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SENATE

TUESDAY, June 20, 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 SAMUEL DUBOIS, of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Father God, You have called us to serve our brothers and sisters, and so, serve You. We ask You to fill us with grace and strength that we may bring glory to Your name, and so, know peace and joy from You. We ask this through Your mighty power. We ask that You bless us and keep us, that You will let Your face shine upon us, that You be gracious to us and give us Your peace. We ask all these things through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Dubois, who is the guest today of Senator Rothman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 8, 2023, for the nomination of C. Kim Bracey, 827 George Street, York 17401, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to serve until January 19, 2027,

and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ophelia Chambliss, York, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

C. Kim Bracey, 827 South George Street, York 17403, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ophelia Chambliss, York, whose term expired.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
CHESTER COUNTY

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 12, 2023, for the recall of the nomination dated February 28, 2023, of Theron Perez, Esquire, 22 Tall Tree Drive, Camp Hill 17011, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Chester County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice David F. Bortner, resigned, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 30, 2023, of Theron Perez, Esquire, 22 Tall Tree Drive, Camp Hill 17011, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Chester County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice David F. Bortner, resigned.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 12, 2023, for the recall of the nomination dated March 30, 2023, and then corrected on March 30, 2023, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Northampton County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Steven [sic] G. Baratta, resigned, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination [sic] March 30, 2023, and then corrected on March 30, 2023, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Northampton County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Stephen G. Baratta, resigned.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 16, 2023, for the nomination of Chelsea Lightsey, Esquire, 110 West Mount Pleasant Avenue, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Robert P. Coleman, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Chesley Lightsey, Esquire, 110 West Mount Pleasant Avenue, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Robert P. Coleman, resigned.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 16, 2023, for the nomination of Natasha Taylor-Smith, Esquire, 6405 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia 19126, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Lori A. Dumas, resigned, should be corrected to read:

E. Natasha Taylor-Smith, Esquire, 6405 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia 19126, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Lori A. Dumas, resigned.

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 9, 2023, for the nomination of John Six, 145 Brookdale Circle, Canonsburg 15317, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nirmal Joshi, Mechanicsburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

John Six, 145 Brookdale Circle, McMurray 15317, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nirmal Joshi, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

June 20, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 16, 2023, for the nomination of Brenda Hess, 15 Glen Alice Lane, Bloomsburg 17815, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Columbia and Montour, Magisterial District 26-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Richard W. Knecht, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Brenda Hess Williams, 15 Glen Alice Lane, Bloomsburg 17815, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Columbia and Montour, Magisterial District 26-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Richard W. Knecht, resigned.

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:

June 19, 2023

Senators MASTRIANO, ARGALL, GEBHARD, SCHWANK, CULVER, J. WARD and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 781**, entitled:

An Act providing for the creation of keystone opportunity dairy zones to facilitate the economic development of Pennsylvania's dairy industry; authorizing expenditures; providing tax exemptions, tax deductions, tax abatements and tax credits; creating additional obligations of the Commonwealth and local governmental units; prescribing powers and duties of certain State and local departments, agencies and officials; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 19, 2023.

Senators ROBINSON, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, VOGEL, LANGERHOLC, MILLER, BREWSTER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 792**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency management services, providing for counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response; in Emergency Management Assistance Compact, providing for construction; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 19, 2023.

Senators ROTHMAN and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 799**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in supplemental funding for municipal highway maintenance, further providing for supplemental funding for municipal highway maintenance.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 19, 2023.

Senators FARRY, PENNYCUICK, SAVAL, CULVER, BREWSTER and MILLER presented to the Chair **SB 802**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, establishing the Redevelopment Authority Startup Loan Program and the Redevelopment Authority Startup Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, June 19, 2023.

Senators BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO, DUSH, BREWSTER and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 815**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for imposition of tax and for taxability of estates, trusts and their beneficiaries.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 19, 2023.

June 20, 2023

Senators COLLETT, DUSH, PHILLIPS-HILL, ROTHMAN, COSTA, BARTOLOTTA, CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, STEFANO and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 45**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 25, 2012 (P.L.1618, No.197), known as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act, further providing for victim services.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 20, 2023.

Senators YAW, LANGERHOLC, DUSH, MARTIN, VOGEL, AUMENT, REGAN and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 819**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, providing for offenses relating to critical infrastructure facilities; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 20, 2023.

Senators YAW, ROBINSON, STEFANO and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 831**, entitled:

An Act providing for the injection of carbon dioxide into an underground reservoir for the purpose of carbon sequestration, for the ownership of pore space in strata below surface lands and waters of the Commonwealth, for conveyance of the surface ownership of real property; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; and establishing the Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 20, 2023.

Senators YAW, LAUGHLIN, LANGERHOLC, AUMENT, VOGEL, CULVER and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 832**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in boards and offices, establishing the Independent Energy Office.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 20, 2023.

Senators REGAN and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 835**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in program, further providing for program established, for confidentiality and public disclosure, for lawful use of medical marijuana and for unlawful use of medical marijuana; in practitioners, further providing for practitioner registration, for practitioner restrictions, for issuance of certification and for duration; in patients, further providing for identification cards, for verification and for contents of identification card; in medical marijuana organizations, further providing for granting of permit, for relocation and for limitations on permits; in medical marijuana controls, further providing for electronic tracking, for grower/processors, for storage and transportation, for laboratory and for prices and providing for recalls; in dispensaries, further providing for dispensing to patients and caregivers and for facility requirements; in tax on medical marijuana, further providing for Medical Marijuana Program Fund; in Medical Marijuana Advisory Board, further

providing for advisory board; in research program, further providing for establishment of medical marijuana research program, for medical marijuana research program administration and for approval; in academic clinical research centers and clinical registrants, further providing for legislative findings and declaration of policy, for definitions and for clinical registrants and providing for termination of contract; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for applicability.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 20, 2023.

Senators FARRY, SCHWANK, REGAN and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 836**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for definitions and for powers and duties of commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 20, 2023.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators DILLON, FARRY, ROTHMAN, SAVAL, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KANE, PENNYCUICK, MARTIN, COMITTA, ARGALL, LAUGHLIN, COSTA, FLYNN, CAPPELLETTI and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SR 136**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on June 12, 2023, in response to the collapse of the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 20, 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 19, 2023

HB 269 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 664 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 711 -- Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

HB 1085 -- Committee on Judiciary.

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HB 1304 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

HB 1031 (Pr. No. 1047)

An Act designating the boat access located on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Representative Garth Everett Muncy Access Area.

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

SB 683 (Pr. No. 929) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for miscellaneous provisions.

SB 712 (Pr. No. 930) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, further providing for definitions and for exemptions and providing for advertisements for laboratory tests and for source plasma donation center; and abrogating a regulation.

SB 768 (Pr. No. 895)

An Act amending the act of November 27, 2019 (P.L.742, No.108), known as the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority Act, in Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority, further providing for Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority; and, in Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund, further providing for money in fund.

SB 817 (Pr. No. 894)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for FQHC primary care workforce initiative; and making an appropriation.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I have no leaves.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, we have no leaves.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, June 20, 2023

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 26, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 26, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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

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 the official Senate photograph to be taken immediately.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a recess of the Senate for the purpose of the official Senate photograph to be taken. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators DiSANTO, LANGERHOLC, ARGALL, SCHWANK, AUMENT, COLLETT, COSTA, BROWN, PHILLIP-HILL, CULVER, VOGEL and DUSH by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 138**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Hershey's Chocolate World and designating June 30, 2023, as "Hershey's Chocolate World Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, this resolution will recognize the 50th anniversary of Hershey's Chocolate World and designate June 30, 2023, as Hershey's Chocolate World Day in Pennsylvania. Some of you may have enjoyed one or, in some cases, more than one of the many great treats the Hershey Company brought with them to the Capitol today and had a photo opportunity with their iconic characters. I know everyone here recognizes the Hershey brand with Hershey's Kisses, Hershey's Milk Chocolate, Reese's, Twizzlers, Kit Kat, SkinnyPop, Pirate's Booty, and more. The Hershey Company ranks first in the United States confection and second in snacking. Hershey directly employs more than 6,500 Pennsylvanians in factories in multiple counties and maintains its corporate headquarters here in the 15th Senatorial District in the community known as Hershey within Derry Township, Dauphin County.

Hershey made its company even more accessible to the public on June 30, 1973, when they founded Hershey's Chocolate World to offer a behind-the-scenes look into the making of their world-famous chocolate and confections. Hershey's Chocolate World has grown over time with a variety of sights and activities, becoming the world's most-visited factory experience with more than 3.2 million visitors each year and employing 600 people and hosting Hershey's largest candy store in the world. Hershey's Chocolate World offers free admission and short-term parking, making it particularly affordable for local residents to stop by with visiting friends and family to enjoy the famous chocolate tour ride and, of course, take in the smells and tastes of Hershey's, as well as pick up some treats to take home.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, joining us today from The Hershey Company as we consider this resolution to recognize the 50th anniversary of Hershey's Chocolate World, and to designate June 30, 2023, as Hershey's Chocolate World Day in Pennsylvania, are several executives: Suzanne Jones, vice president of The Hershey Experience; Joanna Turner, vice president of government relations; and Natalie Krak, manager of State government relations, seated in the gallery today. Please help me in offering them our warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETING PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 9

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, as a Special Order of Business and pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the Committee on

Appropriations will meet off the floor immediately in the Rules room during the introduction of guests.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, as a Special Order of Business, the Committee on Appropriations will meet off the floor in the Rules room immediately while the Senate continues with the introduction of guests. The Senate will be at ease momentarily while the Members of the Committee on Appropriations report to the Rules room.

[The Senate was at ease.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAMES R. BREWSTER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, I rise today, and I am honored to introduce some volunteers and members of the McKeesport Community Newsroom, Point Park University Center. Also with that group are the Carnegie Library from McKeesport. The McKeesport Community Newsroom is an initiative of Point Park University to support journalism in McKeesport and surrounding communities. They help both young people and adults tell the untold stories of their communities with blogs and photos. Tube City Writers and Matt Petras, editor of *The Corona Diaries*, is a collection of stories by the Tube City Writers as they navigate the uncertainty during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. TCW is a storytelling group comprised of residents from McKeesport and the surrounding Mon Valley communities and is based in the McKeesport Community Newsroom and is available on Amazon.

Mr. President, I would like to introduce those folks who are here today. Martha Rial is the project manager—I will just go down the list of names quickly. [Applause.] Thank you, Martha. Jim Mckay, Maria Palmer, Comocrea Johnson, Lorie Savage, Colette Funches, Roberta Savage, Jennifer McCalla, Ashley McCalla, Wannetta McClellan, Jim Busch, Sylvia Hall, Lynn Quinten, Mary Bendel, Anna Lisa Haughwout, Peg Luketic, Arthur Hughes, Ellen Hornfeck, Jayshree Ranka, Tamara Ziccardi, Joseph (Joey) Hepner, Tevin Blair, Denise Johnson, Harold Allen, Marguerite Henderson, Yvette Lindberg, Larry Bridges, Sharon Soles, Aceton Hill, Kyle Nelson, Nie Jefferson, and my lovely wife, Linda Brewster. I ask, Mr. President, for a warm welcome for my guests.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, as someone who experienced the possibilities and advantages of serving as a legislative intern here in the Senate, I always seek to extend the same opportunity to rising young leaders of tomorrow. Today, I am pleased to introduce our intern for this summer, Walker Kmetz of Shavertown, Luzerne County. He is the son of Danielle and Mike Kmetz. He grew up not far from my home and was an outstanding student at the Lake-Lehman School District. In fact, he served as class president his senior year. His academics were solid and his range of

extracurricular activities, equally impressive. Today, he is currently enrolled as a student at Dickinson College, majoring in political science. Walker works for the college as an editorial assistant on the newspaper. He is part of the school radio, and he is also part of Dickinson Votes, an organization to help register young voters and to inform students about the importance of elections. This summer, he is actively working in our office, working on communications projects, social media, and helping to prepare our e-newsletter. He has a strong commitment to public service, so we intend that his experience with the Senate will help inspire and showcase his wonderful ability. So, please offer your warm Senate welcome to my summer intern, Walker Kmetz of Luzerne County.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

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

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, it is my honor to introduce to the Pennsylvania Senate my intern from my Harrisburg office, Kaitlyn Ponessa. Kaitlyn has been a great addition to my team, and I hope she enjoys her time with us as much as I have enjoyed her. Kaitlyn is a student at Temple University studying political science and global studies. She is a member of She's the First, Temple University Political Science Society, student activist against sexual assault, and Temple Democrats. Kaitlyn wants to continue her education and become a criminal defense attorney. Mr. President, please join me in giving Kaitlyn a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, it is again an honor to introduce another bright future leader to the Pennsylvania Senate. Jeremy Hanelon is a student at Franklin Towne Charter School and has been passionately trying to get up to Harrisburg to see the Senate in action since I met him first back at the Boys and Girls [Club] Youth of the Year event. Jeremy wants to be a hospice nurse when he grows up so he can help take care of some of our most vulnerable neighbors, loved ones, and friends. When asked why Jeremy is so interested in government, he said: I think it is important for everyone to know how the government works, how it runs, and to see the process. I have always loved history. It shows the mistakes that we have made so that we can fix them in the future. Jeremy, you are wise beyond your years, and I cannot wait to follow you, your growth, and your success. It is my honor to introduce Jeremy to the Senate, and please join me in giving him a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
AMANDA M. CAPPELLETTI
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, today I also rise to welcome my two summer interns, Abby Simbiri and Eyram Gbeddy, to the Senate Chamber. Though Abby and Eyram have only been with my office for a short amount of time, they have already demonstrated their commitment and determination to the Senate and to the 17th Senatorial District. Abby and Eyram each bring an invaluable set of skills and experience in government, law, and community organizing to my office.

Abby Simbiri joined my team in early May, tackling community outreach, accompanying members of my constituent services team to events and satellite office hours, and drafting letters for constituents. She graduated from West Chester University in December 2001 with a bachelor of arts in political science and a focus on international relations and minors in history and global studies. Outside of her coursework, Abby spent time tutoring her peers at West Chester's Learning Assistance and Resource Center, volunteering with youth at local schools and organizations, and even traveling to Nairobi, Kenya, to care for infants and young children in June of 2018. Abby has demonstrated her passion for law, volunteering at Court Appointed Special Advocates in Delaware County, interning for the Delaware County Public Defender's Office, working as a paralegal and administrative assistant at a private law firm, and even serving as secretary of West Chester's Pre-Law Society. I hope that the experience that she gains through my office, combined with her previous law experience, brings her tremendous success in the fall when she begins her first year of law school at Delaware Law. I am so very proud of you, Abby.

Now for Eyram. He has a passion for public service that knows absolutely no bounds. Less than 24 hours after returning from a trip to South Africa, Eyram dove headfirst into his internship at my office by assisting with our inaugural senior prom that we did as a co-event with Senator Comitta. As a current student at the University of Alabama studying political science, Eyram is heavily involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrates his ability to lead. Last spring, he was elected as a senator to the Student Government Association, and in addition to serving as a senator, he also serves as president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association Ambassadors, is a Blount diversity chair of House of the People, and serves as a director of multicultural affairs in the Student Government Association. In his free time--as if he has much of that--he volunteered for the Pennsylvania Democratic Party on the 2020 election cycle and interned for Majority Leader Matt Bradford in the summer of 2022.

Interns are not only a valuable addition to any office, but it is a rewarding experience for our young people to get involved in their communities and to set them up for a prosperous future. I am so excited to see what Abby and Eyram will accomplish in my office this summer as well as where life will take them. For now, I ask you all to join me in welcoming Abby Simbiri and Eyram Gbeddy to the Senate Chamber.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today's guest Chaplain, a resident of my district, Father Samuel Dubois. A graduate of West Perry High School in Perry County, Father Dubois attended seminary at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia before returning to the Harrisburg area. Father Dubois was ordained into the priesthood in 2016 in the Diocese of Harrisburg and has continued to serve the surrounding area ever since. He has served the Harrisburg area in various parishes and currently serves the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg, where he aids priests, parishes, and ministries throughout the diocese. Father Dubois decided to pursue the priesthood as a fourth grader while attending Saint Bernard Catholic Church in New Bloomfield and has continued to follow his calling. He is joined today by his parents, Richard and Kathy Dubois of Loysville, and I ask you to join me in giving our guests a warm Senate welcome, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise to introduce our guest Pages who are seated at the front of our Chamber. Jocelyn, Silas, Preston, and Justin Hillegass from Codorus Township are here today learning more about how their State government works. Visiting many of our support offices in the Capitol, they have seen the importance of how vital these offices are to our Members and staff. These offices play an intricate role in our everyday functions here in the Senate of Pennsylvania. They chose the sweetest day to visit, as they were able to celebrate the Hershey's Chocolate World 50th anniversary as well as learn more about the other groups that are here today. So would my colleagues please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to our guest Pages, Jocelyn, Silas, Preston, and Justin Hillegass to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Phillips-Hill please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[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, this must be "introduce intern day" as well, and I have got a crop of three good ones I would like to introduce to the Senate as well. First, let me start with Amelia Carmello. Amelia grew up in Berks County,

graduating from Muhlenberg High School in June 2022. She is currently studying sociology at Temple University and just finished her freshman year of college this May with a 4.0 GPA and a spot on the dean's list. At school, she is the communications chair of the Temple chapter of PERIOD, a student organization focused on addressing and ending period poverty and stigma. Amelia is passionate about helping others and is looking forward to pursuing a career in humanitarian aid or international affairs. When she is not working hard at school or in our office, Amelia loves to crochet, watch Harry Potter movies, and spend lots of time outside, especially gardening with her mom.

Erienne Fox is a student in her second year at American University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in international studies. Growing up in Berks County, Erienne graduated from Schuylkill Valley High School in 2022, where she was involved with many clubs and extracurricular activities. At American University, she continues to be an active member of the student body, holding an e-board position on the university's debate team and being an active member of multiple agricultural groups on campus, focused on improving the environment and sustainability in the community.

Rebecca Kugler grew up in Berks County on her family's 170-acre crop and livestock farm. She graduated from Oley Valley High School in 2021 and is headed into her junior year at Penn State University. She is pursuing an agricultural science degree with a minor in both agribusiness and communication arts and science. When not working in the office, she is usually teaching horseback riding lessons, running summer camps, riding horses, or showing her livestock.

I am truly fortunate, Mr. President, to always have great groups of summer interns who are doing a wonderful job in my office, and this year's crew is no different. Mr. President, I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending our traditional warm welcome to Amelia Carmello, Erienne Fox, and Rebecca Kugler. Thank you.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Martin.

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an exceptional student-athlete from my alma mater, Millersville University, and a constituent of Senator Gebhard, Hannah Woelfling. Hannah won the 2023 NCAA Division II national championship title in discus with her season-best throw of 167 feet. Not only is Hannah an NCAA champion, but she is also the first in Millersville's track and field history to win gold at an NCAA Division II outdoor championship. Hannah earned her gold medal in discus just 1 day after securing her silver medal in the hammer throw with a distance of 203 feet, 4 inches.

I offer my congratulations to Hannah for an outstanding athletic career and for graduating with a bachelor of science education degree in technology and engineering education. As a Millersville athlete, we talk about Marauder pride, and Hannah embodies it. I have no doubt that her work ethic, motivation, and passion will serve her well as she begins a new chapter teaching

at Annville-Cleona. I ask my colleagues to please join me in welcoming NCAA champion Hannah Woelfling to the Pennsylvania Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN P. AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest for the day, Ms. Josie Huyard. Josie is an incoming senior at Dayspring Christian Academy in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She is active in student government and is slated to serve as the vice president in her upcoming school year. Josie was also a member of the varsity tennis team and completed a marketing internship, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. In the upcoming school year, she will also be involved with the National Honor Society and the school worship team. When not at school, she has two jobs, one working at Billy's Market Stand and another cleaning houses for Huyard Properties. I am excited to be joined in the Capitol today by a young lady who is interested in witnessing how State government works. Please help me to welcome my guest, Josie Huyard, to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR TRACY PENNYCUICK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PENNYCUICK. Mr. President, it is my honor today to introduce my intern, Giana DePaul. I first met Giana when she worked on my senatorial campaign last summer. It has been wonderful to work with her again in my district office in Red Hill, and I am so happy to have her interning. She has assisted my staff with policy research, constituent responses, administrative duties, and other helpful tasks. Giana is graduating from Liberty University this December with a bachelor's degree in public policy. She hopes to pursue a career in educational policy right here in Harrisburg upon graduation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROSEMARY BROWN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BROWN. Mr. President, I would like to also welcome my legislative intern, Brooks Hanna, and also my guest shadow today, Lucas Carver, who are both seated in the balcony and visiting with us in the Capitol. Brooks is from Moscow, PA, and is a junior at Temple University and is majoring in political science

with a criminal justice minor. Brooks has been a tremendous asset already in my district office since early this summer and has adapted very well to the fast-paced environment of a legislative office. Most notably, Brooks has taken on developing an integrated communications plan for me and has done extremely well. When asked what he would like to do after graduation, Brooks has expressed his desire to run for political office unless, of course, he gets a little nervous after being with us for several months. Lucas is a senior and an honor roll student at Pleasant Valley High School in Brodheadsville, PA. Part of his graduation requirement includes community service, which will be accomplished by volunteering in his local community and serving a community abroad in Baja California, Mexico. The remainder of his requirement is shadowing me today as an observer of a professional in his field of interest. Lucas is an avid student athlete. Most of his time is also spent with his youth group at Pleasant Valley Assembly of God and enjoying adventures with his friends. Lucas has expressed interest in sports broadcasting and political science and is excited to have a chance to observe professionals in both fields this year. Currently, Lucas is considering Liberty University and Southeastern University as options for college. However, he has made his mother very well aware that this year will be full of college visits. Please join me in giving my legislative intern, Brooks Hanna, and my guest shadow, Lucas Carver, and his mother, Kelly, who is seated in the gallery, a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I want to just take a moment and wish--and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing our Governor, Josh Shapiro, a 50th birthday, happy birthday. Josh Shapiro is a gentleman who has accomplished much in the short 50 years that he has been on this Earth, and we are very proud of the work he has done in the past and the work he will do. And I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing our Governor a happy birthday.

Thank you, Mr. President.

[Applause.]

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Dillon.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 37 and **SB 346** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL AMENDED

SB 497 (Pr. No. 691) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for advanced manufacturing facilities and infrastructures through business partnerships with State-related institutions; establishing the Max Manufacturing Initiative Fund and Max Manufacturing Endeavor Loan Fund; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

ROBINSON AMENDMENT A1136 ADOPTED

Senator ROBINSON offered the following amendment No. A1136:

- Amend Bill, page 8, line 21, by inserting after "establish":
guidelines for
- Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:
(c) Limitations.--Grants awarded under this subsection shall not exceed \$2,000,000.
- Amend Bill, page 11, lines 15 through 18, by striking out all of lines 15 through 17 and "(f)" in line 18 and inserting:
(e)
- Amend Bill, page 12, line 25, by inserting after "chapter":
in accordance with the published guidelines

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

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, my amendment No. A1136 includes minor suggested changes that have been approved by DCED, including using guidelines instead of the reference rules and regulations, which is the standard protocol for DCED-run programs, like the one in Senate Bill No. 497. Additionally, we need a cap to the grant, which was also agreed to by DCED and stakeholder groups. I ask for an affirmative vote on amendment No. A1136 to Senate Bill No. 497, and I thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Martin	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Mastriano	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Miller	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			

NAY-1

Muth

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.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 527 (Pr. No. 844) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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:

YEA-44

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

NAY-6

Haywood	Muth	Street	Williams, Lindsey
Kearney	Saval		

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 630 and SB 640 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 709 (Pr. No. 841) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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:

YEA-48

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

NAY-2

Cappelletti	Saval
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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.

SB 746 (Pr. No. 915) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on Senate Bill No. 746. This bill provides critical updates to Pennsylvania's Dog Law, including increases to licensing and kennel fees. The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement has been struggling over the last several years to cover basic operations and fill critical vacancies to ensure they can perform their duties efficiently. With their primary operating funds coming from the licensing and kennel fees administered through the Dog Law, Senate Bill No. 746 seeks to adjust those fees, among other updates to the law, increasing customer service and public safety to create an improved flow of funding to better address the bureau's current needs and keeping Pennsylvania citizens and canines safe. I request an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-43

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Schwank
Aument	Dillon	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Miller	Street
Bartolotta	Farry	Muth	Tartaglione
Boscola	Flynn	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brewster	Fontana	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Brown	Gebhard	Regan	Ward, Kim

Cappelletti	Haywood	Robinson	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hughes	Rothman	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Santarsiero	Yaw
Costa	Kearney	Saval	

NAY-7

Brooks	DiSanto	Laughlin	Phillips-Hill
Coleman	Hutchinson	Mastriano	

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 770 (Pr. No. 828) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 143 in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, from the intersection of Pennsylvania Route 309 to the border of Berks County, as Heroes Highway, in honor of fallen firefighter Marvin Gruber and Assistant Fire Chief Zachary Paris.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Coleman.

Senator COLEMAN. Mr. President, on December 7, 2022, Assistant Fire Chief Zachary Paris and firefighter Marvin Gruber, both of the fire company of New Tripoli in Lehigh County, tragically had their lives cut short when they became trapped while fighting a house fire in West Penn Township in Schuylkill County. My fellow Senators, I stand here today to ask for your support in honoring the service of these two brave men, who lost their lives in service to their community and to the Commonwealth.

By way of background on these two brave men, Zachary Paris was called to serve others at a young age. He volunteered as a junior firefighter for the Blandon Fire Company and eventually came to the New Tripoli Fire Department where he worked hard to become assistant fire chief of the company. In addition to his service in New Tripoli, he has also worked for the Green Valley Fire Station in Maryland. Zachary was the husband of Elizabeth Paris for the past 12 years and was the father of two daughters, Lila and Amelia Paris.

Marvin volunteered with the fire service since the late 1980s and served the New Tripoli Fire Department since 2020. In addition to his service with the fire company, he was also the assistant director of public safety for the Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for the last 22 years. Marvin was the husband of Karen Gruber for the past 35 years, was the father to Nicholas Gruber, Jordan Lybarger, and the grandfather to Cole, Lucas, and McKenzie Gruber. To honor their lives and service, I ask for your support and affirmative vote to rename a portion of Route 143 in Lynn Township, Heroes Highway. I thank you personally on behalf of the Paris and Gruber families and on behalf of all the people of the 16th Senatorial District.

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	Langerholc	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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

SB 481 (Pr. No. 906) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

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

SB 482 (Pr. No. 907) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

SB 483 (Pr. No. 908) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

SB 484 (Pr. No. 909) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

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

SB 485 (Pr. No. 910) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

SB 486 (Pr. No. 911) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

SB 487 (Pr. No. 912) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

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

SB 488 (Pr. No. 913) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

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

SB 489 (Pr. No. 914) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 69, SB 100, SB 159, SB 355 and SB 375 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 438 (Pr. No. 424) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, further providing for definitions; providing for miscellaneous provisions; and imposing a penalty.

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 514, SB 517, SB 531, SB 565, SB 655 and SB 688 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 689 (Pr. No. 713) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for issuance of and conditions for continuous maintenance permits.

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 690 (Pr. No. 714) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for county conservation district stream reconstruction emergency permit authorizations.

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 692 and SB 750 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 198 (Pr. No. 81) (Rereported)

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.

SB 199 (Pr. No. 82) (Rereported)

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.

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

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 414 (Pr. No. 361) (Rereported)

An Act providing for access to treatment for sexual assault survivors and for duties of the Department of Health.

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

BILL AMENDED

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.

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

BARTOLOTTA AMENDMENT A0915 ADOPTED

Senator BARTOLOTTA offered the following amendment No. A0915:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 1 through 10, by striking out "A decision justification document" in line 1 and all of lines 2 through 10 and inserting:

The document issued by the department to an applicant which conveys the department's approval or denial of a permit application, along with any and all documents or other evidence issued, created or relied upon by the department in its consideration of the application, including, but not limited to, correspondence to or from an applicant, any administrative completeness determination, any technical deficiency letter or written response thereto, any records or documents submitted to the department regarding the application, any public comment on the application and any written response by the department or the applicant regarding public comment on a permit application, other State agency written comment to a permit application and written response by the department or permit applicant.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "standard for"

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 23 through 26, by striking out "The moving party must prove" in line 23 and all of lines 24 through 26 and inserting:

No party shall be permitted to present new evidence before the board that was not part of the record of decision as considered by the department. Any party challenging the decision of the department before the board must demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the department committed an abuse of its discretion in denying or granting the permit application being appealed.

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

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, this amendment simply clarifies the intent of the bill with regard to what can be considered on an appeal to the Environmental Hearing Board. I ask for an affirmative vote.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator BARTOLOTTA and were as follows:

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	Langerholc	Regan	Yaw

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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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator AUMENT. 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 683, SB 712, SB 768, SB 817 and HB 1031.

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 21, 2023

9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 22 and 824)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 286, 831 and 832)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 260, 538, 730, 773, 835 and 836)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bill No. 802)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 225, 740, 765, 774, 775 and 784)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 561, 562, 656, 694 and 753)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023

10:30 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 173, 373 and 507)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 709 just passed the Senate a couple of minutes ago. I have pushed for this bill for a very long time now, in many legislative Sessions. In short, it is about protecting the bald eagle, our national symbol,

an animal adorned on seals, buildings, monuments, State flags such as ours. Under this bill, killing a bald eagle remains a summary offense, but will have an enhanced penalty of \$2,000. Per the Game Commission, it costs \$2,500 to replace one of these birds once killed. The goal of this bill is to, on one hand, deter individuals from shooting bald eagles, and on the other hand, incentivize the Game Commission to charge someone who decides to ignore the law. These birds have fought their way back from the endangered species list, and while I am very happy about that, they still remain to be protected. By moving this bill forward today, we as a Commonwealth can show our passion and pride behind these amazing animals and ensure their continued growth in the wild.

These majestic birds generally mate for life. So, killing one bald eagle has the potential of affecting the population because these birds need both a mother and a father to be raised to maturity. For the most part, female eaglets lay 2 eggs a season, that is 40 eaglets over a 20-year span of production. Not only do they mate for life, but they also live and occupy in the same nest with their partner as well. So, think about that family unit. According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, since 2018, 10 charges have been filed against individuals who unlawfully take or possess bald eagles. And just this past May, a bald eagle was found dead in Washington County. Thankfully, a suspect was identified, and they confessed to killing the eagle, shooting it right out of the sky for no good reason. We need to pass meaningful policy to deter individuals from killing these birds and the \$200 fine is not enough. People are shooting these eagles for the fun of it, and that is not okay. We need to align with our neighboring States of Ohio and Delaware which have harsher monetary penalties for killing bald eagles, like I am trying to accomplish today. So, thank you very much, Mr. President. To my colleagues, many of them have supported it in the past, they are supporting it today, and now hopefully, Mr. President, this is the year the legislation gets to the Governor's desk. Thank you.

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, today I rise in a somber moment to recognize Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Jacques Rougeau, Jr., who was killed on June 17, 2023, and Lieutenant James A. Wagner, who was seriously wounded in a separate encounter with the same shooter in Juniata County, two people who I am honored to call constituents.

Trooper Rougeau was assigned to the Troop G, Lewistown Station. He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police in June 2020 as a member of the 160th cadet class. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Troop J in York before transferring to Troop G in Lewistown in March of this year. Trooper Rougeau was 29 years old. Although his life was tragically short, we are most certain that his impact will endure forever. Trooper Rougeau is the 104th member of the Pennsylvania State Police to make the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life in the line of duty. I join with my Senate colleagues and all Pennsylvanians in expressing our deepest, heartfelt sympathies to the family of Trooper Rougeau. We pray that our gratitude for the courage displayed by Trooper Rougeau as he protected the community where he lived and served will provide comfort at this most difficult time. Lieutenant Wagner remains hospitalized at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Lieutenant Wagner is assigned as the station

commander at the Troop G, Bedford Station. To Lieutenant Wagner's family, we express our fondest hopes for rapid progress in his recovery. His distinguished legacy of service over two decades is a testament to his devotion, to his profession, and the Pennsylvania State Police and the people of this Commonwealth. Today, the Senate of Pennsylvania remembers the vital roles that Trooper Rougeau and Lieutenant Wagner played in maintaining law and order in our communities and expresses appreciation for their heroic actions on June 17, 2023. May God bless Trooper Rougeau and Lieutenant Wagner and their families.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, in times like these, it is very hard to find the right words to ease the burden of grief or to make sense of such inexplicable losses. It is with profound sadness and solemnity that we mourn the loss of Corry native and Pennsylvania State Trooper Jacques 'Jay' Rougeau, Jr., a hero whose life was tragically cut short this past weekend. He is a hero because he chose to protect and serve without hesitation, facing danger head on, placing himself in harm's way to ensure the safety of others. The Corry community has lost a true hometown hero, and our Commonwealth has lost another brave defender. No number of condolences, sympathy, or well-intentioned sentiments expressed to his family, friends, or colleagues can fill the void created by the loss of Trooper Rougeau. Nevertheless, know that we stand beside you ready to offer prayers, solace, and comfort during this most difficult time. May you find strength in the memories in the love and support that surround you and know that Trooper Rougeau's sacrifice will never be forgotten. God bless Trooper Rougeau, his family, and all those impacted by this heartbreaking loss. And we continue to pray for the speedy recovery of Pennsylvania State Police Lieutenant James A. Wagner, who was seriously wounded in the line of duty this past weekend.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise [because] today marks 6,190 days since this legislature last passed an increase in the minimum wage. Mr. President, as the day gets closer to July 9, we move closer to 17 years of legislative inaction, 17 years. Mr. President, to put this into perspective, we last raised the minimum wage in 2006. You know what happened in 2006? Pluto was downgraded from a planet to a dwarf planet. Twitter was created. The billionth song was downloaded onto iTunes, and for my friends out west, the Pittsburgh Steelers won the Super Bowl, which was the first Super Bowl to be broadcast in HD.

Mr. President, if these items seem outdated from our history, it is because they are. Just like the idea of downloading songs on iTunes, paying workers \$7.25 just does not make sense in 2023. Mr. President, it is no secret we need comprehensive minimum wage reform. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 12, because Pennsylvanians deserve to be brought into this decade. Seventeen years of legislative inaction have wreaked havoc on families and workers across this Commonwealth, and action must be taken to help. We need to make sure Pennsylvania's workers are no longer subject to the poverty-level \$7.25 an hour anymore. Senate Bill No. 12 is the answer to all our minimum wage issues. It pays Pennsylvania's workers a reasonable \$15 an hour; it ties

future minimum wage increases to inflation, so the minimum wage is never again able to be ignored or devalued; and it strengthens enforcement methods to make sure workers across Pennsylvania never have to worry about wage theft and are treated with dignity and respect by their employers. Mr. President, Pennsylvania's workers deserve Senate Bill No. 12. Let us pass Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate Pollinator Week in Pennsylvania. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators and the urgent need to protect them and their habitats. As we know, pollinators play a crucial role in supporting our environment, our economy, our food supply, and so much more. But as we mark Pollinator Week 2023, let us also remember that when we talk about pollinators, we are talking about more than just bees.

For example, new research shows that moths account for a third of the pollinator visits to crops, flowers, and trees in urban areas. These nighttime pollinators were found to be carrying more pollen than previously thought and visiting more types of plant and fruit crops than previously identified. About 90 percent of modern plants, some 300,000 to 400,000 species, are flowering plants. Studies now suggest that the first ones, which evolved 140 million years ago, were pollinated by insects, not bees, because bees had not yet evolved. So, most likely, some type of small fly or beetle were the earliest pollinators. And lastly, scientists recently discovered that a Brazilian tree frog may be the first known amphibian pollinator. This adds to growing evidence that we need to broaden our understanding of which animals act as pollinators beyond the well-known birds and insects. So, bees are important, and they need to be protected, but they are not the only pollinators. We also have birds, bats, butterflies, beetles, and other small animals--and now maybe even amphibians--that perform this crucial biological function.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that you can now help support pollinators by purchasing a pollinator conservation license plate. Sales of these specialty license plates help fund the creation of native grass and perennial wildflower-filled pollinator habitats along our State highways. I have mine ordered, by the way. I hope we can continue to work together to support other legislative initiatives to protect pollinators and promote pollinator habitat growth. Thank you, and happy Pollinator Week.

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, June 21, 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 4:41 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.