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SENATE

TUESDAY, December 12, 2023

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend HARRY VAN RIPER, of Richland American Legion Post 548, Gibsonia, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, we look to You for guidance that You gave the Founding Fathers of our blessed country as we open another working Session of the Pennsylvania Senate. Their genius in forming the Republic of ours, which made it possible to govern in spite of varied backgrounds and political affiliations. Watch over us as we continue to work and grow in understanding. Purify our motives and purposes as we make our mark in this world. Let us reason together on issues of peace and freedom in our world so that it may be a mark of excellence. Let us reason together on issues of peace and freedom in our world and arrive at decisions as Americans by all majority rule. During our deliberations, let us never forget those who gave that last full measure of devotion, that government of the people and for the people shall not perish from this Earth. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend Van Riper, who is the guest today of Senator Robinson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

December 12, 2023

Senators SCHWANK, COLLETT, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, COMITTA, BREWSTER, SAVAL, MUTH, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, DILLON and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 1016**, 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 waiver to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, December 12, 2023.

Senators KEARNEY, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KANE, HAYWOOD, COMITTA, COSTA, DILLON, BREWSTER and CULVER presented to the Chair **SB 1018**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in practice and procedure, providing for child victims and witnesses.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, December 12, 2023.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

December 12, 2023

Senators SCHWANK, COLLETT, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, COMITTA, BREWSTER, SAVAL, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, DILLON and STREET presented to the Chair **SR 215**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the United States Congress to expand certain Federal safety net programs to provide menstrual hygiene products.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, December 12, 2023.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator GEBHARD, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bills:

SB 667 (Pr. No. 1279) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing for payment; and abrogating a regulation.

SB 845 (Pr. No. 1278) (Amended)

An Act establishing tourism improvement districts and tourism improvement district management associations; and providing for powers of counties, for powers of tourism improvement district management associations, for dissolution of tourism improvement district, for annual audit and report and for applicability.

Senator YAW, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bill:

SB 832 (Pr. No. 1277) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in boards and offices, establishing the Independent Energy Office.

Senator BROWN, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

SB 978 (Pr. No. 1234)

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

SB 982 (Pr. No. 1235)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in contracts, further providing for letting contracts.

HB 1231 (Pr. No. 1322)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in organization of departmental administrative boards and commissions and of advisory boards and commissions, further providing for State Planning Board.

HB 1232 (Pr. No. 1323)

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

HB 1234 (Pr. No. 1325)

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

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

SB 363 (Pr. No. 1276) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance and for authorized use not a defense.

SB 1020 (Pr. No. 1267)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 5796, carrying State Route 4001 over U.S. Route 22 in Allegheny Township, Blair County, as the LCPL Ralph J. Fabbri USMC Memorial Bridge.

HB 250 (Pr. No. 213)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

HB 1243 (Pr. No. 2127)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for application for REAL ID.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks, Senator Coleman, and Senator Regan.

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Brooks, Senator Coleman, and Senator Regan.

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

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal of the Session of October 3, 2023, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of October 3, 2023.

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

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal is approved.

GUESTS OF SENATOR CRIS DUSH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Madam President, I am proud to stand here today to recognize the Elk County Catholic Girls' Cross Country Team for winning first place in the Class A girls' teams ranking for the 2023 PIAA Cross Country Championships. To their great credit, the Lady Crusaders captured the State title with a score of 63 points, and they further distinguished themselves during the regular season by winning first place in the team rankings during the PIAA District IX Championship. Having a solid support system in place is vital to everyone's success. Under the expert guidance of head coach Wee Fernan and assistant coaches Harley Thompson and Alex Miller, this championship team is comprised of Katie Petrosky, Grace Neubert, Sami Straub, Sophia and Gianna Bille, Amelia Meyer, Isabella Macer, Andrea Baron, and Katie Straub. I know that sometimes it is not easy to balance all of the activities between school, homework, and practices, as well as any of the other activities that go on during the year, and that is what makes your achievement so very special.

Once again, congratulations, ladies, on your trailblazing championship accomplishments. You have all set a tremendous example for other student-athletes to emulate and have proven that a great team truly is unstoppable. I want to thank you all. And Madam Chair and the Members here, I would like to ask you to join me in a round of applause for these remarkable young women.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Dush please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Madam Chair, it is actually very pleasing to actually have two State championship teams from the same school to be recognized. I am also proud to stand here today and voice my congratulations for the stellar season and outstanding achievements of the Elk County Catholic Lady Crusaders Varsity Volleyball Team. Capturing the PIAA Class A Championship with a perfect 21-0 season, it is an amazing accomplishment and one that deserves special recognition. However, as we all know, championship seasons are never solo accomplishments. It takes a unified effort to lead a team to a championship and bring home the trophies. Under the expert guidance of coaches Tricia Bauer, Jill Kaul, Kelsey Morey, Vicki Struble, and Rick Fox, the Lady Crusaders deserve further applause for adding the following championships to their growing list of achievements: the Elk County Tournament Championship, Laurel Mountain League Championship, and the District IX Class A Championship.

In talking with these student-athletes and their coaches, it is obvious they have given their all and done so in order to accomplish their goals and ends, which, as I discussed with them earlier, they can take on to their future endeavors. Ladies, your commitment to athletic excellence is admirable, and I know with your school, there is also a commitment to academic excellence that is

expected. Your dedication of time, energy, and skill to your sport obviously paid off in a big way. Congratulations, ladies, again, on your well-deserved accolades, and best wishes for future success on and off the court. Members, please join me in another round of applause for our championship Keystone Lady Crusaders Volleyball Team.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Dush please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON AND SENATOR LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBINSON. Madam President, I am proud to introduce to the Senate floor today my guest--along with Senator Lindsey Williams--guest Chaplain from Pittsburgh, Chaplain Harry Van Riper, who also offered the prayer at our Wreaths Across America ceremony before Session today. As a teenager, Harry was drafted into the United States Army in October of 1967. Because he was already a mechanic, the Army sent him to truck school prior to being deployed to Vietnam with the 1st and 5th Mechanized Infantry. His unit was heavily engaged in the first campaign of the Tet Offensive, and he was involved in the second and third offensives. His infantry division displayed extraordinary heroism in combat operations against Vietnam, who had numerically superior enemy forces. The battle revealed highly specialized ambush missions and counteroffensive actions against a heavily armed enemy.

After hours of a tough battle, Corporal Henry [Harry] Van Riper stayed in place to make sure all of his men were clear. Shortly thereafter, his armored personnel carrier was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade, and shortly after that, the Tet Offensive was declared over. The explosion resulted in Harry losing his left arm and portions of his left leg, as well as a collapsed lung. He spent 8 days in a coma, with doctors claiming he only had a 15 percent chance of survival. Not only did 18-year-old Harry survive his wounds, but he also went on to live an inspirational life full of service. His unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation--the highest distinction a military unit can receive--for extraordinary heroism in combat operations by President Richard Nixon. Harry also received the Purple Heart for his wounds, an honor reserved for service members wounded or killed because of enemy action while serving. Just last month he received the 2023 Dr. Charles J. Martoni Veterans Service Award in Allegheny County for veterans who continue to serve their communities following discharge from the military.

After retiring from the military in 1969, he attended college at Duquesne University and became a distinguished professor at the Community College of Allegheny County, teaching science and mathematics for 34 years. He serves as chaplain of the Richland American Legion Post 548 and was named 2018 Pennsylvania American Legion Chaplain of the Year. Continuing with his dedication to lifelong service, Harry spends countless hours helping

and visiting fellow veterans and families of our fallen veterans. Harry also participates in the Honor Guard, which gives military honors to military personnel and their families during funeral services. He and his wife, Susan, who joined with him today, have a daughter, Regina; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Harry Van Riper is a true American hero, and I am honored to know him and his story. Thank you, Harry, for your sacrifices and continued service to fellow veterans and their families. Please join me in giving Harry and Susan a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Robinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I arise, along with my colleague, the gentleman from Allegheny County, to echo his warm welcome of today's guest Chaplain, Mr. Harry Van Riper. We are incredibly fortunate to have Chaplain Van Riper with us today to open Session and to inspire the work we do. I ask that my colleagues, again, join me in giving him and his lovely wife, Susan, a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Lindsey Williams please rise again to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBINSON. Madam President, I am proud to introduce my constituent from Bethel Park, a remarkable Scout with Troop 215, who led the Pledge of Allegiance for us during our Wreaths Across America ceremony today, Connor Behr, who is here with his dad, Phil. Connor is currently a sophomore at Central Catholic High School--my alma mater--in Pittsburgh and belongs to his school's engineering institute, the science honors institute, and has been on the high honor roll for his high school career thus far. He also plays the trombone for Central Catholic's marching band and the guitar in his free time. This young man continues to persevere no matter the obstacles life throws his way. He is a survivor of acute myeloid leukemia, which led him to having a bone marrow transplant on his first birthday. And just 4 years ago, his mother, sadly, passed away from metastatic colorectal cancer. Through it all, he continues to work hard at school and Scouts and gives back to his community by helping with Eagle Scout projects. I have no doubt that Connor will continue to make his community, fellow Scouts, and his father, Phil, very proud. Thank you, Connor, for being an example of strength and hard work and for coming to our Capitol today to lead everyone at the Wreaths Across America ceremony in our Pledge of Allegiance. You have a very bright future ahead of you. Please give my guests a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Robinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET AND SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator STREET. Madam President, today I rise to honor Mark Bergstrom, the outgoing executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. Mark Bergstrom has managed a commission that, under his tenure, has become a national model for both navigating the often difficult and challenging substantive waters of providing fair and reliable data and has championed transparency and data-driven policies for 30 years. Mark has been executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing since April 1998. The commission is an agency of the General Assembly charged with assisting the development, maintenance, and the coordination of effective, humane, and rational sentencing policies, as well as parole and correctional practices in the Commonwealth. As a part of its responsibilities, the commission is required to adopt guidelines for sentencing, resentencing, parole, and recommitment, and to monitor compliance with these and other statutory provisions.

Mr. Bergstrom is an associate teaching professor of sociology and criminology at the Penn State University; and adjunct professor of law at the Duquesne University School of Law; and an adjunct faculty member at the Villanova University School of Law, where he assists with the annual Villanova Sentencing workshop. He has served as a state sentencing and corrections associate with the Vera Institute of Justice, providing technical assistance to jurisdictions on sentencing and correction reforms. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania and a master's of public administration degree from Penn State University. He is joined by Matt Kleiman, who has also joined us on the floor, who will serve as the new executive director of our Commission on Sentencing, and who will be filling very big shoes as he has already served the commission faithfully for many years. I would now like to yield to my colleague, Senator Langerholc, who joins me in representing this body on the commission.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam President, I rise in conjunction with my colleague Senator Street, who I have the pleasure of serving on the Commission on Sentencing with, to recognize outgoing Executive Director Bergstrom. From the time that I was joining the Commission on Sentencing, it was readily apparent the extreme knowledge that Executive Director Bergstrom has and that he is able to use in such an effective way. He will surely be missed. And in navigating the constantly complex and evolving world of the sentencing guidelines, he was never more than a phone call, an email, or even a text away to share his knowledge and to help to move the commission forward. They are very big shoes to fill, no doubt. We thank him for his many, many years of faithful service to our Commonwealth, and ask that the Senate give a warm welcome, and outgoing, to executive director Bergstrom.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Madam President, today I have the pleasure of introducing my constituent and some guests that she brought along with her, Margarete Larese-Ortiz. Margarete is joined by her husband, John [Robert], and her two sisters, Hanna [Johanna] and Greta [Elsa], and I am so pleased to host them. This is their very first visit to our Capitol. They participate in a fundraiser that the Reading Public Library offers, and as part of that, we invite individuals to come up to the Capitol when they support our wonderful library system. These women are lifelong fans of the Reading Symphony Orchestra; volunteers and avid supporters, of course, of the Reading Public Library. In fact, Margarete placed the winning bid for this lunch tour and introduction from the library's annual raffle. I hope my colleagues will join me in welcoming my guests today, and I would also note that along with them is a husband who was a restaurant owner of one of the finest German American restaurants in Berks County. So please, if you would, Madam President, ask our colleagues to welcome our guests from Berks County.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Schwank please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR FRANK FARRY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FARRY. Madam President, it is my pleasure to introduce a constituent of mine, Sanjay Nair, who is here visiting the Senate today. Sanjay is from Warrington; he is joined by his parents, Rajeev and Shyla. Sanjay is here today because he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. We obviously appreciate his efforts, and it was a long road to get to that well-deserved honor. For his Eagle project, he built an outdoor science classroom at the Unami Middle School in the Central Bucks School District, where he attends Central Bucks South High School. He worked with local businesses, obviously, to secure the materials and oversaw the project. I know Sanjay has a great future, and I would love for the Senate to give him a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Farry please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ARGALL. Madam President, today in the gallery, we are joined by my job shadow for the day, Nick Ortiz, a senior at Mahanoy Area High School. He is a class officer who focuses a lot of his free time on a variety of local volunteer groups. Following graduation from Mahanoy Area, he plans to major in criminal justice. I learned today he is very interested in politics as well, and we are hopeful that today's experience will give him a real

idea of what we do on a daily basis. Please join me in welcoming Nick to the Senate today.

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

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR MARIA COLLETT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COLLETT. Madam President, it is my great pleasure to introduce one of my district office interns, Finn McGovern. I am excited for Finn to have the opportunity to visit our historic Capitol during the holiday season. What a great way to wrap up the year. Finn is a senior at American University, where he is pursuing a degree in political science. He has spent his 4 years exploring civic and legislative work, which includes internships in Congresswoman Madeleine Dean's office and on Superior Court Judge-elect Jill Beck's campaign team. He also serves as a committeeperson in Upper Dublin Township. Finn has been an incredibly enthusiastic member of our team this fall and has consistently demonstrated a genuine interest in our Commonwealth's government. I am hopeful Finn's experiences today will foster an even greater interest in public service as he moves on to graduation and enters the next phase of his career. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Collett please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Madam President, I am pleased to introduce a resident from my district who joins us today as a member of the Wreaths Across America ceremony Honor Guard. Eddie Brannan joins us as a 3-year veteran of the Navy, before a long career in the food industry. Following his retirement in 2006, Eddie came to central Pennsylvania, where he has called Carlisle home ever since. He now serves as the American Legion Post 674 post chaplain and is the new Cumberland County commander of the American Legion post. He comes from a lifelong of military lineage and has proudly served on the Honor Guard since 2008. I thank our Honor Guard for their service to our country and Commonwealth and ask that you join me in providing our guest with a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Rothman please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. 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 HUTCHINSON, DUSH, LANGERHOLC, FARRY, MARTIN, BROOKS, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, BROWN, ROTHMAN, PENNYCUICK, MASTRIANO, BAKER, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, BREWSTER, DILLON and ROBINSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 217**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and dedication of United States Army Sergeant Richard "Dick" Marvin Sharrow who was killed in action during the Korean War 73 years ago.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of former Marienville resident and United States Army veteran, Sergeant Richard "Dick" Marvin Sharrow, who was killed in action during the Korean War 73 years ago. Sergeant Sharrow faithfully served his country in Company F, 2nd Battalion, of the 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, which was deployed to Pohang and advanced to Yongdong, South Korea, to defend the city against the North Korean People's Army. Since July of 1950, Sergeant Sharrow has been listed as missing in action. Through the work of his family and the United States Department of Defense, Sergeant Dick Sharrow's remains have recently been identified through DNA testing, and this hero was finally returned home. After 73 years, this dedicated Army veteran, who gave his life for our nation, was provided full military honors, as he deserved, and he was properly laid to rest with his family in Marienville, Pennsylvania. May God bless Sergeant Sharrow and the dedicated veterans of our United States Armed Forces and all those who are actively serving and defending our freedoms.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Madam President, on September 22, Senator Hutchinson and I had the privilege of welcoming home one of our precious missing-in-action soldiers who paid that ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Seventy-three years after he was killed in the village of Yongdong, Korea, we were both asked to join the family of U.S. Army Sergeant Richard Sharrow as his remains were finally transported home to Pennsylvania. The remains of Sergeant Sharrow, and many of his brothers-in-arms, remained behind North Korean lines until President Trump successfully negotiated the repatriation of their remains. It has taken years to properly identify these men through DNA that family members, such as Sergeant Sharrow's sister and niece, were able to provide.

The patriot riders from all over western Pennsylvania provided two special escorts, one from Pittsburgh International to the funeral home in Summerville, Jefferson County, and another to his final resting place in Marienville, Forest County. As an Air Force veteran and the son-in-law of a Korean War veteran, it was a humbling experience to spend time with his family members on a motor coach during the first part of his final journey. I learned

a lot about Sergeant Sharrow's service and sacrifice by reading some of his letters home, including one mailed just days before he was killed in action. The importance to his great-nieces and nephew, for them to be able to see and learn from a bunch of grizzled, old vets of the importance of never forgetting and honoring our fallen, truly struck me. When I was in Korea, as part of my military duties, I tried to imagine what it would be like trying to take those rocky hills. I came away with an even greater respect for my fellow veterans. All throughout Sergeant Sharrow's final journey, it was truly heartwarming to see the people alongside the road giving him his final and proper welcome home. On the final leg, we saw well over 1,000 people, including one North Korean vet standing by himself saluting as we rolled by--had his Korean veteran hat on. My thanks and deepest gratitude to all who played an important role in bringing Sergeant Sharrow home. Those who were involved with the collection of the remains from North Korea, to identifying the DNA, to identifying his family members, including one great-niece who is serving in the Air Force and escorted his body home from Hawaii. My prayer is that we never forget or leave any of our fallen MIA soldiers behind enemy lines. In closing, Madam President, I ask the Members of the Senate to join with me and Senator Hutchinson in honoring the memory of this selfless soldier with one final moment of silence.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Before we vote on this condolence resolution, Senator Dush has requested a moment of silence. Will the Members, as well as all 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 UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT RICHARD "DICK" MARVIN SHARROW.]

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Madam President, thank you Members and guests. May God continue to bless America, our honored veterans, and all who defend her. Thank you.

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 pro tempore. The resolution is unanimously adopted.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 900 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 900 (Pr. No. 2406) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 4 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 900 (Pr. No. 2406) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration, further providing for State recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; in county correctional institutions, further providing for county recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; providing for Department of Human Services facilities; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for healthy birth for incarcerated women and providing for restrictive housing prohibited for pregnant or postpartum incarcerated individuals and detainees, for cavity search and inspection restrictions, for training and education requirement, for feminine hygiene and incontinence products and for postpartum recovery.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

Upon motion of Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1131 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 1131 (Pr. No. 1186) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1131 (Pr. No. 1186) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its powers and duties," further providing for State health centers; and making editorial changes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

Upon motion of Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEVEN J. SANTARSIERO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Santarsiero.

Senator SANTARSIERO. Madam President, thank you for indulging me, and in the order of business today, I apologize that I could not have been here earlier, but it is important, and I am grateful for the opportunity, because I rise today to recognize the Slifer family--Leslie, Harry, and Blaise--who are constituents of mine from Buckingham Township in Bucks County. Blaise is a junior at La Salle College High School. He is passionate about music, participating in advanced chorus. He had his winter concert last night in fact, and he plays both flute and saxophone in the concert band and the advanced band at school. Blaise is also

a member of Boy Scout Troop 6 in Doylestown. He has served as a leader in this Troop, working his way from patrol leader to assistant senior patrol leader, and finally to senior patrol leader. He is also a counselor at Ockanickon Scout camp.

In September, Blaise had his Eagle court of honor, earning the rank of Eagle Scout after 12 years in Scouting. I had the privilege of attending his court of honor, presenting him with a Senate Citation and a flag of our Commonwealth, which we had flown over the Capitol in his honor in light of his reaching the rank of Eagle. For his Eagle Scout project, Blaise shared his love for music, organizing a musical instrument collection benefiting Musicopia, a nonprofit located in Philadelphia that provides an opportunity for youth to experience growth and enjoyment through the gift of music. Blaise's parents, Leslie and Harry, are here with him today, as I noted earlier. They were on the floor earlier today for a photograph. Leslie and Harry have three children, and they are incredibly proud of all of them. They have two sons who are Eagle Scouts and a 22-year-old daughter. Leslie runs her own bookkeeping business, helping self-employed individuals, and she has been doing that for 22 years, and Harry is a mortgage banker with JP Morgan Chase and works part-time in the winter at a ski resort. Madam President, it is my great privilege and honor to present them to the Senate, and I would respectfully ask that we show them our traditional warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Santarsiero please rise for a warm welcome by the Senate.

[Applause.]

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Pursuant to Rule 14, upon consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, the meeting of the Committee on Transportation, which began at 10:30 a.m. in Room 461 of the Main Capitol and which recessed to the call of the chair, will resume off the floor during Session in the Rules room for the purpose of considering House Bill No. 1284.

RECESS

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, immediately followed by a Republican caucus.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber immediately for a caucus.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations 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 Ryan P. Aument) in the Chair.

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

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Transportation, both to be held immediately in the Rules room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Transportation to be held off the floor in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Comitta, and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Comitta, and Senator Anthony Williams. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

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

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-49

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

NAY-1

Mastriano

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 CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 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 third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 142. This legislation will amend the Funeral Director's Law to remove the prohibition on remarrying. Funeral homes are often family-owned and passed to another family member when a member passes away. Current law allows the widow or widower of a deceased funeral director to be issued a special license to continue an existing practice provided they

employ a licensed funeral director to supervise their practice. The law authorizes a special license only as long as they do not remarry. When the widow or widower remarries, they are prohibited from renewing their license and registered to sell their interest in the business. This legislation would remove this outdated remarriage penalty language and allow funeral directors to remarry without giving up their interests in the business. I respectfully ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	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 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 149, HB 269, SB 346, SB 634, SB 831 and SB 882 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 943 (Pr. No. 1121) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 31, 2018 (P.L.125, No.26), known as the Travel Insurance Modernization Act, providing for scope and purpose; further providing for definitions, for licensure of limited lines travel insurance producers, for requirements for sale of travel insurance and for policy; and providing for travel protection plans, for sales practices, for travel administrators, for filing classification and for regulations.

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

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 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.

SB 979 (Pr. No. 1206) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

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 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.

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 licenses 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.

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

Argall	Culver	Langerhole	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 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

HB 1304 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1507 (Pr. No. 1723) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for minimum number of days or hours.

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

Argall	Culver	Langerhole	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 Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 55 (Pr. No. 1169) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 95, SB 259, SB 265, SB 365, SB 375, SB 501 and SB 577 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 666 (Pr. No. 609) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), referred to as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for organization of an authority.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 863 (Pr. No. 2410) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for powers and duties of commission.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 975 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1280 (Pr. No. 1396) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1289 (Pr. No. 1757) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in residential real property, providing for repudiation of discriminatory real estate covenants.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1478 (Pr. No. 2175) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for dental examinations and dental hygiene services.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 169, ADOPTED

Senator AUMENT, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 169**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the various workforce development programs administered by Commonwealth agencies.

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

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Coleman.

Senator COLEMAN. Madam President, I rise today in support of Senate Resolution No. 169. Numerous State agencies, including the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Community and Economic Development, host their own workforce development programs. Recently, Governor Shapiro created a \$400 million workforce training program targeting infrastructure projects. Senate Resolution No. 169 directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to undertake a study evaluating the effectiveness and efficacy of the workforce development programs that are currently in place. Despite the substantial taxpayer investment in workforce development, we continue to hear that employers are unable to fill available positions. To address this apparent disconnect between the programs in place and the needs they are trying to address, the resolution also seeks recommendations from the LBFC to make improvements to Pennsylvania's workforce development programs. As groups continue to seek more taxpayer investment, this resolution will provide an important benchmark on this problem and chart a path forward to make necessary changes to improve our State's skilled workforce shortage. I hope that you will join me in supporting this resolution and vote in favor of its final passage. Thank you.

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution is adopted.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 721 (Pr. No. 1147) (Rereported)

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

HB 613 (Pr. No. 2430) (Amended) (Rereported)

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

HB 900 (Pr. No. 2406) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration, further providing for State recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; in county correctional institutions, further providing for county recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; providing for Department of Human Services facilities; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for healthy birth for incarcerated women and providing for restrictive housing prohibited for pregnant or postpartum incarcerated individuals and detainees, for cavity search and inspection restrictions, for training and education requirement, for feminine hygiene and incontinence products and for postpartum recovery.

HB 1096 (Pr. No. 2411) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for public venue license, and for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county.

HB 1131 (Pr. No. 1186) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its powers and duties," further providing for State health centers; and making editorial changes.

HB 1258 (Pr. No. 1768) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for calculation of average daily membership for a dual credit course.

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

SB 773 (Pr. No. 1229) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in medical marijuana organizations, further providing for application and issuance, for limitations on permits and providing for additional dispensary and grower/processor permits authorized, for application and issuance of additional permits and for limitations on other additional permits or licenses; and, in academic clinical research centers and clinical registrants, further providing for definitions.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Madam President, Senate Bill No. 721 will create an advisory board for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children--we know it as WIC. This legislation is the cumulative effort of many advocates and providers, the bureau of WIC, the Department of Health, and especially the continued support of Senator Brooks and her staff, who have joined me on countless meetings over the past few years. It is worth noting that this bill had overwhelming support when it passed out of the Senate last Session. I hope two times is the charm.

The federally funded WIC program provides low-income mothers with fresh fruits, vegetables, and formula for their families at no cost to the State. However, it has been suffering from declining participation and has failed to evolve along with the needs of its participants who end up relying on State-funded SNAP benefits. For example, WIC is the largest purchaser of baby formula. When the nation saw a crippling shortage, moms would have to stop at their local WIC office to get their benefit check before they could even start looking for what formula was left. Now, with gas and grocery prices as high as they are, these moms face even more barriers. Many of our programs offer EBT, or electronic, cards for easier access, and some other States even offer this benefit through a downloadable app. There is room for improvement. This advisory board will be tasked to recommend best practices to increase enrollment and to remove barriers to access. The increased participation brings in more Federal funding, which will in turn save State dollars and provide more Pennsylvania families with the healthy start they deserve. This legislature, you, have done great work in terms of maternal health and infant health in the past year or so. And you have done a lot to address the health issues of mothers, infants, and children, and access to healthy foods is just as much part of that health issue as anything. So certainly, I would ask that on behalf of all Pennsylvania mothers and their babies, let us vote "yes" on this once more.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS AMENDED

HB 1096 (Pr. No. 2411) -- 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 preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for public venue license, and for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county.

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

A. WILLIAMS AMENDMENT A3320 ADOPTED

Senator AUMENT, on behalf of Senator A. WILLIAMS, offered the following amendment No. A3320:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by inserting after "definitions;": in Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, establishing the Stop-and-Go Legislative Task Force;
Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 29 and 30: Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read: Section 218. Stop-and-Go Legislative Task Force.--(a) The Stop-and-Go Legislative Task Force is established.

- (b) The task force shall:
 - (1) Review and analyze the law, procedures, practices, processes and rules relating to the issues involving stop-and-go establishments.
 - (2) Hold public hearings for the taking of testimony and the requesting of documents.
 - (3) Through the chair, administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the task force.
 - (4) Accept and review written comments from individuals and organizations.
 - (5) Issue the report under subsection (f) no later than four months after the task force's initial meeting. In addition to any information that the task force deems appropriate, the report shall:
 - (i) Define and create a liquor license category for stop-and-go establishments located and operating within a city of the first class.
 - (ii) Provide recommendations for regulating stop-and-go establishments that are located and operating within a city of the first class.

(c) The task force shall consist of the following members who shall be appointed within twenty-five days after the effective date of this subsection:

- (1) One member appointed by the Governor.
- (2) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.
- (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- (6) An ex officio member from the board who shall not have voting rights.
- (d) A chair of the task force shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the task force.

(e) The task force shall conduct business as follows:
(1) The physical presence of a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The ex officio member of the task force shall not be considered for purposes of a quorum.

- (2) Action of the task force must be authorized or ratified by a majority vote of the members.
- (3) A member not physically present may participate by teleconference or video conference.
- (4) The first public meeting of the task force shall be convened within forty-five days of the effective date of this paragraph. Additional public meetings may be called by the chair as necessary.
- (5) The chair shall schedule a meeting upon written request of a two-thirds majority of the members.

(6) The task force shall hold public hearings as necessary.
(7) All meetings and hearings held by the task force shall be subject to 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings).

(8) The board shall provide administrative or other assistance to the task force.
(9) Members may not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in service.

(f) The task force shall compile a report of recommendations under subsection (b) within four months after the task force's initial meeting and deliver the report to each member of the General Assembly who represents residents of a city of the first class, the board, the chairman and minority chairman of the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority of the Liquor Control Committee of the House of Representatives.

(g) The task force shall expire thirty days after delivery of the final report under subsection (f).

(h) As used in this section:
(1) The term "stop-and-go establishment" means establishments that are:

- (i) legal holders of restaurant or R-licenses; and
- (ii) a convenience store or deli that sells beer and liquor, sometimes in quantities as low as a single shot, that may be consumed on premises or immediately outside the establishment.

(2) The term "task force" means the Stop-and-Go Legislative Task Force established under this section.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 30, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 7, line 3, by striking out "3" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 7, line 20, by inserting a bracket before "For"
Amend Bill, page 7, line 21, by inserting after "board":

] Upon application filed with the board by February 27, 2026,
Amend Bill, page 7, lines 23 through 26, by striking out "hotel license under [clause (8)] clauses (8) and (8.1)" in line 23, all of lines 24 and 25 and "[January] JULY 1, [2019] 2024," in line 26 and inserting:

hotel license [under clause (8) of this subsection for a hotel licensee that applied for an exemption under clause (9) or (9.1) of this subsection before January 1, 2019,] referenced under clause (8) or (8.1) of this subsection

Amend Bill, page 8, line 23, by striking out "4" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator AUMENT 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.

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

HB 1258 (Pr. No. 1768) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for calculation of average daily membership for a dual credit course.

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

PITTMAN AMENDMENT A3256 AGREED TO

Senator AUMENT, on behalf of Senator PITTMAN, offered the following amendment No. A3256:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out "SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR" and inserting:

September 1, 2024

Amend Bill, page 2, line 25, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

Section 2. The addition of section 1525.1(a) of the act shall apply retroactive to July 1, 2023.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "2" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to

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

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

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 773 (Pr. No. 1229) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in medical marijuana organizations, further providing for application and issuance, for limitations on permits and providing for additional dispensary and grower/processor permits authorized, for application and issuance of additional permits and for limitations on other additional permits or licenses; and, in academic clinical research centers and clinical registrants, further providing for definitions.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 773?

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 773.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-44

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

NAY-6

Bartolotta	Brown	Hutchinson	Mastriano
Brooks	Dush		

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

HB 1284 (Pr. No. 2431) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights, for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and for pilot program for automated speed enforcement system on designated highway and providing for automated speed enforcement study and for pilot program for automated speed enforcement systems in designated school zones; and imposing a penalty.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam 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 363, SB 667, SB 832, SB 845, SB 978, SB 982, SB 1020, HB 250, HB 1231, HB 1232, HB 1234 and HB 1243.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

9:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on the status of housing in Pennsylvania)	Hearing Room 1 North Office
	CANCELLED	
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 55 and 907; and House Bills No. 666, 689, 1284 and 1478)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 559, 560, 1017 and 1019; and House Bill No. 1295)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 219; and Senate Resolution No. 110)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 44, 361, 527, 596, 683, 815, 838, 843 and 941; House Bills No. 27, 301 and 1300; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,365 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. This unconscionable failure of governance is not just ensuring our low-wage and minimum-wage earners are stuck in a never-ending cycle of poverty though, Madam President. Our inaction is driving workers out of the Commonwealth to places where they will earn more for doing the same work. A recent study called "When Low-Wage PA Border County Workers Want a Living Wage Job, What Do They Do? Cross Over Into New York or New Jersey." The Keystone Research Center found that while Pennsylvania workers are crossing into New York to work in the hospitality and leisure sector, few New Yorkers are crossing into Pennsylvania. Well, why would they, Madam President? We are having a labor exodus of

our Commonwealth, and there is an easy way to stop the flow of workers.

If we pass Senate Bill No. 12--my bill that would put our Commonwealth's low-wage earners on a path to \$15 an hour--we would prevent the thousands who live in Pennsylvania but take their labor across State borders, as well as those who move entirely to find greener pastures and higher wages for the same work. Madam President, right now, Pennsylvanians living near the borders of our neighboring States are traveling into those States to find work. And who can blame them when they will earn up to \$100 more per week than an in-State job--\$5,000 just for working across State lines? It is a sin, Madam President, that we are falling behind our neighbors and forcing our low-wage and minimum-wage earners to work for pennies on the dollar they could earn elsewhere. Our Commonwealth workers deserve better, Madam President. Our Commonwealth workers deserve Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Madam President.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

REMARKS ON VOTE

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 12, 2023

Michael Gerdes
Secretary and Parliamentarian of the Senate
462 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Gerdes,

Pursuant to Rule 20, I write to request that the record from Senate Session on December 11, 2023, be adjusted to reflect my intended vote on final passage for SB 597, PN 592. As I was on legislative leave during this vote, my vote was incorrectly recorded as a "aye" when it should have been recorded as a "nay."

A copy of this request has also been transmitted to the President Pro Tempore's office. I asked that this letter be part of the Senate Journal for December 12, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS
State Senator – 8th District

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 773 and HB 1058.

RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 10 a.m.,

Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.