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SENATE

MONDAY, June 26, 2023

The Senate met at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator ELISABETH J. BAKER:

Good afternoon. Please join with me in prayer.

Dear Lord, we bow our heads in deep reverence and respect for the bounty of talent, wisdom, and resource You have provided us. May we never take for granted the blessings of life and liberty in our Commonwealth. We pray that the spirit filling our hearts when we worship our Creator is the same spirit fueling our sense of purpose in our positions of responsibility. In seeking to serve Pennsylvanians who place their faith in us, we ask for Your grace, guidance, and wisdom. Your words have instructed us with how we should receive and treat family, friends, the neighbors we know, and the strangers we do not know. May we be ever mindful of Your charge to be caring and compassionate toward the afflicted; toward those struggling with challenges of body and soul; toward the children who look to us for protection against evils of the world; toward those who need access to opportunity to better their lives; toward those whose creeds and beliefs are far different from ours. As we approach significant decisions on spending, programs, and supports that affect every citizen, let us seek true solutions with the best of motives and intentions. Help us bridge the gaps of divided views, desperate needs, and diverse communities for the benefit of all. In this and so much more, we strive to be faithful to the wisdom and lessons drawn from Scripture. We shall go forward with fidelity to our oath and to our faith. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Senator Baker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor

of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

June 23, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated June 22, 2023, for the nomination of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, 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 Ellyn Jo Waller, Ardmore, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ellyn Jo Waller, Ardmore, whose term expired.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 202** and **SB 262**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 23, 2023

Senators MILLER, COSTA, FONTANA, COLLETT, SCHWANK, DILLON, KANE and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 782**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 19, 1995 (P.L.43, No.4), known as the Industrial Sites Environmental Assessment Act, further providing for grants and loans; providing for industrial sites cleanup financial assistance; making an interfund transfer; providing for transitional provisions; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 23, 2023.

Senators MILLER, COSTA, FONTANA, COLLETT, SCHWANK, DILLON, KANE and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 783**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth Financing Authority, further providing for indebtedness.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 23, 2023.

Senators BAKER, CULVER, VOGEL, REGAN, PENNYCUICK, HUTCHINSON, ARGALL, AUMENT and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 803**, entitled:

An Act providing for statutory construction of Pennsylvania wage and hour laws.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 23, 2023.

Senators BAKER, BROOKS, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 804**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in storm water management plans and facilities, further providing for fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 23, 2023.

Senators BAKER, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, CAPPELLETTI, BROWN and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 805**, entitled:

An Act establishing a joint legislative, executive and judicial commission on the child welfare system; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 23, 2023.

Senators ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, DUSH, BREWSTER and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 806**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to video gaming, further providing for definitions; and, in operation, further providing for video gaming limitations and for compulsive and problem gambling.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 23, 2023.

Senators MUTH, KANE, CAPPELLETTI and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 807**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication services, further providing for uniform 911 surcharge and for termination.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 23, 2023.

Senators MUTH, L. WILLIAMS, KANE, BROWN, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, BREWSTER and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 808**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, providing for prohibition on blocking of crossings, for limitation on length of freight or work trains, for authorization to monitor safety practices and operations by collective bargaining representatives, for safe staffing levels for trains or light engines, for wayside detector systems, for study of transportation of hazardous materials or waste and for reporting system for transportation of hazardous materials or waste; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 23, 2023.

Senators SCHWANK, COSTA, HUGHES, FLYNN, FONTANA, MILLER, CAPPELLETTI and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 809**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Primary Care Investment Task Force; and providing for duties of the Primary Care Investment Task Force.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 23, 2023.

Senators MUTH, KANE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 810**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in tax credit and tax benefit administration, further providing for definitions; and providing for Working Family Income Tax Credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 23, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 811**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for powers reserved to the people.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 23, 2023.

Senators HUGHES, LANGERHOLC, TARTAGLIONE, ROTHMAN, FONTANA, COSTA, LAUGHLIN, DILLON, DUSH, VOGEL, COMITTA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, KANE and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 812**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for the offense of false alarms to agencies of public safety.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 23, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA, KEARNEY, STREET and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 816**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for End of Life Options Act; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 23, 2023.

Senators ROTHMAN and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 818**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for issuance and reissuance of registration plates.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 23, 2023.

Senators J. WARD, COLLETT, VOGEL, CULVER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 822**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, establishing the Nurses Health Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 23, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, KANE, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, COSTA, COMITTA, ROBINSON and SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 823**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a work-based learning tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 23, 2023.

Senators COMITTA, SCHWANK, HUGHES, COLLETT, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, DILLON, COSTA, MUTH, STREET, KANE and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 826**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in talent recruitment, further providing for Talent Recruitment Account; establishing the Grow-Your-Own Educators Grant Program and grow-your-own educator career pathways; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 23, 2023.

Senators AUMENT, YAW, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, CULVER and ROTHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 833**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for consumer choice billing; imposing penalties; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 23, 2023.

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Senators MASTRIANO, HUTCHINSON, PHILLIPS-HILL, LAUGHLIN, LANGERHOLC and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 797**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 13 (Commercial Code) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general definitions and principles of interpretation, further providing for general definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, June 26, 2023.

Senators ARGALL, BOSCOLA, BROWN, DUSH, BREWSTER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 825**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 26, 2023.

Senators VOGEL, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, KANE, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, BAKER, STEFANO, FARRY, ROBINSON, AUMENT, COLLETT and CULVER presented to the Chair **SB 828**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549, No.54), known as the Stroke System of Care Act, providing for Statewide stroke registry.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 26, 2023.

Senators SCHWANK, ROTHMAN, PENNYCUICK, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, J. WARD, CAPPELLETTI, BROWN, COLLETT, DUSH and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 830**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions; and repealing provisions relating to booth rental prohibited.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 26, 2023.

Senators MILLER, REGAN, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, DILLON, KANE, TARTAGLIONE, BAKER and ROBINSON presented to the Chair **SB 834**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for off-road vehicles in urban municipalities, for fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and for reckless driving.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 26, 2023.

Senators ARGALL, AUMENT, ROTHMAN, SCHWANK, YAW, LAUGHLIN, COLEMAN, PENNYCUICK, DUSH and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 843**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 26, 2023.

Senators LANGERHOLC and FLYNN presented to the Chair **SB 851**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 26, 2023.

Senators BROOKS, ARGALL, COLEMAN, HUTCHINSON, MASTRIANO and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 853**, 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, prohibiting the integration of culturally relevant and sustaining education into education preparation, induction and continuing professional development programs; and abrogating regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 26, 2023.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 KEARNEY, PENNYCUICK, COLLETT, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, PHILLIPS-HILL, SCHWANK, KANE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 135**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 19, 2023, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 23, 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 25, 2023

HB 1300 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

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- HB 788, 1259, 1267 and 1272** -- Committee on Finance.
- HB 892** -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.
- HB 900** -- Committee on Judiciary.
- HB 1092** -- Committee on Transportation.
- HB 1131** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 1184** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.
- HB 1209 and 1407** -- Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 282 (Pr. No. 304)

An Act preventing the Commonwealth from dealing with persons associated with the Government of Russia or the Government of Belarus; and imposing duties on the Treasury Department and the Attorney General.

SB 829 (Pr. No. 904)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Governor, to grant and convey certain easements through and across lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Township of Manheim, County of Lancaster, for purposes of a road realignment project and to accept from the Township of Manheim existing right-of-way to be abandoned as part of the road realignment project.

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

HB 804 (Pr. No. 1305)

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania," further providing for residency of students.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 136 (Pr. No. 966) (Amended)

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.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Comitta, Senator Dillon, and Senator Santarsiero, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Flynn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Comitta, Senator Dillon, and Senator Santarsiero, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Flynn. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal of the Session of April 24, 2023, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of April 24, 2023.

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

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	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			

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Pursuant to Senate Rule 14, the meeting of the Committee on State Government, which began at 10 a.m. in Room 8E-B of the East Wing and recessed to the call of the chair, will resume off the floor in the Rules room during Session. The committee will meet to consider Senate Bill No. 125.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an outstanding group of athletes from the Lower Dauphin School District. Just two weekends ago, the high school boys' volleyball team won the 2023 PIAA State Class AA championship by defeating Cochranon High School in three sets. Showing the depth and strength of this team, this was their third consecutive title. Led by head coach Dave Machamer and with the team captains, Will Sierer and Toby Waters, they demonstrated superior sportsmanship and remarkable athletic skill. The team joins us today in the gallery. Please help me welcome the three-time consecutive AA State champion Lower Dauphin Boys' Volleyball Team.

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

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR
CHRISTOPHER M. GEBHARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Gebhard.

Senator GEBHARD. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce my summer intern, Joseph Corricelli. He is entering his senior year at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he is pursuing a dual bachelor's degree in criminology and political science. In addition, he also has a minor in forensic bioscience. This past year, he made the dean's list for both semesters. Joe is a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and recently finished serving as the vice president of his chapter. In that position, some of his responsibilities included communicating with the school, organizing philanthropic events, and handling any internal matters within the chapter. Along with that, he serves on the executive board for the university's club lacrosse team and played as an attackman. While his team fell short of the playoffs this past season, he is optimistic that they will make the national tournament next spring. It has been a pleasure having Joey in our office this June, and we wish him well in his future studies. Please help me give a warm Senate welcome to my intern, Joe Corricelli.

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

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce three of my summer interns in my Senate office today who are seated in the gallery. Tatiana Gibson is a Mechanicsburg/Hampden Township resident, a Cumberland Valley High School graduate, and is currently attending the University of Tampa where she studies business information technology. Alex Kutulakis is from Carlisle, a graduate of Carlisle High School. She studies political science at Penn State University and intends to go to law school. And Blake Clawson is a Shippensburg native, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, spent 6 years serving in the United States Navy, and will be attending Yale University Law School this fall. Their service to the residents of the 34th Senatorial District has been exemplary, and we are grateful to have benefited from their dedication and hard work this summer. I know they will go forward to do great things and I thank them for the efforts. Please join me in extending a warm Senate welcome to our guests today, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, followed by a meeting of the Committee on State Government to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two meetings, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held off the floor in the Rules room, immediately followed by a meeting of the Committee on State Government, followed by 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 Comitta and Senator Dillon have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, no further leaves.

The **PRESIDENT pro tempore.** Senator Aument requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 81, SB 149, SB 246 and SB 344 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 346 (Pr. No. 461) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 346 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 346, Printer's No. 461, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The **PRESIDENT pro tempore.** The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 506 (Pr. No. 843) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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 Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Madam President, I rise to speak on behalf of Senate Bill No. 506. Guardianship programs count as a fundamental and crucial piece of legal and financial protection for Pennsylvania citizens. When age or medical conditions or serious injuries rob individuals of their independent judgment or coherent decision-making powers, we must have the capable people to step in and protect their interests, whether it is to manage their general well-being, oversee financial affairs, ensure proper medical care, or manage and protect personal property. When full guardianship starts to become a first option rather than a last resort, when the oversight power is exercised infrequently, and when there is no standard certification for growing pools of guardians, the system can be subject to unhelpful rigidity and catastrophic abuse. As everyone involved in consumer and public protection realizes, there seems no limit to what bad actors can conceive to exploit our vulnerable citizens.

To underscore this point, the bill before us is rooted in a notorious embezzlement case that victimized over 100 individuals. As is true for any legal proceeding, guardianship is one where you must take care, take care to ensure individuals have proper legal representation and have their rights safeguarded throughout the entire process. This means exploring lesser alternatives to full guardianship. If those approaches prove insufficient, then we must make sure legal representatives are properly certified. It should also be clear to everyone involved in the process that the ability to pay should not be a prerequisite for obtaining qualified, competent, legal counsel. Last Session, a solid bipartisan bill passed the Senate; regrettably, it did not go all the way to becoming law. So, Senate Bill No. 506 builds upon our prior work and incorporates professional and public input to strengthen its provision and to make our intent crystal clear. Back in March, the Senate Committee on Judiciary held a joint public hearing with

the Senate Committee on Aging and Youth featuring testimony from experts, advocates, Area Agency on Aging directors, and many commentators. They reinforce for all of us the necessity and utility of the reforms and protections contained in Senate Bill No. 506. With this measure, we ensure that when guardianship is imposed, the court must review and have an established review hearing procedure to prevent individuals from staying in the system if their incapacity or circumstances change. I would like to thank my colleague from Montgomery County for his collaboration and commitment to reform the guardianship system and for serving as the co-prime sponsor of this very important bill. So, we make a lot of presentations about strengthening and protecting vulnerable citizens. This bill is an effective way for us to carry out this on through our commitments and to the citizens of the Commonwealth. I urge an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 506.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Madam President, I am glad to join Senator Baker in this tremendous and important effort to protect the most vulnerable individuals in our Commonwealth from exploitation and theft. I, unfortunately, got involved in this effort after a neighbor of mine, Mr. Frisby, became the victim of both. The notorious Gloria Byars took money from him and was involved in taking a second property that he owned. Unfortunately, I was not able to respond at the time that the family desired for the challenges that they endured. But I am glad that today we can pass legislation that would protect those like Mr. Frisby and Marie Frisby from similar misconduct. Most important, in addition to the court-appointed lawyer, is requiring professional guardians to be trained to get a certification. The leading organization in the United States is right here in Harrisburg for doing this kind of training. So, it is both convenient and possible. I would also like to thank Stewart Greenleaf; rest in peace. He was an original motivator behind this guardianship legislation, and this is also to his honor. I also urge an affirmative vote on this critical legislation, to protect the most vulnerable in the Commonwealth. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Pittman.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Aument requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Pittman. 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-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholz	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			

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 Pittman has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL REREFERRED

SB 538 (Pr. No. 936) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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; and, in program, further providing for lawful use of medical marijuana and for unlawful use of medical marijuana.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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.

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-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholz	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			

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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 640, SB 655 and SB 688 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 773 (Pr. No. 860) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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; and, in medical marijuana organizations, further providing for limitations on permits and providing for additional dispensary permits authorized, for application and issuance of additional dispensary permits and for limitations on other additional permits or licenses.

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

SB 835 (Pr. No. 924) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1031 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 611 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 173, SB 286, SB 355, SB 373, SB 375, SB 490, SB 514, SB 517, SB 531 and SB 692 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 750 (Pr. No. 827) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, providing for filing of Free Application for Federal Student Aid as graduation requirement.

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

MARTIN AMENDMENT A1423 AGREED TO

Senator AUMENT, on behalf of Senator MARTIN, offered the following amendment No. A1423:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 and 6, by striking out "filing of"
Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "as graduation requirement"

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 20; page 2, lines 1 through 7; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1617. Free Application for Federal Student Aid.--(a) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, prior to completing high school, a student who attends a school entity in this Commonwealth, unless exempted under subsection (e), shall file a FAFSA with the United States Department of Education or submit an opt-out form in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) The parent or legal guardian of a student or, if a student is at least eighteen years of age or legally emancipated, may opt out of filing the FAFSA under subsection (a) by completing and submitting to the school entity an opt-out form developed by the department, in consultation with the agency. The opt-out form shall include a statement that the parent, legal guardian or student, as applicable, understands the purpose of the FAFSA and has chosen not to file the application.

(c) The department shall make the opt-out form available to school entities and post the opt-out form on the department's publicly accessible Internet website.

(d) A school entity shall provide a copy of the opt-out form to parents, legal guardians and students.

(e) If a FAFSA is not filed or opt-out form is not submitted on behalf of a student, the school entity may exempt the student from the provisions of subsection (a). Prior to making an exemption, the school entity must make a reasonable effort to contact the parent or legal guardian of the student.

(f) The agency shall provide a school entity with information indicating whether a student of the school entity has completed the FAFSA.

(g) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require a parent, legal guardian or student to provide personal financial information to a school entity.

(h) Personal financial information inadvertently obtained from a parent, legal guardian or student by a school entity as a result of administering this section is not a public record accessible for inspection and duplication in accordance with the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the "Right-to-Know Law."

(i) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Agency" shall mean the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

(2) "Department" shall mean the Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

(3) "FAFSA" shall mean the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

(4) "School entity" shall mean an area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school, nonpublic school, private school, regional charter school or school district.

On the question,
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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 802 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 815 (Pr. No. 917) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 817 and **SB 831** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 838 (Pr. No. 940) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for order of probation, for conditions of probation and for modification or revocation of order of probation and providing for probation review conference.

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

BAKER AMENDMENT A1393 AGREED TO

Senator BAKER offered the following amendment No. A1393:

Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "paragraph (1)" and inserting:

this subsection

On the question,
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.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

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

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 260 (Pr. No. 935) (Rereported)

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

SB 500 (Pr. No. 484) (Rereported)

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.

SB 756 (Pr. No. 797) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.857, No.372), referred to as the Stuffed Toy Manufacturing Act, further providing for definitions, for manufacturing, for materials and for enforcement; and providing for labeling.

SB 836 (Pr. No. 925) (Rereported)

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.

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

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 260 (Pr. No. 935) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Robinson.

Senator ROBINSON. Madam President, I rise today to support Senate Bill No. 260, legislation to authorize parole agents to use body cameras. With this bill, we are simply amending the definition of oral communication in Title 18 to include parole agents to the list of other law enforcement officers so that they will be authorized to use body cameras. During the 2022 budget hearing with the Department of Corrections, they informed us that it would be extremely helpful for their parole agents to be able to use body cameras like the other types of law enforcement officers who are currently allowed to do so, such as the sheriff's deputies, municipal police officers, and members of the State

Police. Because State parole agents routinely put themselves in harm's way when performing their duties, having body cameras would provide a degree of transparency and protection for both the agent and parolees as well.

With the authorization proposed under Senate Bill No. 260, situations will deescalate because both parties are aware of the recording in process. Liability will reduce false accusations that are made against the agent, and agents will be held accountable for their actions as well. It is important to note that this bill is not a mandate. This is simply authorizing legislation. We worked closely with the Department of Corrections and the Pennsylvania State Police on this language, and we received strong bipartisan and unanimous support in the Committee on Law and Justice last week. Also, the Governor indicated his support for this as part of his proposed budget. And as the son of the former director of Probation and Parole, I am proud to be in a position to advocate for our State agents.

Thank you, again, Madam President, and I respectfully ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-44

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

NAY-5

Capelletti	Saval	Street	Williams, Lindsey
Muth			

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 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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Madam President, Senate Bill No. 500--Owen's Law--requires public insurance coverage of human donor milk for babies with acute care needs and moms who are unable to supply breast milk for their babies. This coverage includes during the babies' hospital stay and when they go home for up to 1 year. Owen's family lives in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Owen was born at a gestational age and birth weight slightly below hospital criteria that would have made him eligible, under this legislation, to receive human donor milk. Owen sadly passed away after contracting a serious gastrointestinal inflammation, known as NEC, that causes lifelong disabilities or death in babies. Had Senate Bill No. 500 been in law when he was born, Owen would have received donor milk as a direct result of his birth symptoms and medical needs. Research has proven that an exclusive human milk diet can decrease the overall incidents of NEC by up to 80 percent.

This legislation is so very important, especially during these unprecedented times, coming out of a national baby formula shortage, supply chain issues, and financial stress on Pennsylvania families. The level of medical necessity for donor milk coverage for these babies includes those born prematurely, suffering from gastrointestinal issues or NEC, and sadly, those in the care of our neonatal intensive care units for any number of reasons, not the least of which is an increased prevalence of babies born addicted to illicit substances or alcohol. We have received numerous letters of support for this legislation: American Academy of Pediatrics, Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Excelsa Health, Human Milk Banking Association of North America--HMBANA--Mid-Atlantic Mothers' Milk Bank, The Midwife Center, the NEC Society, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Madam President, I ask that my colleagues support this life-saving measure for babies across this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Madam President, thank you for consideration of Senate Bill No 500, which is co-sponsored with my colleague Senator Brooks. This legislation would require medical assistance coverage for medically prescribed pasteurized donor human milk in inpatient and outpatient settings for medically fragile infants under the age of 12 months. The medical evidence is clear, and Senator Brooks covered much of it. Premature and ill infants whose main diet consists of human milk, with donor milk utilized when the mother's own is unavailable, suffer less complications, have shorter hospital stays, experience less readmissions, and are more likely to transition to an exclusive maternal milk diet. In the absence of coverage, there is greater variability in NICU usage and outpatients. Outpatients with complex medical needs go without a simple provision that can so greatly impact their well-being. Medical assistance coverage for medically necessary donor milk is an essential part of any plan to ensure that medically fragile infants have everything that they need to survive. Senate Bill No. 500 does an excellent job of directing resources to hospitalized and outpatient infants with the most critical needs for human milk, and I would certainly ask for an affirmative vote for this commonsense legislation. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator DiSanto. 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-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	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			

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 836 (Pr. No. 925) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	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 Comitta Costa	Hutchinson Kane	Robinson Rothman	Williams, Lindsey Yaw
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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.

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

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

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

January 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Khalid Mumin, 555 South Goddard Boulevard, Apartment 131, King of Prussia 19406, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Education, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Noe Ortega, Hummelstown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER

January 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas Cook, 249 Stoney Creek Drive, Apt. 65, Mifflintown 17059, Juniata County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice new position created by Act 91 of 2020.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

January 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Humphreys, 690 Saint Johns Drive, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Insurance Commissioner, to serve until

January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jessica Altman, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Mark A. Goodwill, 113 Shadylane Drive, Beaver 15009, Beaver County, Beaver County [sic], Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Michael Regan, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Edward J. Fink, Jr., 333 North Meadow Lane, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General Benjamin Cason, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Rebecca A. Gray, 200 Court Street, Newtown 18940, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as NGAP Assistant, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Mark Goodwill, promotion.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Deane E. Thomey, 913 Country Club Road, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Director Joint Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Terrence L. Koudelka, Jr., retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Jon D. Farr, 1584 Macintosh Way, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, HQ, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Jeffrey Heasley, reassigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Robert C. Jorgensen, 64 Laurel Hill Road, Centerport, New York 11721, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force HQ, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Laura A. McHugh, reassigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Reece J. Lutz, 222 Tapeworm Road, New Bloomfield 17068, Perry County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, HQ, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Michael Wegscheider, reassigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Jeffrey S. Heasley, 401 Stoney Terrace, Fallston, Maryland 21047, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Commander, HQ, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General Mark McCormack, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Laura A. McHugh, 250 Birds Hill Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, ARNG Staff Element Joint Force HQ, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General James McCormack, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Mark A. Goodwill, 113 Shadylane Drive, Beaver 15009, Beaver County, Beaver County [sic], Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Michael Regan, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Edward J. Fink, Jr., 333 North Meadow Lane, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General Benjamin Cason, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Rebecca A. Gray, 200 Court Street, Newtown 18940, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as NGAP Assistant, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Mark Goodwill, promotion.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Deane E. Thomey, 913 Country Club Road, Sherwood, Arkansas 72120, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Director Joint Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Terrence L. Koudelka, Jr., retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Jon D. Farr, 1584 Macintosh Way, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, HQ, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Jeffrey Heasley, reassigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Robert C. Jorgensen, 64 Laurel Hill Road, Centerport, New York 11721, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force HQ, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Laura A. McHugh, reassigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Colonel Reece J. Lutz, 222 Tapeworm Road, New Bloomfield 17068, Perry County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Division Commander, HQ, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Michael Wegscheider, reassigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Jeffrey S. Heasley, 401 Stoney Terrace, Fallston, Maryland 21047, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Commander, HQ,

28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General Mark McCormack, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

February 22, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Laura A. McHugh, 250 Birds Hill Road, Pine Grove 17963, Schuylkill County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, ARNG Staff Element Joint Force HQ, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General James McCormack, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	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			

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

January 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Khalid Mumin, 555 South Goddard

Boulevard, Apartment 131, King of Prussia 19406, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Education, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Noe Ortega, Hummelstown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Lindsey Williams.

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Madam President, we considered Dr. Mumin's nomination in the Senate Committee on Education this morning. I would like to submit my remarks from the hearing for the floor record. Thank you.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator L. WILLIAMS:)

Good morning Dr. Mumin, it is nice to see you again. We have not been able to spend much time together yet, only one 30-minute confirmation meeting and the Committee on Appropriations hearing a few months ago. But I think we are on the same page on many education issues. You bring a wealth of varied experience to the role of Secretary, from your time at Reading School District to your time at Lower Merion School District. You have spent time in under-resourced districts and in districts that have a local tax base that can provide students with more opportunities than most. And anyone I have spoken to about you has had glowing recommendations.

I was all set to be an enthusiastic "yes". I was all set to come here this morning and ask you about continuing the wildly successful universal free breakfast program and getting on a path towards making sure all kids have full bellies throughout the school day. I wanted to spend time talking about early learning and school facilities. I wanted to dig into opportunities for career and technical education and dual enrollment. And I wanted to figure out what we can do to support our community colleges and PASSHE system and to make higher education more accessible for all students. However, I cannot, in good conscience, focus on any of those issues today. I have to talk about your answer to the first of a list of questions that you received from the Senate Republicans. You stated, the Governor "favors adding choices for parents and education opportunity for students and funding Lifeline Scholarships as long as those choices do not impact school district funding." The Governor and, by extension, you, as the Secretary, are wrong. There is no way to create so-called Lifeline Scholarships without harming public school district funding. Any and every public tax dollar that is sent to a private or religious school is one less dollar that can be sent to our public schools, our public schools that the vast majority of students attend, our public schools that the Commonwealth Court said we are unconstitutionally underfunding and unconstitutionally inequitable funding. There is a finite number of dollars generated each year in revenue, and those dollars will be less as a result of the massive corporate tax cut and the historic increase in the EITC and OSTC tax credits passed last Session.

We do not know the exact dollar amount that will be needed to get us to an adequacy target as ordered by the Commonwealth Court, but it will likely be in the billions. We have students learning and educators teaching in toxic schools that are making them sick. We have schools closing for days at a time because they have no air conditioning and are uninhabitable. We have classrooms without enough books. And we have schools without school counselors, therapists, librarians, paraprofessionals, and substitutes, just to name a few. Basically, we do not have enough caring dollars in our buildings.

Any dollar that goes to an unaccountable private institution instead of our public schools is a moral failure and a constitutional violation.

Public money being spent on private schools has been, and will continue to be, my line in the sand. I have voted against School Code bills that have included my own priority pieces of legislation because they included massive increases to the EITC/OSTC tax credits, which are back-door vouchers. I want you, and I want the Governor's office, to know that I am vehemently opposed to Senate Bill No. 795 and will be opposed to any bill like it. I will also be vehemently opposed to any budget deal that includes Senate Bill No. 795 or anything similar. The question before me this morning is: do I vote against an otherwise exemplary nominee for Education Secretary because he is promoting the Governor's agenda of diverting much-needed public tax dollars to unaccountable private schools? Deciding how to vote today has been incredibly difficult. I have honestly lost a lot of sleep over it, and I guess only time will tell if I will regret my decision.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-46

Table with 4 columns: Argall, Culver, Langerholc, Saval, Aument, Dillon, Martin, Schwank, Baker, Dush, Miller, Stefano, Bartolotta, Farry, Muth, Street, Boscola, Flynn, Pennycuick, Tartaglione, Brewster, Fontana, Phillips-Hill, Vogel, Brooks, Gebhard, Pittman, Ward, Judy, Brown, Haywood, Regan, Ward, Kim, Cappelletti, Hughes, Robinson, Williams, Anthony H., Collett, Hutchinson, Rothman, Williams, Lindsey, Comitta, Kane, Santarsiero, Yaw, Costa, Kearney

NAY-3

Table with 3 columns: Coleman, DiSanto, Mastriano

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.
Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER

January 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas Cook, 249 Stoney Creek Drive, Apt. 65, Mifflintown 17059, Juniata County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice new position created by Act 91 of 2020.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns: Argall, Culver, Kearney, Santarsiero, Aument, Dillon, Langerholc, 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

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.
Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

January 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Humphreys, 690 Saint Johns Drive, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Insurance Commissioner, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jessica Altman, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns: Argall, Culver, Kearney, Santarsiero, Aument, Dillon, Langerholc, 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			

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator PITTMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bills:

SB 146 (Pr. No. 120) (Rereported)

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

SB 460 (Pr. No. 974) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, establishing the Child Reunification Program in the Department of Education.

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

SB 125 (Pr. No. 971) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in changes in records, providing for interstate voter registration cross-check; and, in provisions contingent on Federal law, further providing for removal of electors.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator LANGERHOLC. 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.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 125, SB 282, SB 829 and HB 804.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

- 10:00 A.M. EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 843; and House Bill No. 1094) Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 10:00 A.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 44, 45 and 235) Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 10:30 A.M. LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 365) Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 11:00 A.M. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider House Bill No. 479; and the nominations of Dr. Debra Bogen for Secretary of the Department of Health; and Dr. Val Arkoosh for Secretary of the Department of Human Services) Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 11:30 A.M. BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 442 and 739; Senate Resolution No. 134; and House Bill No. 735) Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 12:00 P.M. TRANSPORTATION (to consider the nomination of Dr. Keith Leaphart as Commissioner to the PA Turnpike Commission; Senate Bills No. 748 and 851; and House Bill No. 797) Room 461 Main Capitol
- 12:30 P.M. FINANCE (to consider House Bills No. 1100 and 1138) Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 12:45 P.M. AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bill No. 1300) Rules Committee Conference Room
- Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 683, 740, 750, 765, 774, 775, 784 and 838; and House Bills No. 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623 and 1461) Rules Committee Conference Room
- Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations) Rules Committee Conference Room

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator KANE. Madam President, today I rise to address an issue that impacts every person in our Commonwealth: drug addiction and overdoses. Addiction is a chronic disease that affects millions of people across our country and must not be taken lightly. Addiction goes--I should say addiction does not discriminate and can destroy anyone regardless of their background or status in life. It is important to understand that drug addiction is not a personal issue but a societal one. It affects not only the individual struggling with addiction but also the loved ones and the community as a whole. By recognizing the gravity of this situation, we can begin to take the necessary steps to address it. In 2021, over 100,000 people in the U.S. died from drug overdoses,

with Pennsylvania alone reporting 5,331 deaths. As someone who has witnessed the devastating impact of addiction, these statistics represent real people with families and loved ones left to mourn. The thought of so many lives lost to overdose is heart-wrenching and is imperative that we prioritize access to resources and support for those struggling with addiction. We must provide individuals with the tools they need to rebuild their lives and break the cycle of addiction. Senator Kearney and I have introduced Senate Resolution No. 142 to recognize August 31, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in Pennsylvania. This resolution will bring awareness to help those who have struggled with overdoses and drug addiction. This August 31 at the State Capitol front steps, we will join families to remember those who have lost their loved ones to drugs and overdoses and honor their memory. To those struggling with addiction, you are not alone, and it is not too late to save your life. There is absolutely no shame in asking for help before any overdose claims your life. Reach out to me or to any of the resources available to you and know that this community of people are there to help and support you.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Kearney.

Senator KEARNEY. Madam President, I rise today along with my colleague Senator Kane to speak on Senate Resolution No. 142 that will mark August 31, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in Pennsylvania. It is far past time for our Commonwealth to shed light on an epidemic that continues to plague residents across the Commonwealth, which is what Senate Resolution No. 142 seeks to do in recognition of overdose awareness. Overdose awareness is about finding the understanding, compassion, and love for those who continue to struggle with drug addiction. It is about understanding the impact that overdoses have on families, on mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and grandparents alike. Often, overdoses can bring a sense of shame to individuals and families, and this shame can cause us to push the issue aside. We cannot let that continue to happen. Drug addiction and substance abuse does not impact one individual or one community, it impacts us all. On average, Pennsylvanians will see nearly 15 overdoses a day in this year alone. That is why it is so important to bring awareness, to listen to individual stories, and to remind each other that we are not alone. Awareness brings about better understanding and leads to innovation and hope. We are making progress; last Session we took steps to legalize fentanyl test strips, but even further, we allow for those test strips for future drugs, like psilocin, to also be used so that we can stop deaths before they happen. But until we lift up individual stories and cast aside the shame that comes to individuals struggling with substance abuse, we will continue to alienate and push away the issue. Bringing awareness is about bringing our sense of compassion, our understanding, and our love to those who continue to struggle, to acknowledge their struggle, and to continue the fight.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,196 days since this Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. For those counting along and playing at home, 6,196 days are 885 weeks, 203 months, or 16 years, 11 months, and 16 days. It is striking,

Madam President, that we have failed to act for nearly 17 years on behalf of our low-wage earners. Now, the Commonwealth's June 30 budget deadline is just a few days away. This Friday, we are tasked to have a budget passed and in place so that our Commonwealth may continue to operate for the coming fiscal year. But more than just making sure we can pay our bills and continue to serve our residents of Pennsylvania, this is not just a financial plan we are setting forth, it is a moral benchmark. We are showing and telling our neighbors, our fellow Pennsylvanians, and the rest of the world that we understand in 2023, \$7.25 an hour just does not work. Across our Commonwealth, tens of thousands of our neighbors and our constituents are barely getting by on our embarrassing, low, poverty-level minimum wage. Pennsylvanians deserve better, Madam President. No Pennsylvanian should work a full-time job and have to worry about paying rent or putting food on the table. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 12 because almost 17 years of inaction is too long. We need to show Pennsylvanians that our priorities include ensuring Pennsylvania's most vulnerable people, its low earners, are included in the prosperity and growth we have seen. Pennsylvania workers deserve better, Madam President. Pennsylvania workers deserve Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Madam President.

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 26, 2023

HB 404 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622 and 623 -- Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1138 -- Committee on Finance.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 202 and SB 262.

RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:55 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.