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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, August 30, 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 Hon. MICHAEL GERDES, Secretary of the Senate:

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, we give thanks to You for all of the blessings You have bestowed upon the Commonwealth and its residents. We thank You for the natural beauty of our land and for the wonderful people who have chosen to live here. We ask that You guide our actions so that we may serve those residents to the best of our abilities. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 21, 2023

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator KIM WARD
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to Voting Session
Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Consistent with the recess motion made on August 3, 2023, the Senate is recalled for voting session on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

August 11, 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, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Gray, Hatboro, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Thyreen, Waynesburg, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second

Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathleen Dormer-Carusone, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gerald Robinson, Lancaster, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve until October 1, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Adrian Shanker, Easton, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Bony Dawood, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Abel, Scranton, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Guy Ciarrocchi, Paoli, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2030, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice B. Michael Schaul, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Janis Herschkowitz, Hummelstown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Megan Carpenter, Beaver, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gregory Black, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Shea Rhodes, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the

successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Keith Loiselle, Gibsonia, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve until June 2, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Agbede, Pittsburgh, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve until June 2, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jenine Diaz, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORRISTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Raymond Catton, Phoenixville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until November 16, 2024, [and] until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Shadduck, Warren Center, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William McIlwaine, Millersville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

August 11, 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, Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until October 23, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Anne Holladay, Muncy, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Anita Lahr, Shippenville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Ames, Coaldale, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jason Owen, Erie, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Jones, South Abington Township, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three

years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Turner, Mercer, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Davis Haire, Meshoppen, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lisa Hegedus, Jeannette, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Brian Fill, Tarentum, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

August 11, 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, Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial

District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Carl Urbanski, Mountain Top, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marla Wasson, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas Stephenson, Milford, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joanne Coolen, Hershey, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas Carey, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kishor Mehta, Gibsonia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gary Coburn, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jeffrey Elliott, Wernersville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tammy Frey, Bloomsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edward Snell, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Melissa Haluszczak, Coraopolis, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the

successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Barbara Wiggin, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK CENTER

August 11, 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, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Culbertson, Franklin, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK CENTER

August 11, 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, Moriah Hathaway, 112 Juniata Hall, Middletown 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jack Kyle, Franklin, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK CENTER

August 11, 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, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Eleanora Miller, Grove City, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK CENTER

August 11, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115

Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jayne Romero, Titusville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY

August 10, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated July 13, 2023, for the nomination of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Diane E. Gibbons, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Diane E. Gibbons, resigned.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
LEBANON COUNTY

August 10, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated July 13, 2023, for the nomination of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lebanon County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Samuel A. Kline, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lebanon County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Samuel A. Kline, resigned.

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

August 10, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated July 13, 2023, for the nomination of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Thomas F. Gehret, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Thomas F. Gehret, resigned.

CORRECTIONS TO CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUCKS COUNTY

August 22, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated July 13, 2023, and then corrected on August 10, 2023, for the nomination of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Diane E. Gibbons, resigned, should be corrected to read:

August 11, 2023, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Diane E. Gibbons, resigned.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
LEBANON COUNTY

August 22, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated July 13, 2023, and then corrected on August 10, 2023, for the nomination of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lebanon County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Samuel A. Kline, resigned, should be corrected to read:

August 11, 2023, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lebanon County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Samuel A. Kline, resigned.

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

August 22, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated July 13, 2023, and then corrected on August 10, 2023, for the nomination of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second [sic] Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Thomas F. Gehret, resigned, should be corrected to read:

August 11, 2023, Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the

first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Thomas F. Gehret, resigned.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

August 15, 2023

Senators KANE, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, KEARNEY, HUGHES, STREET, SANTARSIERO, COMITTA, BREWSTER, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, COLLETT and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 886**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for definitions and providing for mental health days.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, August 15, 2023.

August 16, 2023

Senators DILLON, TARTAGLIONE, KANE, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COSTA, BREWSTER and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 874**, entitled:

An Act providing for Commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, August 16, 2023.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, DILLON, KANE, COLEMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 875**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, adding provisions relating to workforce assisting individuals with substance use disorders; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, August 16, 2023.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, DILLON, KANE, FONTANA, SCHWANK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 876**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for alcohol and other drug addiction continuing education.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, August 16, 2023.

Senators KANE, TARTAGLIONE, DILLON, FONTANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 877**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for disclosure of addiction treatment coverage and for administrative penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, August 16, 2023.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, DILLON, KANE, COLEMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 878**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for addiction treatment services information collection and reporting.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, August 16, 2023.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, DILLON, KANE, COLEMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 879**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mental health parity and access to addiction treatment, further providing for scope of chapter, for definitions and for annual attestation.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, August 16, 2023.

Senators KANE, MUTH, COLLETT, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 880**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for solitary confinement.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 16, 2023.

Senators MUTH, KANE, SAVAL, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY, BREWSTER and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 881**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for solitary confinement.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 16, 2023.

Senators MASTRIANO and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 883**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prohibition of and disclosures for certain products.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, August 16, 2023.

Senators HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, COMITTA, SCHWANK, A. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, HUGHES, MUTH, KEARNEY, COSTA, KANE, SAVAL and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 888**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for issuance of permits in environmental justice areas.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, August 16, 2023.

Senators HAYWOOD, J. WARD, SANTARSIERO, DILLON, FONTANA, BREWSTER, SCHWANK and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 889**, entitled:

An Act providing for sunscreen and sun-protective measures in schools and youth camps.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, August 16, 2023.

Senators DUSH, PHILLIPS-HILL and LAUGHLIN presented to the Chair **SB 890**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in human trafficking, further providing for victim protection during prosecution.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 16, 2023.

Senators MASTRIANO, STEFANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 891**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, further providing for judicial salaries, for executive salaries and for legislative salaries; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, August 16, 2023.

Senators COLEMAN, GEBHARD, LAUGHLIN, ROTHMAN, COSTA, BREWSTER, BROWN, SCHWANK and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 893**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for responsibilities of State and local law enforcement agencies.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 16, 2023.

Senators FARRY, BROWN, SCHWANK, DUSH, LAUGHLIN and LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 895**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, August 16, 2023.

August 23, 2023

Senators HUTCHINSON, DUSH, BROWN, KEARNEY, COMITTA and SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 887**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 9 (Burial Grounds) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of cemetery companies, further providing for initial deposits by newly-organized cemetery companies and for registration and filing affidavit of compliance.

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

Senators LAUGHLIN, STEFANO and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 892**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.990, No.110), known as the Towing and Towing Storage Facility Standards Act, further providing for standards for tow truck operators and towing storage facilities.

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

August 25, 2023

Senators VOGEL, HAYWOOD, CULVER, MILLER, SCHWANK, GEBHARD, DILLON, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, CAPPELLETTI and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 898**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act, further providing for licensing and regulating the practice of music therapy; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, August 25, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

August 16, 2023

Senators BROWN, BARTOLOTTA and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SR 149**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study as to the feasibility of establishing a no-fault catastrophic loss fund to provide payment for claims brought as the result of birth-related neurological injuries in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, August 16, 2023.

August 23, 2023

Senators ROBINSON, MASTRIANO, HUGHES, LANGERHOLC, BROOKS, GEBHARD, ROTHMAN, MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, PENNYCUICK, COSTA, DILLON, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, LAUGHLIN, TARTAGLIONE, STEFANO, DUSH, J. WARD, AUMENT, KANE and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SR 150**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 15, 2023, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, August 23, 2023.

August 25, 2023

Senators KANE, ROBINSON, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SR 151**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of July 23 through 29, 2023, as "Construction Opioid Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, August 25, 2023.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

2023 MID-YEAR TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION REPORT

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

August 3, 2023

Michael Gerdes
Secretary of the Senate
Office of the Secretary of the Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Gerdes:

As required by the Job Enhancement Act of 1996, (P.L. 434, No 67), Act 113, Section 2706, as amended, I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation for the mid-year of 2023.

This report includes a summary of volume cap allocation usage for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK C. SIGER
Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM, INC.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM, INC.
925 Irwin Run Road
West Mifflin, PA 15122-1078

August 8, 2023

Donetta D'Innocenzo
Chief Clerk of the Senate
104 North Office Building
Senate Box 203052
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3052

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed for your archives please find six copies of the 2022 Annual Report of Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM G. KIGER
President & CEO

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REEMPLOYMENT FUND

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750

August 14, 2023

The Honorable Michael Gerdes
Secretary of the Senate
Senate of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Brooke Wheeler
Chief Clerk
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Gerdes and Chief Clerk Wheeler:

Enclosed is the Reemployment Fund Annual Report required in accordance with Section 605.1 of the Unemployment Compensation Law. Should you have any question on the specific areas detailed in the report, please do not hesitate to contact the Department.

Sincerely,

NANCY A. WALKER
Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

2023 SERVICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND (SIIF) ANNUAL REPORT

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0750

August 14, 2023

The Honorable Michael Gerdes
Secretary of the Senate
Senate of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Brooke Wheeler
Chief Clerk
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Gerdes and Chief Clerk Wheeler:

Enclosed is the Service and Infrastructure Improvement Fund (SIIF) Annual Report as required by Act 60 of 2017.

Should you have any question on the specific areas detailed in the report, please do not hesitate to contact the Department.

Sincerely,

NANCY A. WALKER
Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

2022 FISCAL YEAR PROCUREMENT DEPUTATE Q4 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of General Services
5th Floor, North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

August 29, 2023

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The attached Procurement Deputate Quarterly Legislative Report for Q4 FY2022 has been approved by Chief Procurement Officer Brian Esposito for distribution to the members of the General Assembly through the Bureau of Publications.

Please let me know if you have any questions related to this report.

Thank you,

Eryn Spangler
Legislative Director

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

2022-2027 ELECTRIC POWER OUTLOOK FOR PENNSYLVANIA

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

August 29, 2023

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

In accordance with Section 524(b) of the Public Utility Code (Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes), please find the attached report the Electric Power Outlook for Pennsylvania 2022-2027 hereby submitted on behalf of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to the Governor and members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The report is required to be submitted to these parties on or before September 1 of each year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

JJ Livingston
Director
Office of Legislative Affairs

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Mr. Joseph C. Totten III as a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Allegheny County.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Senator Katie J. Muth to serve in his stead as a member of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks, and legislative leaves for Senator Robinson, Senator Brown, and Senator Coleman.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks, and legislative leaves for Senator Robinson, Senator Brown, and Senator Coleman.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator COMMITTA and Senator SAVAL, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of May 1, 2023; May 2, 2023; May 3, 2023; May 8, 2023; May 9, 2023; and May 10, 2023, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of May 1, 2023; May 2, 2023; May 3, 2023; May 8, 2023; May 9, 2023; and May 10, 2023.

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

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

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

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

The PRESIDENT. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms see that all doors in the Chamber are closed. As a special order of business, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to memorialize John Kalynych from the 18th Senatorial District, whose contributions to the Lehigh Valley community have left an indelible mark on the field of emergency services. John Kalynych of Hellertown, Pennsylvania, was a dedicated emergency responder and a former Lehigh County director of Emergency Management who left us all too soon at age 50. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues during this most difficult time. John's commitment to public safety was unwavering. John was one of the first responders who rushed to New York City in the aftermath of 9/11. At the time of his passing, he served as the safety officer for Lower Saucon Fire Rescue, which is kind of personal to me as my husband, Ed Boscola, had served as a volunteer firefighter at that department as well when we lived there. John was also a past deputy chief of the Catasauqua Fire Department, a member of the Lehigh County District Attorney's Municipal Emergency Response Team, and a lifetime member of the Hanover and Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Companies, where he served multiple leadership roles. Through his various roles in emergency services, including his tenure as coordinator and chief of Lehigh County Special Operations, he demonstrated a profound dedication to the well-being of our citizens. His leadership and tireless efforts were instrumental in positioning Lehigh County as a leader in emergency response and preparedness.

As we reflect on John's legacy, we remember his instrumental role in the aftermath of the tragic Concept Sciences building explosion in 1999. He, alongside a team of firefighters, exhibited immense bravery and determination, rescuing survivors and contributing to the recovery effort in the face of adversity. This event not only highlighted his courage, but also catalyzed improvements in the county's emergency preparedness as he worked diligently to enhance response capabilities and implement measures

to prevent such incidents from happening in the future. John's expertise goes well beyond our local community. He served the United States as a member of the Federal Urban Search & Rescue team, showcasing his dedication to the safety and well-being of citizens on a larger scale. Moreover, his role as a fire rescue instructor at Bucks County Community College showcased he had passion for sharing his knowledge and expertise, shaping the next generation of emergency responders.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, John received heartfelt condolences and tributes from across the Lehigh Valley's emergency services community. His influence as a friend, mentor, and confidant resonated deeply with those who had the privilege of working alongside him. I would like to thank Governor Shapiro, who ordered the lowering of flags to half-staff in Northampton County, a fitting testament to John's impact and legacy. As we bid farewell to John Kalynych, we remember his dedication to public safety, his unwavering commitment to his role, and the positive impact he made on the lives of countless individuals. His memory will be forever serving and be an inspiration to all of us. His legacy will continue through the emergency responders he mentored and the communities he safeguarded. May John rest in eternal peace, and may his family find solace in knowing that his legacy will forever shine brightly in our hearts. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Boscola has requested a moment of silence to remember John Kalynych. Will everyone please rise for a moment of silence.

[Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of JOHN KALYNYCH.]

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Senate Republican caucus that will be held in the Rules room immediately.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will also meet for a brief caucus around our new podium.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a Republican caucus to be held in the Rules room and a Democratic caucus to be held at the rostrum, 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.

RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on State Government, followed by the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on State Government, followed by the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President [sic], I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Gebhard.

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

Senator HUGHES. Madam President, we have no leaves.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 125, SB 149, SB 235, SB 246, SB 346, SB 371, HB 623 and HB 804 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 173 (Pr. No. 163) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Safe Exchange Zone Program.

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 282 (Pr. No. 304) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 286 and **SB 365** -- Without objection, the bills were passed
 over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 373 (Pr. No. 316) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration
 of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91),
 known as the State Lottery Law, in State lottery, further providing for
 definitions and providing for disclosure of certain prizewinner identities.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 375 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its
 order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 382 (Pr. No. 992) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration
 of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325),
 known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, further providing for
 definitions and for projects affecting submerged lands of the Common-
 wealth.

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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will be at ease.
 [The Senate as at ease.]

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 531, SB 739, SB 802, SB 817 and **SB 831** -- Without ob-
 jection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of
 Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 843 (Pr. No. 963) -- 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, providing for Interstate Teacher Mo-
 bility Compact.

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 REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, re-
 ported the following bills:

SB 757 (Pr. No. 1058) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
 as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, establishing the Pennsylva-
 nia Award for Student Success Scholarship Program and the Pennsylva-
 nia Award for Student Success Scholarship Fund; in bonus and tax re-
 ports and returns and reports and records relating to tax collections,
 further providing for confidential information; in tax credits, further
 providing for Department of Community and Economic Development;
 in 2022-2023 budget implementation, further providing for Department
 of Education; and making a repeal.

HB 1209 (Pr. No. 1279)

An Act amending the act of December 30, 2003 (P.L.441, No.64),
 known as the Tobacco Product Manufacturer Directory Act, in prelimi-
 nary provisions, further providing for definitions; in tobacco product
 manufacturers directory, further providing for directory, for certification,
 for required information, for agent for service of process and for records
 and reporting and providing for nonparticipating manufacturer and im-
 porter joint and several liability and for surety bond requirements; and
 imposing duties on the Office of Attorney General.

HB 1300 (Pr. No. 1943) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known
 as The Fiscal Code, in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property,
 further providing for claim for property paid or delivered; in oil and gas
 wells, further providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund; in human services,
 providing for child support costs and fees; providing for Statewide Qual-
 ity Care Assessment and for Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Council; in
 additional special funds and restricted accounts, further providing for es-
 tablishment of special fund and account, for use of fund and for distribu-
 tions for Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, repealing provi-
 sions relating to Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in additional
 special funds and restricted accounts, further providing for Clean
 Streams Fund and for definitions, renaming the Sports Tourism and Mar-
 keting Account to the Sports, Marketing and Tourism Account, further
 providing for transfer of funds and providing for Facility Transition Ac-
 count and for Game Fund; in general budget implementation, further
 providing for Department of Agriculture, for Department of Conserva-
 tion and Natural Resources, for Department of Education, for Pennsyl-
 vania State Police, for surcharges, for Federal and Commonwealth use
 of forest land and for Multimodal Transportation Fund and repealing pro-
 visions relating to sales by distilleries; providing for 2023-2024 budget
 implementation, for 2023-2024 restrictions on appropriations for funds
 and accounts and for prior year appropriations; imposing penalties; mak-
 ing repeals; and making an editorial change.

HB 1407 (Pr. No. 1572)

An Act amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.394, No.54), known as the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Act, further providing for definitions.

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

SB 829 (Pr. No. 1014) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

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; 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; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the City of Philadelphia certain land, buildings and improvements situated in the 40th ward of the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain land owned by Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, in return for the development of a hiking trail and scenic viewing area in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County; revoking a use restriction; and making repeals.

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

SB 224 (Pr. No. 1059) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in dates of elections and primaries and special elections, further providing for general primary and candidates to be nominated and party officers to be elected.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 3**

MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 3 and move the Senate proceed to consider House Bill No. 1300, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

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

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

**RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION
NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 12**

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I make a motion that we reconsider the vote by which that motion was carried.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, we would like a roll call on this matter.

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

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

YEA-39

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Santarsiero
Aument	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Martin	Street
Bartolotta	Fary	Miller	Tartaglione
Boscola	Flynn	Pennycuik	Vogel
Brewster	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brown	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Coleman	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa	Kearney	Rothman	

NAY-8

Cappelletti	Dillon	Haywood	Schwank
Collett	Fontana	Muth	Williams, Lindsey

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

HB 1300 (Pr. No. 1943) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property, further providing for claim for property paid or delivered; in oil and gas wells, further providing for Oil and Gas Lease Fund; in human services, providing for child support costs and fees; providing for Statewide Quality Care Assessment and for Pennsylvania Long-Term Care Council; in additional special funds and restricted accounts, further providing for establishment of special fund and account, for use of fund and for distributions for Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund, repealing provisions relating to Enhanced Revenue Collection Account; in additional special funds and restricted accounts, further providing for Clean Streams Fund and for definitions, renaming the Sports Tourism and Marketing Account to the Sports, Marketing and Tourism Account, further providing for transfer of funds and providing for Facility Transition Account and for Game Fund; in general budget implementation, further providing for Department of Agriculture, for Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for Department of Education, for Pennsylvania State Police, for surcharges, for Federal and Commonwealth use of forest land and for Multimodal Transportation Fund and repealing provisions relating to sales by distilleries; providing for 2023-2024 budget implementation, for 2023-2024 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts and for prior year appropriations; imposing penalties; making repeals; and making an editorial change.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to House Bill No. 1300 as amended. This bill will have a tremendous negative impact on every Pennsylvanian, especially the 3 out of every 4 Pennsylvania families who rely on childcare for their jobs and to support their families. This bill, that we received language for just a few hours ago, hides within it a new reporting mechanism and clawback provision for the Pre-K Counts money that will result in closure of childcare facilities across Pennsylvania. We cannot say we care about the labor shortage while undercutting what we know is a vital pillar of support for our working families. Every single parent, especially working mothers, knows that supporting access to childcare is not just about the number of State-subsidized seats available, it is also about having the qualified, well-paid staff to support the existing subsidized seats that are open. In Allegheny County alone, there are 500 open staff positions and 6,000 children on a waitlist.

Here is how House Bill No. 1300's amendment impacts the crisis parents are already experiencing. The Pre-K program you have had your eyes on has a spot open, but that facility does not have enough teachers. The facility is actively recruiting, but because they cannot afford to pay credentialed professionals more than \$26,000 a year and still stay open, they are struggling to hire anyone and/or retain existing staff. And now, because of the language of this bill, that spot you were counting on will be taken away before the facility has a chance to fill it. Now what will you do with your child? Current facilities are hanging by a thread right now. Their annual budgets are funded by a patchwork of sources from the State and Federal government, such as Pre-K Counts and Head Start money, and private-pay funding. The mandates to operate as a high-quality facility are onerous, outdated, and expensive. Now they will also have a new burdensome requirement to report data to the State every 30 days. If a seat goes unfulfilled within 30 days of that monthly report, that money will have to be sent back to the State with no mechanism to recover that money if the facility, by some miracle, finds someone who will work for poverty wages. This bill forces small businesses trying to manage a challenging yearly budget into fiscal chaos every 30 days. No one can run a business like that. The changes included in House Bill No. 1300 will result in more closures of Pre-K childcare facilities and more parents unable to work because of our failure to invest in our early childhood workforce. Our Pre-K and childcare system is broken. This is not the way to fix it; this is the way to hasten its collapse. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise to speak on Senate [House] Bill No. 1300. When I left my home this morning about 6 a.m. or so, I was inclined to support Senate [House] Bill No. 1300. On my way here, I thought a lot about some of the positive aspects that we find in House Bill No. 1300. Certainly, the

additional State Troopers, the free lunches, money going into the Clean Streams Fund. Those were all some of the very positive aspects of this bill that I support and will continue to support as we go forward, because I think, as all of us in this room know, this is part of a piecemeal process. This year, our budget process has been very piecemeal. Today we are here doing a Fiscal Code--probably going to do another Fiscal Code at some point in time through this process. We have a second Fiscal Code that we are going to be voting at some point this afternoon or this evening. But I did a lot of thinking on the way up here, and when I got here, I had the opportunity to meet with my Caucus Members, and we had a lengthy discussion in caucus earlier today and even on the Senate floor while all of you were caucusing in the back room. And it became clear to me that while there were some positive things in this measure, there are a number of things that are still problematic. Certainly, the omissions that are here--that are not here I should say--but also some of the things that are not in this measure as well.

Some of the things that are there that concern us certainly were articulated by the gentlewoman from Allegheny County with respect to the Pre-K Counts program and how we manage those slots in the clawback of resources from those entities, those organizations, that may not be able to fill the need--be able to provide teachers for those students or workers for them. There are other things along those lines with respect that are in this thing that relate to PASSHE and freezing the tuition for a second year. And while I know that we have been very generous in the budget with regard to PASSHE--and they did freeze their tuition this year--to lock them in and take the prerogative away from the board of directors of the PASSHE system is problematic to me as well. But also the pieces that are omitted. Certainly, we tried in the Committee on Appropriations to add things that have been really the staple of the Senate Democratic request through this process. Work that my colleague Senator Vincent Hughes has done with regard to student teacher stipend, which is part of the budget. That, we think, should have been something that could have been included in this measure. The Level Up program that has garnered a lot of discussion here was something we tried to advance in the Committee on Appropriations, but we were not successful along those lines. The Whole-Home Repairs Program, again, that is part of the budget that we tried to put through this process, but we were not successful in that regard. That is something my colleague Senator Nikil Saval and others in the House worked very hard to be able to implement that program. In fact, as we speak, in each of our districts, every district across Pennsylvania, homes are being rebuilt. Folks are going to be able to stay in their homes specifically because of that program. Windows are being fixed, roofs are being replaced, furnaces are being installed, walkways are being repaired, all those things are taking place as we speak in every single county except for two, I believe, at this moment in time. That is an important program we have been advocating for and think needs to be part of it. And certainly, as we talk about the indigent defense programs, something that we have been talking about for a number of years, are part of that conversation as well. I also want to point out that back, I believe, in early June or so when the Budget Secretary sent out some type of a memo, I am not sure what it was, it was on a white sheet of paper indicating what exactly would or would not be eligible to be appropriated or being able to have those dollars driven out.

There were a handful of things that were listed by the Budget Secretary, some of which were the things I just mentioned. But what I find troubling is that the only things that made the list today, in Senate [House] Bill No. 1300, were two things that have been advocated by the other side of the aisle.

At the end of the day, as I have mentioned, this is a piecemeal process. Unfortunately, after listening to the Members of my Caucus and the concerns that they have raised, I join them in the concerns as it relates to this piece of legislation. We are not there yet. We are not done yet. As I said on the Senate floor when we voted against the budget back then, this is not a final deal. We all know that more work needs to be done, and more work needs to be done on the other side of the aisle. And I would echo the comments of my colleague Senator Vincent Hughes who talked in the Committee on Appropriations about the need, the desire, to get five folks in the room, Members from each Caucus, along with the administration, to be able to reconcile the differences that we have here. We know we have differences. We know we have to work them out, but I think, at the end of the day, this is only a part of the process. It does not even complete as a piece of the piecemeal process in my estimation.

And one of the glaring omissions is what we have to do with our State-related universities. We are addressing PASSHE today by freezing their tuition, but we have disregarded and discounted and not even addressed what we need to do with regard to the State-related universities. Those are concerns that I have going forward, and while I have indicated in the past that I could be supportive--because I do support more State Troopers; I do support money going into the Clean Streams Fund; I do support breakfast programs for our students across Pennsylvania, but unfortunately, they do not off balance, they do not rise to the level for me to support them, given some of the other concerns that I have raised and other Members have raised as well. So, I am going to vote "no" and ask my colleagues to join with a negative vote. And hopefully, at the end of the day, when we complete this process, all the things that we find in this measure--hospital assessment, hospital program resources, many other things that are here--that we will have that opportunity once the House passes it and sends it back to us to vote on these measures because we do, in fact, support many of them. But right now, on balance, I am going to be a "no" vote. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to ask for a "no" vote on House Bill No. 1300. It is unconscionable that we would have a clawback evaluation schedule that only allows a couple of weeks for a teacher to be provided. We already know the reason that there are often not enough seats filled is because there are not enough teachers. And now we are saying, if a facility has an existing teacher who decides to take a job because of family pressures or gets a better opportunity, that childcare provider would

only have 2 weeks--roughly, give or take a day--to fill that seat before the State could potentially clawback money. This puts children at risk because it would incentivize providers to move too quickly to fill that seat. This would reduce the number of Pre-K Counts seats that are available and ultimately could undercut the entire childcare network.

There are many other reasons that this bill just is not ready. And the only thing I can say positively is that we know we are still in the midst of the discussion, but we should not pass any bill; we should not send a message to childcare providers that says that we are going to undercut them. In addition to all of the trauma it is causing the families, these are also seats that are in businesses that are disproportionately owned by women. Childcare businesses are one of the places where women, female entrepreneurs, have been extremely successful, and now we are going to put one more burden on them as providers. We need to change these provisions. Hopefully, this is not the final edification of this bill, but with that language in there, I cannot be a "yes" vote. And so, for the children of Pennsylvania who are serving in Pre-K Counts programs, for the mothers who are dropping the kids off, and grandmoms and dads who depend on that service, and for all the women entrepreneurs who started up those businesses, until we can fix this provision, I urge a "no" vote. Thank you.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I will be brief because the comments that I am going to make have been spoken to by the previous speakers. This process has been a bit disjointed, maybe one of the most disjointed ones that we have had in a number of years. Normally, these kinds of matters are addressed as we pass the actual spending plan, and then we have the implementation program through our code bills done at the same time. This disjointed process has really not served this body well, and hopefully, this is the last time we will ever have to go through this process in this fashion. All of these matters need to be lumped together so that we can have a completed process and one that really addresses, in full, what our intentions are and what our spending plan is for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We did introduce amendments in the Committee on Appropriations to address the student-teacher stipend issue, to address the indigent defense issue, to address Level Up, to address Whole-Home Repairs. Many of these items have bipartisan support. Unfortunately, all of the items were tabled in the Committee on Appropriations, and consequently, were not given an opportunity to be voted there.

The issue around the childcare slots is one we have had a personal conversation with the Majority Leader indicating that he would be welcome to a process to try to work through--a very detailed process, a very tangled process, a complicated process--to deal with the childcare slots, and I hope we can get that done sooner rather than later. We met, as I am sure all parties have done so, with a number of individuals over the last 7, 8, 9, 10 months, 12 months. And, in fact, if you recall the conversations as we were in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, from our business community, our chambers of commerce, the thing that they said was most impactful for them throughout that process was the issue of available childcare. And that was the thing that really centered a significant amount of concerns in our conversations, and

these are with chambers of commerce all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. What do we do about childcare? That is still an outstanding issue. Hopefully, hopefully, in this process, in the conversations that we just had with the Leader, that we can work through this issue, this very complicated issue, and try to get to a real resolve that addresses all concerns and, in fact, winds up strengthening that industry and strengthening that support mechanism as opposed to what we are seeing being played out right now. We will be voting "no," but hopefully, hopefully, sooner rather than later, all parties can get together in this process, sit at one table in one room, and have the kind of conversation necessary to get us to the end that we need to get to. That would be the best way to play this thing out. And so, Mr. President, I will be voting "no" and urging a "no" vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, when our constituents send us to Harrisburg to represent them, they expect us to work together in the best interests of our communities. That is exactly what we are achieving today by passing House Bill No. 1300. This year's budget process has had many twists and turns, and even after we pass this bill today, there is a laundry list of other items we still must pass so we can fully implement the State budget. But what we accomplish here today is exactly what the people we represent expect from us: responsible governance. We are setting aside our differences and taking action to drive out critical funding that our communities desperately need, and we do so without injecting partisanship or gamesmanship into the process. These are the noncontroversial items that we all agree upon: funding for hospitals, judicial fees to keep our courts running, support for our EMS community, new State Police cadets to make our streets safer, more affordable tuition and grants for college students, school safety grants, resources to combat avian influenza, support for special education, workforce development, clean streams funding, nursing home reimbursements, adult mental health funding, and much more.

After we take this vote today, all that is needed to drive out this funding is for the House of Representatives to return as soon as possible and send this bill to the Governor's desk so we can sign it into law. I encourage them, in the strongest terms, to fulfill that obligation before their next scheduled Session day at the end of September. Our communities cannot wait any longer. While we move this bill forward, we still acknowledge there is work to be done. We need to achieve a consensus on how the other issues in the budget are resolved. I still want to see funding for the PASS program to rescue students trapped in failing schools. I still want to see more funding for one of the most popular programs in the State, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program, known as EITC, to provide opportunities to empower families to put their kids in the best learning environment to fit their unique needs. I still think it was a grievous error in terminating the contract with real alternatives because it will take away critical services from moms, dads, and babies, especially after we negotiated more funding for this program to make sure they can continue to provide food, shelter, counseling, and other supports for moms and babies who need it the most.

All these priorities require further negotiation, and we will not stop fighting for what we believe in. I know my colleagues on the

other side of the aisle have their own priorities they also want to address, as do we. And this is certainly not the end of negotiation discussions, but we cannot allow our disagreements on these issues to stand in the way of the critical, noncontroversial funding our communities need today. We have an obligation to get the job done, and that means passing this critical budget implementation language right now so Pennsylvanians from all walks of life are not caught in the crossfire of our budget battles. I urge an affirmative vote, and I, again, call on our colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise above their other political considerations and get this bill across the finish line without any unnecessary delay, which requires them to come back to Session.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, on August 3, this institution convened to complete its constitutional obligation of signing a main budget bill, House Bill No. 611. And on August 3, during comments on this floor, I indicated that the signature on House Bill No. 611 is just one chapter in this story, but there will, in fact, be the rest of the story. Today, Mr. President, we are here to write another chapter in the rest of the story. But as my colleagues who have spoken indicated, my suspicion is that this will not be the final chapter in the rest of the story. But nevertheless, we have before us a piece of legislation that moves this Commonwealth forward. Yes, we have deeply divided government. We have had, at moments, dysfunctional government, but what we have here today is legislation that puts forward the basic needs of implementing a budget that was signed by our Governor 27 days ago. Now we can talk about what is not in this piece of legislation, but I think we need to recognize what actually is part of this legislation, and my friend and colleague from Lancaster County highlighted most of them. But I think we have to be very, very clear with the people of Pennsylvania that what is in this legislation is not about Democrat priorities, it is not about Republican priorities, it is not about who gets a win or who gets a loss. This piece of legislation is about Pennsylvania priorities. And let us be very clear, if you vote against this bill, you are voting against increasing reimbursement rates to emergency medical services, first responders who answer the 911 call. And we know that the crisis we have in the EMS community is not a Democrat crisis, it is not a Republican crisis, it is a Commonwealth crisis. And if you want to help solve that issue, you should vote for this piece of legislation.

We all know that our hospitals have had a significant amount of stress on them over the last several years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation moves forward in a significant way to support our hospital community. We all know that every 5 years this Commonwealth must reassess the hospital assessment, a very complex and difficult process that we have to work through with the Federal government. If we do not address that issue, our hospitals will lose hundreds of millions of dollars of critical support to support all of our communities, not just Democrat communities or Republican communities, but all communities in this Commonwealth. We all know that if we do not address the nursing home crisis, the rate mix issue, that is so critically important that, again, we must approach the Federal government with. If we do not do that, we will put our nursing homes into deep crisis, not in just Democrat communities or Republican

communities, but in all communities of this Commonwealth. Mr. President, we all know that the judiciary relies significantly on the fees that have expired. We are not just talking about Democrat courts or Republican courts. We are talking about the courts throughout this Commonwealth that ensure the right to due process actually occurs in this Commonwealth. And by not addressing these judicial fees, we are going to hamper the ability for our courts to administer justice in a proper way. We all know the crisis that we face in public safety, as my friend from Lancaster County pointed out; we are increasing the complement of State Troopers that we put on the street to keep people safe, not in Democrat communities or Republican communities, but in all communities throughout this Commonwealth.

Let us talk about the State System of Higher Education. Why on earth would we not want to vote to make sure that the students who attend our State-owned universities are not saddled with a tuition increase next year? Not just Democratic families or Republican families, but all families who attend our State system schools deserve assurance that tuition will not go up in the 24/25 school year. Let us be real honest about the State System of Higher Education, Mr. President. We know that the enrollment is declining. I can assure you one way that we will not reverse that decline: by increasing tuition. So, let us be honest about the State System of Higher Education. They cannot increase tuition because they cannot afford to lose more students. So, let us make it easier on our families to know that if they want to give their children an opportunity to succeed in a State-owned institution, that they will not pay more next year. To me, that is a pretty simple and easy vote to put up.

Now, let us talk about the childcare issue that has come up here. I think the taxpayers of the Commonwealth need to know that last year we spent \$28 million in Pre-K Counts funding for empty seats. We had 2,800 students in our Pre-K Counts program dressed as empty seats, \$1,000 per student, \$28 million that was not used to educate our children. So, what we have done here in this legislation is we have made sure that the dollars that we put into the Pre-K Counts program follow the student, that the dollars get used to support students, to give them the educational opportunities that they need and they deserve. And so, Mr. President, what we have before us--in my view and the view of my colleagues--is pretty commonsense, basic things that we need to address. I am tired of talking about the things we cannot do. I want to talk about the things we can do because, darn it, that is what the people of Pennsylvania expect from this General Assembly. And we need to move beyond the deep divides that we have on big issues--and we will address those, we will address them here shortly in the next piece of legislation that we bring forward--but we have to show that we can move forward on the most basic parameters of making this government function in a divided fashion. And so, Mr. President, for all of those reasons and many more above, I encourage my colleagues to vote for this legislation. Demonstrate to the people of Pennsylvania what we can be for, not be against something because it is not in the bill. Be for something because of what is in the bill in front of us, the words on the paper. And I implore my friends in the House to come back, take up this legislation, send this to the Governor, and begin to move forward in solving real problems for real people in this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Collett.

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-29

Argall	Culver	Laughlin	Rothman
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Pennycuik	Vogel
Bartolotta	Farry	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brooks	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brown	Langerholc	Robinson	Yaw
Coleman			

NAY-18

Brewster	Flynn	Kearney	Schwank
Cappelletti	Fontana	Miller	Street
Collett	Haywood	Muth	Tartaglione
Costa	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Dillon	Kane		

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Collett has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2**

MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 12

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 2 and move the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 757, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

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

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

YEA-30

Argall	Culver	Martin	Santarsiero
Aument	DiSanto	Pennycuik	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Bartolotta	Farry	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Gebhard	Regan	Ward, Kim
Brooks	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Anthony H.
Brown	Langerholc	Rothman	Yaw
Coleman	Laughlin		

NAY-17

Brewster	Flynn	Kane	Schwank
Cappelletti	Fontana	Kearney	Street
Collett	Haywood	Miller	Tartaglione
Costa	Hughes	Muth	Williams, Lindsey
Dillon			

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 757 (Pr. No. 1058) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, establishing the Pennsylvania Award for Student Success Scholarship Program and the Pennsylvania Award for Student Success Scholarship Fund; in bonus and tax reports and returns and reports and records relating to tax collections, further providing for confidential information; in tax credits, further providing for Department of Community and Economic Development; in 2022-2023 budget implementation, further providing for Department of Education; and making a repeal.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MILLER. Mr. President, I rise to oppose Senate Bill No. 757. As I commented in the Committee on Appropriations, this bill adversely impacts the city of Allentown and the Neighborhood Improvement Zone. This program has been phenomenal for the city and our neighborhoods. This legislation would kill at least \$300 million in projected projects in the Neighborhood Improvement Zone. Those are family-sustaining jobs that are going to be killed by this legislation. This program also is audited annually by the State, and those reports are made public. So, you can find those on a NIZ's website. Due to the redundancy and concerns I encourage my colleagues to vote "no" as this program has been a tool of economic development for the city of Allentown, for the Lehigh Valley, the fastest-growing region in this State, and it is the only program out of the 20-plus years of economic tools to have this kind of tax incentive. But it is the only program that is being made a motion for these reports that out of all the KOZs, the CRIZs, why just this program? That is the

question I ask, why just this program? So, I would rise to my colleagues and implore a negative vote on this. Thank you.

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Coleman, I submit the following remarks for the record.

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

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

Mr. President, over \$500 million has been invested in Allentown's Neighborhood Improvement Zone (NIZ) over the last decade. To date, it has not been possible to conduct objective analysis to determine the success of the program in meeting its legislative intent. At present, there are statutory hurdles stopping the public from understanding the individual sources and amounts of revenue that are being generated from tax dollars. Accessing this information is vital to understanding whether the NIZ functions as advertised and sold to the public. Has it been an engine of economic development or real estate development, and at what cost? These two things do not always line up. If we are going to answer that question, then we need access to specific financial details that, by law, are currently unavailable to the public.

The original fiscal notes, or calculations of cost to the Commonwealth, indicated that there would not be any negative impact to tax revenues. That conclusion assumed activity in the NIZ was new activity and not shifting from other municipalities. There are questions about whether that is what happened. Hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue have been attributed to the NIZ. Questions surrounding the implementation of the NIZ law and its impact on the overall financial health of the Commonwealth can only be answered if we have access to this information.

Taxpayers have a right to know if their money is being spent wisely. Today, the changes we are making to the Fiscal Code will ensure that the public has access to information around how tax dollars are being spent. These changes are vital for transparency and to ensure that we all have access to the information needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I think it is important to make clear what it is we are about to vote on here this afternoon as it relates to Senate Bill No. 757. We all know very well the voyage that we have been on over the last several months as it relates to trying to bring this budgetary process to a full conclusion. And we have talked about the next chapter in the story, and here we are with yet another chapter. Now this chapter is quite complex, and what this legislation here embodies is an agreement that the Senate Republican Majority has with our Democratic Governor. This legislation embodies the priority that the Senate Republican Caucus places on empowering parents to make the ultimate decision for their children's education. Now, we know full well the fundamental disagreements that we have with many of our friends on the other side of the aisle, with many of our friends in the other Chamber of the building, but I think it is important to recognize, as the gentleman from Allegheny County indicated in his previous remarks, and the gentleman from Philadelphia County for that matter, that there is much more work to be done as we continue this budgetary process. We understand their priorities, we understand the priorities of the House Democrats, but what we are doing here today is further underscoring the priorities of this Senate Republican Majority. And I just want

to be very clear that when the Governor, at the behest of his Budget Secretary, sequestered significant dollars for programs that, quite frankly, we in our Caucus would not have agreed to but for our desire to empower parents to choose their child's destination and destiny whenever it comes to their education, we would not have supported.

And so, here we are in a bit of a complex situation, but I want to underscore that the reason we are moving these bills forward today is that we as a General Assembly have the power of the purse. That was buttressed by the Budget Secretary, that was buttressed by our State Treasurer. And in order to drive out dollars for initiatives, we must pass legislation, and that is what we are doing today. We are underscoring our priorities. We are recognizing what it takes to effectuate our priorities by passing legislation to the House and calling on them to recognize our priorities, and we well know that they want us to recognize their priorities. But I do think that there is a provision in a recent court ruling that says adoption of a budget would be a hollow act in the absence of an implementing mechanism--here the Fiscal Code--and what we have in front of us is, in fact, a Fiscal Code. This is consistent with the opinion of the court, this is consistent with the opinion of the Office of the Budget, which means it is ultimately consistent with the opinion of the Governor, and it is consistent with our elected State Treasurer's position. Therefore, in an effort to move the rest of the process forward to hopefully write the final chapter in this long and complicated budget process, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote so we can send this important piece of legislation on its voyage to the House of Representatives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, would someone be willing to rise for interrogation in connection with Senate Bill No. 757? Senator Pittman, would he be willing to on three questions that I have?

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I am not willing to answer questions at this time.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, well, I wonder if there is anyone else in this Chamber who may be able to do so regarding the scope of Senate Bill No. 757? Is there any other Member who would be willing to answer a few really basic questions, I think,--

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I think we should be at ease for a moment, please.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will briefly be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

The PRESIDENT. It appears that Senator Haywood has waved off his right to speak.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-19

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

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.

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 829 (Pr. No. 1014) -- The Senate proceeded to 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; 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 situated in the City and County of Philadelphia; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the City of Philadelphia certain land, buildings and improvements situated in the 40th ward of the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County; authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain land owned by Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, in return for the development of a hiking trail and scenic viewing area in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County; revoking a use restriction; and making repeals.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 829?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 829.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-47

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

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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

The PRESIDENT. We will briefly be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

July 26, 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 my nomination dated July 26, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks (Alternate), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth 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 David Allard, Elizabethtown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 17, 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 my nomination dated July 13, 2023, of Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 232 Sylvania Avenue, Glenside 19038, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jonathan Peri, Glen Mills, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I move that the nominations 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 PRESIDENT. The nominations 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:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

June 9, 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, Amber Derr, 126 South River Street, Maytown 17550, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Christopher, Hummelstown, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

April 25, 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 Vague, 1807 Delancey Street, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public School Employees' Retirement

Board, to serve until January 1, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph M. Torsella, Flourtown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

April 14, 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, Kimberly M. Barrow, 7313 Stoneridge Circle, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gladys M. Brown-Dutrieuille, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT BOARD

April 25, 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, Uri Monson, 612 Greythorne Road, Wynnewood 19096, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Employees' Retirement Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Soderberg, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

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 PRESIDENT. 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:

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

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appointed and qualified, vice Mary Soderberg, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

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-47

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator DUSH. 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 224, HB 1209 and HB 1407.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on student opportunities for success)	Saint Joe's Univ. USciences-McNeil
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Sci. and Tech. Ctr.
4308 Woodland
Avenue
Philadelphia

1:30 P.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (public hearing on reauthorization of the 911 Law)	Hearing Room 1 North Office
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on automated enforcement of traffic violations)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 282, 373, 382, 712, 749, 754, 773 and 843)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	EDUCATION (to consider House Bill No. 27)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 224)	Rules Committee Conference Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

10:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (informational meeting to consider House Bill No. 299; and the establishment of an OSHA for public sector workers in Pennsylvania)	Hearing Room 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 340)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bill No. 1058)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 210, 399 and 723)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

10:00 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing on online sales of licenses for PGC)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 792 and 933)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today with my friends and colleagues Senator Tartaglione and Senator Robinson to speak on an issue that threatens the health and well-being of people who throw their hard hats on day in and day out to build and repair our beautiful Commonwealth. Over the last several budget cycles, mental health has taken stage in our budget's debates. The demand for mental health is growing, and more folks need help. When folks cannot get help, they turn to drugs and alcohol for escape. Far too many times during my career in the labor industry, I have seen my friends and coworkers turn to addiction and

attempt to fix their problems by self-medicating themselves and, ultimately, lose their lives. Senate Resolution No. 151, co-prime sponsored by Senator Tartaglione and Senator Robinson, dedicates the week of July 23 through 29 as Construction Opioid Awareness Week. We can put our construction workers first by ensuring that they have the resources and support to fight opioid addiction. It is possible to come out on the other side healthier and happier than ever before, and I am living, breathing proof of that.

I would like to thank over 15 group organizations and associations who recognize this week and work to prevent opioid addiction. These groups include the Keystone Contractors Association and the Pennsylvania Building & Construction Trades Council, especially their peer advocacy program in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. Working with these groups, we can reach out and help save the lives of construction workers. I would also like to alert my colleagues to an event taking place tomorrow, August 31, on the front steps of the State Capitol from 10 o'clock to 2. Team PA Sharing [sic] will host their fourth annual Overdose Awareness Day at the Pennsylvania State Capitol. I will attend and speak at the event. I welcome my colleagues who are in town tomorrow to join me for a few minutes to hear and see the somber and powerful event where we remember all of the Pennsylvanians who have lost their lives to drug overdoses and deaths. For those of you who cannot make it tomorrow, the Capitol lights will be purple tonight in commemoration of Overdose Awareness Day. Please take a look at the lights this evening and reflect on how we can work together to improve addiction treatment and help save lives.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Resolution No. 151, together with my colleagues Senator John Kane and Senator Devlin Robinson, designating the week of July 23 through July 29, 2023, as Construction Opioid Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. I want to thank my colleague from Delaware [sic] County for his leadership on this issue. As you know, the opioid addiction epidemic is continuing to ravage communities across the Commonwealth, and workers in the construction industry, especially, continue to suffer from opioid addiction. Construction workers are especially vulnerable to opioid addiction due to the physical nature of their work. Our friends in organized labor continue to take great steps to educate their members about the risks and dangers of opioids. As the resolution outlines, many groups representing the construction industry and national organizations, such as the National Safety Council, participated in creating tools to educate their members on the dangers of opioids and prescription drug abuse. These measures are extremely important and continue to save lives. While great work has been done this year and in years prior, more initiatives for education and awareness are needed to prevent our people from succumbing to the tragic epidemic. Our goal should be: one day in the future, we will not have to make designations such as this because the opioid epidemic will be in the rearview mirror due to the tremendous work that has already been done educating and preventing the addiction to opioids. Until then, I ask my colleagues to join me in designating the week of July 23, 2023, as Construction Opioid Awareness Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise today because it marks 6,261 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage, but the hope is not all lost, Mr. President. For the first time in 7 years, we are back in August for votes so we can finish what we started in June when we passed the first pieces of the budget. And we have more scheduled Session days through the end of the year in September, October, November, and December. Each return to Senate Session provides us another opportunity to address our Commonwealth's poverty-level minimum wage and other pressing issues we must address for the people we are elected to represent.

Mr. President, I do not know about other Members, but when I returned home to my district after recess in June, one of the most common things I heard was: what happened to raising the minimum wage; and: will minimum wage earners ever get a relief? And as always, Mr. President, I am optimistic. I am optimistic that Members of this Chamber will finally come together this fall and pass substantive and meaningful minimum wage reform so that the lowest earners across Pennsylvania can finally get relief and have their wages raised from the starvation-level wage they earn now. And we already have teed up and ready to go, Mr. President--Senate Bill No. 12 is currently sitting in committee waiting for its first vote. We have the opportunity to pass meaningful minimum wage legislation that would raise the minimum wage for tens of thousands of workers across Pennsylvania who cannot make ends meet on \$7.20 [\$7.25] an hour.

Too often, Mr. President, I am asked by people back home in my district: do I think there is any chance that Senate Bill No. 12 will pass. And every time, I respond with the same optimistic answer: I do not write legislation because I think it looks good on paper. I write legislation because I think it can help and must pass. Senate Bill No. 12, Mr. President, I know it can pass if given a fair shot. Let us bring it out of committee to the floor, and let us pass it so we can finally put Pennsylvanians on a path to \$15 an hour and away from poverty-level, starving wages that we allow them to earn now.

Thank you, Mr. President.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 829.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 18, 2023, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.