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SENATE

TUESDAY, May 9, 2023

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend PAUL TAYLOR, of Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Holy God, we ask for Your courage and strength, for we know that people's lives are in our hands. Give us Your wisdom and compassion to save their lives and make them better. Give us the humility to understand that we are the instruments in Your hands, and give us Your mercy when we make mistakes, the humility to acknowledge them, and the wisdom to repair and heal. Holy God, holy and mighty One, holy and immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Taylor, who is the guest today of Senator Kim Ward and a close, personal friend. Father, thank you for being here with us today.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

May 8, 2023

Senators J. WARD, COLLETT, SAVAL, LANGERHOLC, BROOKS, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, FLYNN, HUGHES, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, FARRY, PHILLIPS-HILL, BOSCOLA, BROWN, PENNYCUICK, HAYWOOD, DILLON, DUSH, VOGEL, COMMITTA, HUTCHINSON, COSTA and KANE presented to the Chair **SR 115**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2023, as "Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 8, 2023.

May 9, 2023

Senators COLLETT, J. WARD, BROOKS, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, MARTIN, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, BROWN, HAYWOOD, DILLON, DUSH, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, BREWSTER and KANE presented to the Chair **SR 112**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 14 through 20, 2023, as "Skilled Nursing Care Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 9, 2023.

Senators COLLETT, J. WARD, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, SAVAL, HUGHES, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, BROWN, HAYWOOD, L. WILLIAMS, DILLON, DUSH, VOGEL, COMMITTA, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, KANE and CULVER presented to the Chair **SR 113**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 10, 2023, as "School Nurse Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 9, 2023.

Senators COLLETT, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, FONTANA, DISANTO, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, BAROLOTTA, MARTIN, CAPPELLETTI, HAYWOOD, LAUGHLIN, KEARNEY, KANE, MILLER, BREWSTER, COSTA, COMMITTA, STREET and DUSH presented to the Chair **SR 114**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of February 7 through February 14, 2023, as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" and further designating February 14, 2023, as "Emersyn's Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 9, 2023.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

May 9, 2023

HB 155 and **494** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.
HB 436 -- Committee on State Government.

HB 760 and 930 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator FARRY, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bills:

SB 149 (Pr. No. 734) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for the title of the act; and, in sale of property, providing for county demolition and rehabilitation fund.

SB 202 (Pr. No. 83)

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, further providing for municipal claims first lien, cities of first class, docketing, judgment and execution, for cities of the first class, recovery of judgment and sale free from claims, for redemption and for rule to show cause, decree, service and notice and providing for disposition of property in cities of the second class.

SB 517 (Pr. No. 487)

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, further providing for a fee imposed and used for demolition.

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

SB 24 (Pr. No. 403)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property, further providing for claim for property paid or delivered.

SB 345 (Pr. No. 460)

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

SB 346 (Pr. No. 461)

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

SB 629 (Pr. No. 667)

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker and Senator Martin, and a legislative leave for Senator Argall.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Cappelletti.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker and Senator Martin, and a legislative leave for Senator Argall.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Cappelletti.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator COSTA asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator HUGHES, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 361 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 361 (Pr. No. 635) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 3 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 361 (Pr. No. 635) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, further providing for courts of common pleas.

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

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

YEA-49

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| 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 | Hutchinson | Regan | Williams, Anthony H. |
| Collett | Kane | Robinson | Williams, Lindsey |
| Comitta | Kearney | Rothman | Yaw |
| Costa | | | |

NAY-0

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

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator DiSanto.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator DiSanto. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I am so pleased and honored today to have Father Paul Taylor join us in the Senate and do the opening prayer. He is known as Father Paul among the students at Saint Vincent, among the community, among many of us in this room and throughout Pennsylvania. He is the 18th president of Saint Vincent College, which also happens to be the first Benedictine college in the United States. He is never without a smile. Father Paul is a well-recognized member of our community as a whole. He offers service and wisdom and an open heart to so many organizations and individuals. I consider Father Paul a personal friend. We have been friends for many, many years, and I have seen nothing but goodness from him. He is also everything Steelers, knows everything about the Steelers. The Steelers love him, and he gets into places in that stadium that I want to get into, and I cannot. And one last thing that you might want to know about Father Paul if you do not know him, is he is one heck of an ATV driver. He has ATVs, and I have seen him act like my teenage sons would act on those ATVs. Actually, we were with him, and he was on them, and my husband said to me: he does not seem like a priest [laughing]. I said: priests are people; priests are people. So, it is with great honor that I get to introduce and talk about my friend, Father Paul Taylor. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, just very briefly, I too want to rise, and along with the President pro tem, welcome Father Paul Taylor here to our Chamber. As she indicated, he is a friend to many of us in this room and is somebody who has always been there, particularly in times of grief and other times and happy times as well. He did want to have me tell you, you are all invited to St. Marys to be able to drink from the eternal tap at some point in time and in the very near future, right, Father Paul? Is that correct? Senator Robinson has been there, apparently. So, he knows. But nevertheless, and for our friends from southeast Pennsylvania, Father Paul is all things Steelers. He is the Steelers' Chaplain, so while he can provide prayers for the Steelers, he will not be able to provide you any Steelers tickets. [Laughter.] In any event, thank you, Father Paul, for being here. You have been a wonderful friend to so many of us. Thank you very much; great to have you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate please welcome the guest of Senator Kim Ward.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I am really excited to be joined in the Capitol by the 2022-2023 Exeter Boys' Basketball Team. The Exeter Eagles finished the season with a superb 27-6 record and won their first District III championship in school history, but this tremendous group of student-athletes was not done yet. In the State championship tournament, the Eagles put together a miraculous run, knocking off some highly touted opponents en route to their first State championship game appearance since 1974. They may not have come away with the State championship in the end, but I can tell you that this scrappy group of underdogs made all of Berks County very proud. For putting together such a magical season, Head Coach Matt Ashcroft--coach, wave your hand so we can see you there, thank you--was voted Class 5A Coach of the Year, and Zyion Paschall and Anthony Caccese were named to the All-Berks County team. I am proud to have this team here today to pay tribute to a storybook season. And I would note, Mr. President, for those of you who may remember, two of the members of the coaching staff told me this morning that they were here as students, invited by Senator Michael O'Pake, to be introduced to the Senate. That was a really interesting story this morning for those of you who remember my predecessor, Senator O'Pake. Again, Mr. President, I am so proud to have these student-athletes here with us today, and I would ask that my colleagues please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR CAROLYN T. COMITTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome Max Freed, who is working as an intern in my West Chester district office. Max is a senior at West Chester East High School, where he will graduate this year. In the fall, he plans to attend Delaware County Community College to pursue a degree in political science. Max is active in the online and e-gaming community and has also given back to our community as a volunteer with our local food bank. This spring, Max has brought his skills and interests in political science, analytics, and statistics to our district office. My staff and I are thrilled to have Max on our team serving the 19th Senatorial District. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Max Freed.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Comitta please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, first, I request a personal point of privilege. I understand that there is a birthday today in the Chamber: the gentleman known as the "Voice of the Senate," Mr. Rob Green. We all know and appreciate Rob serving as the "Voice of the Senate," and I can tell you that my mother--as she watches us on PCN quite religiously--she loves to hear Mr. Green

call out the roll call. So, I just want to wish Rob Green a very, very happy birthday.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate please rise and give Mr. Green a happy birthday.

[Applause.]

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. Green, just keep my name on the fast rollcall if you will, please. [Laughter.]

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

SB 350 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 350 (Pr. No. 718) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 350 (Pr. No. 718) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the administration of permits by State agencies, for a tracking system for permit applications, for the establishment of permit programs, for third-party review of permit decision delays and for annual reports; establishing the Pennsylvania Office of Transformation and Opportunity and the Economic Development Strategy Group; and providing for their powers and duties.

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 633 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 633 (Pr. No. 629) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 3 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 633 (Pr. No. 629) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Regulatory Sandbox Program, the Regulatory Relief Office and an advisory committee; and providing for their powers and duties.

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

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Senate Republican caucus, which will be held immediately in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

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

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, which will be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator DiSanto and Senator Baker have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Regan.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, no further leaves.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Regan. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator Martin's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests that Senator Martin's leave be changed from a temporary Capitol leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 153 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 188 (Pr. No. 86) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; and providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of Senate Bill No. 188. My proposal requires the General Assembly to approve any regulation or revision to a general permit with an economic impact to taxpayers in the private sector exceeding \$1 million annually. The Independent Fiscal Office, rather than the regulatory agency, would be tasked with calculating the economic impact. This legislation is needed to boost oversight and accountability of the regulatory process. Constituents, both individuals and businesses, have shared testimony about the detrimental impact these increasingly complex and restrictive rules are having on investment and job growth in our Commonwealth.

Let me be clear, this legislation does not prevent executive agencies from promulgating any regulations they deem appropriate and consistent with legislative intent in making their case to the General Assembly. But we owe it to our constituents to reassert legislative authority and limit excessive bureaucratically enacted regulations that would impose new costs on them. I ask Members for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I rise and ask for a negative vote on this particular measure. I think as Members know, the Governor, in his budget address, very clearly articulated a mission and desire to create a platform for regulatory reform, and we believe that we should work with the administration and our House colleagues to be able to fashion something that is agreeable and we reach a consensus on going forward. So, I ask for a negative vote. Thank you.

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

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

NAY-21

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator DiSanto.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator DiSanto. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 190 (Pr. No. 88) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions and for existing regulations.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, on behalf of the prime sponsor, Senator Brooks, I offer the following remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Indiana, Senator PITTMAN, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator BROOKS:)

Mr. President, at a time when our local businesses and families are feeling the effects of inflation and our local governments are tightening their budgets, now is the time for us to review and, in some cases, eliminate costly regulations imposed by the State. Senate Bill No. 190 provides for a one-time automatic review of any regulation deemed significant by exceeding \$1 million in annual costs after enactment. This legislation is an important first step in ensuring outdated, inefficient, and ineffective regulations are repealed or amended in a timely manner in order to avoid incurring unnecessary costs to the Commonwealth and its families.

Under Senate Bill No. 190, after an economically significant regulation has been in effect for 3 years, the agency shall report the following to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission: the nature of complaints or comments received from the public concerning the regulation; whether the regulation has had the intended effect; the estimated direct and indirect cost to our small businesses, farmers, and families as a result of the regulation and whether the estimated anticipated fiscal impact was under or overestimated; what the agency has done to implement the regulation in the most efficient manner to reduce paperwork and decrease costs to local government and the taxpayers; whether subsequent changes in the law or related laws require the regulation to be repealed or amended; and whether there is a continued need for the regulation and if the agency is considering promulgating changes to the regulation.

Again, this legislation is simply to ensure inefficient and ineffective regulations are reviewed in a timely manner to avoid unwarranted costs passed on to the people of Pennsylvania. I encourage an affirmative vote, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 460 (Pr. No. 513) -- 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 preliminary provisions, establishing the Child Reunification Program in the Department of Education.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 647 (Pr. No. 729) -- 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 terms and courses of study, further providing for Economic Education and Personal Financial Literacy Programs; in credit card marketing, further providing for regulation of on-campus credit card marketing; and abrogating regulations.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Gebhard.

Senator GEBHARD. Mr. President, first I would like to thank my colleagues, advocacy groups, stakeholders, and constituents for all the support that they have given me to make sure financial literacy becomes a meaningful part of the educational curriculum. This idea is universally supported and a vital step forward for young adults in the Commonwealth. Senate Bill No. 647 creates a half-credit financial literacy course to be taught in all high schools, private and public, across our Commonwealth. Taking this new course will become required for graduation starting in the 2026-2027 school year.

So, what has gotten us here? Let me share a few eye-opening statistics. Total U.S. home loan debt is currently \$16 trillion; total U.S. student loan debt, \$1.6 trillion; total U.S. auto loan debt, \$1.43 trillion; and total U.S. credit card debt, \$900 billion. These are some alarming and astronomical numbers. I am not sure anyone can tell me with a straight face that the idea of teaching our children financial literacy and making it a graduation requirement is not of the utmost importance. There are 21 States that currently require a financial literacy course that come from all ends of the political spectrum, from California to Alabama. This is not a political or partisan issue. It is crucial we provide the next generation of Pennsylvanians the educational foundation they need to be successful. An alarming number of our students are entering adulthood and the workforce without an appropriate knowledge of basic financial concepts such as credit scores, student loans, home mortgages, compounding interest, insurance, or investing for retirement. Due to this reality, a cycle of poor money

management decisions burdens our citizens, the Commonwealth, and ultimately, the taxpayer.

This legislation is an investment in Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth's financial future. By teaching high school students the financial basics, they will be able to make better decisions to position them for a lifetime of success and financial independence. Senate Bill No. 647 is a practical, bipartisan, and commonsense measure that will make a real, tangible difference in the lives of Pennsylvanians. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this legislation.

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-44

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

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 100 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 146 (Pr. No. 120) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for exemptions from license requirements.

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

SB 205 (Pr. No. 177) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for standards for carbon monoxide alarms in child care facilities; and imposing penalties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 344, SB 353, SB 360, SB 456, SB 497 and SB 500 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 549 (Pr. No. 720) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for informed consent in pelvic, rectal and prostate examinations.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 82, CALLED UP

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 82**, entitled:

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.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the resolution was laid on the table.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
RECONSIDERATION OF SB 598**

SB 598 (Pr. No. 636) -- Senator PITTMAN, Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 598, Printer's No. 636, passed finally on May 3, 2023.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 598, Printer's No. 636, was agreed to on third consideration on May 3, 2023.

On the question,
 Will the Senate agree to the motion?
 A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

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

The PRESIDENT. For the information of the Members, a corrective reprint of Senate Bill No. 598 was prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau. The substance of the bill was not changed. The only change was to reflect the correct committee chair in the action line of the bill. The corrected version of the bill is Printer's No. 721. The Senate will briefly be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
 AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 598 (Pr. No. 721) -- 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 third time and agreed to,
 And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
 Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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| 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 | Hutchinson | Regan | Williams, Anthony H. |
| Collett | Kane | Robinson | Williams, Lindsey |
| Comitta | Kearney | Rothman | 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 262 (Pr. No. 225) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 9, 2018 (P.L.118, No.24), known as the Maternal Mortality Review Act, further providing for maternal mortality review committee, for purpose and duties of committee and for confidentiality and protection of collected data, proceedings and activities.

SB 350 (Pr. No. 718) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the administration of permits by State agencies, for a tracking system for permit applications, for the establishment of permit programs, for third-party review of permit decision delays and for annual reports; establishing the Pennsylvania Office of Transformation and Opportunity and the Economic Development Strategy Group; and providing for their powers and duties.

SB 453 (Pr. No. 378) (Rereported)

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.

Senator DUSH, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 246 (Pr. No. 735) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 30, 1974 (P.L.1072, No.347), referred to as the Governor and Lieutenant Governor Disability Procedure Law, further providing for incapacity of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

SB 355 (Pr. No. 285)

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in judicial review, providing for criminal penalty.

SB 383 (Pr. No. 736) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for contributions by agents, anonymous contributions and cash contributions.

SB 408 (Pr. No. 358)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in the Secretary of the Commonwealth, further providing for explanation of ballot question.

SB 425 (Pr. No. 447)

An Act amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further providing for legislative intent controls.

Senator VOGEL, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

SB 152 (Pr. No. 124)

An Act repealing the act of September 1, 1965 (P.L.420, No.215), known as The Frozen Dessert Law.

SB 277 (Pr. No. 241)

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1987 (P.L.163, No.16), known as the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act, in Center for Rural Pennsylvania, further providing for board of directors; and making a repeal.

SB 694 (Pr. No. 722)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fireworks, further providing for definitions and for sales locations.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator SCHWANK. 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 24, SB 149, SB 152, SB 202, SB 246, SB 277, SB 345, SB 346, SB 355, SB 383, SB 408, SB 425, SB 517, SB 629 and SB 694.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

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| 10:00 A.M. | TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 37, 621, 630, 640, 655 and 692) | Room 461 Main Capitol |
| 10:30 A.M. | ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 198, 199, 689, 690 and 691) | Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED) |
| 10:30 A.M. | LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 203 and 688) | Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED) |
| Off the Floor | RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations) | Rules Committee Conference Room |

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, the safety of all Pennsylvania motorists is an issue of utmost importance. Motorcyclists have the same rights and privileges as all other motor vehicle drivers on the roadway. During Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, drivers of other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely share the road with motorcyclists and to be extra alert to keep motorcyclists safe. Pennsylvanians are encouraged to spread the word about increasing motorcyclist safety, support and enhance motorcycle safety awareness programs, and enjoy the use of motorcycles while practicing a high level of safety. Our economy benefits from approximately 400,000 registered motorcycles and more than 810,000 licensed motorcycle operators, all of whom are required to keep their motorcycles inspected and obey laws relating to operator safety and equipment. Thousands of motorcycle accidents occurred in the Commonwealth on an annual basis, resulting in hundreds of fatalities. Despite inevitable incidents, motorcycle operators continue to promote highway safety and encourage other motor vehicle operators to recognize and participate in motorcycle safety training. Throughout the month of May, the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program, Alliance of Bikers Aimed Towards Education of Pennsylvania, or A.B.A.T.E., and the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Dealers Association are continuing their advocacy for motorcycle safety. Let us all do our part to acknowledge such an important issue of public safety, and let us all remember that when we are cutting grass, please keep it off the roadway. When there is loose grass on the roadway, it acts just like ice in the wintertime, and that has led to numerous accidents and fatalities for our motorcyclists in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, having a baby is a life-changing event. At a time when new mothers are often expecting to be overwhelmed with joy, many struggle with fluctuating hormones, changes in their relationships--particularly in their marriages--and the transition to motherhood. It is a lot to handle under the best circumstances. On top of everything else new mothers are experiencing, they often feel responsible when they are experiencing the severe, long-lasting form of depression known as postpartum depression. Symptoms include mood swings, excessive crying, irritability and anger, difficulty bonding with their newborn, withdrawing from family and friends, appetite problems, feelings of worthlessness, shame, guilt of inadequacy, and recurrent thoughts of death and even suicide.

Research by the American Psychological Association indicates that 15 percent of new mothers suffer from postpartum depression. In Pennsylvania, that means about 20,000 babies and their mothers are annually affected by this disorder. Yes, there is still stigma associated with postpartum depression. Nationally, only about 50 percent of new mothers are screened for depression and even fewer actually receive treatment following a positive screening. That is why it is so important to educate the community, raise awareness, provide screening to identify those who may be at high risk, and ensure those who do screen at-risk are connected to supportive services and resources. New moms experiencing depression must know they are not alone in their fight. Help is available in the form of support groups for mothers and their families, as well as many options for therapy. Prompt

treatment can help a woman manage her symptoms and allow her to enjoy her new baby. With this resolution, May 2023 is recognized as Maternal Mental Health Awareness [sic] Month, formerly known as Postpartum Depression Awareness Month, in Pennsylvania. On behalf of the many mothers, neighbors, friends, and so many others that I have heard from on this issue, I stand here today in support of all of them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise to ask my colleagues to support Senate Resolution No. 102, designating this month of May as Trauma Awareness Month and May 25 as Trauma Awareness Day in Pennsylvania. Trauma is the natural response a person has to deeply disturbing or stressful events that impacts them either mentally or physically, as well as their ability to recover from such events. Being trauma-informed on the personal level recognizes the presence of trauma and the role it plays throughout someone's life. As organizations, there are many steps we can take to increase awareness of trauma. Being trauma-informed changes organizational culture to emphasize respecting and responding to the effects of trauma at all levels in a person's life, including experiences that affect their identity, relationships with others and worldwide. Ultimately, people can experience trauma in all types of settings and situations, and what may traumatize one person may not traumatize others. But, Mr. President, we must be receptive to traumas of all types. We need to shift the conversation to: what happened to you; and, how can I help you? Not, what is wrong with you? We need to destigmatize trauma so our family, friends, and colleagues can feel comfortable sharing their experiences. By designating May as Trauma Awareness Month and May 25 as Trauma Awareness Day, I hope all Pennsylvanians can realize that trauma exists and will have the opportunity to learn how to respond proactively so we can allow for the healing to begin.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,148 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Across the nation, Mr. President, legislatures in red States and blue States are taking action, action to support some of the most vulnerable people in our society, action to raise the minimum wage for our lowest earners. Mr. President, there are countless efforts here in Pennsylvania, in States all around America, and at the Federal level to give the lowest earners a boost and raise in minimum wage.

At a rally at the U.S. Capitol just last week, Heidi Shierholz, the president of the Economic Policy Institute said: [Reading]

The weight of--**what**--that evidence shows that (when the) minimum wage increases, we [they] raise the wages of our lowest wage-workers, we [they] reduce inequality, and [they] reduce poverty, we [they] reduce child poverty, we [they] reduce gender wage gaps, we [they] reduce racial wage gaps because Black and brown workers, due to the broad impacts of structural racism on our labor markets, are disproportionately concentrated in the lowest-wage jobs.

And look, Mr. President, I do not know what it will take for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to support an increase in our minimum wage. Maybe they need to see some examples

of States around the country that have raised their minimum wages. Mr. President, Nebraska and Florida are not exactly Democratic strongholds, but both have instituted plans that will see their minimum wages raised to \$15 an hour over the next several years. Mr. President, Pennsylvania should be a leader. No disrespect to Nebraska, but they should not be more pro-worker than us. We need to step up and join our counterparts from around the nation and pass a living wage here in Pennsylvania. Senate Bill No. 12, which will be reintroduced shortly, will enable Pennsylvania's lowest earners to make \$15 an hour at the beginning of next year and will show States like Florida and Nebraska that Pennsylvania is a true leader that respects the values of workers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Collett.

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks in support of Senate resolution for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator COLLETT:)

Mr. President, today I rise to offer my support of Senate Resolution No. 100. Approximately 70-80 percent of women will experience, at a minimum, the baby blues, a mild form of postpartum depression, and many of these women will experience the more severe condition of PPD or a related condition. My colleague from Beaver County talked about the reported rate of clinical postpartum depression among new mothers as being between 10 and 20 percent. Women with a history of depression, anxiety disorders, or serious mood disorders are 30-35 percent more likely to develop postpartum depression. And if a woman has experienced postpartum depression with previous births, she is 10-50 percent more likely to experience it again. However, postpartum depression does not only affect new mothers. Approximately 10 percent of new fathers experience symptoms of depression during the postpartum period. Half of men who have partners with postpartum depression will go on to develop depression themselves. As a nursing student, I learned about postpartum depression and what signs to look for in new mothers in order to intervene and offer support.

As a new mother myself at the age of 37, I was unprepared for how this clinical condition would manifest in my own life. While I was able to provide day-to-day care for my infant son, I was suffering from postpartum depression and struggled to bond with him and enjoy the moments of new motherhood I had heard friends and family speak about so lovingly. I sought treatment from my doctor six weeks after giving birth, explaining what I knew were symptoms of postpartum depression and telling him tearfully that I knew something was not right. Sadly, that doctor looked me in the eye and told me what I was experiencing was normal and that I should just wait it out. That once I got more sleep, I would be feeling better. He was wrong. My symptoms did not subside until my son was already 11 months old. Because I knew the symptoms of postpartum depression, knew I was suffering, and knew there was treatment and hope, I sought out therapy, support groups, and read about remedies to help myself cope. I had a loving, supportive spouse, and because of my clinical training, I knew how to seek help. But so many women do not have the resources or knowledge that I did to seek treatment and help with postpartum depression, and even women who do--women like me--suffer twofold. We experience the clinical symptoms, and we suffer from guilt for experiencing something that is widespread and natural.

Raising awareness for postpartum depression is the first step in alerting new parents and their families to the symptoms so they can seek

treatment and stop feeling guilty. I urge my fellow legislators to support this important resolution, and I thank my colleague Senator Bartolotta for bringing it to the floor. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Monroe, Senator Brown.

Senator BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to offer remarks for the record in support of Senate Resolution No. 56, recognizing Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD) Month. This resolution was introduced and initially recognized February as ASCVD Month. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing more people each year than all forms of cancer and accidents combined. Alarming, after a decline in mortality over the past several decades, the numbers are once again rising. Most cardiovascular disease deaths are a result of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. ASCVD is caused by high levels of bad cholesterol, or LDL-C, that builds up in the blood over time. This build-up leads to heart disease, heart attack, and stroke. Many people know ASCVD by its severe outcomes--myocardial infarction (MI) or heart attack, stable or unstable angina, stroke or transient ischemic attack, and coronary heart disease--rather than by the underlying condition itself.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentlewoman from Monroe, Senator Brown.

Senator BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on behalf of my colleague Senator Michele Brooks and her introduction of Senate Resolution No. 87 and also my support designating May 2023 as Lyme Disease and Tick-Borne Illness Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. As spring is once again upon us and families and their children start to spend more time outdoors enjoying the weather and outdoor recreations, it is also the perfect time to remind everyone that we will not be the only ones ramping up activity in the great outdoors. Ticks and Lyme disease and the associated health risks they bring need to be part of the discussion. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection primarily transmitted to humans through an infected blacklegged tick bite. Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses pose a serious threat to the health and quality of life of Pennsylvania residents.

Pennsylvania has had the highest incidents of Lyme disease in this country in 10 of the past 11 years. Each year, approximately 100,000 Pennsylvanians contract Lyme. In 2018 alone, this Commonwealth accounted for approximately 30 percent of all confirmed and probable cases in the United States. This is an incident rate of roughly 70 percent per 100,000 confirmed and probable cases in 2019. Additionally, approximately 1 in 4 cases of Lyme disease occur in children, and kids aged 5 to 9 are at the greatest risk. But there are also so many additional diseases carried by ticks than just Lyme disease. Mr. President, it is important to note that there are so many additional diseases, and early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of these tick-borne diseases and illnesses is critical to recovery, as reactions can affect every system and organ of the human body and often every aspect of an individual's life.

Between 10 percent and 40 percent of Lyme disease patients go on to suffer from complex, chronic, persistent conditions which can be more difficult to treat. This is an epidemic of its own proportion, impacting Pennsylvanians in all corners of the State, not just rural Pennsylvania, but urban and suburban counties as well. In 2019, the top 5 cases of Lyme disease were

Chester, Westmoreland, Butler, Bucks, and Montgomery Counties. Lyme Disease and Tick-Borne Illness Awareness Month provides information on prevention, the cause, effects, and potential severity, diagnostic challenges, and treatment options of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. This resolution is a continued effort to benefit the overall health and quality of life of Pennsylvania residents by increasing awareness of tick bites and the potential seriousness of Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses and to remind Pennsylvanians to check themselves, their pets, and their children for ticks after being outdoors. Should you find a tick on you, you should visit www.ticklab.org and have that tick tested for free.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:13 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.