region of northeastern Pennsylvania, individuals who are joining us in the Senate gallery. Today they will have an opportunity to get an up-close look at State government and check out how their involvement is shaping the direction of our Commonwealth. We may like to credit our personal attributes and accomplishments to our presence here in this

Chamber, but the truth is, we owe our electoral success in large measure to the men and women we fondly refer to as the party faithful. Those who dedicate time and talent to helping elect qualified candidates for public office. These behind-the-scenes workers maintain the essential mechanisms of campaigns and elections: registering voters, recruiting candidates, making endorsements, assembling resources, spreading the message, distributing materials, contacting voters, encouraging turnout, and conducting the "get out the vote," and much, much more. These indispensable tasks can make or break campaigns. They volunteer energy and enormous time so that voters have choices in deciding whom the responsibilities of governance are granted.

Many of our guests have never visited this Chamber or the State Capitol, so I am pleased to host this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for them to witness our State government in action. I would like to offer special thanks to Dr. Davis Haire for coordinating the visit, and my thanks to all those who are in the gallery who made the trip from northeastern Pennsylvania. Please join me in offering a warm Senate welcome to our guests from the Endless Mountains region of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Baker please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Stefano has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
CHRISTINE M. TARTAGLIONE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome an exciting group of Temple Owls to the Senate. These students have come all the way from Philadelphia to Harrisburg to meet with legislators and advocate for Temple here in the Capitol during Owls on the Hill Day. As some of the students may know, I am a Temple board trustee, and I love seeing more [people up here advocating for Temple. So, Mr. President, I ask that my Senate colleagues join me in giving this great group of students a warm Senate welcome.]

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Tartaglione please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN I. KANE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Kane.

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I warmly welcome two guests to the Senate; my first, Peyton McPeak, an insightful and inspiring intern from my district office to the Senate floor. Peyton is a senior at Neumann University in the 9th Senatorial District. He is a passionate advocate on a range of topics, but their presence here serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of fighting for equality and justice for all. Peyton has an awesome goal of

becoming an LGBTQIA+ advocate and pushing for policies that protect and uplift this community. During Peyton's time in my office, I quickly recognized the traits that will make them extremely effective at fighting on behalf of others. Peyton has already accomplished so much, both academically and through their activism. As president of NUPride, a student-led organization, Peyton has worked tirelessly to bring more LGBTQIA+ representation onto Neumann's campus. You all hear me talk about the importance of being a plumber when I am in the Senate. Well, that is me saying representation matters, and the work Peyton does on the campus to bring more diversity to the campus is equally so. In addition to organizing on campus, Peyton has also worked in his local community to be a vocal advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community. They have organized events such as Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil and participated in a student/faculty panel discussion about the importance of self-love and care during the pandemic. My whole office and I are thrilled that you will be graduating this May from Neumann University with a BA in political science. Your hard work and academic achievements are a testament to your dedication and drive. We wish you all the best as you move forward in your career and continue to fight for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community. We are honored to have you here with us today, and we look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in the future.

Mr. President, the second guest I am introducing is a very important member of my team, Angel Barrios. Angel has been an incredible and instrumental addition to our team. We are truly lucky to have him. Angel has a degree from Temple in social service, so, of course, he is a smart guy. His work experience at the Salvation Army as a case manager for the unhoused, as well as his experience working with people who have mental health struggles, has prepared him well to work with people from all walks of life. What strikes me most about Angel is his deep passion for working with people and his unwavering dedication to serving his community. He has worked extensively with the Hispanic community in Chester, and his relationships have been invaluable for our office. Angel is not just a colleague, but a family man who brings his warmth and kindness wherever he goes. I know this personally because his children are no stranger to our district office, and I have enjoyed spending time with them and getting to know them. Perhaps most importantly, Angel makes me a better Senator by allowing me to connect the promise of a government for the people with the constituents who have been long overlooked. He is a shining example of what it means to be a public servant, and with him on our team, we can better serve the people who we are here to represent.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Kane please rise and be recognized by the Senate.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Anthony Williams has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I am very happy to welcome today's guest Chaplain, Reverend Laura Saffell, and her husband, Jarrett, to the Senate. Reverend Saffell lives in Washington County and has served as pastor at the Amity and Liberty United Methodist Churches for the past 5 years. Previously, she had the opportunity to serve in Clarion, Jefferson, and Butler Counties. Reverend Saffell began her career in Alaska--that is where my dad is from--where she met and married her husband, Jarrett, who is a United States Air Force veteran and served our country for 22 years, having deployed 13 times between 1986 and 2008. They are parents to two grown children, Kathryn and Nicholas. Nicholas is currently serving in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard 171st Air Refueling Wing in Pittsburgh. In her free time, Reverend Saffell is currently working on her doctorate of ministry in preaching and leading at Asbury Theological Seminary. Many thanks from the Members of the Senate to you and your family for your service and dedication and commitment to our country. We are truly grateful and proud to have you as a guest today. Mr. President, please join me in extending a very warm Senate welcome to Reverend Laura Saffell and her husband, Jarrett.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am so proud to introduce 18th Senatorial District constituents of mine. They are from Hellertown, Pennsylvania. Carissa Pokorny-Golden; she is the director of school leadership and teacher quality at the Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education. She is joined by her daughter, Amelia Golden. Amelia is a student at Saucon Valley Middle School. She is visiting with her mother today, who is in town to speak at an education advocacy day event here at the Capitol. Now, Amelia does study hard. We had a conversation going on before they were up in the gallery. She loves spicy food, and I get it because I do too, so we have a lot in common. I know she is going to go far in life. She studies hard in school, and she is going to join me--hopefully her mom and her are going to join me--for a press conference later this afternoon on why Independents should be able to vote in the primary. They are very excited about it, and Carissa tells me constantly she will switch party to party, year to year, so she wants to vote Democrat sometimes, and she votes Republican sometimes. And I am like, this would make it so much easier for you to do that. So, anyway, I am so proud of them today, and I wish the Senate to give them their usual warm welcome.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Boscola please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.
[Applause.]

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the State champion Belle Vernon Football Team. Belle Vernon used a last-second goal-line stand to capture its first-ever Pennsylvania high school football State championship, beating Neumann Goretti 9-8. There is no doubt it was the most exciting of the first five games played during that State championship week, as the end of the game was a nail biter. Inches separated Belle Vernon and Neumann Goretti in the PIAA Class AAA State championship, but as they had done all season long, Belle Vernon's defense stepped up again. And as Coach Humbert best described the moment: I did not bat an eyelash, I just felt like it was our year and our time, and we would find a way, and by God, we found a way.

When you stick with integrity and work and train like these young men did all year long, there is a calm in the moment when you truly come together as a team and know you are going to just do it, and they did it. They are the PIAA Class AAA State champions. The team's perseverance is represented in their collective willpower, mindset, passion, love, and respect for one another. These characteristics are not only what made these young men champions, but they are qualities that will make them succeed and be leaders in life. The actions of these players on and off the field lifted our spirits and brought excitement to our community. Congratulations, we are all so proud of your personal and collective accomplishments and ability to overcome and wish you all much success. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Kim Ward please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.
[Applause.]

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair notes that the Committee on Health and Human Services has concluded. The meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations will meet immediately off the floor in the Rules room. The Senate will be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

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, today I am joined by over 40 high school students from 9 schools participating in my model Senate program. Every year--almost for 10 years, Mr. President--I have the pleasure of giving an extraordinary group of future leaders the opportunity to learn about law, government, and

the significance of civic engagement. This program spans over three sessions, the first two taking place in my district office and the final session right here in the Capitol. The students have elected a governor, selected leadership for each Caucus, and held committee hearings where they discussed the legislation that they will be voting on later today. They always get a big kick out of being in an actual room where we hold hearings and to think that they are sitting in the seats that real Senators have sat in. It is pretty neat to see.

This year, most of the bills that are being considered are actual pieces of legislation introduced by Members of this Chamber. After listening to their conversations, I have to tell you, I am really inspired by the way they approach roadblocks and issues. They actually managed to get something done and passed. We all have something to learn from these bright young adults. I can only hope that they have felt inspired from the model Senate program and choose to pursue a career somewhere in public service. So, if those students have made it into the Chamber, would they please rise, and I will ask my colleagues to join me in giving them our traditional warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 137 (Pr. No. 397) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for unwanted telephone solicitation calls prohibited.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, thank you for the consideration of Senate Bill No. 137. According to the Department of Aging, financial exploitation is the fastest-growing form of elder abuse in our State. It is estimated that financial abuse against senior citizens costs victims over \$3 billion a year. According to the US Senate Special Committee on Aging, over 65 percent of financial exploitation crimes emanate from intricate phone call schemes, such as targeted robocalls, government impersonation, sweepstakes and lottery scams, and computer tech support scams. This legislation amends the Telemarketer Registration Act to require regular communication between the Attorney General's office and the Department of Aging when new scams targeting seniors are reported and are investigated. It also prohibits the sharing

of any confidential information and excludes any documents that may be deemed privileged or confidential. The quicker local agencies under the Department of Aging are made aware of new and emerging schemes, the quicker they can alert seniors across our State by coordinating with county Area Agencies on Aging. I respectfully request an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 137.

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-50

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

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 232 (Pr. No. 637) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for health services.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleagues today for their support of Senate Bill No. 232. This legislation is a step forward in combating a crisis that we need to do more for in regard to tick-related diseases here in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, this is not just a rural crisis. According to the Department of Health in 2019, these are the top 10 counties with Lyme disease: Chester, Westmoreland, Butler, Bucks, Montgomery, York, Allegheny County, Centre County, Lancaster County, and Berks County. Mr. President, approximately 1 in 4 cases of Lyme occurred in children, and children ages 5 to 9 are the greatest risk for contracting Lyme. This legislation will partner with our school districts so that if a tick is found on a child, that tick is

removed at school, it is put in a baggie, the parents are notified, and then the parents are shown how to have that tick tested through ticklab.org, a program that Senator Rosemary Brown helped develop as well as my colleagues in the Senate here.

So, Mr. President, this is a major step forward in helping to address a crisis, once again, here in Pennsylvania that needs to be talked more about and we need to have more progress in. Not only are our children being impacted, but all of the adults here and families here in Pennsylvania. Again, I want to thank my colleagues for your support of this legislation, and hopefully, with this step forward in partnering with our school districts and our parents, our children will be protected more against tick-related diseases, and one day, hopefully, we will be able to reduce this tick-related crisis and reduce the tick population.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-1

DiSanto

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 239 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 402 (Pr. No. 346) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the annual designation and holiday observance of the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik as "Diwali Day" in this Commonwealth.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, this is an exciting day as we take this historic step to recognize Diwali as a holiday in Pennsylvania. Diwali is a 5-day event known as the Festival of Lights. It is a celebration that emphasizes light, reflection, gathering. The third day of the festival, known as Diwali, fluctuates, but is typically between October and November. This year, on 2023, the holiday falls on November 12. Approximately 1 billion people around the world, including 200,000 South Asian residents in Pennsylvania and over 6 million in America, celebrate Diwali every year. Many of those 200,000 South Asian residents live in my district, the 34th Senatorial District.

Diwali is a post-harvest festival, like Thanksgiving. There also holds a religious significance to the Hindu community, much like Easter or Christmas to Christians. It also marks the start of the New Year, like New Year's Eve. It also symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, of lightness over dark. It is a Hindu celebration, but it is also celebrated by Christians and Muslims. And I have come to learn Diwali is like all of these holidays wrapped into one. And for many South Asian residents of the Commonwealth, and the nation, and the world, this is the biggest holiday of the year. And more importantly, Diwali is a celebration of that light over darkness, of good over evil, something we can all agree needs to be celebrated.

This step of recognition today is important because of the contribution of the South Asian community to our Commonwealth and our communities. They are our doctors, our nurses, our neighbors, our friends. They are a crucial part of the fabric of our society and contributing members to our community. And while many have assimilated as they become American citizens, they have held on to those important religious and heritage celebrations, including Diwali, which I have had an opportunity to celebrate with them. I have personally been blessed to learn so much about this culture from the residents of my district who have become friends. For the legislative record, I want to clarify that nothing in this bill requires the State government or employers or schools to give the day off, but simply celebrates our Commonwealth's rich cultural diversity. I want to thank my colleague from Philadelphia, Senator Saval, for agreeing to co-sponsor this legislation, and for all of my colleagues for support. And I also need to say that the Asian Indian community in my district is a vibrant contributor to our economy, and I have made some dear friends like Deep Gupta, Atreia Sindiri, Hasu Shah, and Mayur Patel, who welcomed me as part of their family. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to vote for this important recognition of an important holiday.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SAVAL. Mr. President, I am very excited to be standing here today with my colleague, Senator Rothman. As he already mentioned, Diwali is a time of renewal for over 6 million Americans, and the Commonwealth is home to nearly 200,000 South Asian residents, including me, many of whom participate in the many festivities of Diwali. Every day, Diwali's festival of

light and connection is celebrated by thousands of Pennsylvanians at temples, houses of worship, and community centers across our Commonwealth. It is a time to think on the endless struggle of light over darkness, and one that offers all of us renewed clarity of purpose.

Pennsylvanians of South Asian descent, and all who celebrate, deserve to have their holiday recognized. This legislation will make Diwali a holiday in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And just personally, you know, as the first South Asian in the Pennsylvania legislature—but I am very happy to report, not the only South Asian in the Pennsylvania legislature—I am just, it is of great importance to me, and I really appreciate the friendship and collegiality of Senator Rothman in moving this bill forward, and of course, all my colleagues here. So, I am honored to join Senator Rothman in bringing this to pass, and I urge an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 447 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 165 (Pr. No. 634) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties.

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.

SB 255 (Pr. No. 218) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for statement of financial interests required to be filed.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 295, SB 360 and SB 361 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 423 (Pr. No. 410) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, credited service, classes of service, and eligibility for benefits relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for mandatory and optional membership in the system and participation in the plan; and, in benefits, further providing for termination of annuities.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 429, SB 446, SB 464 and SB 508 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 598 (Pr. No. 636) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for expiration of chapter.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 645 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

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

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

AUDITOR, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

April 17, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 13, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Auditor, in and for the County of Susquehanna, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Richard A. Suraci, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 14, 2022, of Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John McCarrin, West Chester, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Heidi Secord, Stroudsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until May 12, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Deborah Craft, Erie, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until February 9, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Terri Snoe, Wexford, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 232 Sylvania Avenue, Glenside 19038, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jonathan Peri, Glen Mills, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

March 27, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated February 28, 2023, of 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

March 27, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated February 28, 2023, of 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

March 27, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated February 28, 2023, of 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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve until March 18, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Scott Custead, Hollidaysburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Diane E. Gibbons, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
LEBANON COUNTY

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lebanon County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Samuel A. Kline, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Leon W. Tucker, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Jacqueline Shogan, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, and corrected on January 3, 2023, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Max Baer, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until June 23, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Walter Eisenhauer, Jersey Shore, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 14, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until March 18, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Domen, Hummelstown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until

the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Thomas F. Gehret, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Nazario Jimenez, Jr., resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carolyn Gatty, Mifflinburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Christopher Poggi, Somerset, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practice [sic] Commission, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mark Anderson, Columbia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

COMMISSIONER OF PROFESSIONAL
AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Kalonji Johnson, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of 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 Jeffrey Walters, Wormleysburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

REGISTER OF WILLS AND RECORDER
OF DEEDS, FRANKLIN COUNTY

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Franklin, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Linda L. Miller, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of 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 Nancy Stimson, Douglassville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of 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 Cambria, Magisterial District 47-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Michael Musulin, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 19, 2022, of 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 Erie, Magisterial District 06-3-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Christopher MacKendrick, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 14, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 8, 2022, of 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 Montgomery, Magisterial District 38-2-09, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Gregory Scott, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

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

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

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 17, 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, Major General Mark J. Schindler, 38 Tree Line Avenue, Fredericksburg 17026, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

March 7, 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, Donald K. Anderson (District 4), 202 Overlook Road, Meyersdale 15552, Somerset County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

March 7, 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, Donald K. Anderson (District 4), 202 Overlook Road, Meyersdale 15552, Somerset County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 17, 2023

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JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

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

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-1

Ward, Judy

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator BROOKS, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following bills:

SB 243 (Pr. No. 208)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance.

SB 244 (Pr. No. 209)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance.

SB 245 (Pr. No. 210)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for reports to General Assembly.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 81, SB 140, SB 153, SB 189, SB 243, SB 244, SB 245, SB 362, SB 561 and SB 562.

And said bills having been considered for the first time, Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

10:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on the reauthorization of Chapter 14)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (informational meeting regarding follow up briefing on Grid Reliability)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 165)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 671)	Rules Committee Conference Room

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider the nomination of Sarah Hammer as Secretary of the Department of Banking and Securities)	Room 461 Main Capitol
	CANCELLED	

11:00 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 100, 205, 262, 414, 500, 549 and 555)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider the nomination of Honorable Michael Carroll as Secretary of Transportation)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 97, 290, 353, 456, 460 and 647)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 146, 344 and 411)	Room 461 Main Capitol

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to speak on Senate Resolution No. 84 that recognizes the week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, as Conservation District Week in Pennsylvania. Our county conservation districts exist in every county of Pennsylvania, except Philadelphia, and are the boots on the ground when it comes to developing local plans to protect our natural resources.

Conservation district history is rooted in solving the soil erosion crisis of the Dust Bowl days. Pennsylvania first authorized the establishment of conservation districts in 1945 under Act 217. Today, conservation districts continue the cooperative approach in dealing with natural resource problems. Districts are experts at channeling resources from government agencies, conservation groups, and civic organizations and putting those resources into action at the local level. Programs vary widely throughout conservation districts in Pennsylvania since each district develops its own programs to best suit the environmental needs of the county. Common concerns and activities that our districts are involved with are erosion and sedimentation control, environmental wetlands protection, forest resource management, rural and residential development, mine land reclamation, and other environmental concerns.

Each conservation district is governed by a board of volunteer directors who, by State law, consist of both farmer and non-farmer members. The guiding philosophy of all conservation districts is that discussions about conservation issues should be made at the local level by citizens who understand the local environment. Mr. President, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the hardworking staff and many accomplishments of our county conservation districts and therefore designating the week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, as Conservation District Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize this week as Conservation District Week here in Pennsylvania. Senator Yaw and I are pleased to, again, sponsor this resolution, Senate Resolution No. 84, to designate April 23 through April 29, 2023, as Conservation District Week in our Commonwealth in recognition of their immeasurable contributions to our State. Our State

currently has 66 conservation districts which are overseen by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, also known as PACD. The association's effective and hardworking staff continue to ensure the safety and protection of our invaluable natural resources on our public and private lands. Not only are they tasked with resource protection, they are also responsible for preserving our prosperous farming industry by approving land for our State's Agricultural Land Preservation Program, providing vital environmental education and implementing programs such as forest management, stormwater management, and abandoned mines, to name a few. I commend the PACD for their diligence and dedication, as well as their willingness to continuously collaborate with our local governments, State and Federal agencies, and private citizens to conserve our resources for our future.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,135 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Mr. President, Pennsylvania should be a leader. We have the size, the natural resources, and the people to lead, and often we do lead, and I am proud of that. But there is a glaring hole in our leadership that needs to be addressed. We are the only State in the region that has not raised our minimum wage above \$7.25. Mr. President, you know it is bad when 30 States, including all of our neighbors, have increased their minimum wage while we lag behind, and there is a reason so many States around the nation have raised their minimum wage. Raising the minimum wage is one of the most popular policy changes being floated right now.

According to a recent study conducted by the University of Maryland, 65 percent of the people surveyed said they would favor a proposal to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour over 5 years. In the same survey, 63 percent of people support tying the minimum wage to the rate of inflation so that the value of the minimum wage stays consistent. Congressman Al Green from Texas recently said: you want people to keep them above poverty line by raising the minimum wage [sic]. It is as simple as that, Mr. President. Everyone here wants Pennsylvania to live above the poverty line. Let us act on the surest way to ensure that by raising our minimum wage.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support Senate Resolution No. 71, which designates April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. I have introduced this resolution together with Senator Bartolotta, Senator Boscola, Senator Cappelletti, Senator Collett, Senator Comitta, Senator Muth, Senator Schwank, and Senator Lindsey Williams in order to call attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community. Anyone who has experienced rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment knows deep physical and emotional trauma. Survivors of sexual violence bear this trauma for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately, rape and sexual assault occur more frequently than the public realizes. One in 5 women and 1 in 67 men have been raped in the United States. One in 4 females and 1 in 6 males under the age of 18 have

experienced some sort of sexual assault. The problem is prevalent everywhere, especially in marginalized communities, with gay men up to 15 times more likely to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Finally, only 27 percent of sexual assault victims end in arrest.

However, these disheartening statistics do not have to continue. This April and beyond, we must support survivors by believing their stories. We must champion support networks for our survivors. We must speak out against offensive gestures, harmful attitudes, and unwanted advances. We must highlight the vital importance of consent and boundaries. We must make our communities safer through prevention education and increasing public awareness. Please join us in moving forward as we empower survivors and encourage communities to understand their role in preventing sexual violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today to join my friend and colleague Senator Tartaglione in support of Senate Resolution No. 71, declaring April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. The negative impact of sexual assault on Pennsylvania communities and families cannot be overstated or overlooked. It is a serious social and public health issue that crosses all borders. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 67 men will be raped during their lives. In addition, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old. This experience can impact survivors for years, decades, and their entire lives. So, this is a problem that impacts all of us, and we all have a role to play in stopping sexual assault; empowering victims; and creating a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for all.

I am also very proud of all the colleges and universities across the Commonwealth, including West Chester University and Lincoln University in my Senate district, that participate in the "It's On Us PA" campaign to prevent sexual assault on campus. Students and young people are doing important work to reframe the conversation on sexual misconduct and assault and change the culture on our college campuses. I am so pleased to see that Governor Shapiro's budget plan calls for a 20 percent increase in funding for It's On Us PA, as well as other investments in crime prevention and victim service programs. Survivors of sexual assault deserve to be heard, supported, and believed. They deserve access to justice and access to resources and services they need to recover and lead healthy and productive lives. Again, I want to thank Senator Tartaglione and all of the co-sponsors of Senate Resolution No. 71. Please join us in designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in offering Senate Resolution No. 71 to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This month represents an opportunity to honor the resiliency of survivors while fostering a dialogue to prevent assault. Sexual assault is an issue that sadly plagues all corners of our society. It knows no geographic, socioeconomic, religious, racial, ethnic, gender, or other bounds, and the facts are alarming as you have heard, so far, from my colleagues. Every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted, and

every 9 minutes that victim is a child. As my colleagues speaking here today have already said, according to recent figures, 1 in every 6 women and 1 in every 33 men experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetimes. These statistics are deeply troubling and simply unacceptable. We must not forget the very real people behind these statistics: our friends, neighbors, colleagues, and loved ones. We know that victims of sexual assault are more likely to experience PTSD, major depressive episodes, substance use disorder, and other mental health challenges. And the response to sexual assault within a community can have a profound and lasting impact on the health and well-being of the survivor, for better or for worse. It is our job as leaders in the Commonwealth to take a stand against these vile acts and provide real support for survivors, including a path to justice for adult survivors of childhood sex abuse. The language of our resolution aims to empower more survivors and their loved ones on their healing journey. This month, and every month moving forward, we must listen to, support, and believe survivors of sexual assault, and in their honor, we must act.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I rise today along with my colleagues to discuss Senate Resolution No. 71, recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in our Commonwealth, as well as Senate Resolution No. 97, which recognizes April as Military Sexual Trauma Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Both of these resolutions have several bipartisan cosponsors and raise awareness for these critical issues in our communities and in our military. Sexual assault impacts every single age level of person, every demographic, in every community across the whole world. According to RAINN, our nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. Let me repeat that. Every 68 seconds in this country, somebody is sexually assaulted, and every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only 25 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will ever be prosecuted or end up in prison. Those statistics are pretty terrifying and unacceptable, and I think as we talk about these resolutions, it is important to note that we have a role in government to not just legislate to prevent harm and hold perpetrators accountable, but also acknowledge those who have already been harmed and understand their pain, the grief, and the trauma, and the challenges faced by the survivor community. And as a sexual assault survivor, I certainly try to do my best to fight for those things in this Chamber, but as we have learned, not all of our resolutions get run. So, it is unfortunate that the resolutions were not brought out of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations today despite our request to have them pass in the Senate.

Our military, also, is faring no better in terms of its handling of the sexual assault pandemic. The VA's national screening program, in which every veteran seen for healthcare is asked whether they experienced MST, shows the data that it is quite common among the veterans who are seen at our VAs. National data from this program reveals that about 1 in 3 women and 1 in 50 men respond, yes, that they experienced military sexual trauma when screened by a VA provider. Although rates of MST tend to be higher among women--because there are more men statistically enrolled in our military than there are women--there are

significant numbers of both men and women who have seen and lived this kind of trauma. RAINN estimates that there are 18,900 members of the military who experience unwanted sexual contact and sexual violence annually; every year, 18,900 people serving our country. For those who actually choose to report the assault, it can be very difficult and an isolating path to try to navigate alone or with very little support, especially amongst a powerful institution.

Both of these resolutions recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Military Sexual Trauma Awareness Month, as I mentioned, are sitting in the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations. These issues should not be political, but I found in my short time in office that they are, and there is a direct denial of this Chamber to acknowledge that this is indeed something that needs to be dealt with. We could establish a statewide rape kit tracking system that increases transparency and gives victims of sexual assault abuse and rape and violence access to important information and real-time updates concerning their case through a tracking system database. We can eliminate the criminal and civil statute of limitations for sexual abuse and sexual misconduct for all survivors, regardless of age, of when they were harmed, or how long ago they were harmed, and open a 2-year civil window to revive previously expired statute of limitations claims. Because let me be clear, nothing expires when it comes to your trauma. That is with you for life. There should be no time limit to report; it should be at the pace of which a survivor chooses to come forward and is able to access those resources or have the courage to speak up on their own behalf. Every single survivor is worth being heard, protected, and having their rightful pathway to justice and healing. Survivors should not have to wait a moment longer for the government to actually do what they need to do to protect them and help them.

Unfortunately, as we know, the bills addressing statute of limitations are not being voted on, just like these resolutions. I just want to be clear of the message that that sends to survivors across our Commonwealth: that this Chamber does not care, the government does not care about what happened to them, and that is it. And that is a really dark place to be, as I know that I walk in this building every day knowing that it is not a priority for the people in this building to actually address these issues and represent their constituents and actually show perpetrators that they will be held accountable. So, I ask my colleagues for their support for Senate Resolution No. 71, Senate Resolution No. 97, as well as all efforts to end the rape culture pandemic across our State and across the nation.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am proud to join my colleagues Senator Martin, Senator Dush, and Senator Langerholc in honoring the achievements of Pennsylvania's collegiate wrestlers during the 2023 NCAA national wrestling championships. Specifically, I am honored, one of those athletes is from my district, a Bethel Park native and University of Pittsburgh wrestler, Nino Bonaccorsi. On March 18, Nino became Pitt's first wrestler to win a national championship in 15 years. Pitt's most recent national champion was Keith Gavin in 2008, who is now the school's head wrestling coach. Nino is also the 6th Pitt wrestler to post a perfect season with a 21-0 record. Our

community is proud of Nino and his hard work. Bethel Park's mayor, Jack Allen, even declared April 15 as Nino Bonaccorsi Day. As he closes out his career as a Pitt wrestler, his determination and drive will continue to be an inspiration for so many. Please join me in congratulating Nino Bonaccorsi, our own Bethel Park native, and each of these outstanding athletes.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, I also rise in recognition of these outstanding athletes. Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi once said that "The price of success is hard work, dedication. . . , and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." Of the 20 outstanding athletes that Senator Martin, Senator Langerholc, and Senator Robinson, and I in our resolution have chosen to honor, I have three specific recognitions out of these 20.

First of all, I would like to extend my congratulations to head coach Cael Sanderson and everybody who contributed to Penn State's All-American 2023 NCAA championship wrestling team. It was an outstanding job. I also take great pride in co-sponsoring this resolution, as two of these outstanding championship wrestlers have direct ties to my legislative district and have made their Pennsylvania hometown communities very proud. Ethan Laird, from McKean County, who attends Rider University, and Anthony Noto, who attends Lock Haven University in Clinton County, have both placed in the top 3 of their respective weight classes. Through their perseverance and hard work, it is obvious that each of these young men have given all they had in order to achieve both their individual and their team's objectives. These young men have continued to set a high standard of excellence, and more importantly, have set an incredible example to younger athletes across our Commonwealth. In the end, they were undisputedly victorious. Please join us in congratulating them on their outstanding efforts on the mat.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Pennsylvania's extraordinary performances in the 2023 NCAA Wrestling National Championship Tournament. Our Commonwealth has a long, rich tradition of producing championship-caliber wrestlers, and our State's representation in this year's tournament extends that impressive legacy. Pennsylvania's accolades this season were headlined by Penn State University's team national championship, which they won by a school-record 55 points. It was the school's 10th championship in the past 12 championship tournaments, an unprecedented run of success for coach Cael Sanderson and his staff. In addition, two Penn State wrestlers, Carter Starocci and Aaron Brooks, won individual NCAA titles in their respective weight classes. Numerous other Pennsylvania wrestlers distinguished themselves during the tournament and throughout this season. Twenty, I repeat, 20 out of the 80 All-Americans in the 2022-23 NCAA wrestling season either wrestled for a Pennsylvania university or are Pennsylvania natives themselves.

To honor all of Pennsylvania's collegiate wrestlers who achieved success during the season, I am sponsoring this Senate resolution with my colleagues Senator Cris Dush, Senator Wayne

Langerholc, and Senator Devlin Robinson, recognizing our State's achievements on the mat. I congratulate all the athletes and coaches who earned individual and team victories during the championship tournament, and I wish all our Commonwealth's wrestlers continued success in the years ahead.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 8**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bill was signed by the President pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the presence of the Senate.

SB 8.

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, May 1, 2023, at 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:33 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.