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**SENATE**

MONDAY, October 23, 2023

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend RICK YOUNGDAHL, of I-80 Trucker/Traveler Ministry, Brookville, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Dear Lord God, we come here today in this place to ask Your blessing upon each person here in the Senate Chamber. Father, we ask that You give each Senator Your wisdom as they do the work of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania this day. Dear Lord, give the Members of the Senate Your love and understanding so that they can and will work well with each other to pass the bills and the legislation here before them this day. Father, we thank You for all Your many blessings You have bestowed upon this State and country we proudly call home. May each one give You, O God, thanks for allowing them the privilege of serving their constituents. I ask, Father, that You would make all of us doers of Your word and not just hearers. So now we ask Your will be done in this place today, in Christ's name. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Chaplain Youngdahl, who is the guest today of Senator Dush.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

October 19, 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 June 22, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, 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 Darryl Hamm, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

October 19, 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 June 22, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve for a term of four years [sic], and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ellyn Jo Waller, Ardmore, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION  
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,  
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

October 19, 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 June 22, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, 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 Francis Stanton, Richboro, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

October 19, 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 June 22, 2023, of 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 Psychology, 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 Vito Don Giovanni, Indiana, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

October 19, 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 June 22, 2023, of 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 Torrance State Hospital, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan Bortz, Derry, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

October 19, 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 June 22, 2023, of 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 Veterinary 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 Andrew Nebzdoski, Honesdale, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

[MEMBER OF THE ]STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

October 19, 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 State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until June 15, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Burr Edsall, Camp Hill, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

[MEMBER OF THE] ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

October 19, 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, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michelle Coleman, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

SHERIFF, CAMERON COUNTY

October 19, 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 Sheriff, in and for the County of Cameron, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice Alan Neyman, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO  
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

October 23, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated October 19, 2023, for the recall of the nomination dated June 22, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ellyn Jo Waller, Ardmore, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination dated June 22, 2023, and corrected on June 23, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ellyn Jo Waller, Ardmore, whose term expired.

**HOUSE MESSAGES**

**SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 224**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bill 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 746**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

**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 19, 2023

Senator BROWN presented to the Chair **SB 964**, entitled:  
An Act designating the roundabout on Pleasant Valley Route 209 near Pleasant Valley High School in Monroe County as the Schyler Herman Memorial Roundabout.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, October 19, 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:

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- HB 251 and 1479** -- Committee on State Government.
- HB 327, 636, 1378, 1465, 1490 and 1658** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
- HB 754** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 1278** -- Committee on Judiciary.

**HB 1522** -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.

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**HB 1449** -- Committee on State Government.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Mastriano, and legislative leaves for Senator Vogel, Senator Brown, Senator Robinson, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Gebhard.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Cappelletti, Senator Comitta, Senator Muth, and Senator Santarsiero.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Mastriano, and legislative leaves for Senator Vogel, Senator Brown, Senator Robinson, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Gebhard.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Cappelletti, Senator Comitta, Senator Muth, and Senator Santarsiero.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal of the Session of June 29, 2023, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 29, 2023.

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

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Journal is approved.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

### GUESTS OF SENATOR CRIS DUSH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, as part of its mission statement to share this good news through words and deeds, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches reaches out to our neighbors who travel the interstate highways of Pennsylvania to include those who deliver the food we eat and the products we consume. Through the service of a chaplain, each Truck and Traveler Ministry offers what is appropriate to each situation: a listening ear, emergency assistance, and the good news of Jesus Christ. Today, it is my privilege to welcome another one of God's anointed messengers to the Pennsylvania Senate. Serving my Senate district, the Chaplain of the I-80 Trucker and Traveler Ministry between Exit 60 to 102 is today's guest Chaplain, Rick Youngdahl. After retiring from 48 years as a truck mechanic in January 2014, Rick immediately answered this unique full-time call to traveling ministry. All totaled, there are five travel centers located and affiliated on the I-80 Trucker and Traveler Ministry where Chaplain Rick ministers to truckers, travelers, travel center management and employees, and many other transient folks.

And I would like to, at this point, give an example: a young couple named Tyrone and Tracy that I had the fortune of coming on as their car broke down after they had gotten off of Interstate 80. They were traveling home from New York City to their community in the center of Detroit, and they had not seen anything but woods for a very long time. I pulled up--and at the time, I was working for the Department of Corrections--had a full-face beard and NRA sticker on the back of the car. They were a little concerned. I took Tyrone down to my home, but when I came back, poor Tracy was sitting huddled with her five children in the back. The wheel had literally fallen off the car. She had makeup running down her face. She was so terrified. But Chaplain Bob Bickerstaff, who was Chaplain Rick's predecessor, he and the ministerium--the churches around the area--they got that car fixed. They put them up for a couple of days while they were waiting for the vehicle to be repaired, and although they only had money to pay for the gas to get them the rest of the way there, they were put up in the hotel, they were fed--all five kids. It was a real blessing.

Chaplain Rick and his wife, Dorothy, have been married for 48 years and are longtime members of our local Christian Motorcyclists Association since 2002. With two married sons and one granddaughter, they have also been heavily involved in various youth ministries for over 40 years. Accompanying Rick today is his granddaughter, Rachel. And please, I ask you to please join me in a warm Senate welcome for Chaplain Rick and Rachel. Safe travel and Godspeed as he departs on another soul-winning spiritual journey along the I-80 corridor.

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

[Applause.]

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Robinson has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

### RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, both to be held immediately in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, 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 (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the Chair.**

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes and Senator Cappelletti have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

### 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.

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.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Kim Ward has returned, and her legislative leave is cancelled.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Martin and Senator Robinson.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Martin and Senator Robinson. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

**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 REREFERRED**

**HB 38 (Pr. No. 27)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for applications for hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses and for application for distributors', importing distributors' and retail dispensers' licenses.

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator ARGALL. Madam President, we have all seen the untold horrors of what is happening every day in Ukraine. Since Russia's invasion into that nation, hundreds of thousands have been killed, including over 100,000 Ukrainian citizens. Women and children have been subjected to torture and rape, while captured Ukrainian prisoners of war have been tortured and mutilated. This legislation will ensure that no Pennsylvania State

contract, grant, or tax credit can be awarded to any company that does business with Russia, just as we currently block State business with Iran. According to the United States Census Bureau, because of immigration decisions made more than 100 years ago and the urgent need for coal miners in places like Minersville, Frackville, and Shenandoah, I represent the largest concentration of Ukrainian Americans in the nation. Many of you voted for similar legislation last Session. I am hopeful that you will once again support this legislation so that it can be sent to the House and then to the Governor for his signature.

And the question recurring,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

**YEA-50**

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

**NAY-0**

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

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 346, HB 735, SB 842, SB 882 and HB 1160** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED**

**SB 7 (Pr. No. 1174)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for parental control relating to instructional materials and books containing sexually explicit content.

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 55, 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 REREFERRED

SB 646 (Pr. No. 682) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in benefits, providing for supplemental annuities for certain State Police officers commencing 2023.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill 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.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 854 (Pr. No. 1010) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1988 (P.L.1192, No.147), known as the Special Ad Hoc Municipal Police and Firefighter Postretirement Adjustment Act, providing for 2024 special ad hoc municipal police and firefighter postretirement adjustment; in financing of special ad hoc adjustment, further providing for reimbursement by Commonwealth for 2002 special ad hoc adjustment; and, in administrative provisions, further providing for municipal retirement system certification of adjustments paid and of reimbursable amounts and for municipal receipt of reimbursement payment.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 197, ADOPTED

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, House Concurrent Resolution No. 197, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on June 12, 2023, and extended in whole by the General Assembly until November 1, 2023, in response to the collapse of the northbound bridge and severe compromise of the southbound bridge on Interstate 95 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the resolution?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in House Concurrent Resolution No. 197.

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

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

Senator DILLON. Madam President, I rise to speak on behalf of House Concurrent Resolution No. 197, sponsored by Representative Pat Gallagher. This resolution provides a much-needed extension to the emergency declaration originally issued on June 11 in response to the collapse of I-95 in my district. The Senate and House successfully passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 168 [136] sponsored by myself and my colleague from across the aisle from Bucks County back in June. This resolution is now set to expire on November 1, 2023. Recent updates confirm that repairs are progressing ahead of schedule. PennDOT has estimated that over 90 percent of bridge repair costs will be covered by emergency Federal resources. This extension will continue to provide access to those resources, access to other Federal funds, and continue to accelerate the repair timeline. Passing this resolution will ensure that we do not let this deadline lapse and that the work will continue into March of 2024. This is essential that this resolution passes, Madam President. I-95 is a critical road that will transport millions of fans who will come to Philadelphia to celebrate the Phillies World Series in the next few weeks. I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

A majority of 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.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator ROTHMAN, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

**HB 295 (Pr. No. 251)**

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in soil and plant amendment, further providing for registration, for inspection fees, for tonnage reports and for disposition of funds.

**HB 1170 (Pr. No. 1235)**

An Act amending the act of April 28, 1937 (P.L.417, No.105), known as the Milk Marketing Law, further providing for title of act; in purpose, short title and definitions, further providing for definitions and construction; in organization of the board, further providing for appointment and terms of members and quorum; in licenses of milk dealers, further providing for grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation; in moneys and expenses of board, further providing for expenses and for payment; and, in saving provisions, repealing provisions relating to Joint Study Committee.

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

**SB 353 (Pr. No. 283) (Rereported)**

An Act providing for display of the Preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania in each school building.

**SB 456 (Pr. No. 436) (Rereported)**

An Act providing for display of the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States in each school building.

**HB 156 (Pr. No. 1029) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fertilizer, further providing for definitions and for application of fertilizer to turf.

**HB 157 (Pr. No. 1030) (Rereported)**

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark, further providing for definitions, for Pennsylvania Preferred® trademark, for licensee qualification, for duties and authority of department, for trademark license agreement, application and licensure process, for costs, for Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark Licensing Fund, for injunctive relief, for rules and regulations and for purpose, repealing provisions relating to definitions and further providing for qualified veterans and qualified veteran business entities.

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

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

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

**SB 694 (Pr. No. 1114) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fireworks, further providing for definitions, for sales locations and for Attorney General.

**SB 851 (Pr. No. 1158) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights; imposing a penalty; and making an editorial change.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

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

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

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 694 (Pr. No. 1114)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fireworks, further providing for definitions, for sales locations and for Attorney General.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 694?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 694.

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-45**

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

**NAY-5**

Brooks	DiSanto	Dush	Hutchinson
Coleman			

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.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 851 (Pr. No. 1158) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights; imposing a penalty; and making an editorial change.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 851?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman. Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 851.

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-50

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

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 156 (Pr. No. 1029) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fertilizer, further providing for definitions and for application of fertilizer to turf.

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-50

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

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

HB 157 (Pr. No. 1030) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark, further providing for definitions, for Pennsylvania Preferred® trademark, for licensee qualification, for duties and authority of department, for trademark license agreement, application and licensure process, for costs, for Pennsylvania Preferred® Trademark Licensing Fund, for injunctive relief, for rules and regulations and for purpose, repealing provisions relating to definitions and further providing for qualified veterans and qualified veteran business entities.

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-46

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

NAY-4

Table with 4 columns of names: Coleman, DiSanto, Hutchinson, Ward, Judy



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 without amendments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.  
The bills were as follows:

**HB 295 and HB 1170.**

And said bills having been considered for the first time,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 927; and House Bills No. 1231 and 1232)	Room 8E-A East Wing
	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 943; and to consider the nomination of Wendy S. Spicher as Secretary of Banking and Securities)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bill No. 265; and House Bill No. 1246)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 668, 736 and 828; and House Bill No. 507)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 501; and House Bill No. 269)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 958 and 964; and House Bill No. 1284)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 700 and 907; and House Bills No. 1258 and 1507)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 7, 340, 438, 689, 690 and 959; and House Bills No. 295 and 1170)	Rules Committee Conference Room

Off the Floor LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider House Bill No. 1096) Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

9:30 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (public hearing on data sharing practices between PennDOT, Department of State and third parties)	Hearing Room 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 142, 403 and 910)	Room 461 Main Capitol

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (joint public hearing with the Ohio Public Utilities Committee on Inter-State Relationships within PJM Grid)	William Penn Omni Hotel Lawrence Welk Room Pittsburgh
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**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Madam President, I rise today to draw attention to an issue near and dear to my heart and one that I have spoken on nearly every month while we have been in Session during my term. Today, I am advocating for a holistic approach to preventing gun violence. Yes, I do want to see this Chamber pass comprehensive, commonsense gun violence prevention legislation, but I am also realistic about the fact that the Majority party does not share this priority. I might be ready to vote for safe storage laws, universal background checks, 72-hour waiting periods, and so many other proven policies that prevent gun violence, as these are the priorities of mine and so many of my constituents and many Pennsylvanians. However, in the absence of movement on those proven policies, I think we might be able to find common ground on other solutions.

Today, I would like to focus my remarks on exploring two keys to aid community safety: clean, healthy communities and strong public schools. First, clean and healthy communities are a key to safe communities. In Philadelphia, researchers found that structural repairs to homes of low-income owners in majority Black neighborhoods were associated with a 21.9 percent reduction in total crime. Another study in Philadelphia found that efforts to transform and clean vacant lots in high-poverty neighborhoods led to a 29 percent reduction in violent crime. However, gun violence and violent crimes are not just a Philadelphia problem. It is a Commonwealth-wide problem, and we can take the lessons that they learn from this research and apply them all across Pennsylvania. Evidence also finds that other improvements to the public realm, such as urban greening and tree canopy programs in urban neighborhoods, reduce violent crime, particularly adolescent gun violence. But creating safe and healthy communities takes more than just ensuring that our outdoor spaces are well kept and cared for. We also need to ensure that our communities have the strong public schools they deserve with the resources they need to provide a quality education to our students.

This year, we saw how different approaches to school funding derailed our entire budget process. And I am glad that the bipartisan Basic Education Funding Commission is collecting testimony on what the path forward should look like when it comes

to Pennsylvania's school funding in the wake of the court ruling that addressed how we are currently funded unconstitutionally. I am hopeful that the commission comes away with actionable recommendations that we can focus on and consider and implement those suggestions. It is long past the time that we take bold action when it comes to bolstering Pennsylvania's public schools. I hope that we can all consider strong, quality public schools a top priority and agree that the positive ripple effects of those investments will benefit all of our communities, including to help ensure their safety. When we invest in our communities and the health and well-being of those we represent, Pennsylvania has a much brighter and peaceful future.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise today and ask my Senate colleagues to join me in supporting Senate Resolution No. 184, which recognizes October 2023 as National Sensory Processing [Disorder] Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Sensory processing refers to the way the nervous system receives messages from the senses and turns them into appropriate motor and behavioral responses. Sensory processing disorder exists when sensory signals are either not detected or organized into appropriate responses. Although it affects as many as 1 in 20 Americans, many might not be familiar with SPD. In fact, 1 in 6 children struggle daily with sensory processing challenges, and due to low awareness on the subject, it is often difficult for parents to articulate and explain their child's specific needs. Therefore, throughout the month, parents, educators, therapists, and caregivers spread awareness of sensory processing disorders and how they affect many children and adults every day.

The Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation, which is celebrating its 34th anniversary this year, works to educate and raise awareness of processing disorder. Treatment for SPD often involves customized therapy based on specific needs of individuals, and as we take time today to recognize October as National Sensory Processing Awareness Month, I encourage all parents, caregivers, and educators to be aware of the warning signs of SPD and to consult a physician if symptoms persist. Warning signs can be physical signs such as clumsiness, or emotional, such as anxiety and depression. In children, SPD may manifest its behavioral problems: poor performance at school, an extremely high or low tolerance for pain, or difficulty engaging in conversation or play. I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting October as National Sensory Processing [Disorder] Awareness Month throughout Pennsylvania and continue to help bring attention to sensory processing disorders.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,315 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. This inaction, Madam President, stands in stark contrast to the actions being taken by States around our nation, as we see States across all corners of America take proactive steps to raise their minimum wage and provide economic relief to the workers experiencing some of the greatest need. But while States around the nation are taking this

needed action, Pennsylvania continues once again to lag behind. With no increase for a staggering 17 years, the economic discrepancy felt by workers in Pennsylvania is not just a matter of its numbers. It is a matter of social equity and economic justice.

Madam President, let us take a moment to consider the recent developments coming out of Oregon and Washington, where their minimum wages are steadily increasing to keep pace with the rising cost of living. Workers in these States are gradually moving towards more livable wages, providing them financial security and a better standard of living. Madam President, these minimum wage raises are a testament to their commitment to ensuring that their workers are not left behind in the face of inflation and economic challenges. Yet, here in Pennsylvania, Madam President, we find ourselves in a starkly different situation. Our minimum wage has remained stagnant for almost two decades, and this stagnation has led to a growing wage gap. This means that full-time workers in Pennsylvania are earning significantly less than their counterparts in other States. It is simply unjust to expect someone to make ends meet on a wage that has lost its purchasing power over time and devalues their work year after year. The consequences of this disparity are far-reaching, Madam President. Our hardworking citizens are struggling to provide for their families, find affordable housing, and access to quality healthcare. It is high time we recognize that our people deserve better. A fair and competitive minimum wage is not only economically sound, but it is one of the truest moral imperatives.

Thank you, Madam President.

### BILLS SIGNED

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

**SB 694, SB 851, HB 156 and HB 157.**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the following bill was signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the presence of the Senate:

**SB 746.**

### RESOLUTION SIGNED

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

**HCR 197.**

### RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, October 24, 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 4:17 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.