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SENATE

MONDAY, November 13, 2023

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JACK LUCAS, of Hilltop Baptist Church, Indiana, and the Pennsylvania State Police Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

If you would join me in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for loving us. We thank You for providing us a Savior in Jesus Christ. But Father, we come before You with humble hearts, and while we are in Your presence, we are joined with the Rougeau family, and we show honor and respect for a Pennsylvania Trooper, Jay Rougeau, who has made the ultimate sacrifice for his life in the protection of the Commonwealth. But Father, we come to You today, we provide, Lord, that You look over our military, our law enforcement, our first responders, is that You put Your hedge of protection around them.

Father, I just pray for the guidance of wisdom for the Members of this Senate, and we acknowledge the responsibility that rests upon their shoulders as they make decisions that impact the lives of many. I pray, Lord, that You grant them the discernment and understanding in the complexities of the issues that they face with the courage and decisions that are just and fair. May they prioritize the well-being of the people who they serve, seeking a common good. Father, we pray for the humility in our hearts and recognize the limitations as we need Your guidance. Strengthen our commitments to You with justice and equality, and for the principalities that uphold the dignity of every individual. Lord, we just pray for this Senate and ask for Your grace upon them that they may be the instruments of peace and justice with prosperity throughout our Commonwealth. We pray this in Your holy most precious Name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Lucas, who is the guest today of Senator Pittman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
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 ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

November 2, 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 19, 2023, of 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

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 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 July 26, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2023 [sic], and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitchell Yanyanin, New Brighton, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 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 July

26, 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 Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jonathan Peri, Glen Mills, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

November 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 August 11, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Thyreen, Waynesburg, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 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 July 26, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles Black, Williamsport, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
OF PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 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 September 5, 2023, and corrected on September 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 Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until September 21, 2028, and until

the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen DeFrank, Harrisburg, 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:

MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

November 2, 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, Paul J. Bruder, Jr., Esquire, 72 Westerly Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth 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 Thomas Renwand, Pittsburgh, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

November 2, 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, Mary Anne Wesdock, Esquire, 111 Eastern Avenue, #3, Pittsburgh 15215, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth 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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PARDONS

November 2, 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, Harris Gubernick, 1064 Jefferson Court, Warrington 18976, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Pardons, to serve until November 30, 2029.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 6, 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, Carol Aichele, 2424 Dickson Lane, Malvern 19355, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jonathan Peri, Glen Mills, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 6, 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, Donald Alexander, 107 Carriage Hill Road, Glenshaw 15116, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stacey Marten, Lancaster, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 6, 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, Lisa Kennedy, 739 Linden Avenue, York 17404, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitchell Yanyanin, New Brighton, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 6, 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 Killion, 3 Laura Lynn Lane, Glen Mills 19342, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 6, 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, Helena Liddle, 405 Woodland Avenue, Oakmont 15139, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jodi Schwartz, Warrington, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF EAST
STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Elizabeth O'Brien, 207 School Side Drive, Throop 18512, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Bruno Klaus, Stroudsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF EAST
STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, John Pekarovsky III, 416 Elm Avenue, Apt. 102, Kingston 18704, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

November 6, 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, Daniel Gilman, 1501 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the

Pennsylvanian Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Thyreen, Waynesburg, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Laurie Kuzneski, 126 Valley Road, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, David Osikowicz, 901 East Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney 15767, Jefferson County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Nathan Spade, 1060 Elliott Lane, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Sandy Green, 230 South Baldy Street, Kutztown 19530, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles Blocksidge, McKees Rocks, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Robert Grim, 130 North Kemp Road, Kutztown 19530, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Kevin Harden, Jr., 6436 Emlen Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Dianne Lutz, 6463 Penn Avenue, Wernersville 19565, Berks County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, John Wabby, 50 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Pottsville 17901, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Robert L. Archie, Jr., 400 West Hortter Street, Apt. 603, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until August 31, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Kevin Vaughan, 1621 Pine Street, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until August 31, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Jordan Harris, 1353 South 31st Street, Philadelphia 19146, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Millersville University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael Warfel, 19 Marina Drive, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Millersville University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 6, 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 Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until October 26, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George Wolters, West Chester, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

November 6, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve until November 16, 2024, and until the successor is

appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William Swallow, Lewiston, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

November 6, 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, David M. Davis, 1001 South 17th Street, Unit 302, Philadelphia 19146, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stanley Rapp, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

November 6, 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, Daniel J. Delligatti, 618 Forest Drive, Grove City 16127, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OF THE
COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Curtis Aiken, 1418 Scarlett Ridge Drive, Pittsburgh 15237, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jake Wheatley, Jr., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Andrew Alosi, 4 McCulloch Road, Shippensburg 17257, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles Black, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Ashley Loper, 901 Maplewood Lane, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice L. Michael Ross, Chambersburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Angele Stuebener, 217 Chinkapin Drive, Natrona Heights 15065, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Suzanne Vessella, Ellwood City, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Joshua Young, 809 Barley Sheaf Road, Coatesville 19320, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Patrick J. Eiding, 382 Shady Brook Drive, Langhorne 19047, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Kenneth Scott, 132 East Providence Road, Lansdowne 19050, Delaware County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Street, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

November 6, 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, Barry Schlouch, 60 Laub Lane, Mohnton 19540, Berks County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Curt Topper, Lititz, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

November 6, 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, Todd Shertzer, 300 Black Oak Drive, Lancaster 17602, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Maryann Marotta, Lancaster, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

November 6, 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, Marshall Snively, 1 West New Street, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald Cargas, Lancaster, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Carolyn Comitta, 115 South Brandywine Street, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of

Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen Kinsey, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Barry Dozor, 45 Cassin Hill Road, Garnet Valley 19060, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for re-appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
OF PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 6, 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, Mohamed Yamba, 105 Urick Lane, Monroeville 15146, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until September 21, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen DeFrank, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

CORRECTION TO NOMINATION 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:

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 8, 2023

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

Please note that the letter dated November 6, 2023, for the recall of the nomination dated July 26, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2023, and until the successor is appointed

and qualified, vice Mitchell Yanyanin, New Brighton, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall my nomination dated July 26, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitchell Yanyanin, New Brighton, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

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:

November 2, 2023

Senators AUMENT, FLYNN, BROWN, BROOKS and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 970**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, prohibiting speculative ticketing acts or practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, November 2, 2023.

November 6, 2023

Senators CULVER, BROWN, SCHWANK, VOGEL and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 979**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in domestic animals, providing for posted notice with information on dangerous transmissible diseases.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, November 6, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA, STREET, FONTANA, KANE, DILLON, COMITTA, TARTAGLIONE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 981**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Prison Industry Enhancement Authority; and, in safe community reentry, further providing for Safe Community Reentry Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 6, 2023.

November 9, 2023

Senators LANGERHOLC, VOGEL, DUSH and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 963**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited wineries.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, November 9, 2023.

Senators CULVER, LAUGHLIN, COLLETT, DILLON, CAPPELLETTI, J. WARD, PHILLIPS-HILL, COMITTA, SCHWANK and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 965**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, November 9, 2023.

Senators L. WILLIAMS, BREWSTER, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 976**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to boats and boating, further providing for boating education.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, November 9, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA, FARRY, PHILLIPS-HILL, LAUGHLIN, COSTA and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 980**, 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 false statements, investigations and penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, November 9, 2023.

Senators MASTRIANO, ROTHMAN, LANGERHOLC and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 983**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for classes of offenses; in authorized disposition of offenders, providing for sentence for trafficking in minors to sexual servitude; in human trafficking, further providing for trafficking in individuals; and, in sentencing authority, providing for sentencing procedure for trafficking in minors to sexual servitude.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 9, 2023.

Senators PENNYCUICK, MUTH, HUGHES, COLLETT, BAKER, COSTA, DUSH and AUMENT presented to the Chair **SB 985**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the Pennsylvania National Guard employer tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, November 9, 2023.

November 13, 2023

Senators FARRY, TARTAGLIONE, LANGERHOLC, KANE, BREWSTER, COSTA, PENNYCUICK, ARGALL, HAYWOOD, MILLER, DILLON, ROBINSON and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 977**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, providing for the offense of interference with operation or movement of a public transit vehicle.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 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:

November 6, 2023

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA and DILLON presented to the Chair **SR 202**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Esports Association as the official Scholastic Esports State Championship of the Commonwealth; and designating the month of October 2023 as "Scholastic Esports Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 6, 2023.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, KANE, MARTIN, HUTCHINSON and BROWN presented to the Chair **SR 203**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2023 as "Vertebral Subluxation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 6, 2023.

November 9, 2023

Senators CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, FONTANA, KEARNEY, COMITTA, COSTA and STREET presented to the Chair **SR 188**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 14, 2023, as "Period Action Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 9, 2023.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, MARTIN, HUGHES, COMITTA, STREET, KEARNEY, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, COLLETT and CULVER presented to the Chair **SR 189**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2023 as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 9, 2023.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, HUGHES, ROTHMAN, COMITTA, STREET, KEARNEY, FONTANA, COSTA and CULVER presented to the Chair **SR 190**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 9, 2023.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, HUGHES, COMITTA, CULVER, BREWSTER, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI,

SCHWANK and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SR 194**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the effect of workforce shortages on State supported Medicaid home and community-based services waiver programs, Pennsylvania Lottery funded area agency on aging programs and Act 150 services in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, November 9, 2023.

Senators COLEMAN, TARTAGLIONE, ARGALL, LANGERHOLC, MASTRIANO, DUSH and CULVER presented to the Chair **SR 196**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to conduct a thorough and comprehensive study on the effects that post-traumatic stress disorder or injury, military sexual trauma and traumatic brain injury have on service members, veterans and their families who are directly or indirectly involved or implicated in any portion or component of the criminal justice system.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 9, 2023.

Senators HAYWOOD, SAVAL, SCHWANK, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, L. WILLIAMS, COMITTA and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 197**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate deescalation and promote a just and lasting peace and promptly send and facilitate continuous humanitarian assistance into Gaza.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, November 9, 2023.

Senator STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 200**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the day before Thanksgiving, the Sunday after Christmas and New Year's Day, at 6 p.m., as a time to ring bells throughout this Commonwealth for five minutes as a sign of thanks, praise and unity.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 9, 2023.

Senators COLLETT, HAYWOOD, PENNYCUICK, CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, KANE, COSTA, ARGALL, HUTCHINSON, STREET and DILLON presented to the Chair **SR 204**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2023 as "Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Remembrance Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, November 9, 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:

November 9, 2023

HB 1024 and **1027** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1025 -- Committee on Education.

HB 1527 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

HB 1619 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

QUARTERLY STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
State Ethics Commission
Finance Building
613 North Street, Room 309
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400

TO: Director or Administrator

FROM: Mary Fox, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

DATE: October 26, 2023

RE: Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law, the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

Commission Opinions - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are catalogued by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2023 will begin with the number 23-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

Advice of Counsel - The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

Orders - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was Order No. 1. All orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein.

Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936. For your information, all Commission rulings are available on-line at www.ethics.pa.gov.

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

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT 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

November 6, 2023

To The Governor, The Attorney General, and Members of the General Assembly:

I am pleased to report that the Annual Report of the Office of Consumer Advocate, prepared pursuant to the statutory requirements governing our office, 71 Pa. Stat. Ann. §309-7, is now available. This report discusses the major activities of the OCA during Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The report is posted on the OCA's website at www.oca.pa.gov. For your convenience, an electronic copy is also attached to this letter. Hard copies will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions concerning this report or the operations of the OCA, please contact me. Also, please do not hesitate to contact our office in the future if you or any of your constituents need assistance with any utility problems or complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK M. CICERO
Consumer Advocate

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 979 (Pr. No. 1206)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in domestic animals, providing for posted notice with information on dangerous transmissible diseases.

HB 1540 (Pr. No. 2278) (Amended)

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, further providing for Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence.

HB 1661 (Pr. No. 2091)

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 definitions and for prohibited acts and penalties; and providing for secure storage of xylazine.

Senator COLEMAN, from the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations, reported the following bill:

SB 259 (Pr. No. 1225) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for regulatory review and for regulatory reduction pilot program; and making an editorial change.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator COLEMAN, from the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations, reported the following resolution:

SR 169 (Pr. No. 1153)

A Resolution requesting that the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee conduct a program evaluation to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of workforce development programs administered by various Commonwealth agencies.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker and Senator Dush, and legislative leaves for Senator Rothman, Senator Pennycuick, Senator Brooks, and Senator DiSanto.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Baker and Senator Dush, and legislative leaves for Senator Rothman, Senator Pennycuick, Senator Brooks, and Senator DiSanto.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Muth, and a legislative leave for Senator Santarsiero.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, November 13, 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, December 11, 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 the week of Monday, December 11, 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-50

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

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR JOE PITTMAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today our guest pastor, Pastor Jack Lucas, and welcome him back to the Senate as our Chaplain. Pastor Lucas is the senior pastor of Hilltop Baptist Church in Indiana County. Pastor Lucas also works in chaplain ministry, supporting law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS through his work with the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Indiana County Sheriff's Department, and Station 290 Coal Run/McIntyre Fire Department. I am grateful that Pastor Lucas is here with us today as we come together as a Senate body to adopt the condolence resolution celebrating the life and honoring the memory of Trooper Jay Rougeau, who gave his life in the line of duty on June 17, 2023. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to please give Pastor Lucas our usual Senate warm welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Pittman please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.
[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I welcome to the Senate the State and regional champions, West Shore Marching Band. Composed of students from both my alma

mater, Cedar Cliff High School, and Red Land High School, this group of young men and women have made the West Shore School District and local community very proud recently in the USBands marching band circuit. First, they took the State championship in their group and won awards for best music, best visual, best color guard, and best percussion. Then they brought home the USBands Mid Atlantic Regional Championship and won every single category of special awards. Finally, Mr. President, this group of outstanding musicians earned second place at the national championships held in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Of course, these competitions are the culmination of a lot of hours spent formulating and practicing their winning performance on top of elevating the excitement at weekly Cedar Cliff and Red Land football games. And, Mr. President, I have been at two of those this year, and they are very exciting, and it was great to see them showcase their talents. I want to commend these students and their dedicated advisors, as well as the West Shore Music Boosters on their commitment to excellence and congratulate them on their success. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to please give a warm welcome to the West Shore Marching Band.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

**GUEST 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 welcome Latifah Mejia, who is currently working in our Allentown office as an intern. Latifah was born and raised in the Dominican Republic and moved to the United States for college. Latifah is currently a student at Cedar Crest College, studying political science, criminal justice, and pre-law as she plans to attend law school. She also has a certification in electrical engineering, and Latifah is a great asset for our office, helping with research and assisting our constituents. Would my colleagues please join me in welcoming Latifah to the Pennsylvania Senate.

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

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a family visiting the Capitol from my district, Kaitlyn Hildebrand; Aaron Leyo; and children, Kenley and Rowan. Hailing from northern Cambria County, Kaitlyn is my cousin, and she works at Liberty Mutual. Aaron is currently serving as an Ebsburg Borough police officer, as well as a Cambria County sheriff's deputy. Kenley is in seventh grade at Penn Cambria School District and is looking forward to playing softball this spring, and as I always tell her, she better get all A's and B's and better be on the honor roll. Rowan is currently in Pre-K and is enjoying his visit to the Capitol at this young age. And again, Mr.

President, I would like to introduce a special family and ask for our traditional warm Senate welcome.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, in the gallery today is Selma Konrad, a college student from Germany who is now studying at Moravian College in Bethlehem in addition to her prior studies in economics and international studies at the University of Erfurt. Senator Boscola and I would ask that our colleagues join us in wishing Selma a *herzlichen willkommen* (*Translated from German: warm welcome*) to the Pennsylvania State Senate. Hopefully, Selma, I did not mangle the adjective ending there. Please join us in welcoming Selma to the Capitol today.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAROLYN T. COMITTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today as the State Senator for the 19th Senatorial District, proudly representing Lincoln University. Lincoln University is the nation's first degree-granting Historically Black College and University and one that continues to serve more than 1,800 graduate and undergraduate students. As a State-related university, Lincoln's budget appropriation, representing approximately 20 percent of its operating budget, has been held up since the summer. In response, over the weekend, a group of students--Lincoln University students--marched 66 miles from their campus to this State Capitol to urge the legislature to pass the funding. I was able to join them on Friday to kick off the march, and I am so proud to welcome them to the Senate Chamber today. Let us all take a good look at these young leaders seated in the gallery. They are democracy in action; they are advocacies in action; and they are the future.

Please join me and welcome them as I introduce each of them to you: lead organizer, Drake Smith--as I say your name, please stand up and then we will have applause at the very, very end of my welcome--co-organizer, MaKenzie Hanks; co-organizer Jayson Davis; Isaiah Johnson; Adam Green; Prince Nkanu; Kaliyah Greene; Jalen Marshall; London Banks; Tahjanae Gray; Zechariah Stephens; Geslande Sanne; Khari Black; and Ezenwa Onu. And joining--these are the amazing students who marched 66 miles from Lincoln University and arrived in Harrisburg to be with us today--joining the students is Chester County Prothonotary, Debbie Bookman; and Lincoln University advocates, including Cristian Luna; Sherry Washington, who is the State education chair from the NAACP; and Dr. Carmen Lesesne.

Now, legislation has come over from the House releasing funding for Lincoln University and the three other State-related universities. I respectfully and strongly join these students in

calling on my colleagues to pass the funding today. Thank you, each of you, and let us thank Lincoln University and these amazing students and welcome them to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Members please rise and welcome these students to the Senate.

[Applause.]

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. For the information of the Members, we are about to consider a condolence resolution. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms see that all doors in the Chamber are closed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators J. WARD, STREET, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, K. WARD, COLEMAN, BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, ROTHMAN, VOGEL, FONTANA, ROBINSON, BREWSTER, DUSH, PENNYCUICK, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, BARTOLOTTA, COMITTA, YAW, ARGALL, FARRY, SCHWANK, AUMENT, BROOKS, MUTH, DILLON, MARTIN, GEBHARD, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, STEFANO, REGAN, HAYWOOD, CULVER, CAPPELLETTI, L. WILLIAMS and MASTRIANO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 208**, which was read by the Clerk:

A RESOLUTION

Celebrating the life and honoring the memory of Trooper Jacques F. Rougeau Jr., who gave his life in the line of duty on June 17, 2023.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator Judy Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and service of Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Jacques Rougeau, Jr., a man who I am privileged to call a constituent. With me on the floor of the Senate today to remember this fallen hero are his wife, Chloe, his mother, Angela Gervasio, and Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Colonel Paris, and several members of the front office command staff at PSP headquarters. Trooper Rougeau was tragically killed on June 17, 2023, when a gunman unexpectedly opened fire at the police barracks in Mifflin County where he was stationed. Trooper Rougeau was assigned to Troop G, Lewistown Station. He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police in June 2020 as a member of the 160th cadet class. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Troop J in York before transferring to Troop G in Lewistown in March of this year. Although Trooper Rougeau was only 29 years old, his life was tragically cut short, and we are most certain that his impact will endure forever. Trooper Rougeau is the 104th member of the Pennsylvania State Police to make the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life in the line of duty. I join with my Senate colleagues and all Pennsylvanians in expressing deepest heartfelt sympathies to the family of Trooper Rougeau. We hope that our gratitude for the courage displayed by Trooper Rougeau, as he protected the community where he lived and served, will provide great comfort and peace. Today, the Senate of Pennsylvania remembers the vital

role that Trooper Rougeau played in maintaining law and order in our community and expresses appreciation for his heroic actions on June 17, 2023. May we never forget the sacrifice of Trooper Rougeau and his colleagues and may God bless his family and loved ones. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I too rise in honor of Pennsylvania State Trooper Jacques "Jay" Rougeau, Jr., a native of Corry, Pennsylvania, a hero whose life was tragically cut short on June 17. Only 29 years old, Trooper Rougeau chose to protect and serve this Commonwealth and our communities without an ounce of hesitation, placing the safety of others before his own. Trooper Rougeau's selfless dedication to his neighbors, friends, and family members who he served every day will never be forgotten. Today, we are reminded of the sacrifice of Trooper Jay Rougeau that he made while protecting his community. To Jay's family and all his loved ones, may you continue to find strength in the memories, love, and support that surround you all. May God bless Trooper Jacques Rougeau, his family, the Pennsylvania State Police, and all those who have been impacted by this heart-breaking loss to our Commonwealth.

Now, Mr. President, I request that the Senate now stand and observe a moment of silence in honor of Trooper Jacques Rougeau.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hutchinson has requested a moment of silence. Will the Members, as well as all the staff and guests, please rise for a moment of silence.

[Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Trooper JACQUES F. ROUGEAU, JR.]

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is unanimously adopted.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO AND
SENATOR CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, today I am honored to welcome to the Senate floor a true American hero, Walter Joseph Marm, Jr. He was born on November 20, 1941, just a few weeks before the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. About 24 years after this devastating attack on our nation, Lieutenant Joseph Marm would perform his own act of conspicuous gallantry, intrepidity, and bravery at the risk of his own life. Marm then was a lieutenant with the United States Army Cavalry and was serving with the 1st Cav in Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam near Cambodia. His unit's actions of that day are commemorated in Mel Gibson's movie, *We Were Soldiers*, to give you a flavor for what sort of action he would have seen and participated in.

As a lieutenant leading a platoon in the 1st Cavalry Division, there were 457 troopers altogether landing on the LZ, the landing zone. They were immediately surrounded by the enemy; 457

Americans surrounded by more than 3,000 enemy soldiers. His own company was B Company, element of which saw an enemy soldier, pursued them, and was then surrounded for the next several days under fire. That platoon--it was Lieutenant Marm's platoon, although not in the pocket, the lost platoon so-called--he was part of the missions to try to bring relief and save those men trapped under enemy fire several times. Under heavy fire at one point, Lieutenant Marm realized that his platoon could not hold very long, and he saw an enemy stronghold not too far from what was called the ant hill. It was a fortified enemy position, and with disregard of his own life and safety, Lieutenant Marm charged that enemy position. First, he engaged it with a light anti-tank weapon, a LAW, and then attacked it with his M-16 and with hand grenades--taking out at least eight enemy soldiers--running across open terrain to engage the enemy so that his unit could advance. He risked his own life to draw fire. His attack inflicted casualties on the enemy but it did not end enemy fire, and he again put his life on the line, again charging across open territory, drawing enemy fire, and reducing the enemy pocket there. During the action, Lieutenant Marm was shot through his face, shattering his left jaw. I know in your speech today, sir, you talked about how you are thankful to God that the entry wound, it was not a little bit lower, or it would have cut your jugular. For his bravery and risking his own life, Lieutenant Marm was presented the Medal of Honor 13 months later by the Army Secretary.

It is a pleasure and honor to see you, sir. It is men like you who make our nation great in the face of overwhelming danger and odds, doing what most people will not, charging into the jaws of death and fire. So, we honor and salute you here. Joe Marm went on to serve his Army with distinction, retiring as a Colonel, and he hails from Washington County and, as such, I am pleased to be joined by Senator Camera Bartolotta in welcoming you to the floor of the Senate.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I too am honored to welcome Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Walter J. Marm, U.S. Army, retired, who is joined by his wife, Deborah, to the Senate floor today. I am proud to say that you can trace Colonel Marm's roots to the heart of my Senatorial District in the city of Washington, Washington County. In fact, in June of 2000, there was an interchange at the junction of Route 43 and Route 70 in Washington designated the Colonel Walter J. Marm, Jr., Interchange. And I think I drive through that interchange almost every day. He attended Immaculate Conception parochial school, just a few hundred feet from my district office in Washington where the Irish nuns of the Mercy Order laid the foundation that would define his work ethic moving forward. Colonel Marm's father proudly served as a Pennsylvania State Trooper while his mother stayed at home to raise the family as a very strong foundation.

He was also a dedicated member of the local Boy Scout troop in Washington, earning the rank of Life Scout, and he became a member of the Order of the Arrow. In high school, Colonel Marm was a member of the rifle club, as shooting was a skill he learned from his father, who was an expert pistol marksman competing for the State Police. Colonel Marm has credited participating on the rifle team and Boy Scouts for preparing him well for the military, and they certainly did.

It is of highest esteem to be in the presence of a Medal of Honor recipient. There are only 66 of these heroes walking among us today, and it is with deep pride and respect that I recognize a true homegrown hero. And it was also a delight for me to be at the Steelers game just yesterday when my dear friend Mel Blount took to the field to honor--thumbs up--to honor Colonel Marm and gift him with two Super Bowl tickets--I am very jealous. Colonel Marm, welcome home. Mr. President, please join me in expressing our deep great thanks and gratitude with a Senate welcome to Colonel Walter Joseph Marm and his lovely wife, Deborah.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

Colonel Walter Joseph Marm, it would be our honor if you would now address the Senate.

[Applause.]

Colonel MARM. It is a distinct honor for me to be here today. I grew up in, as you heard, western Pennsylvania, so I have deep roots in Pennsylvania. And I spent my last 6 years working with the Army Reserves at Willow Grove Naval Air Station before I retired in 1995. So, I still have--my daughter lives in West Chester with her husband and two children, so, we get to come back to this State quite often. But I moved to my wife's hometown of North Carolina, and she spent many years working for a Senator in Washington, DC, then for a congressman, when we retired, when I retired in our home district in North Carolina. So, she knows quite a bit about this type of situation.

But it is an honor. This is a very, very beautiful building, the Capitol. Our county seat of Washington is very special, too. And, I am sorry I do not have any roots left. We sold our home in Pennsylvania, but it has been an honor for me to be a citizen of Pennsylvania. And, I am, and it is very special that my daughter is still there, too. And this is a very--you know, being a couple of days past Veterans Day, and the 14th, and tomorrow is the anniversary of our battle in 1965 when I was seriously wounded and evacuated to the Valley Forge Army Hospital where I recuperated from my war injuries, and then went back into the service again. So, it is just quite an honor for me to be here, and I want to thank you for all you are doing for the great State of Pennsylvania and our great country. God bless you, and God bless America. Thank you.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Colonel.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate, first for the purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on State Government, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness. All of these committee meetings will be held in sequence immediately in the Rules room. At the conclusion of the committee

meetings, the Senate Republican Caucus will caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meetings as referenced by the Majority Leader, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on State Government, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness 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 PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr.) in the Chair.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Muth and Senator Baker have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, 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 LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Mastriano, Senator Regan, Senator Vogel, and Senator Martin.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Mastriano, Senator Regan, Senator Vogel, and Senator Martin.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 295 (Pr. No. 251) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL AMENDED

HB 507 (Pr. No. 1033) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for informed consent in pelvic, rectal and prostate examinations.

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

FARRY AMENDMENT A2947 AGREED TO

Senator FARRY offered the following amendment No. A2947:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 7, by striking out "\$1,000" and inserting: a \$1,000 penalty

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Farry.

Senator FARRY. Mr. President, the amendment is agreed to, and I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

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

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 623 (Pr. No. 1132) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Culver, Dillon, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street.

Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Gebhard	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Kearney	Rothman	Yaw

NAY-2

Coleman DiSanto

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Flynn. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 689 (Pr. No. 713) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for issuance of and conditions for continuous maintenance permits.

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-31

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

NAY-19

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Comitta.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 690 (Pr. No. 714) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for county conservation district stream reconstruction emergency permit authorizations.

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-32

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

NAY-18

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

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 882 and SB 958 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 964 (Pr. No. 1179) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the roundabout connecting U.S. Route 209 and Pleasant Valley Lane near the Pleasant Valley High School in Brodheads-ville, in Monroe County, as the Schyler Herman Memorial Roundabout.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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, Langerholz, 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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1096 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1160 (Pr. No. 1295) -- 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 sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales, for breweries and for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees.

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 55 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 142 (Pr. No. 118) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898, No.522), known as the Funeral Director Law, further providing for conduct of business by individuals and partnerships.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 403 (Pr. No. 1187) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, further providing for definitions, for general powers of board, for procedure for licensing as professional engineer, for procedure for licensing as professional land surveyor, for continuing professional competency requirements, for fees and for penalties.

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 501, SB 563, SB 577 and HB 689 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 721 (Pr. No. 1147) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Women, Infants and Children State Advisory Board.

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 736 and SB 745 -- 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 792 (Pr. No. 919) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency management services, providing for counterterrorism planning, preparedness and response; in Emergency Management Assistance Compact, providing for construction; and making repeals.

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 OVER IN ORDER

SB 907 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 910 (Pr. No. 1080) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, further providing for civil penalties.

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.

HB 1246 (Pr. No. 1415) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for crematory regulation.

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

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

RECONSIDERATION OF SB 690

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

SB 690 (Pr. No. 714) -- Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 690, Printer's No. 714, passed finally.

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

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-33

Argall	Comitta	Langerholz	Robinson
Aument	Culver	Laughlin	Rothman
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brewster	Flynn	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brown	Hutchinson	Regan	Yaw
Coleman			

NAY-17

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 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 July 26, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mitchell Yanyanin, New Brighton, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

November 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 July 26, 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 Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jonathan Peri, Glen Mills, whose term expired and whose last day was April 23, 2021.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

November 2, 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 19, 2023, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarecliff 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

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
OF PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 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 September 5, 2023, and corrected on September 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

Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until September 21, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen DeFrank, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

November 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 August 11, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Thyreen, Waynesburg, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

November 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 July 26, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles Black, Williamsport, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

October 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joshua Stouch, 58 Amberly Court, Boyertown 19512, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Francis Peitz, Pittsburgh, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

September 21, 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, John J. McNulty, 44 Wyndham Road, South Abington Township 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Holzman, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

June 9, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Randy Litman, 864 Garfield Avenue, Lansdale 19446, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Christopher Poggi, Somerset, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

October 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael McElfresh, 160 Penn Avenue, Latrobe 15650, Westmoreland County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wayne McGrew, Irwin, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

October 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joni Melnick, 74 Johnson Avenue, Blairsville 15717, Indiana County, Forty-first 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 Thomas Kissell, Greensburg, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

October 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John DiMattio, 911 Ruth Avenue, Erie 16509, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Burt Alexander, Warren, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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October 17, 2023

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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Governor

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

October 17, 2023

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

October 17, 2023

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

October 17, 2023

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John DiMattio, 911 Ruth Avenue, Erie 16509, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Burt Alexander, Warren, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

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

YEA-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	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 597 (Pr. No. 592) (Rereported)

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.

SB 668 (Pr. No. 1180) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for certified medication aides; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.

SB 700 (Pr. No. 1183) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for Career and Technical Instructional Certificate.

SB 867 (Pr. No. 1017) (Rereported)

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

SB 887 (Pr. No. 1053) (Rereported)

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.

SB 945 (Pr. No. 1111) (Rereported)

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.

HB 1461 (Pr. No. 2288) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for funding for State-related universities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for costs basis, for frequency of payments and for recordkeeping requirements; imposing a duty on the Auditor General; providing for financial statements, for the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund and for restrictions; and making appropriations.

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

HB 1556 (Pr. No. 1817)

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in State-related institutions, further providing for reporting, for contents of report and for copies and posting and providing for contracts.

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

SB 194 (Pr. No. 79)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in disabled veterans' real estate tax exemption, further providing for duty of commission.

HB 1086 (Pr. No. 1303)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for veterans registry; and making an editorial change.

HB 1304 (Pr. No. 2279) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 911 emergency communication services, providing for a Legislative Budget and Finance Committee study and further providing for termination.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 194, SB 259, SB 979, HB 1086, HB 1304, HB 1540, HB 1556 and HB 1661.

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, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

10:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Resolution No. 178)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 977; and House Bill No. 1284)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 975; and House Bills No. 917 and 1278)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 228, 634, 686 and 847; and House Bill No. 1419)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 596 and 910; and House Bills No. 301, 1058, 1304, 1540 and 1556)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 500)	Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

9:30 A.M. URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public Hearing Room 1
hearing on the status of housing in North Office
Pennsylvania) (LIVE
STREAMED)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate Resolution No. 200, which would designate the day before Thanksgiving, the Sunday after Christmas, and New Year's Day at 6 p.m., as time to ring the bells throughout the Commonwealth as a sign of thanks, praise, and unity. These occasions are steeped in tradition and carry a deep sense of unity. Throughout history, bells have served as messengers in times of joy and sorrow. They have sounded in celebration of weddings, rung as a call to arms during times of conflict, and tolled solemnly through moments of remembrance. The tradition of bell-ringing has long united communities, transcending political, social, and cultural boundaries. Senate Resolution No. 200 seeks to harness the power of this timeless tradition to unite us as Pennsylvanians. By ringing bells throughout Pennsylvania for just 5 minutes on these days, we send a powerful and symbolic message to our fellow Pennsylvanians, one that transcends political, social, and cultural divides.

First, let us consider the day before Thanksgiving. This is when friends and family gather to express their gratitude for the blessings in their lives. By ringing bells on this day, we symbolize our individual thanks and collective appreciation. It is a moment to celebrate our shared values, embrace our differences, and remember the importance of togetherness, love, and understanding.

The Sunday after Christmas is another memorable moment. It symbolizes the spirit of giving, the bonds of family, and the joy of the holiday season. By ringing bells on this day, we extend the message of peace and goodwill that Christmas brings, spreading happiness and unity in our communities.

New Year's Day marks the beginning of a new full year of promise and potential. As the bells ring out, they symbolize a fresh start, a chance to leave behind the past and embrace a brighter future together. This simple act of unity can inspire hope, motivating us to work collaboratively toward a better Pennsylvania for all.

Bells have the unique power to gather people together physically and emotionally. The Scottsdale Area Association of Churches began coordinating to ring bells at a uniform time to give people hope and bring them together and bring comfort. As we enter the holiday season, let us come together as a chorus of unity, gratitude, and praise. Let us show the world that in Pennsylvania, we stand together as one community, bound by our shared values and committed to a future filled with hope and harmony.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,336 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. But the sins of this Chamber's inactions are matched, Mr. President, by our Federal

counterparts. Our nation's minimum wage has not moved since 2009, which has meant for more than a decade and a half, workers across America have been subject to starvation-level wages that keep hardworking Pennsylvanians and Americans in the persistent and devastating cycle of poverty. If we would raise our minimum wage, Mr. President--as I have proposed in Senate Bill No. 12, my piece of legislation that would put Pennsylvania's low-wage earners on a path to \$15 an hour--we would help boost tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians out of poverty and provide them with long-needed financial security. But you do not need to take my word for it, Mr. President. In 2021, the Congressional Budget Office released "The Budgetary Effects of the Raise of the minimum Wage Act of 2021 [Raise the Wage Act of 2021]" which studied the Raise the Wage Act of 2021. That study asked a simple question: how would increasing the minimum wage affect family income? And its answers make common sense, Mr. President. They found that, quote, by boosting the income of low-wage workers who have jobs, a higher minimum wage would raise their family's real income, end quote. It is as simple as that, Mr. President. If we raise our minimum wage here in Pennsylvania, or if our Federal counterparts would do the same nationwide, we would see an immediate increase in our constituents' take-home pay. Pennsylvanians deserve to make a livable wage for the work they do. It should not be a novel idea that someone who works 40 hours a week can survive on an income without having to work 2 or 3 jobs just to keep a roof over their head and food on their table. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 12, because I am sick and tired of having my neighbors, all of my colleagues' neighbors, and constituents live in a system of State-sanctioned poverty. We can and we must do better, Mr. President. We must pass Senate Bill No. 12. Thank you.

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, this past Friday, the United States Marine Corps celebrated its 248th anniversary of its inception at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Captain Samuel Nicholas, our first commandant. The Second Continental Congress passed a resolution on November 10, 1775, to raise two battalions of Marines there. And by January 1776, they set sail at sea to occupy New Providence, Bahamas, 6 months before the Declaration of Independence was signed. The Continental Marines evolved into the United States Marine Corps, where they have performed their duties valiantly throughout the world in every climb and place, in peacetime and in warfare. The Marines work hand in hand with the United States State Department guarding our embassies abroad. And the President's own Marine Corps Band provides the music for State functions at the White House, while Marine One and Marine Two provides helicopter transportation for the President and vice President and is the only branch in our armed services that can be deployed for duties as the President alone may direct, and every President in this nation's history has done so with great success. Storied legendary engagements in Tripoli, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Guam, Tinian, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Incheon, Chosin, Khe Sanh, Da Nang, Hue City, Beirut, Tora Bora, Nasiriyah, Fallujah, Ramadi, Marjah, and Sangin, just to name a few. We celebrate the legendary exploits of Chesty Puller, John A. Lejeune, Dan Daly, and John Basilone and follow the teachings of James Mattis. We can recognize each other by our

strange haircuts and symbolic tattoos. We have our own language filled with inaudible grunts and a Latin motto, *Semper Fi*, and our own names for ourselves: jarhead, leatherneck, devil dog, ground pounder, grunts, pigs, and hogs are nothing more than terms of endearment. Our other branches just do not seem to understand the culture, but everyone knows there is no better friend and no worse enemy. And as the Song states: "If the Army and the Navy ever looked on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." Oorah, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize this week, November 11 through November 18, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. I have introduced Senate Resolution No. 206 to recognize this week, which serves as a reminder that there are thousands of Pennsylvanians who struggle for the most basic of human needs: shelter and sustenance. Food insecurity remains a critical issue all across our Commonwealth, in addition to the issue of homelessness. Ensuring that every individual can secure a meal and find stable shelter should be a fundamental right. However, the reality is that hunger and homelessness persist as prevalent challenges that demand our immediate attention and concerted efforts.

In Pennsylvania, about 12 percent of the population lives in poverty, with over 15,000 people experiencing homelessness and about 2 million facing food insecurity, with 500,000 of those being children. Additionally, these numbers tend to be statistically higher in marginalized communities, particularly the Black and brown communities of our Commonwealth. In a country as wealthy and as well-resourced as ours, hunger and homelessness are proof of structural and systemic inequities that we have failed to address. By strengthening food assistance programs such as SNAP, WIC, the Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System, (PASS), and the Pennsylvania State Food Purchase Program, we can assist a broader population of individuals and families who may not qualify for programs under current income requirements and guidelines. By investing in policies that will improve economic stability, including raising the minimum wage, enforcing rent control, and increasing the income qualifications for property tax and rent rebates, we can combat hunger and homelessness and provide much-needed relief for individuals and families in our communities. Food and housing insecurity impacts all of our communities, and our collective leadership as Senators can make a huge difference in combating those issues that hurt the families we represent, and our Commonwealth's success as a whole.

Let us use this week not only to raise awareness but to make the change. Advocate for those policies that address the root causes of hunger and homelessness. Support your local organizations and shelters that provide crucial assistance to those in need. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing November 11 through the 18 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, because we must work together towards creating a

Commonwealth where every individual has access to nutritious food and a safe place to lay their head at night, which requires collaboration and cooperation between government, nonprofits, businesses, and the greater communities that we serve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, today, November 13, is recognized as World Kindness Day. So, it is only fitting that I speak today about a constituent of mine from York who turned a random act of kindness into a nonprofit on celebrating Kindness Week and encouraging others to do so by doing kind things for others. On Good Friday of this year, my constituent, Kevin Smith, lost his wallet. We all know that sinking feeling of losing a wallet, the cash, the cards that must be canceled and reissued, the ID cards that could be used to steal our identity. Fortunately for Kevin, a good Samaritan found and returned his wallet completely intact. He was blown away by this woman's kindness and so appreciative, leading to sharing his story with the local news outlets and even on "Inside Edition." But that ignited a fire in Kevin that led to his founding a nonprofit, Kindness Worldwide, focused on celebrating Kindness Week, encouraging good deeds in communities throughout the world, and spreading the joy of kindness to all. It is for this reason that Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill and I have sponsored a resolution recognizing this week as Kindness Week in Pennsylvania and encouraging Pennsylvanians to perform at least one act of kindness each day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

SB 831 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 831, Printer's No. 921, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will be placed on the Calendar.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 623.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:44 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.