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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, June 27, 2023

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

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

**PRAYER**

The following prayer was offered by Senator JUDY WARD:

Loving heavenly Father, we come to You this hour asking for Your blessing and help, as we gather here today. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that You would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work, help us to work together, and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best that we can be. We ask this in Your name, Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Judy Ward.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

June 27, 2023

Senator HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 855**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey to Drexel University, permanent easement encumbering certain lands situate in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 27, 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 26, 2023

**HB 613 and 1461** -- Committee on Appropriations.

**HB 1171** -- Committee on Transportation.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator JUDY WARD, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following bill:

**HB 1300 (Pr. No. 1446)**

An Act amending the act of November 24, 2015 (P.L.232, No.64), known as the Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council Act, further providing for Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council.

Senator DiSANTO, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

**SB 442 (Pr. No. 980)** (Amended)

An Act establishing the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force.

**SB 739 (Pr. No. 981)** (Amended)

An Act relating to telemedicine; authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards; and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.

**HB 735 (Pr. No. 1739)** (Amended)

An Act establishing the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force.

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

**SB 843 (Pr. No. 963)**

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.

**HB 1094 (Pr. No. 1306)**

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for military child advance enrollment.

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

**HB 1100 (Pr. No. 1740)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in tax relief in cities of the first class, further providing for supplemental senior citizen tax reduction; and, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax and rent rebate and for filing of claim.

**HB 1138 (Pr. No. 1535)**

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

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

**SB 44 (Pr. No. 976)** (Amended)

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

**SB 45 (Pr. No. 927)**

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.

**SB 235 (Pr. No. 977)** (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of drug delivery resulting in death; and imposing a penalty.

Senator ROBINSON, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bill:

**SB 365 (Pr. No. 975)** (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in liability and compensation, providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury.

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

**SB 748 (Pr. No. 982)** (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and for pilot program for automated speed enforcement system on designated highway.

**SB 851 (Pr. No. 960)**

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.

**HB 797 (Pr. No. 757)**

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), known as the State Highway Law, in construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of State highways, providing for native vegetation along highways.

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator DiSANTO, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following resolution:

**SR 134 (Pr. No. 901)**

A Resolution urging the Federal Housing Finance Agency to rescind changes to Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's single-family pricing framework for home purchases, rate-term refinance and cash-out refinance loans that affect homebuyers in this Commonwealth.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol 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 Cappelletti.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Aument requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator DiSanto.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Cappelletti.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**CALENDAR****SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****HB 804 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER**

**HB 804 (Pr. No. 1305)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 6 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator AUMENT, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**HB 804 (Pr. No. 1305)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator AUMENT 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.

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I am honored today and pleased to welcome to the Pennsylvania Senate one of my interns from my district office, Ms. Lauren Shovlin. Lauren recently graduated from Penn State University with a degree in English and a minor in history, where she had joined the Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society. While in college, Lauren studied abroad in London, where she completed six credits worth of English courses. While in college, she also spent a lot of time volunteering her services and also maintaining activity in a variety of organizations. Lauren also volunteered for the Christian Appalachian Project, the Red Door soup kitchen, as I mentioned, among the many other organizations she participated in. She has interned in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and worked as a camp counselor at a sleepaway camp called Summer's Best Two Weeks. I am thrilled to have Lauren here with us today working. She is working in our district office, and I ask my colleagues to give her a warm welcome in a moment, but I would be remiss if I did not mention that Lauren comes from a family, the Shovlin family, who some folks in this room know the family and their recognition in the Pittsburgh area as some of the leading Irish dancers in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area. So, Lauren, welcome here in the Pennsylvania Senate. Thank you for your internship with our office.

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask my colleagues to join me in welcoming Lauren Shovlin.

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

[Applause.]

**GUESTS 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 welcome my guest, Aiden Hodge, and recognize this exceptional young athlete for his achievement. Aiden recently won first place at the Class AAA boys' 800-meter run event during the 2023 PIAA Track and Field Championships held at Shippensburg University. During his time as a senior at the Hempfield High School, he further distinguished himself during the season by winning first place and breaking the school record in the 1,600-meter run event during the PIAA District III championships. That school record was in place since 1991 until Aiden ran the 1,600-meter in less than 4 minutes and 11 seconds. That accomplishment was hard fought, and Aiden said it taught him a lot about who he is as a person and what he can do if he stays committed and determined. Please join me in congratulating my guest Aiden Hodge on his achievement. Join me in wishing him well as he heads off this fall to the University of Mississippi and welcome him, his parents, coach, and athletic director to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

[Applause.]

**GUEST OF SENATOR VINCENT J. HUGHES PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I rise today, and it gives me great honor to rise and introduce Myles Nartey, a senior at Penn State University who is interning in my Capitol office this summer. Myles is originally from Wake Forest, North Carolina. His parents met at the University of North Carolina Greensboro after immigrating to the United States from Ghana. When Myles was a junior in high school, his family moved to Pennsylvania, first to Upper Darby, and then finally to West Grove. While in high school, Myles played soccer; ran track; and developed interests in woodworking, welding, auto mechanics, and computers.

Inspired by his interest in computers, Myles initially studied computer information science and technology at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, but realized he wanted to have more of a direct impact on improving people's lives. After his sophomore year, he transferred to Penn State--I will let my Pitt and Penn State friends figure that issue out--where his sister was attending and changed his major to political science with a concentration in social data analytics. Since coming to my office, Mr. President, Myles has found he is very interested in issues concerning education funding--I do not know where that came from--teacher recruitment and retention, access to health care, and strategies for combating the opioid epidemic.

Myles will be graduating this December with a bachelor of science degree and hopes to continue working in public policy and use his analytic skills to create better and safer communities through smart-city technologies. We are very excited to have him in the office as he continues to assist us through all the aspects of the budget process. Mr. President, please join me in giving Myles Nartey our usual warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

### GUESTS OF SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize some very special guests, my constituents, to the Pennsylvania State Senate today: Roberto Clemente, Jr.; his wife, Kailee; and their sons, Roberto III and Leo Clemente. Mr. Clemente is the son of the famous baseball legend, Roberto Clemente, who played for the Puerto Rican Baseball League at age 17. And in 1955, he played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, where his career truly took off. He was a 15-time All-Star, a 2-time World Series champion, the 1966 National League Most Valuable Player, the 1971 World Series MVP, a 12-time Golden [Gold] Glove Award winner, and a 4-time National League batting champion. In addition to his time on the baseball diamond, Clemente also served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was inducted into the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. He was also inducted into the Puerto Rican Veterans Hall of Fame in 2018. Following his untimely death as a result of a plane crash as he was on a quest to deliver relief supplies to earthquake victims, the Pirates retired his number, number 21, and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame the next year in 1973. I am privileged to introduce Senate Resolution No. 130 today, celebrating Roberto Clemente's life and dedicating September 15, 2023, as Roberto Clemente Day in Pennsylvania.

I am also very honored that his son, Roberto Clemente, Jr., is here today with his family, who has followed in his father's superior athletic and philanthropic footsteps. He was a star athlete in volleyball, track and field, basketball, and of course, baseball. He joined the Philadelphia Phillies Division A Team in 1985, the same year in which he made his debut in the Puerto Rican Winter Baseball League with the Arecibo Wolves. He became a well-known player in Venezuela and ended his career with the Baltimore Orioles, where he suffered a career-ending injury which forced him to retire from professional baseball. He later became a broadcaster for the New York Yankees and reporter for ESPN and helped make his father's dream a reality: Roberto Clemente Sports City, and brought the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program to Puerto Rico.

Later, in 1993, he moved to Pittsburgh to establish the Roberto Clemente Foundation, where they are devoted to promoting positive change and community engagement through the example and inspiration of Roberto Clemente. I am extremely proud to have Roberto Clemente, Jr., as my constituent, and I urge my colleagues to give him and his wonderful family a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Robinson.

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce guests to the Senate today who are part of the 9/11 Trail Alliance. The 9/11 cyclists: Bruce White, Vikki White, Fred Zelt, Katharyn Poplin, Morgan Jenkins, Alan Fitton, Cindy Hogeman, Karl Martz, Aldona Kartorie, Jack Withers, Jill Bradley, and Linda McGrane. Pittsburgh [Harrisburg] cyclist club escorts: Randy McKillop, Diane Riley, Dick Norford, Lou Searles, and Dave

Raup. Board members: Jane Sheffield, treasurer for the 9/11 Trail Alliance; Andy Hamilton, board chair; and Linda McGrane, who is also president of the Bike Club of Philadelphia.

These cyclists are participating in a 2-week, 700-mile statewide bike tour going across Pennsylvania to raise funds and awareness along the 9/11 trail. The 9/11 trail spans over 1,300 miles in length and connects the National September 11 Memorial in New York City to the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Its purpose is to be a lasting memorial to symbolize and remember the resiliency and character of the heroes of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Its development will provide long-lasting engagement of citizens of Pennsylvania through walking, running, hiking, and—as my guests just did—cycling. Thank you to each of the members of the 9/11 Trail Alliance, my colleagues on the Senate 9/11 Trail caucus, especially my co-chair, Senator Boscola, for their support and dedication to keep the history and significance of September 11 alive for generations to come. I ask my colleagues to welcome my guests to the Senate today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Robinson 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 rise to welcome my guest shadow, Benjamin Wilkins, who is today also joined by his mother, Christine Wilkins, a dear friend and also a Stroud Township supervisor in Monroe County. Benjamin is a rising eighth grader at Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School in East Stroudsburg. He is a high honor roll student and has worked hard to achieve straight A's on his final exams. Benjamin especially excels academically in mathematics, history, and religion courses and has a strong interest in politics and government. Benjamin is also a student-athlete and has managed and photographed the junior high school basketball team and is an avid hunter and fisherman. He is also very faithful and attends St. Matthew's Catholic Church in East Stroudsburg. Benjamin is extremely interested in furthering a political career along with aviation, since he currently is a student pilot. He often talks about majoring in economics and as a minor in political science. Please join me in giving my guest shadow, Benjamin Wilkins, and his mother, Christine, who are 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.]

### 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.]

### **GUEST OF SENATOR KATIE J. MUTH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome my awesome summer intern, Megan Adelman, to the Senate. I actually met Megan when she visited the Capitol last year when she was on a Keystone Girls State visit to the Capitol, where she and several of her other members of the group stopped in my office, and we had a great conversation. Fast forward, and now she is our summer intern. She is a native of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and graduated from The Baldwin School earlier this month. At Baldwin, Megan served as a student ambassador and was a member of the yearbook club, the Model United Nations, and was one of the student leaders of the BLAST athletic club. She also was an elected representative to Baldwin's athletic association, a student-run organization that plans spirit events and serves as a liaison between students and school administrators. Megan was also a 3-sport varsity athlete at Baldwin, excelling in soccer, basketball, and golf, and she holds the school record for most varsity letters earned by any student-athlete, with a total of 14.

Mr. President, if the Senate decided to have a golf outing, I would assure you that you would want Megan on your team. Megan was a team captain, a 4-time team MVP, a 5-time Inter-Ac League all-star, a 2-time league champion, and league MVP. Her biggest achievement she identifies is becoming the first student-athlete in Baldwin history to win a State title when she won the PAISAA girls' golf State championship last year at Gulph Mills Golf Club. In the fall, Megan will attend George Washington University to pursue a double major in international affairs and mechanical engineering, and she will also be participating in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and hopes to attend flight school upon graduation. Megan has been an awesome addition to the 44th Senatorial District team, helping with legislative research, helping with community events and constituent service issues. I know she will continue to shine and do great things and have a positive impact on our Commonwealth as well as our country. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give my summer intern, Megan, a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

### **GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, today I would like to welcome the 2023 PIAA State Class A softball champions, the Tri-Valley Bulldogs. For the second time in three seasons, Tri-Valley has won the championship and brought gold home to western Schuylkill County. The Dawgs were led to victory by head coach Marty Shade, assistant coaches Dan Dietrich, Brett Reed, and Katie Weachock. I would ask the Senate of Pennsylvania to join me in welcoming the team. They are in the gallery.

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

[Applause.]

### **GUEST OF SENATOR LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome Jack Hickerson to the Senate Chamber. Jack is a junior at LaRoche University studying political science. He is a McCandless resident and a graduate of North Allegheny School District. Jack is currently a summer intern with Representative Arvind Venkat's district office this summer. Jack has an interest in State government and hopes to work for the Commonwealth after graduation. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Please join me in welcoming Jack Hickerson to the Senate Chamber.

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

[Applause.]

### **GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIA COLLETT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to introduce three of my summer interns, Ava Huntley, Thomas Pyle, and Benton Resnick. I am excited for them to have the opportunity to visit our Capitol during their first week with my office. What a great way to kick off their summers. Ava Huntley is an honor student and rising senior at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School where she plays field hockey and lacrosse and is active with her school's ambassador board and investment club and still finds time to volunteer with a number of local nonprofit organizations.

Thomas Pyle recently finished his freshman year at George Washington University where he is pursuing a degree in economics. Tom is a National Merit Scholarship recipient and played the trumpet in 2021's All-State Band. Last summer, Tom interned with his borough mayor, and next year, he is hoping to obtain a congressional internship. He is eager to compare and contrast the workings of the local, State, and Federal systems.

Benton Resnick is a rising junior at American University, where he is an American studies major with minors in history and politics. Last summer, Benton interned with State Representative Malagari. He is excited to serve a wider constituency this summer, and he is especially interested in high-speed rail and public transportation.

Each of these enthusiastic and accomplished students have demonstrated a genuine interest in our Commonwealth's

government and are eager to learn about and contribute to the day-to-day functions of a State Senate office. I am hopeful their experiences today and this summer will foster an even greater interest in public service. They are already making a positive impact in their communities, and wherever the future leads them, I am confident they will each make the world a better place. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our usual warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

### GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, when my district office summer interns travel here to Harrisburg to get introduced on the Senate floor, it is always one of my favorite days. Today there are four interns who are here with me in the gallery. My interns work regularly in the district office just assisting constituents with issues about State government and providing them with updates on the progress of legislation. They also work on projects, and some of these projects actually turn into bills. So, when that happens, they are thrilled.

First, I would like to recognize Nolan Barr. This is Nolan's second summer with me, so I must be pretty good to work with; I hope, right, Nolan? Anyway, Nolan recently graduated from Penn State with a BS in finance, and while at Penn State, he participated in the Sapphire Leadership Academic Program, which is a highly selective program that focuses on applying classroom knowledge to the real world. He also is treasurer and herald at Theta Delta Chi fraternity and participated in raising funds for Penn State THON. While working this summer in the office, Nolan is preparing for the next step in his educational endeavor, which is preparing for the LSATs, followed by choosing a law school to attend.

Secondly, I am very pleased to introduce Ethan Christman, who just completed his second year at Haverford College with majors in German and international studies. Ethan is the treasurer and editor for Haverford's Tri-College Law Review, is the student representative for Haverford College AAEC, and serves as Lutnick Library liaison. As part of his German major, Ethan is a teaching assistant for Haverford's elementary German course. Following his graduation in May 2025, Ethan also plans on heading to law school.

Next, please welcome to the Senate, Ben Lee. Ben just completed his first year at Northeastern University. Ben is majoring in business administration and political science. Ben is a graduate of my alma mater, Freedom High School, in Bethlehem. Ben believes in giving back to his community and has volunteered at Meals on Wheels, the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem, and the Horizons for Youth summer program at Northampton Community College.

And my final intern this summer is Xandra Mika. Xandra graduated from Nazareth Area High School earlier this month, where she took Advanced Placement and honors courses. Xandra was on the high honor roll and honor roll, and three times received the Soaring Eagle Award. Xandra is attending Moravian

University with a political science major in the fall. She has had quite a bit of challenges when she was growing up. I know her personally, and I do not know if I could have followed in her footsteps with all the challenges she had, but she has never stopped from working very hard in her life, working several jobs, and I admire her greatly. I am so proud of her. She hopes to follow in my footsteps one day, which is for me, quite an honor. She has a lot of fortitude, and if she keeps up the work that she is doing, she will be able to follow in our footsteps.

Thank you, Mr. President. I also want to say it was a bonus for them to meet you today on the Senate floor. I call it a bonus because you were walking on the Senate floor to preside, and they were actually able to meet you, and they were just thrilled that you shared your personal experience about internships in a political office, and now you are the Lieutenant Governor, which a future I know is abound for you. But so is it for the interns who just came here today and have worked in my office. So, thank you for that. It was just an honor for them. I would like the Senate to give them their usual warm welcome.

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

[Applause.]

### PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I would like to say something about Senator Robinson's remarks about the cyclists who were here from the September 11 National Memorial Trail Alliance. Obviously, all of us remember what we were doing that fateful day, and we are obligated to ensure that the memories of the tragedy and all those lives are never, ever forgotten. So, I am proud to be a member of the 9/11 Trail caucus. I am proud to be a, just, you know, the cyclists came here today as a reminder of their journey, and I just wanted to back up Senator Robinson's remarks that he made today. Thank you.

### RECESS

The PRESIDENT. 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, followed by a Republican caucus.

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, the Democrats will caucus in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, 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

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Costa and Senator Hughes, and a legislative leave for Senator Haywood.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 81 (Pr. No. 652) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 York, Senator Phillips-Hill.

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 81, a critical step in addressing two major issues we have continued to see across our Commonwealth. In 2019, the Senate advanced this measure with unanimous support. At that time, fentanyl was about half as likely as it is today to be involved in an overdose leading to death. Today, more than two-thirds of all overdose deaths are due to fentanyl. Moreover, we have all seen and heard the challenges facing our first responders on a daily basis. They are pulled in multiple directions.

This legislation codifies executive orders into law by amending the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Act to permit EMS providers to leave a dose package of lifesaving naloxone, or Narcan, with the on-scene caregiver of a patient who overdosed on opioids and was revived by the emergency medical technician. Earlier this year, the FDA approved Narcan to become over the counter, but this is not until later this summer and does not include other versions of naloxone. This legislation will be a huge benefit to our EMS providers and the people who they serve. I would respectfully ask my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote for Senate Bill No. 81.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 149 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 209 (Pr. No. 839) -- 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 professional employees, providing for National Guard or Reserve parent student support.

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 Montgomery, Senator Pennycuick.

Senator PENNYCUICK. Madam President, military families face many unique challenges, especially when they relocate. Frequent reassignments can be difficult for young children as they adapt to new environments, and as they transition from school to school, children can face daunting educational challenges. Pennsylvania acted in 2012 to help address these issues by joining the Military Interstate Children's Compact. This compact between Pennsylvania and our neighboring States assists and smooths the path of transferring students of military families by facilitating enrollment, attendance requirements, timely graduation, and other potential barriers to a child's success.

The children of National Guard and Reserve members often experience similar challenges when required to move because of family military service, especially as they fulfill training

requirements. Senate Bill No. 209 will extend parallel rights and protections that the compact already affords active duty personnel to the children of families of the National Guard and Reserve. While this bill does not amend the compact itself, it will ensure that children relocating to and within Pennsylvania will have the same access to the support they need to continue their education with minimal disruption. By passing this measure, we can continue to show that Pennsylvania takes seriously its commitment to our families of those serving and in our nation's Armed Forces. I thank my colleagues for their support.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 246** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED**

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

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

Considered the 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-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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 346** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 460 (Pr. No. 974)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I offer the following remarks to be put on the record for Senator Muth.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Tartaglione has submitted remarks for the record on behalf of Senator Muth. 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 Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator MUTH:)

Madam President, I rise in opposition to Senate Bill No. 460. While I agree that we need to legislate protections for our children, and the title of this legislation implies it is a tool to help protect children, I think it is important for public awareness to discuss the findings in an in-depth report published last month by ProPublica, titled "A former NFL player persuaded politicians that his child ID kits help find missing kids. There's no evidence they do." The report reveals troubling details about how the National Child Identification Program uses inflated numbers regarding missing children and does not, in fact, have a preventative or helpful impact on the issue, and experts have called the program a government-funded scam. To sum up the report: the National Child Identification Program is a government-funded scam.

The National Child Identification Program is led by a former NFL player who has a string of failed business ventures; racked up millions of dollars in outstanding Federal tax liens; has twice pleaded guilty to felony theft; and in 2015, was sanctioned by banking regulators in Connecticut for his role in an alleged scheme to defraud or mislead investors. In the report, it indicates that last fall, millions of students in Texas public schools brought home the Child ID kits at the cost of about \$5.7 million. When Texas authorities were asked about the effectiveness of these kits, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas indicated they could not think of a single case that these kits helped.

The prepared fiscal note assumes that this program could cost roughly \$350,000 or more per year to distribute these identification kits if purchased from the National Child Identification Program. Why are we proposing to spend taxpayer money on a scam that has shown absolutely no evidence that these kits actually help find missing kids? Similar kits are already available for free, and all of our legislative offices have them available, and our office distributes them at our district office and at our tables at any community events we attend. You can also download the FBI's Child ID app, which allows you to quickly share key information with authorities if your child is missing. The free app also includes tips on keeping children safe and guidance on what to do during the first crucial hours after a child goes missing. We should not be using taxpayer money to fund something that sells false hope and preys on the fears of parents.

Madam President, the American Federation of Teachers, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, and the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators are all opposed to this bill. Because of these reasons, I will vote "no" on Senate Bill No. 460 and encourage my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-34

Argall	Culver	Langerhole	Robinson
Aument	Dillon	Martin	Rothman
Baker	DiSanto	Mastriano	Santarsiero
Bartolotta	Dush	Miller	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brewster	Flynn	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brown	Hutchinson	Regan	Yaw
Coleman	Kane		

NAY-15

Cappelletti	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Collett	Haywood	Saval	Williams, Anthony H.

Comitta	Hughes	Schwank	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Kearney	Street	

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, SB 688, SB 756 and HB 1031** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

**HB 611 (Pr. No. 1695)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools 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; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Legislative Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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 recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 125 (Pr. No. 971)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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

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 173, SB 282 and SB 286** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 355 (Pr. No. 285)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 373 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 490 (Pr. No. 607)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of certain agencies of the Executive Department 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.  
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 514** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 517 (Pr. No. 487)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 531, SB 692, SB 802 and SB 817** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

**SB 829 (Pr. No. 904)** -- The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

#### HUGHES AMENDMENT A1520 AGREED TO

Senator TARTAGLIONE, on behalf of Senator HUGHES, offered the following amendment No. A1520:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out the period after "project" and inserting:

; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey to Drexel University, permanent easement encumbering certain lands situate in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Amend Bill, page 12, by inserting between lines 2 and 3:  
Section 2. Conveyance in City and County of Philadelphia.

(a) Authorization.--The Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, is authorized on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant to Drexel University a permanent easement encumbering the following tract of land, being the southern half of Cuthbert Street (vacated), located between 32nd Street and 33rd Street in the City and County of Philadelphia, under terms and conditions to be established in an easement agreement, which agreement shall include Drexel University's provision to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, in perpetuity, of 35 parking spaces for the exclusive use of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, as fee title owner of the property known as 3205-51 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(b) Property description.--The property to be encumbered by a permanent easement under subsection (a) consists of the following:

ALL THAT CERTAIN piece or parcel of land situate in the 24th Ward of the City of Philadelphia, County of Philadelphia, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described according to a plan entitled "ALTA NSPS Land Title Survey" of property owned by land m/f Drexel University, prepared by Pennoni Associates, Inc., dated October 14, 2022, last revised June 5, 2023, Project GATDV21001, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the former centerline of the former Cuthbert Street (stricken from City Plan and vacated), said point being S 11 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds W, a distance of 20.00 feet, from the intersection of the easterly line of lands n/f OPA 88-5498280 and the former northerly line of the aforementioned Cuthbert Street; thence, from said point of beginning: (1) through the bed of aforementioned Cuthbert Street, S 11 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds W, a distance of 20.00', to a point in the northerly line of lands n/f of OPA 77-4520500, thence; (2) coincident with the same, N 78 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds W, a distance of 283.00', to a point in the westerly line of lands of the same; thence; (3) departing said line through the bed of aforementioned Cuthbert Street, N 11 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds E, a distance of 20.00', to a point on the former centerline of the aforementioned Cuthbert Street, thence; (4) coincident with the same, S 78 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds E, a distance of 283.00', to the place and point of beginning. Said above described tract or parcel of land containing with said bounds 5,660 square feet, or 0.12994 acres of land (more or less).

BEING a portion of OPA Account Number 774520500, known as 3205-51 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(c) Conditions.--The conveyance shall be made under and subject to all lawful and enforceable easements, servitudes and rights of others, including, but not confined to, streets, roadways and rights of any telephone, telegraph, water, electric, gas or pipeline companies, as well as under and subject to any lawful and enforceable estates or tenancies vested in third persons appearing of record, for any portion of the land or improvements erected thereon.

(d) Deed of conveyance.--The conveyance shall be made by easement agreement to be executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(e) Expiration.--In the event that the conveyance authorized under subsection (a) is not completed within two years after the effective date of this subsection, the authority to convey the easement as specified under subsection (a) shall expire.

(f) Proceeds.--The proceeds from the easement conveyance under this section shall be deposited into the General Fund.

Amend Bill, page 12, line 3, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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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.

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 831** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 120, ADOPTED**

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 6 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 120**, entitled:

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BROOKS. Madam President, I would like to submit comments for the record.

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 Mercer, Senator BROOKS:)*

Madam President, Senate Resolution No. 120 directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the funding that our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers are losing due to non-reimbursed "treat and release" services. Ideally, we would not need this study if Medicaid just covered the services that our EMS providers deliver. The introduction of overdose reversal medications and statewide orders to ensure free access to these tools in 2015 for emergency personnel has saved thousands of lives throughout the Commonwealth. EMS providers are required to carry overdose reversal products like naloxone and to administer them free of charge.

According to the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, 5,168 Pennsylvanians died from overdoses in 2021. That is an average of 15 Pennsylvanians dying every day in 2021 from an overdose. The volume of substance-related calls remains high, but for Medicaid beneficiaries that do not wish to be transported to a hospital or treatment facility, the EMS providers are not paid. While this is just one example of "treat and release" calls faced by our EMS providers, it is the intent of this resolution to identify how much and how often they occur and subsequently are unpaid. I intend to use the results of this study in the future to help make these organizations whole.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-49**

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholf	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 majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution is adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 136, AMENDED**

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 6 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 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.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

MASTRIANO AMENDMENT A1499 ADOPTED

Senator MASTRIANO offered the following amendment No. A1499:

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 18, by striking out "Department of Transportation" and inserting:

Commonwealth  
Amend Resolution, page 2, line 20, by striking out "COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA" and inserting:

Commonwealth recovery and rebuilding activities related to the collapse of the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate 95

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

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Madam President, this amendment makes just two simple modifications and changes to the verbiage. It changes the verbiage from Department of Transportation to Commonwealth and adds language to ensure the Commonwealth recovers the compensation from the Federal government for the I-95 bridge restoration. It is my understanding that the administration is agreeable to this language.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator MASTRIANO 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 majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the resolution, as amended?

MUTH AMENDMENT A1521 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A1521:

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 18, by striking out "Department of Transportation" and inserting:

Commonwealth  
Amend Resolution, page 2, line 20, by striking out "COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA" and inserting:

Commonwealth's recovery and rebuilding efforts  
Amend Resolution, page 2, line 25, by striking out "NOVEMBER 1, 2023" and inserting:  
January 3, 2024

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

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

Senator MUTH. Madam President, my amendment would make three important changes to Senate Resolution No. 136. First, this amendment would extend the disaster declaration for the I-95 bridge rebuild through January 3 of 2024. Madam President, we are constitutionally required to be in Session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, and this extension would ensure that we can address a further extension, if necessary, on a scheduled Session day. In the absence of a confirmed fall Session schedule, this extension would ensure that the declaration can be addressed in January on a constitutionally required Session day.

My amendment would also change the mention of Department of Transportation to Commonwealth to expand the scope of the resolution. This was included in the previously adopted amendment, and if this amendment is adopted, they will just go in together. PEMA and the administration indicated that they are currently working with the city of Philadelphia to collect damages from the incident to see if the recovery and rebuilding costs will meet the threshold to receive additional Federal funding. Only indicating one agency in the language of the resolution could impact our ability to submit all costs for reimbursement. Both the administration and PEMA have indicated their support for this amendment, and PEMA has committed to our office to work with PennDOT to provide regular, detailed updates to the legislature on the process of the I-95 rebuild, just as they did throughout the Fern Hollow emergency. I ask for an affirmative vote on this important amendment.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A1521 TABLED

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move the amendment be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman moves that the amendment be laid upon the table. That motion is not debatable.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I ask for a "no" vote.

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-27

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

NAY-22

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Amendment No. A1521 will be laid on the table.

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

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SB 683 (Pr. No. 929) (Rereported)**

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

**SB 740 (Pr. No. 856) (Rereported)**

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in auditors and accountants, further providing for auditor's compensation.

**SB 750 (Pr. No. 972) (Rereported)**

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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

**SB 765 (Pr. No. 863) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties of elected officials, further providing for surcharge by auditors; in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, further providing for borough manager created by ordinance and election, for powers and duties, for other offices not incompatible and for organization of commission; and, in taxation and finance, further providing for preparation of budget.

**SB 774 (Pr. No. 873) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in city administrator, further providing for appointment of city administrator, for employment agreement, for residency and elective city office and for powers and duties; and, in accounts and finances, further providing for powers and duties of chief fiscal officer.

**SB 775 (Pr. No. 874) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for scope of subchapter, providing for definitions, further providing for establishment and designation, providing for emergency meetings by authorized telecommunications device, repealing provisions relating to exercise of powers and functions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions, repealing provisions relating to enabling authority for emergency interim successors for local offices, further providing for emergency interim successors for local officers and for succession period and repealing provisions relating to term and removal of designees.

**SB 784 (Pr. No. 880) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to home rule and optional plan government, further providing for definitions, providing for appointment of government study commission in distressed municipality and further providing for first meeting of commission, for function and duty of commission, for hearings and public forums, for report of findings and recommendations, for limitation on enactment of ordinance or filing of petition and for limitation on municipal powers.

**SB 838 (Pr. No. 973) (Rereported)**

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.

**HB 613 (Pr. No. 1122)**

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

**HB 614 (Pr. No. 1682)**

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.

**HB 615 (Pr. No. 1124)**

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.

**HB 616 (Pr. No. 1683)**

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.

**HB 617 (Pr. No. 1126)**

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.

**HB 618 (Pr. No. 1684)**

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.

**HB 619 (Pr. No. 1685)**

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.

**HB 620 (Pr. No. 1129)**

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.

**HB 621 (Pr. No. 1130)**

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.

**HB 622 (Pr. No. 1686)**

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.

**HB 623 (Pr. No. 1132)**

An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

**HB 1461 (Pr. No. 1619)**

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), known as the Lincoln University-Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; providing for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated; and providing for certain fiscal information disclosure.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 838 (Pr. No. 973)** -- 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.

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, for years there has been widespread agreement on the need to overhaul many aspects of our criminal justice system to cure problems and curtail costs stemming from overincarceration. The subject of probation reform is a familiar one for those of us here in the Senate. In previous Sessions, we have put a bipartisan bill forward that is nearly identical to the one before us today, Senate Bill No. 838. The information and input that we received over the last several years of discussion and debate over probation reform makes a compelling case for the changes contained in our proposal. The bill is aimed at removing two cost-driving complications in the probation system.

First, too many individuals are coming back for technical violations such as minor traffic offenses. This has financial costs in terms of enforcing, processing, and confining individuals who are not reverting to criminal ways. The larger cost, in human terms, is this needlessly slows the ability of individuals to become contributing members of society once again. That clogs up our prisons and costs taxpayers more than they should be paying for. And at the same time, it does little or nothing to effectively improve public safety.

Second, we provide for mandatory probation review conferences. The bill delineates when these must occur, and it adds the presumption of ending probation unless an individual is deemed ineligible. The process at present can drag out, and in some places, it is not providing probationers the consideration of their circumstances as warranted. We have passed laws in recent years to offer people who complete their sentence a second chance, better enabling them to find a place to live, access education or training or a job, if that is needed, and having a fair shot at employment. We will not fully realize the benefits of these changes if we do not eliminate the issues that exist in probation.

So, we are fortunate to have assembled a coalition of more than 100 advocates who are in support of this measure. And while I respect that many support it or do not feel it goes far enough, or some do not like every provision in it, I want to say thank you to all those groups who have come forward. And I will name just a

few because we cannot name everyone: Americans for Prosperity, the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, The Reform Alliance, the Commonwealth Foundation, Justice Action Network, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the Faith and Freedom Coalition, and the Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association. All of these groups deserve recognition for their persistence in making the case for reform. And of course my colleagues, the gentlewoman from Westmoreland County, Senator Bartolotta; and the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Senator Anthony Williams, championed this cause from the beginning, offering bipartisan cooperation and collaboration along the way. I would like to offer special thanks to the gentleman from Indiana County, Senator Joe Pittman; and Scott Sikorski and Vicki Wilken of his staff; as well as Bill Witmer from the Committee on Appropriations team for their help; Ryan Shovlin and Cara Laudenslager from my office for their very hard work and diligence on this; and to the Governor's office, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General, all who have weighed in on strong support. So, I ask my colleagues today for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 838.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I know we have quite a few people who are very eager to speak on behalf of this bill. It has taken quite some time. I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 838, truly a bipartisan piece of legislation intended to improve our probation system. I am so proud to sponsor this historic bill with my colleagues Senator Lisa Baker and Senator Anthony Williams.

Probation is supposed to be a pathway out of the criminal justice system. Instead, Pennsylvania is adding more and more people to community supervision and keeping them stuck there. The broken system has frequently become a probation-to-prison revolving door that is in desperate need of reform. Under the current probation system, technical violations, which are not actual crimes--such as being late for an appointment, traveling out of State, or being unable to pay fines and restitution--can lead to excessive extensions of probation or prison time that far exceed the original sentence handed down at trial. This approach has proven both ineffective at making our neighborhoods safer and significantly expensive for taxpayers. If a probationer violates his or her probation terms in some minor technical way, the result should not be simply to lock them away. We need a system that better matches the punishment to the offense and rewards good behavior.

Our bill is designed to implement greater fairness, eliminate excessive incarceration, give individuals a more reliable second chance to get their lives right, and offer taxpayers a break from ever-rising State correctional costs. When Senator Anthony Williams and I initially set out to address issues on the probation system, we knew it was not going to be easy. Meaningful change rarely is. Thankfully, we are not in this fight alone, and I want to acknowledge and thank my colleague Senator Lisa Baker for her leadership and her commitment to addressing the flaws in our probation system which have trapped nonviolent offenders in a cycle of incarceration. Senate Bill No. 838 represents the collective work of a number of stakeholders. And while, again, I understand that there are some individuals who wish the bill would go

further, it does, nonetheless, provide historic changes to the system in a form that we believe can make its way to the Governor's desk. It is time that Pennsylvania joins the 30 other States that have responsibly addressed probation sentences to ensure minor violations do not become a probation-to-prison revolving door. I urge my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 838.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Saval.

Senator SAVAL. Madam President, just very briefly, I want to thank the makers of this bill and for all the work that they put in over several years with many, many advocates and organizations that have already been named. I wanted to just get up briefly because I voted "no" against this bill twice in the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Appropriations. But upon further acquaintance with the bill, conversations with advocates, I am going to be a "yes" vote today on the floor. I maintain concerns, of course, about the bill in some instances that it may not go as far as I believe we need to go. And I hope that in the future there is still some room to go that far, some trepidation about the list of technical violations and who it excludes and who it captures. And there is more to say on all of these fronts, but I, you know, I understand that this was a major effort. Again, I want to commend the makers of this bill, and I hope that we can do more on this front to do more to truly reform our probation system. And thank you, thank you for your time, and I yield.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Madam Chair, I rise to support this legislation. I want to thank the makers of the bill who have worked hard over a number of years, not only in crafting legislation that seeks to reform our probation and parole system, but also working with advocates to make sure that concerns were addressed and that true bipartisan consensus could be reached. There are a number of things that this bill does that I think are worth noting, but it seeks to address the problem of over-supervision and, as was stated, the revolving door of people being reincarcerated for relatively small violations. It creates a process to eliminate the arbitrariness of who gets recommitted and who gets committed, and it creates a process for reviewing probation after it exceeds certain periods of time. It eliminates fees for people who are only on probation because they still owe restitution and creates a process where you do not have monthly reporting, which is reducing government spending as well as creating a greater measure of freedom for folks and saving taxpayer dollars. I could go on, and as others have stated, it is not comprehensive, and we still have work to do, but this is a significant step in the right direction. I want to thank all of the makers, but especially point out my colleagues Senator Bartolotta and Senator Anthony Williams who have worked on it for a significant period of time and, I think, have given us a piece of legislation that will make Pennsylvanians better off than they are today. With that, Madam President, I ask for an affirmative vote, and I yield.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Madam President, long time; a long time coming. And this moment does feel different than the last time we actually had this vote because--while I am certainly

going to thank my colleagues in a second--I want the folks who are outside this building, who took their time to either dissent or concur or advise us on this legislation, this institution of the Senate is a representation of what we believe to be our commonfolk Pennsylvanians. Over the years that I have been here, unfortunately, I have felt that sometimes we do not always work in that collective interest. We can get divided by Democrat, Republican, rural, urban, suburban, and that, frankly, has annoyed every Pennsylvanian I have ever talked to, urban, suburban, and rural. I want people to understand, who are watching this, that while the last time nothing happened, I am telling you, because of the collective commitment outside this building to support this legislation, acknowledging that nothing is going to be perfect in this work, this bill or any other bill, but allowing us to make progress for thousands of Pennsylvanians who are captured in the cycle of probation that should not--and will be productive citizens--but should not be captured in this process.

Senator Bartolotta, I tip my hat to you, because you represent a constituency that many people would find this to be curious, and you took a bold step on behalf of human beings, Pennsylvanians, and others across the aisle and started talking to me about what we could do in this space. And I will tell you that I felt that moment was extraordinary, but what was really amazing was Senator Baker's work. Certainly, a pro knows the building, knows the process in a district that is deeply, deeply, as they would describe, red, and does not know much about any type of reform and sometimes not comfortable with that conversation. I want people to understand, she took the bull by the horns and took our work and crafted it into what was politically doable in this building. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for both of you women leading us down this path. My heart leaps and almost in tears when I realized this was actually going to get done and go to the House, which I expect it to get done and signed by the Governor and then become law.

I cannot tell you how many generations of people, unfortunately, I have lost to the probation process. I have lost poor people and frankly, I felt like a failure on many occasions just returning here and saying the same thing, screaming loudly but getting nothing done. The urgency of this moment that all of us see in Pennsylvania--be it education, be it criminal justice reform, be it the economy, be it a job, whatever it is--we need to understand we are all in this fight together. And while there may be external forces that drive us apart, we cannot succumb to that. The greater good depends upon us, and I am most proud to say two women led us to this point. God bless you both, continued success, blessings to your family. And I want to say on behalf of many, many people I have met trapped in the system who may never know you, thank you as well. God bless you.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests a legislative leave for Senator Gebhard. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Hughes and Senator Costa have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves have been cancelled.

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-45**

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

**NAY-4**

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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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will go at ease.  
[The Senate was at ease.]

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the information of the Members, moving ahead in today's schedule, we will move to other business and return to the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will be held later this evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**HB 479 (Pr. No. 1092)**

Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for ambulance transportation services.



**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator BROWN. 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 44, SB 45, SB 235, SB 365, SB 442, SB 739, SB 748, SB 843, SB 851, HB 479, HB 613, HB 614, HB 615, HB 616, HB 617, HB 618, HB 619, HB 620, HB 621, HB 622, HB 623, HB 735, HB 797, HB 1094, HB 1100, HB 1138, HB 1300 and HB 1461.**

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 28, 2023

9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Resolution No. 116)	Room 461 Main Capitol
9:45 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider House Bill No. 1171)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 44, 45, 125, 146, 371 and 773; and House Bill No. 804)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,197 days since this Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Look, over the last decade, I have said a lot from this podium about the importance of raising the minimum wage and the consequences of failing to act, but I want to put it plainly as possible, Mr. President. Our current minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour fails to meet the needs of workers. I cannot put it any more clearly as that. We are failing Pennsylvania workers. They deserve better. Pennsylvania deserves better. By raising Pennsylvania's minimum wage, we can foster a more equitable and prosperous society, benefiting workers, businesses, and overall economy. It is a vital step towards ensuring a fair and just labor market for all Pennsylvanians.

That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 12, because my neighbors deserve better. Every Member of this Chamber's neighbors deserve better. There is not a person in this Chamber right now who does not live near someone or interact with someone earning poverty-level wages here in Pennsylvania. Tens of

thousands of our neighbors earn \$7.25 an hour, but those are not the only ones who would see relief and an improvement in their finances if Senate Bill No. 12 was passed. Nearly 500,000 workers across Pennsylvania earn between \$7.25 and \$12. They, too, Mr. President, would be impacted by raising our minimum wage. We need to act for all Pennsylvanians. We need to raise our minimum wage. We need to pass Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I just wanted to make a few comments about the passage of Senate Bill No. 460 earlier today. I am very grateful that it has come out of the Senate and is on its way over to the House. I just wanted to make a few instructional comments about that bill. Tragically, thousands of children across this country go missing every single year, and as a parent and a soon-to-be grandmother, I cannot imagine anything more terrifying than a child going missing. I would want absolutely every single resource available to help bring them home quickly and safely.

Thankfully, there has been a national grassroots effort to help parents and law enforcement find and identify missing children through the use of a special identification kit or different kinds of identification kits, and that is what Senate Bill No. 460 is all about. Giving parents another tool to help them hug their children again, to end the torturous nightmare of forever worrying if their children are safe or even alive. This effort has been highly supported by the likes of Pittsburgh Steelers great, Joe Greene, and the late AFL-CIO leader, Richard Trumka. The information in these kits will not, will not be collected or put into a database. It will be kept safely at home with the parents or guardians and never used unless, God forbid, a child goes missing. While it is our hope that not a single kit is ever needed, we want parents and law enforcement to have every means at their disposal to help in reconnecting these missing children with their parents.

Thank you, Mr. President, for letting me explain Senate Bill No. 460.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 APPALACHIAN STATES  
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

June 27, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated January 26, 2023, of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., 1043 Lancaster Avenue, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for

appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Michael Wolf, Enola, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

June 27, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated January 17, 2023, of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., 1043 Lancaster Avenue, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Levine, Middletown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

RECESS

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Argall, Senator Farry, and Senator Mastriano, and a legislative leave for Senator Vogel.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Argall, Senator Farry, and Senator Mastriano, and a legislative leave for Senator Vogel. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported a communication from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nomination, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

June 27, 2023

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated January 17, 2023, of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., 1043 Lancaster Avenue, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Levine, Middletown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

NOMINATION RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES  
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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, Richard Negrin, 423 Walnut Street, Apartment C2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Environmental Protection, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Patrick McDonnell, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael P. Toomey, Esquire, 714 Seven Points Road, Sunbury 17801, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas,

Northumberland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Charles H. Saylor, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
SNYDER AND UNION COUNTIES

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Piecuch, Esquire, 32 Quarry Road, Selinsgrove 17870, Snyder County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Snyder and Union Counties, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Michael H. Sholley, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Keith Leaphart, 538 Leverington Avenue, Apartment D, Philadelphia 19128, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than 90 days beyond that period, vice Wadud Ahmad, Esquire, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BOARD OF REVIEW

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Wadud Ahmad, Esquire, 227 West Apsley Street, Philadelphia 19144, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, to serve until July 1, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marguerite Quinn, Furlong, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

June 13, 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, Gina Cerilli Thrasher, 810 Weldon

Street, Latrobe 15650, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan McDermott, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

June 13, 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, Maura B. Mundy, 60 Hickory Street, Palmyra 17078, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Zurick, Paxinos, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

***NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE***

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

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

**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

***NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE***

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BOARD OF REVIEW

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Wadud Ahmad, Esquire, 227 West Apsley Street, Philadelphia 19144, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, to serve until July 1, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marguerite Quinn, Furlong, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

June 13, 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, Gina Cerilli Thrasher, 810 Weldon Street, Latrobe 15650, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan McDermott, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

June 13, 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, Maura B. Mundy, 60 Hickory Street, Palmyra 17078, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Zurick, Paxinos, deceased.

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

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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, Richard Negrin, 423 Walnut Street, Apartment C2, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Environmental Protection, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Patrick McDonnell, 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-48

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

NAY-1

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael P. Toomey, Esquire, 714 Seven Points Road, Sunbury 17801, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas,

Northumberland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Charles H. Saylor, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
SNYDER AND UNION COUNTIES

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Piecuch, Esquire, 32 Quarry Road, Selinsgrove 17870, Snyder County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Snyder and Union Counties, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Michael H. Sholley, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

June 7, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Keith Leaphart, 538 Leverington Avenue, Apartment D, Philadelphia 19128, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than 90 days beyond that period, vice Wadud Ahmad, Esquire, Philadelphia, resigned.

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	Langerhole	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 two-thirds majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

*EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES*

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**RECESS**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, June 28, 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 7:49 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.