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SENATE

MONDAY, October 16, 2023

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JESSE NORTH, of Wrightsville Presbyterian Church, Wrightsville, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, as we gather here today, we are grateful that You are just and kind, that You listen to all. These past 9 days, we have been acutely aware of our vulnerability to violence and hatred. Even as we cry out, even as we offer comfort and solidarity to victims and families, as we send gifts of aid, we are dismayed by the cycles of violence, by discord and disinformation being sown, by failures of leadership on display. We pray You thwart those who would harm innocence, bring to justice those who commit atrocities, build a community of diverse leaders who work together for the least of these and liberate all who are oppressed.

This morning, just 45 minutes down the road where I live in Manheim Township, we were shocked and grieving the sudden loss of one of our high school students. We cry out to You for those students, teachers, and administrators, as well as the folks from the Lancaster [Lancaster-Lebanon] County Flight Team, who are there in the high school this very hour. Comfort those who mourn, give strength and wisdom to those who lead as they mourn, build a community there of diverse leaders who love and serve all students in Manheim Township and all the great school districts in our Commonwealth. God, these tragedies remind us of the weight of what happens in this Chamber. May each Senator, staffer, each person with business here today, be among those who call on You for wisdom, energy, and guidance. May they say "yes" to the compassion in their hearts for the least among us. May their every act be made in service of love for others. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend North, who is the guest today of Senator Phillips-Hill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

October 6, 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 October 2, 2023, of Bryan Phelps, 304 South East Street, Coudersport 16915, Potter County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Potter, Magisterial District 55-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Annette L. Easton, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
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:

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

October 10, 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, Henry Lee Moore, 624 Ashton Court, North Huntingdon 15642, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Westmoreland, Magisterial District 10-2-09, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Wayne B. Gongaware, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

October 13, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-31, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Mikhail Pappas, 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:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

October 13, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated October 3, 2023, for the nomination of Charles Charlesworth (At-Large), 200 Camins Parkway, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, 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, should be corrected to read:

Charles Charlesworth (At-Large), 38 Myers Lane, Monroe Township 18657, Wyoming County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, 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.

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

October 13, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated September 22, 2023, for the nomination of Samuel Sanguedolce, 93 Mara Lane, Wilkes-Barre 18702, Luzerne County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Long, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Samuel Sanguedolce, 93 Mara Lane, Plains Township 18702, Luzerne County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Long, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

HOUSE MESSAGES

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS BY
AMENDING SAID AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate by amending said amendments to **HB 27** and **HB 1300**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 141**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments to **SB 621**.

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:

October 11, 2023

Senators SANTARSIERO, BAKER, HUGHES, FONTANA, COMMITTA, MILLER, CULVER, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, DILLON, COSTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, PENNYCUICK, BROWN, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, COLLETT, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, DUSH and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 55**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for definitions, for award of custody, for factors to consider when awarding custody, for consideration of criminal conviction, for guardian ad litem for child, for counsel for child and for award of counsel fees, costs and expenses; and, in Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, providing for child abuse and domestic abuse education and training program for judges and court personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 11, 2023.

October 13, 2023

Senators BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, FONTANA, DILLON, KANE, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, COSTA, COMMITTA, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO and SAVAL presented to the Chair **SB 953**, entitled:

An Act providing for election day registration; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 13, 2023.

Senators COSTA, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, FONTANA, HUGHES, KANE, COMITTA and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 955**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for reimbursement for certain medical assistance items and services; and abrogating regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, October 13, 2023.

Senator FARRY presented to the Chair **SB 956**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 7178, carrying State Route 2018 over I-295 in Middletown Township, Bucks County, as the Staff Sgt. Jae S. Moon Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 13, 2023.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 958**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 42031, located on that portion of U.S. Route 219 over Pentz Run on the border of Sandy Township and the City of Dubois, Clearfield County, as the Trooper First Class Brad Wilson Honorary Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 13, 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:

October 13, 2023

Senators SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, MARTIN, FONTANA, BROWN, HAYWOOD, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, BREWSTER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SR 177**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 7, 2023, as "World Ostomy Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 13, 2023.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, K. WARD, LANGERHOLC, KEARNEY, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, ROBINSON, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, BROOKS, ROTHMAN, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, LAUGHLIN, BOSCOLA, PENNYCUICK, COMITTA, FONTANA, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, CULVER, AUMENT, J. WARD, STEFANO, BROWN, YAW and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 182**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2023 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and October 20, 2023, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 13, 2023.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

October 13, 2023

HB 123 and **1232**-- Committee on Local Government.

HB 540, 1044 and **1338** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1062 -- Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

HB 1219 -- Committee on Finance.

HB 1258 -- Committee on Education.

HB 1456 -- Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1466 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1540 and **1661**-- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

HB 1634 -- Committee on State Government.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2024-2025 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of Consumer Advocate
555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor, Forum Place
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1923

October 11, 2023

Hon. Josh Shapiro
Governor of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Kim Ward
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
Room 292, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. Joanna McClinton
Speaker
House of Representatives
Room 139, Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Governor Shapiro, President Ward, and Speaker McClinton:

Enclosed with this letter is the Budget Request of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

The present budget request is submitted pursuant to Act No. 25 of July 20, 1983. *The OCA budget is not derived from the General Fund*; instead, we are funded through a direct assessment on the companies that are under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Please contact me if you have any questions about the OCA's Budget Request or about the Office of Consumer Advocate.

Sincerely,

PATRICK M. CICERO
Consumer Advocate

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

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 Baker, Senator Yaw, and Senator Langerholc.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Collett, and a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Brooks, and legislative leaves for Senator Baker, Senator Yaw, and Senator Langerholc.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Collett, and 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 VOGEL, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, October 16, 2023

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, October 23, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of October 23, 2023, it reconvene the week of Monday, November 13, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, October 30, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of October 30, 2023, it reconvene the week of Monday, November 13, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Costa	Kearney	Rothman
Aument	Culver	Langerholc	Santarsiero

Baker	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Bartolotta	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Boscola	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Brewster	Farry	Miller	Street
Brooks	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brown	Fontana	Pennycuik	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Haywood	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw

NAY-0

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

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

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Westmoreland, Senator Kim Ward.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, today I have the distinct pleasure of introducing a gentleman--yes, and he is a gentleman--who is a shining example of community spirit and community involvement and dedication in Westmoreland County, Chief Thomas Bell of the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Bell's many contributions to our community have no bounds and are worthy of deep gratitude and respect. In August of 2023, Chief Bell was named Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs in partnership with Pierce Manufacturing. He is a good person and a natural leader, and it comes as no surprise that he was selected to receive this honor considering his commitment to serving the public with integrity and a dedication to professional development through innovation with the men and women who serve alongside him. With nearly 50 years of experience, Chief Bell's visionary approach has brought remarkable improvements to the department and our Greensburg community. He has worked his way up the ladder--no pun intended--ascending from a junior firefighter to chief.

His leadership has been a catalyst for positive change. Using skill and kindness, he led the department through a systemic transition, which included bringing in younger leaders with a passion for building a vibrant fire department. Chief Bell's strategic reorganization of leadership positions, implementation of training programs, and emphasis on community engagement have invigorated the department and garnered support from both members of the department and the public. His commitment to fostering a culture of inclusiveness and respect within the department led to the implementation of a mandatory "Dignity Statement" policy, addressing harassment and bullying head-on. Chief Bell is a transformative leader, bringing significant operational improvements to the department, and his initiatives have had a profound impact on the department's response capabilities and overall community betterment. Chief Bell is an amazing individual, and I am glad that he is my hometown fire chief. You know, when you need something in Greensburg, if you have an issue with so many things, even outside the fire department, you can call Chief Bell, and he is a great catalyst for making sure that things are done right. So, congratulations, Chief Bell, on this very well-deserved

honor. The people of Greensburg and Westmoreland County love and respect you.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise to introduce today's guest Chaplain, Reverend Jesse North, who serves at Wrightsville Presbyterian Church. Reverend North has opened the Senate with prayer in 2021 and 2022, and I am honored to welcome him back and to congratulate him on his recent ordination on September 24, 2023, in Wrightsville Presbyterian Church. Reverend North was ordained a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and his congregation could not be any prouder. They hosted a celebration in his honor and has continued leadership across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Would my colleagues please join me in giving Pastor North our warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA AND SENATOR DANIEL J. LAUGHLIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce a group of passionate and engaged young individuals who represent Students for Ballot PA, and they are here with David Thornburgh, president and CEO of the Committee of Seventy. This group, the Students for Ballot PA, is represented by numerous universities across our Commonwealth with students joining us today in the gallery from Bryn Mawr, Carlow, Carnegie Mellon, Gettysburg, Haverford, Kutztown, Pitt, and Swarthmore. The "Swats" are in the Senate--that is what they told me they call themselves, the "Swats," which I thought was really pretty cool. Anyway, I had the pleasure of meeting with these students before the start of Session today. It is incredibly refreshing to witness this group of nonpartisan, volunteer-driven students advocating for a critical change in our electoral system. These students, this group, which is self-organized, meets every Sunday afternoon to talk election law. Now, how many college kids do you know who take the time to give up that kind of time on a Sunday to do something like this and talk election law? I think it is fantastic. Some of them even woke up today at 4:30 in the morning just to get here by 9 o'clock. This is the type of dedication and determination we should celebrate in this Chamber.

It shows that the next generation is paying attention to what we do here. And they care because unaffiliated voters constitute 13 percent of the voting population here in Pennsylvania, which is the fastest-growing segment of registered voters. And, with the recent implementation of the Governor's motor vehicle registration initiative, they have begun to even outpace Democratic

registration. It is incredible. Recent national-level research indicates that 61 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds do not align with any major political party. This disengagement reflects a broader trend, where today's college students, having grown up in a polarized environment, increasingly distance themselves from traditional party affiliations.

These students, they gather here today, the Students for Ballot for PA, they advocate for legislative changes embodied in the measure that I have introduced along with my colleague Senator Dan Laughlin from Erie for Senate Bill No. 400, allowing Independents to vote in the primary. Our bipartisan proposal, and a similar one that may soon be voted in the House--this bill may soon be voted in the House--seeks to allow Independents the right to participate in primary elections aligning with the principles of fairness, accountability, and no taxation without representation. Their cause, my cause, and other cause is endorsed by all five living, former governors and a growing coalition of civic, community, and business organizations. As the inheritors of our democratic system, these students call for the repeal of closed primaries, urging the Senate to move these bills forward, and pave the way for a more inclusive and responsive Pennsylvania democracy. Let us welcome these passionate, caring students as they advocate in the gallery, Students for Ballot PA, who embody the hope of a reformed and improved electoral system in our great Commonwealth. Please join me in welcoming them and giving our usual warm Senate welcome.

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

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome the group of young individuals who are seated in the gallery from Students for Ballot PA to the Pennsylvania State Capitol. They are here today as Independent voters who have checked "no affiliation" or "none" on their voter registration form, but still want their voices to be heard. In a bipartisan approach, I, along with Senator Boscola, introduced Senate Bill No. 400 that would allow just that. All registered voters deserve to participate in our primary elections, and I thank them for attending today to help defend democracy. So, I ask my colleagues to join me in giving Students for Ballot PA a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN P. AUMENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest today, Mr. Aaron Ghee. Aaron is eager to get involved politically and gain experience that provides the experiences necessary to connect him with a fulfilling career. Aaron is a sophomore at Elizabethtown College, where he has been on the dean's list for three of his first semesters. He is the secretary of the Elizabethtown College Republican Club. When he is not studying to earn dual degrees in political science and legal studies, he works for NeurAbilities where he helps children with autism by completing paperwork and handling complex situations. Previously, he worked locally at Sheetz, Guitar Center, and Chipotle. Aaron graduated from Manheim Central High School in the

legislative district I represent, in the 36th Senatorial District. Please join me in welcoming my guest, Aaron Ghee, to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR NICHOLAS P. MILLER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MILLER. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize students and professors studying political science at Muhlenberg College. Muhlenberg is an incredible asset to my district, offering a number of different degrees to students from around the globe. Kyle Ropski, a member of my team, is a 2022 graduate from the institution, and I am honored to stand here today to recognize these students and faculty who are passionate about government. Professor Mathews-Schultz is a professor of political science, and Ross Dardani is an assistant professor of political science, and there are about 10 students visiting today. Would my colleagues please join me in welcoming these students and professors to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am proud to introduce my constituent, Cara Sapida, to the Senate as one of Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition's 2023 awardees in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Cara is the mother of two children, an avid kickboxer, and has an impressive career as an author and award-winning journalist for WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh. In 2020, at the height of COVID-19, she was diagnosed with stage II, triple-negative breast cancer. Through this terrifying time, she discovered she is BRCA1 positive, although there are no known cases of breast cancer in her family until now. This genetic testing is so valuable, and I am, once again, reminded of the importance of my bill with Senator Kim Ward and Senator Pennycuik that removes out-of-pocket costs for BRCA screenings and MRIs and ultrasounds for women with high-risk factors. Act 1 was signed into law earlier this year, and now, Cara can rest assured knowing that her children have this important access and information about their own health.

Tomorrow, Cara receives the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition award at their 30th anniversary conference. What an honor to be recognized not only for your strength, but for your outpouring of support and camaraderie to other women who are going through the same diagnosis. Cara uses her journey through her book "Not the Breast Year of My Life" and sharing on-air at WPXI to inspire other women by encouraging them to fight like a mother every day. The Pittsburgh community is extremely proud of you, Cara. Please join me in welcoming 2023 Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition awardee and my constituent, Cara Sapida.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR AMANDA M. CAPPELLETTI PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome three guests to the Senate. The Radnor Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides funding through grants to enrich the educational experience and provide innovative opportunities to the students of the Radnor Township School District. Through our Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, Radnor Education [Educational] Foundation also provides financial assistance, including payments for rent, help with utilities, food, and clothing to families who are experiencing a temporary financial hardship, such as a loss of a job, a large medical expense, a broken car, and the like.

Every year the foundation hosts a silent auction as a way for community members to support their work, and this year, I donated a basket to the auction that included an experience at the Capitol, including a tour of our lovely, beautiful legislative building. The winner of that auction is here today. His name is Lee Conquest, and he brought his two children Xaviar and Athena with him. And I spent my morning talking to them, answering all of their questions about State government and what it is like to be a Senator. Thank you, Mr. Conquest, for supporting the Radnor Education [Educational] Foundation and for bringing your bright and inquisitive young children to the Capitol. I hope they have enjoyed their time here, that they have learned a lot, and I am excited to see where life goes. Please help me in giving all three of them a warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, please join me today in welcoming my esteemed guests who come all the way from the 46th Senatorial District. Hope Carmona and her family are in the gallery, and we are delighted to have her father, Carlos; her mother, Beth; and her brother, Dakota, here with us today. Accompanying them is coach Brian Krenzela, the girls' wrestling coach from Canon-McMillan High School. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to coach K for helping me connect with Hope to ensure that she receives the recognition that she so richly deserves. To say that Hope is truly remarkable is an understatement. She is a role model, both academically and athletically, a strong and committed leader who inspires others. Her contributions to the newly organized high school girls' wrestling team were pivotal in advancing them to the State championship.

However, Hope's successes extend well beyond wrestling. She has also excelled in cross country and track, earning letters in both. Hope's strong work ethic and dedication to ambition and life's purpose have contributed to her success both inside and outside of school. This is clearly evident in the fact that she has made history as the first female in southwestern Pennsylvania to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition to her academic and athletic achievements, Hope has maintained an impressive 4.0 GPA throughout high school and earned a 4-year ROTC scholarship to Robert Morris University, where she is pursuing a major in biomedical education. She was recognized and awarded the National Wrestling Coaches Association and United States Marine Corps scholar for 2022-2023, specifically in the categories of "all American" and "character leadership." She also received the prestigious Kyle Deliere Award for heart and integrity. Her deep desire to help others is very apparent by the over 250 hours she devoted to volunteering at the local veterans organization and the American Red Cross.

Wherever Hope goes--and her name is aptly put--she radiates discipline, determination, and inspiration. Hope, you have made a lasting impression here today in the Senate. We congratulate you on your achievements and recognize your service, your commitment, and your dedication to the community. It is truly an esteemed honor to have Hope, her family, and coach K here with us today. Mr. President and my colleagues, please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to our guests.

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

[Applause.]

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brooks, Senator Baker, Senator Collett, and Senator Yaw have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

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 Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 22 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 282 and **SB 346** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 371 (Pr. No. 314) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L. 1166, No. 274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, providing for Indigent Defense Advisory Committee; and establishing the Indigent Defense Grant Program.

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

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 423 (Pr. No. 410) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in membership, credited service, classes of service, and eligibility for benefits relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for mandatory and optional membership

in the system and participation in the plan; and, in benefits, further providing for termination of annuities.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 842 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 210, SB 365, SB 375, SB 399, SB 563 and SB 577 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 597 (Pr. No. 592) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sustainable mobility options, further providing for definitions, for fund, for application and approval process, for Federal funding, for coordination and consolidation, for operating program, for asset improvement program, for new initiatives program, for programs of Statewide significance and for program oversight and administration, providing for small purchase procedures and repealing provisions relating to evaluation of private investment opportunities.

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

HB 689, SB 721, SB 723, SB 745 and SB 792 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 867 (Pr. No. 1017) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for city classification; making a repeal; and making editorial changes.

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 887 (Pr. No. 1053) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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 945 (Pr. No. 1111) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 16 (Counties) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, consolidating the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code; and making repeals.

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

HB 1354 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

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 meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will be held immediately in the Rules room. For the information of the Members, we expect no further roll call votes. Thank you.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 897 (Pr. No. 1095) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school bus; and imposing penalties.

SB 933 (Pr. No. 1109) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for advisory councils for veterans' homes.

SB 934 (Pr. No. 1079) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in repeals, further providing for general repeal.

SB 941 (Pr. No. 1148) (Rereported)

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, further providing for powers and duties and providing for regulatory flexibility during opioid epidemic.

HB 404 (Pr. No. 1301) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in professional and occupational licenses, further providing for retention of licenses and certifications of persons entering military service.

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

HB 1351 (Pr. No. 2124) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for medical assistance payments for institutional care and providing for emergency transportation services and for case-mix rates for nursing facilities; in Statewide quality care assessment, further providing for

definitions, for implementation, for administration, for restricted account and for expiration; continuing the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority and the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund; and making a repeal.

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

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 1351 (Pr. No. 2124) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for medical assistance payments for institutional care and providing for emergency transportation services and for case-mix rates for nursing facilities; in Statewide quality care assessment, further providing for definitions, for implementation, for administration, for restricted account and for expiration; continuing the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority and the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund; and making a repeal.

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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

10:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on sexually explicit content in schools)	Hearing Room 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (informational meeting regarding updates from Project Canary)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 646, 854 and 882; and House Bills No. 38 and 1160)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider the nomination of Damaris Garcia, Esquire, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County; and Senate Bills No. 55 and 959)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bills No. 735 and 1351)	Rules Committee Conference Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

12:00 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS and GAME AND FISHERIES (joint public hearing to discuss crop damage with the PFB and the PGC)	Hearing Room 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

9:30 A.M. INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS Hearing Room 1
(public hearing on data sharing practices North Office
between PennDOT, Department of State and (LIVE
third parties) STREAMED)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill) in the Chair.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise and ask my Senate colleagues to join me in supporting Senate Resolution No. 183 and recognize this month of October 2023 as National Physical Therapy Month here in Pennsylvania. Madam President, physical therapy and therapists play a huge role in ensuring Pennsylvanians and people across the world can improve their quality of life. Techniques used by these medical health professionals can help reduce pain and discomfort and help improve range of motion, often without surgery or drugs, which is crucial. In addition to relieving present ailments such as arthritis, repetitive stress injuries, posture problems, sports injuries, or back and neck pain, physical therapists can prevent bodily injuries by providing individuals with customized exercise plans. National Physical Therapy Month's theme this year is "Value of PT," which is beyond physical wellness and medical savings, highlights of the emotional rewards and fulfillment felt by undertaking physical therapy. Madam President, it should come to no surprise to the Members of this Chamber that I have had my fair share of experience with physical therapists over the last 2 decades. The passion and drive of these incredible medical professionals have helped keep me going while reducing pain and discomfort. I would also like to recognize that on Saturday, October 21, many of these professionals will be out supporting their communities as part of Global Physical Therapy Day of Service. I ask that my Senate colleagues join me in recognizing the month of October 2023 as National Physical Therapy Month in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,308 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. My home in Philadelphia, Madam President, is often referred to as the City of Brotherly Love, but the city which should be a shining beacon on the hill is sadly plagued by a stark reality. It holds the dubious distinction of being the poorest big city in America. A crisis did not occur by chance, but rather signifies the results of decades of systemic issues and disinvestment in our most vulnerable citizens. Our fellow Pennsylvanians are struggling, living on the fringes of economic disaster, Madam President. The cost of living continues to rise while our Commonwealth's low-wage earners' pay remains the same. But raising the minimum wage in Pennsylvania is not just a policy change, Madam President, it is a lifeline for those trapped in the vicious cycle of poverty. When we increase the minimum wage, we give thousands of hardworking individuals and families the opportunity to afford necessities, a

roof over their heads, food on their table, and access to healthcare. By alleviating these challenges, we can address so many of the hardships that so many of our neighbors face on a daily basis.

But the impact goes beyond individual well-being, Madam President. A higher minimum wage is one of the best catalysts for economic growth. Low-wage earners, when they receive a fair wage, tend to spend more in their communities. This increased spending supports local businesses, creates jobs, and generates economic activity. Raising the minimum wage is not about handouts, Madam President. It is about providing a hand up to those who need, while boosting our Commonwealth's economic strength. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 12, Madam President. We need to extend the proverbial hand to the Pennsylvanians who need it most. Madam President, Senate Bill No. 12 would finally put Pennsylvania's low-wage earners on a path to \$15 an hour and boost the pay of tens of thousands of our lowest earners almost immediately while providing an economic safety net to even more. Our Commonwealth's workers deserve better, Madam President. Our Commonwealth's workers deserve Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator ROBINSON. Madam President, I rise today to recognize and honor the 248th anniversary of the United States Navy, which occurred this past Friday, October 13. As a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, which is a department of the Navy, I am pleased to commemorate this branch and its sailors responsible for serving on, above, and below the water throughout the world. The central theme of this year's celebration is "248 Years of Power, Presence, and Protection," which highlights the Navy's longstanding commitment to being forward deployed, highly trained, and dedicated to defending American interests at sea.

Beginning with its establishment in Philadelphia in 1775 and continuing to its current modern fleet, the Navy has been on the forefront of defending America. The United States Navy has been the shield of the Republic for nearly two and a half centuries and is a significant element of Pennsylvania's history as they work tirelessly to defend our freedom, preserve economic prosperity, and keep the seas open and free. Please join me in honoring the sailors who have served, and are currently serving, in our distinguished U.S. Navy, and let us wish them a very happy birthday.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Cappelletti.

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Madam President, today I rise to bring awareness to something that is deeply personal to me, Senate Resolution No. 189, recognizing October as Pregnancy and Infancy [Infant] Loss Awareness Month here in Pennsylvania. The road to parenthood is a deeply personal one, not often linear and full of heavy emotions. Since my husband and I began our journey to start a family, we have been very open and honest about our struggles that we have faced, about the fact that we have joined a club that no one wants to be a part of. But in doing so, we have discovered there are more of us than we ever knew. People all across the Commonwealth have connected with me, not only to remind me, but themselves, that we are not alone.

Many of us have this experience, and almost as many went on to start a family, including myself.

According to the Centers for Disease Control [and Prevention], more than a million pregnancies end in miscarriage or still-birth every year. And 1 in 4 women will experience a miscarriage in their lifetime. So based on these statistics, this experience is not uncommon, and you more than likely know someone who has experienced the loss of a pregnancy. Despite October being proclaimed Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in 1988, the conversation surrounding pregnancy and infant loss has remained in the shadows. Those of us who experience pregnancy or infant loss may find it difficult to talk about and have trouble navigating the grief.

As a State Senator, I had and have the flexibility to take time away from my work when I need to. But most of my constituents and citizens all across this Commonwealth do not have that luxury. Because of my own experiences, and with others in mind, I introduced the paid leave for pregnancy loss bill. Through this legislation, individuals would be provided 3 days of paid leave if they suffer a pregnancy loss. By providing 3 days of paid leave, we acknowledge the emotional and physical pain and trauma of losing a pregnancy. We give individuals and families at least a little time and space to grieve. There is no linear way to mourn the loss of a pregnancy or an infant, but we can modernize our laws to aid individuals and families in their grieving process. It was about this time 2 years ago, shortly after my second miscarriage, that I first spoke in recognition of Pregnancy and Infancy [Infant] Loss Awareness Month, and the genuine support offered by my colleagues from both sides of the aisle meant the world to me, and it still does. I hope that you all will join me in offering that same genuine support to people struggling to grow their families or start their own families all across this Commonwealth and recognize October as Pregnancy and Infancy [Infant] Loss Awareness Month.

Thank you, Madam President.

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 16, 2023

Senators ROBINSON, BAKER and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 959**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for authority to control.

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

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the presence of the Senate:

SB 141, SB 621 and HB 804.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, October 17, 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 4:47 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.