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SENATE

TUESDAY, June 6, 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, KEELEY NUNN, Chaplain Aide, Troop 196, New Birth of Freedom Council, Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Would everyone please prepare themselves for the prayer in the way they are accustomed to.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day that we have before us, the wonderful day that You have given us, and the blessings that You have poured upon us already. We come together today to ask Your blessings upon our elected officials and those members of the Boy Scouts of America assembled here. We pray that You would always guide our minds and hearts, so that we may strive to be good, loving citizens; that we may seek the ways of righteousness, justice, and mercy; that we may always be pure in mind and body; and that we may always have the courage to lead others to do the right thing. May we all continue to do our duty to God and our country, knowing that a good nation must be made from good men and women. Watch over those in authority, grant that they may be enabled by Your grace to lead our Commonwealth with honesty and integrity and according to Your will. God, please bless our work here. Continue to be with us all, so that we may do our best today and strive to do even better tomorrow. You are refuge and strength. In Your holy Name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled, led by Life Scout JOSEPH SAVERIANO, Troop 67, Hilltown Township Civic Association, Hilltown.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Keely Nunn and Joseph Saveriano, who are guests today of Senator Culver.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators L. WILLIAMS, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, FONTANA, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, BREWSTER, COSTA, MUTH, COLLETT and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 275**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 10, 1968 (1967 P.L.925, No.417), referred to as the Legislative Officers and Employes Law, providing for electronic posting of expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 6, 2023.

Senators HAYWOOD, DILLON, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, KANE, SCHWANK, COSTA and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 735**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the charging of admission fees for events for personal care attendants of persons with disabilities; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 6, 2023.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

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HB 246 -- Committee on Local Government.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 746 (Pr. No. 835) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for issuance of dog licenses, compensation, proof required, deposit of funds, records, license sales, rules and regulations, failure to comply, unlawful acts and penalty, for applications for dog licenses, fees and penalties, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses, for dogs temporarily in the Commonwealth and for health certificates for importation; in offenses of dogs, further providing for dog bites and detentions and isolation of dogs; in dangerous dogs, further providing for court proceedings, certificate of registration and disposition, for requirements, for public safety and penalties and for construction of

article; in injury to dogs, further providing for selling, bartering or trading dogs; in enforcement and penalties, further providing for enforcement of this act by the secretary and provisions for inspections and for enforcement and penalties; in sterilization of dogs and cats, further providing for definitions; and imposing penalties.

HB 156 (Pr. No. 1029)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fertilizer, further providing for definitions and for application of fertilizer to turf.

HB 157 (Pr. No. 1030)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark, further providing for definitions, for Pennsylvania Preferred® trademark, for licensee qualification, for duties and authority of department, for trademark license agreement, application and licensure process, for costs, for Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark Licensing Fund, for injunctive relief, for rules and regulations and for purpose, repealing provisions relating to definitions and further providing for qualified veterans and qualified veteran business entities.

Senator ARGALL, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 209 (Pr. No. 839) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, providing for National Guard or Reserve parent student support.

SB 462 (Pr. No. 837) (Amended)

An Act establishing the Adult Education and Workforce Recovery Grant Program; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Education.

SB 565 (Pr. No. 838) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, providing for student data privacy and protection; imposing duties on the Department of Education; and providing for penalties.

HB 100 (Pr. No. 1093)

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, providing for Cross-age Tutoring Program.

HB 301 (Pr. No. 1035)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for actual cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in the four chartered schools for education of the deaf and the blind; making a repeal; and making editorial changes.

Senator ROTHMAN, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bill:

SB 709 (Pr. No. 841) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in game or wildlife protection, further providing for the offense

of unlawful taking and possession of protected birds and for endangered or threatened species.

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

SB 514 (Pr. No. 481)

An Act amending the act of November 3, 2022 (P.L.2135, No.150), known as the Childhood Blood Lead Test Act, further providing for legislative purpose and for lead poisoning prevention, assessment and testing.

SB 520 (Pr. No. 836) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, providing for preclearance waiver of physical site requirements and further providing for regulations and for rules and regulations for personal care home and assisted living residences.

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 159 (Pr. No. 842) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, providing for the offense of unauthorized use of an electronic tracking device; and providing for penalties.

SB 506 (Pr. No. 843) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incapacitated persons, further providing for petition and hearing and independent evaluation, for determination of incapacity and appointment of guardian and for review hearing.

SB 527 (Pr. No. 844) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in theft and related offenses, providing for the offense of theft of mail.

Senator BROWN, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

SB 749 (Pr. No. 798)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for surcharge by auditors; and, in township manager, further providing for township manager, appointment, removal, powers and duties, compensation and bond.

SB 753 (Pr. No. 800)

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in associations and organizations, further providing for associations and organizations for mayors; in elections of officers, further providing for eligibility, for officers elected and for decrease in number of members of council; in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, further providing for appointments and incompatible offices and for police serving under cooperative agreement or contract; in corporate powers, further providing for specific powers; in taxation and finance, further providing for investment of funds; providing for solid waste collection and disposition; in

ordinances, further providing for ordinances and resolutions and for publication; and making an editorial change.

SB 754 (Pr. No. 799)

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in general provisions, providing for certain transmittals and submissions to governmental bodies.

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

SB 532 (Pr. No. 477)

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

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 120 (Pr. No. 805)

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the emergency medical services providers in this Commonwealth and the financial impact of nonreimbursable services for emergency response calls not resulting in a medical assistance beneficiary receiving transportation to a hospital or treatment facility and to issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate.

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 Martin, Senator Laughlin, Senator Hutchinson, Senator Vogel, Senator Yaw, Senator Aument, and Senator Gebhard due to the ongoing meeting of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, similarly, our members are at some of these meetings as well, and I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Collett, Senator Comitta, Senator Kane, and Senator Santarsiero, and legislative leaves for Senator Saval and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Martin, Senator Laughlin, Senator Hutchinson, Senator Vogel, Senator Yaw, Senator Aument, and Senator Gebhard, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Collett, Senator Comitta, Senator Kane, and Senator Santarsiero, and legislative leaves for Senator Saval and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 630 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 630 (Pr. No. 668) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 630 (Pr. No. 668) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52767, carrying West High Street (State Route 4031), crossing the Ghost Town Trail, located in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, as the Corpsman Charles Doerr, United States Navy, Memorial Bridge.

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-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.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Aument, Senator Hutchinson, Senator Vogel, and Senator Santarsiero have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA REPORT**

**GUESTS OF SENATOR LYNDY SCHLEGEL CULVER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator Culver.

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, it is my great privilege to stand before you to introduce a remarkable group of young individuals who embody the spirit of leadership, service, and

excellence: the members of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, we have the honor of welcoming well over 100 of these exceptional Scouts who have diligently prepared and will present the report to the Commonwealth, highlighting their significant achievements and contributions.

These Scouts, representing troops from across our great Commonwealth, have demonstrated their commitment to the ideals that lie at the core of Scouting. They have embraced the values of duty to others and have eagerly taken on the challenges that come their way. Through their dedication, they have developed skills that will serve them well as they become our future leaders and guardians of democracy. Their report provides a glimpse into the transformative impact of Scouting in Pennsylvania. It showcases the countless hours of service, the environmental projects that have preserved our natural heritage, the initiatives that have uplifted our communities, and the personal growth that has shaped their character. These Scouts have truly embodied the Scout Oath and Law, and their accomplishments deserve our recognition.

Their presence here today is a testament to the support and encouragement they have received from their families, Scout leaders, and entire Scouting community. It is also a reflection of the faith that we place in them as they step forward to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Their voices, representing the values of Scouting and the aspirations of our youth, hold immense significance. Let us encourage them, celebrate their achievements, and support their efforts to shape a better Pennsylvania for all.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Boy Scouts of America for their invaluable contributions to our State and nation. Your commitment to service, leadership, and civic engagement inspires all of us. We are so pleased to have all these Scouts with us today. I would like at this time for us to give a warm welcome to all the Scouts that have come before us.

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

[Applause.]

**BOY SCOUTS REPORT
TO THE COMMONWEALTH
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator Culver, to introduce the Scouts who will present the Boy Scouts Report to the Commonwealth to the Senate.

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, our representatives from the Boy Scouts of America are Chaplain Keeley Nunn and Life Scout Joseph Saveriano.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Scouts please approach the rostrum and present your report.

[Whereupon, the report was presented to the PRESIDENT.]

The Chair lays before the Senate the following report from the Boy Scouts of America.

(The following Boy Scouts of America Report was made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator CULVER:)

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

June 6, 2023

The Boy Scouts of America program is an ongoing adventure that delivers life-changing experiences, teaches a powerful set of real-life skills, and develops fundamental qualities that help more than 52,951 youth in 2,372 local Scouting groups in Pennsylvania become Prepared. For Life.®

As of December 31, 2022: 52,951 registered youth; 28,224 Cub Scouts; 22,589 Boy Scouts; 1,042 Venturers; 1,096 Explorers. The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Prepared. For Service.

Doing service projects together is one way that Scouts of all ages keep their promise to "help other people." Eagle Scout service projects are an opportunity for Scouts to show leadership while helping their community.

Prepared. For Learning.

From diverse subjects ranging from American Business to Woodwork, Scouts in Pennsylvania earned 75,546 Merit Badges.

Prepared. For Adventure.

2,372 local Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews and Explorer posts, were in operation during 2022.

Prepared. For Leadership.

1,755 Scouts in Pennsylvania earned the Eagle Scout Award during 2022.

66 young women from Pennsylvania earned the Eagle Scout Award in 2022.

2,097 Pennsylvania Cub Scouts earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award, in 2022.

The PRESIDENT. This report will be noted in the Journal and filed in the Library.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator Culver.

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, I thank you for allowing us to have this program here today. The Scouts will conclude the program by reciting the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. I encourage any Scout in this Chamber to stand and join along with them. They will begin with the Scout Oath.

Thank you, Mr. President.

[Whereupon, the Boy Scout Oath and Boy Scout Law were recited.]

[Applause.]

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks all the Scouts who are here today.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO
AND SENATOR KATIE J. MUTH
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, it is a distinct honor to rise to formally recognize the 54th Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, Major General Mark Schindler. And sir, what a

great day to recognize you today, of course, on this day in 1944, the invasion of Normandy, the liberation of Western Europe, the beginning of the great crusade. Eisenhower reminded us of 156,000 Americans, Brits, Canadians, French landed on the beaches of Normandy, joined by 18,000 airborne troopers from the United States and Great Britain, beginning a great crusade to liberate Western Europe. And what a great day to be reminded of that because with you as well, we have the Lithuanians who were not liberated in World War II, who had to fight on until 1990 and 1991 for their own freedoms underneath the iron grip of the Soviet Union. And I am thankful for the role that you and the Pennsylvania National Guard have played in safeguarding the freedom of our Lithuanian brothers and sisters far off on the Baltic flank of NATO.

General Schindler was recently confirmed by the Senate. He oversees a combined State and Federal budget of \$966 million, and it is warranted and justified, as we have the best and the most active Guard in the nation. We have the most successful State partnership program in the United States of America with the great nation of Lithuania, with whom we stand shoulder to shoulder in the defense of freedom and liberty and independence. He oversees the command and control of 18,000 men and women in our great Air and Army National Guard and the complement of 2,500 Commonwealth employees. He oversees, as well, the Keystone State Challenge Academy with growing success in our State--met one of those great kids today, in fact; he has a great story of redemption--and as well as--close and near and dear to many of our hearts--assists with 700,000 veterans in our State, one of the most patriotic States in the great United States of America.

Today is Guard Day at the State Capitol and with Guard members and booths and displays in the Keystone building--I saw those today, I encourage everyone to go over to see that and say hi to our brothers and sisters in uniform there. Pennsylvania is home to one of the most active National Guards in the nation, going back 268 years, all the nation's wars. If you go to Gettysburg, you will see the names of 34,000 Pennsylvanians who served in that bloody battle of 95,000. A third of the forces engaged in Gettysburg in my district were Pennsylvanians. The General Assembly passed Pennsylvania's Militia Law [Act] on November 25, 1755, one month after the French and Indian War began. The rest, as they say, is history. Pennsylvania's militiamen went on to play a key role in every major military action against the French and Indian War through today in the Global War on Terror.

Today is special, as our Pennsylvania National Guard celebrates its 30th year of partnership with the great nation of Lithuania, and what a difference that partnership has made. That partnership, in part, played a role in keeping the Russians from going into the Baltic neighborhood. We have the commanding general of the Lithuanian Land Forces here. He warned us at the War College over a decade ago that the Russians were not to be trusted, and you proved you were right, sir. So, eternal vigilance is key to success. Together with the Lithuanians, over 800 security cooperation engagements, both in Lithuania and in Pennsylvania. In April, the National Guard Bureau recognized our partnership with Lithuania as the best in the nation, and absolutely it is, what a fantastic achievement, congratulations. Congratulations to General Schindler and our Pennsylvania

Guard as well as our brothers and sisters in the Lithuanian Armed Forces. May God bless you all.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome our very special guests to the Senate Chamber from our Pennsylvania National Guard and our partners from the Republic of Lithuania. First, I would like to welcome our 54th Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, Major General Mark Schindler, to the Senate. Major General Schindler has done a great job across our Commonwealth leading the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and our Pennsylvania National Guard. General Schindler oversees a combined State and Federal budget of over \$966 million and was responsible for the command and control of over 18,000 Army and Air National Guard members, the third largest National Guard in the nation. As Minority chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, I have really enjoyed and been honored to work with General Schindler and his team on the many issues impacting veterans, Guard members, and their families. Our National Guard is one of the largest and most highly skilled Guards in the entire world, and it is critical to all of our communities whenever they are called upon to serve. The nearly 20,000 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard have always been ready to provide assistance and support whenever we need it, and ensuring that we support their needs legislatively is a priority for this Chamber. Last Session we were able to enact a number of bipartisan initiatives that were priorities of both the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania National Guard Association. I am hopeful that this month we can, again, prioritize the needs of our Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the bills to help support our veterans and our National Guard members and their families.

I would also like to welcome our distinguished guests from the Republic of Lithuania to the Senate. The partnership between Lithuania and Pennsylvania is one of the original State partnership programs that was established in 1993. Through this partnership, Lithuania and the Pennsylvania National Guard have conducted over 800 security cooperation engagements in the past 30 years. In May of this year, the partnership between Pennsylvania and Lithuania was named one of the United States Department of Defense National Guard State Partnership Program Partnerships of the Year for 2022. The award criteria included key leader and subject matter expert engagement, the program's capacity to include whole of government events and academic exchanges, and the inclusion of women, peace, and security principles. It was an honor last night to spend time with many of the members from Lithuania who are visiting, including the Defense Secretary and the Ambassador of Lithuania to the United States and meeting all of their team and talking with them about their experiences working with our State. Thank you, again, to our National Guard, our dignitaries from Lithuania, and also to Major General Schindler for your continued leadership. I ask that we give Major General Schindler and all of our guests from Lithuania a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

General Schindler, it would be our honor if you would now address the Senate.

Adjutant General SCHINDLER. Good afternoon, Lieutenant Governor Davis, President pro tempore Ward, Leader Pittman, Leader Costa, Members of the Senate, distinguished guests, and friends of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Nearly 80 years have come and gone since D-Day, and while uniforms, equipment, and tactics have changed, our National Guardsmen have not. They remain always ready, always there. Like the brothers and sisters in arms who came before them, our soldiers and airmen lace up their boots and go whenever and wherever they are needed. Your National Guard serves abroad, throughout the United States, and of course, is always there to serve our local neighbors. Thank you for your united support of the Pennsylvania National Guard. As you know, Pennsylvania has many individuals who do not wear a uniform, yet they serve. They are devoted healthcare workers, folks who provide outreach to veterans, and individuals who work with our youth at the Keystone State Challenge Academy, people who serve their communities every day. It is together that our entire agency makes meaningful impacts on and for Pennsylvania. Thank you all for affirming our work with your continued support. Together we serve. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said: "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." I look forward to the great things we will continue to do for Pennsylvania as we carry on in service together.

Additionally, I would like to recognize 30 years of doing great things together for our Lithuanian partners. As was stated, we have a strong and abiding partnership between the Pennsylvania National Guard and our dear friend and NATO ally, the Republic of Lithuania. On April 27, 1993, the Pennsylvania National Guard established a State Partnership Program with the Republic of Lithuania as part of a wider program within the National Guard. The program was formed to assist former nations under the Soviet Union move toward democracy as well as assist in building their armed forces. Our partnership was built on years of respect, trust, and ultimately, friendship--years of doing great things together. Just this year, we were recognized by the National Guard Bureau as the State Partnership Program of the Year, and I would like to recognize our Lithuanian guests who are in the gallery today with us and on the floor: Command Sergeant Major of the Armed Forces of Lithuania, Command Sergeant Major Katinas; and it is my direct and distinct honor to welcome the Republic of Lithuania's Chief of Defense, Lieutenant General Rupšys on the floor here today--not only our partners, but our friends. [Applause.] Thank you, General. Here is to the next 30 years and the great things we will do together. On behalf of the entire department, again, thank you for this opportunity. Your continued support of the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, our partners, our veterans, and their families is proof that together we can do great things. Thank you all so much, thank you.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR JUDY WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator Judy Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to rise to introduce Dominic Cacciotti, a rising junior at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Cambria County, who will be serving as an intern in my district office in Hollidaysburg throughout the summer. Dominic is a resident of Altoona and a graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. He is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in both management and marketing at Saint Francis. Over the last 2 years, Dominic has been actively engaged in student life at the university, serving in leadership roles in student government and resident life. During his internship in the district office, Dominic will be assisting with a variety of projects that support outreach to constituents and enhance constituent services. Please join me in offering a warm Senate welcome and sincere best wishes for continued academic success to Dominic Cacciotti. Thank you.

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

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gebhard, Senator Comitta, Senator Collett, and Senator Laughlin have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are 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, it is my honor to rise to introduce my guests today. Today we have a very special guest joining us from the 46th Senatorial District, Miss Rain Day 2022, Isabelle Tedrow; her parents, Ken and Tarisa; pageant director, Jeanine Henry; and committeeperson, Stephanie Mitchell, who are seated in the gallery. The annual Rain Day is a popular Greene County summer event. Its history can be traced back to the late 1800s, when a local farmer began keeping a written record of the fact that it always rained on July 29. The event has the bragging distinction of being the only pageant in the world where it is considered a success if it rains. Thus, in 1979, the first annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant was held to celebrate this occurrence.

This past year's winner, Isabelle Tedrow, is a 2022 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School and Greene County CTC, where she studied cosmetology and is currently pursuing her cosmetology license. At Jefferson-Morgan, Isabelle participated in the school's varsity cheerleading squad and was selected to serve as the cheer captain. Outside of school, Isabelle enjoys studying various forms of dance and has earned the role of assistant teacher. She is also a member of a competitive dance team.

Between her love of children, her own personal experience with dyslexia, and a strong desire to help others, Isabelle has been inspired to pursue an elementary education major at PennWest California University. In addition to the Miss Rain Day title, she was awarded Top Sportswear, Top Evening Gown, Miss Photogenic, and the John O'Hara Essay Award. This summer's community service projects are the Humane Society "Paws for a Cause: Giving back to the Humane Society" and "Reading is Contagious, Spread the Joy."

In June, Isabelle will be competing in the Miss Pennsylvania competition. Her community service initiative is "Dyslexia is My Superpower," celebrating the unique strengths and abilities of people with dyslexia and bringing awareness to the community. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering a very warm and dry Senate welcome to Miss Rain Day 2022, Isabelle Tedrow. Thank you.

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

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR DANIEL J. LAUGHLIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Laughlin.

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome and introduce a very important group from Erie, Pennsylvania. The Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy prepares Erie professionals for meaningful engagement within the Erie area. The academy provides individuals with a dynamic and unique environment that fosters teamwork, growth, and learning through a transformative experience for those seeking to be change-agents for our community. Students examine the inner workings of local governments to emerge as civic leaders capable of effecting positive change for Erie County's future, with an understanding of Erie's past and present. This year, the Leadership Academy is devoting its research to studying early childhood care and education to raise the next generation in Erie County. So, please join me in giving the people who drove the furthest to get here today, the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy, a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR CRIS DUSH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, baseball, and sports in general, are revered across America because they still exemplify individual achievements, perseverance, dedication, and the priceless value of teamwork. Today it is my privilege to welcome and recognize the players and coaches of the Keystone Little League Junior All-Stars Baseball Team, who are seated in the Senate gallery, for capturing the 2022 East Regional Championship. Under the expert guidance of manager Steven Shade and coaches Seth Cooper and Bruce Walker, Keystone deserves further recognition for going on to win District XII, Section 3, and State titles.

Topping off their tremendous 17-3 season, this team went on to finish second in the entire United States at the 2022 Junior League World Series last August. As an individual player, you excel at your position, but no player can win the game alone. Well-organized championship competition allows teams, such as the gentlemen we are recognizing today, to demonstrate their skill

as both individuals and teammates against unfamiliar opponents and in front of large crowds and in large venues. All baseball players know that getting a hit every time is impossible; in fact, getting a hit just 33 percent of the time is still considered a success, even in the major leagues. However, a well-executed sacrifice bunt or a double play can be just as important as a walk-off home run when it comes to winning games and building character. At their level, it is now all about teamwork and sharpening the skills they have already gained.

Congratulations, gentlemen, on your well-deserved accolades, and best wishes for future success both on and off the diamond. Never forget the experience and the sheer joy of playing on America's endless field of dreams. Mr. President, and Members, I ask you to please join me in another round of applause for our championship Keystone Little League Junior All-Stars Baseball Team.

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

[Applause.]

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

BILL REREFERRED

HB 100 (Pr. No. 1093) -- Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

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 Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room immediately.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator DiSanto and Senator Yaw have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stefano and Senator Baker.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stefano and Senator Baker. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 24 (Pr. No. 403) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator DiSANTO. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 24. I am pleased to partner with Treasurer Stacy Garrity on the Pennsylvania Money Match initiative. My legislation enables the Treasury to proactively match and automatically return unclaimed property up to \$5,000 for single-owner and living claimants for which establishing ownership requires no additional information. Pennsylvania Money Match would return people's unclaimed money more quickly, as it removes the burden of having to search and submit a claim. My legislation is based on successful programs in dozens of other States that have reunited their State's residents with many million dollars in unclaimed property. Treasury estimates it can automatically return millions of dollars annually, all using existing capabilities and without incurring additional expense. These are funds belonging to the residents of Pennsylvania--not the State--and we are currently holding way too much money that should be put back in their hands to use as they see fit, not help inflate the State budget. Unlike some of the things I have seen move through the legislature, Pennsylvania Money Match is truly common sense, makes government work better, and is the right thing to do for everyone with unclaimed property transferred to the Pennsylvania Treasury. I ask for an affirmative 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-50

Table with 4 columns: 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

Table with 4 columns: 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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Baker has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests a legislative 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 152 (Pr. No. 124) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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:

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns: 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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 262 (Pr. No. 833) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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 and for purpose and duties of committee.

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 pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Madam President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in voting in favor of Senate Bill No. 262. This legislation is an essential step in addressing maternal mortality in the Commonwealth. Senate Bill No. 262 will categorize maternal deaths and severe maternal morbidity--those are the illnesses associated with pregnancy complication and complications--as reportable events within the Pennsylvania Department of Health. In doing so, we will be able to gather the necessary data from short- and long-term health problems that result from childbirth. With this information, we can gain a better understanding of how common maternal morbidity is and provide us valuable data we can use to improve maternal health outcomes. This is an important starting point in combating maternal morbidity and mortality in the Commonwealth, and I am thankful to all my colleagues who have supported the bill, cosponsored the bill, and ask that you all join me in voting "yes" to Senate Bill No. 262.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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	Pennycuik	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 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.

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 pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator Judy Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Madam President, for the judicial system to function and serve the people well, judges must have manageable caseloads and support systems. My bill would add a judge seat to five judicial districts. One judge would be added in the districts for Huntingdon, Butler, Northumberland, Chester, and Columbia/Montour Counties. The latest judicial needs assessment conducted by the Administration [Administrative] Office of Pennsylvania Courts has shown that there is a need for an additional judge in several counties to handle current caseloads in these districts. In my district, Huntingdon County has one judge who has oversight over all of the cases in that judicial district. This legislation would allow for a more efficient judicial system in Huntingdon and other included counties to accommodate for population changes and increased caseload. Thank you for considering this piece of legislation, and I would ask my colleagues for their support.

Thank you, Madam President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 691 (Pr. No. 715) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, in renaming Department of Environmental Resources and defining rulemaking authority of Department of Environmental Protection, repealing provisions relating to Department of Environmental Protection and providing for Department of Environmental Services; and making editorial changes.

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

YAW AMENDMENT A0638 ADOPTED

Senator YAW offered the following amendment No. A0638:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by inserting before "The":

(a) Renaming of Department of Environmental Protection.--

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 9 and 10:

(b) References.--A reference to the Department of Environmental Protection in a statute or a regulation shall be deemed a reference to the Department of Environmental Services.

(c) Designation.--

(1) To provide an efficient and cost-minimizing transition, licenses, contracts, deeds and any other official actions of the Department of Environmental Protection shall not be affected by the use of the designation of the department as the Department of Environmental Services.

(2) The Department of Environmental Services may continue to use the name Department of Environmental Protection on badges, licenses, contracts, deeds, stationery and any other official documents until existing supplies are exhausted.

(3) The Department of Environmental Protection may substitute the title "Department of Environmental Services" for

"Department of Environmental Protection" on its documents and materials on a schedule as it deems appropriate.

(d) Signage.--The Department of Environmental Services may not replace existing signage at department locations with the redesignated name until the signs are worn and in need of replacement. This transition shall be coordinated with changes in administration.

(e) Computer systems.--The Department of Environmental Services shall continue to use the name Department of Environmental Protection on its computer systems until the time of routine upgrades in each computer system in the department. The change in name shall be made at the time of the routine upgrade to the department computer systems.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Madam President, this amendment relates to the name change from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Environmental Services, and the amendment provides that any reference in the statute to DEP shall be deemed a reference to the Department of Environmental Services. It also provides an efficient and cost-savings transition involving contracts, deeds, licenses, and any other official action taken by DEP shall not be affected by the use of the new name, DES. The department may substitute the title Department of Environmental Services on its documents and materials on a schedule as it determines to be appropriate under the circumstances. Signage will change when current signage is worn and in need of replacement. Likewise, computer systems will remain the same until such time when routine upgrades are needed throughout the department. In other words, this is a slow transition at no cost to the Commonwealth to change the name from Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Environmental Services.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-22

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

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

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 37 (Pr. No. 737) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for learners' permits, for examination of applicant for driver's license and for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive mobile device; in miscellaneous provisions relating to serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle; and imposing penalties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 100 and **SB 149** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 198 (Pr. No. 81) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), known as the Environmental Hearing Board Act, further providing for definitions and for jurisdiction.

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 199 (Pr. No. 82) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), known as the Environmental Hearing Board Act, further providing for Environmental Hearing Board.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 203 (Pr. No. 175) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 2004 (P.L.1270, No.153), referred to as the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System Law, establishing the Pennsylvania Green Alert System; and further providing for immunity.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 344 (Pr. No. 688) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions.

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 345, SB 346, SB 355 and **SB 360** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 425 (Pr. No. 447) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 429 (Pr. No. 381) -- The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, further providing for disability benefits and for definitions.

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

REGAN AMENDMENT A0720 AGREED TO

Senator REGAN offered the following amendment No. A0720:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by inserting a bracket before the comma after "agents"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out "Parole"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out the bracket before "of"

Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by inserting after "Parole]":

employed by the Department of Corrections

Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by inserting a bracket before the comma after "agents"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 7, by striking out "Parole"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 7, by striking out the bracket before "of"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 8, by inserting after "Parole]":

employed by the Department of Corrections

Amend Bill, page 7, line 22, by inserting a bracket before "(3)"

Amend Bill, page 7, line 24, by striking out "Parole" where it occurs the first time

Amend Bill, page 7, line 24, by striking out the bracket before "of"

Amend Bill, page 7, line 24, by striking out the bracket after "Parole"

Amend Bill, page 7, line 25, by striking out "Parole"

Amend Bill, page 7, line 26, by striking out the bracket before "of"

Amend Bill, page 8, line 1, by inserting after "employee":

, parole agent

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Madam President, this amendment addresses the fact that with the merger of the Department of Corrections and the Parole Board through Act 59 of 2021, parole agents are now under the purview of Corrections rather than the Parole Board.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 500 (Pr. No. 484) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for medical assistance coverage for pasteurized donor human milk.

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 517, SB 621 and SB 629 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 640 (Pr. No. 679) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11781, on that portion of State Route 3004 over the West Branch Susquehanna River, Burnside Township, Clearfield County, as the United States Army Sergeant Harold Koller Memorial Bridge.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 655, SB 688, SB 689, SB 690 and SB 692 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 694 (Pr. No. 722) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

HB 739 (Pr. No. 688) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for insurance data security; in reserve liabilities, repealing provisions relating to small company exemption and providing for adoption of exemption standards of NAIC Valuation Manual; and imposing 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.

RESOLUTION LAID ON THE TABLE

SR 65 (Pr. No. 402)

A Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to extend daylight saving time throughout the year across the country.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the requisite time for action having expired, the resolution was laid on the table.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator PITTMAN. Madam 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, with the exception of **HB 100**.

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

SB 159, SB 209, SB 462, SB 506, SB 514, SB 520, SB 527, SB 532, SB 565, SB 709, SB 746, SB 749, SB 753, SB 754, HB 156, HB 157 and HB 301.

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, JUNE 7, 2023

9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (informational meeting regarding Carbon Capture)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 654, 742, 757 and 760)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 69 and 756)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 656 and 770)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 202; and House Bill No. 739)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 74; and certain Executive Nominations.)	Rules Committee Conference Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

9:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on solar energy's impact on Pennsylvania ratepayers)	Hearing Room 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in supporting Senate Resolution No. 127, recognizing June 5 through June 11, 2023, as Disability Pride Week in Pennsylvania. This is an issue near and dear to my heart. This week is intended to help shape the way people think about and define disability. Disability pride is all about accepting and honoring each person's uniqueness and seeing it as a natural and beautiful part of human diversity. It rejects the notion that certain physical, mental, or cognitive differences are negative or wrong and promotes acceptance, dignity, and pride.

As many of you know, 20 years ago I had a boating accident which put me in a wheelchair. In that accident, I fractured two vertebrae and partially severed my spinal cord. These injuries have come with countless challenges but also have been a blessing in disguise. While first, I will admit, I was angry; with time I had come to realize that there was a reason I am here today in this chair telling my story. I was put in this position to be an advocate for those who have a disability. I honestly believe that God thought that I would be perfect to be a role model for people with disabilities because I am a Senator. For those 20 years, I have fought to ensure Pennsylvania is a place that is accepting to all. That is why I am honored and delighted to recognize the week of June 5 through June 11 as Disability Pride Week here in Pennsylvania, which celebrates the 24th anniversary of the passing of the Olmstead Act, an important component of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the 11-year anniversary of Disability Pride Philadelphia. Recognizing Disability Pride Week is crucial to the understanding that disabilities are a natural and beautiful part of human diversity, and we must celebrate our differences and end the stigmas.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,176 days since this Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage, but it is not for lack of trying, Madam President. Every Session since 2006, when we last acted to raise our minimum wage, I have introduced legislation to, again, raise the wage our lowest earners make. But my legislation and action have been met with what can be best described as resistance and potentially can be called a willful ignoring of some of the Commonwealth's most successful and vulnerable citizens.

Just last week, Bishop Dwayne Royster, a faith leader and organizer for social justice, shared his thoughts, which I found to be especially timely as we enter budget negotiations and a period at which we lay out our Commonwealth's economic priorities for the coming year. Madam President, he said, "We have a duty to correct the [this] oppression of working families, especially of Black and brown families. It is in our power to uplift every Pennsylvanian by raising the wage across the Commonwealth to fair levels." Adding, [Reading:]

With[out] a livable wage for families in Pennsylvania, we cannot make progress with any of the crises of economic and racial injustice harming communities throughout the state. Raising the wage means more housing access, better health care, fewer struggles with addiction, decreased gun violence, and more affordable childcare. Our next state budget offers us a route forward if we fight to achieve it.

I could not agree more with Bishop Royster. This budget offers us a chance to show Pennsylvanians and the rest of the world what our moral priorities are; to show them that we have not forgotten about the struggles our lowest earners face each day, day in and day out; and that we are willing to take action to ensure every Pennsylvanian is able to survive off their work.

Senate Bill No. 12 is our chance to show the world what Pennsylvania is all about. It will finally do what every other State around Pennsylvania has done and raises our minimum wage. It will put Pennsylvania's lowest earners on a path to \$15 an hour and remove future increases from the legislature's control, so we never have to go through another 6,176 days of legislative inaction, instead, annually readjusting the minimum wage according to the Consumer Price Index. Madam President, Pennsylvanians deserve better, and they deserve it now. Let us pass Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Madam President.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 6, 2023

Senators DUSH, COLLETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROTHMAN, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, STEFANO and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 44**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in human trafficking, further providing for definitions, for the offense of trafficking in individuals and for the offense of patronizing a victim of sexual servitude; in minors, further providing for unlawful contact with minor; and, in domestic and sexual violence victim address confidentiality, further providing for definitions and for persons eligible to apply.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2023.

Senators DUSH, PENNYCUICK, BAKER, HUTCHINSON, BARTOLOTTA and LAUGHLIN presented to the Chair **SB 225**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Federal and Commonwealth use of forest land.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 6, 2023.

Senators DUSH and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 736**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in decrees and records, further providing for definitions and for original birth record.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 6, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 747**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, providing for sky lantern tethering.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2023.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, A. WILLIAMS, HUGHES, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, KANE, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, COLLETT, STREET, SAVAL, DILLON and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 751**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for definitions, for place of detention and for transfer to criminal proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2023.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, A. WILLIAMS, KANE, KEARNEY, HUGHES, SCHWANK, SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, CAPPELLETTI, HAYWOOD, COSTA, STREET, DILLON and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 752**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of probation officers and for informal adjustment, providing for requirement of diversion and further providing for taking into custody, for detention of child, for release or delivery to court, for release from detention or commencement of proceedings, for informal hearing, for release or holding of hearing, for consent decree, for disposition of delinquent child and for limitation on and change in place of commitment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2023.

Senators L. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, COMITTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, MUTH, KANE, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, DILLON, STREET, SANTARSIERO and SAVAL presented to the Chair **SB 755**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public utility code, providing for minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold in this Commonwealth; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 6, 2023.

Senators SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, DILLON, CAPPELLETTI, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, COMITTA, STREET, KANE, COSTA, COLLETT, SCHWANK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 764**, 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 youth suicide awareness and prevention and providing for violence prevention and social inclusion.

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

Senators HAYWOOD, FONTANA, KEARNEY, KANE, COLLETT, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 772**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions, for minimum wages and for preemption.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 6, 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:

June 6, 2023

HB 298, 405 and 787 -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 394 and 689 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 450 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreation Development.

HB 479 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 611 -- Committee on Appropriations.

HB 815 -- Committee on State Government.

HB 1028 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 1031 -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.

HB 1097 -- Committee on Education.

HB 1100 -- Committee on Finance.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Farry.

Senator FARRY. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, June 7, 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 3:37 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.