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MONDAY, June 10, 2024

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr.) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend MATT GUEDES, of Camp Freedom, Carbondale, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Senator Baker, Senator Brown, for the invitation. Let us pray.

Father God, we praise You, and we glorify You. We thank You for who You are. We thank You for this opportunity to gather. We thank You for Your creation that You have given us in this wonderful Commonwealth, from Penns Woods to the beautiful forest, the mountains, the rivers, and the lakes that You bless us with. We thank You for the wildlife and the abundance of resources that You have given us. Lord, I am reminded of Your Word in which You say if any of us lacks wisdom, that we can come to You and You will give it abundantly. I pray for all the Senators who are gathered here that You would give them Your wisdom; that You would give them Your knowledge; that You would give them Your ability to reason and to think and to understand and that You would bless them with that. Lord, I pray also that You would help them to be cognizant of Your truth, Your Word, Lord, in which Jesus Christ said, I did not come to be served but to serve many. And, Lord, I pray that each one of these Senators would be thinking about their constituents and those who they serve and that they would honor You in honoring those who they serve. Lord, we praise You, we thank You, we glorify You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Chaplain Guedes, who is the guest today of Senator Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the

Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

June 7, 2024

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, Joyce Warwick, 5657 Bartlett Street, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ivan Lugo, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

June 7, 2024

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, Satya Verma, 650 Chatham Lane, Blue Bell 19422, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Davis Haire, Meshoppen, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 126**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 943**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, SCHWANK, J. WARD, MILLER and CULVER presented to the Chair **SB 1237**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, further providing for definitions, for duties of facility owners, for duties of designers, for duties of excavators, for duties of project owners, for damage prevention committee, for compliance orders and administrative penalties and for expiration of act.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 6, 2024.

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Senators L. WILLIAMS, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, DILLON, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, MILLER, STREET and COMMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 33**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for comprehensive school counseling services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 7, 2024.

Senators FARRY, PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, COLLETT, ARGALL, KEARNEY, CULVER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1218**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in taxation and finance, further providing for township and special tax levies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 7, 2024.

Senator FARRY presented to the Chair **SB 1219**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxation and finance, further providing for tax levy.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 7, 2024.

Senator FARRY presented to the Chair **SB 1220**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in finance and taxation, further providing for tax levies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 7, 2024.

Senators ROBINSON, BARTOLOTTA, PENNYCUICK, VOGEL, J. WARD, MILLER and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 1233**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in judicial administration, further providing for surcharge and fee and providing for investigation and prosecution of Internet crimes against children; and establishing the Internet Crimes Against Children Restricted Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 7, 2024.

Senators KANE, COMMITTA, FONTANA, COSTA, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, MUTH and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 1239**, 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 finances, further providing for school districts lying in more than one county or in more than one municipality and limitation on total tax revenues.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 7, 2024.

Senators J. WARD, ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, AUMENT, BOSCOLA, VOGEL, FLYNN, DILLON, REGAN and MILLER presented to the Chair **SB 1242**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for continuing education tracking system.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 7, 2024.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, KANE, LAUGHLIN, SCHWANK, COLEMAN, DILLON, DUSH and MILLER presented to the Chair **SB 1243**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, further providing for regulatory flexibility during opioid epidemic.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 7, 2024.

Senators BROOKS, ROBINSON, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, MILLER and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1244**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in contributions by employers and employees, further providing for contributions by employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 7, 2024.

Senators KEARNEY, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, KANE, CAPPELLETTI and SAVAL presented to the Chair **SB 1246**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sustainable mobility options, establishing the State Safety Oversight Office and providing for its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 7, 2024.

Senators STEFANO, VOGEL, MASTRIANO and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1250**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems, providing for ratepayer relief reports.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 7, 2024.

Senators STEFANO, LAUGHLIN, J. WARD, PENNYCUICK, BROWN, VOGEL, DUSH and MILLER presented to the Chair **SB 1251**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for fees and qualifications for licensure, for education programs, approved lists, distribution and student credits where school removed from list and for certified registered nurse practitioners and qualifications.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 7, 2024.

Senators ARGALL, COLEMAN, BREWSTER and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 1252**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in construction and renovation of buildings by school entities, further providing for definitions and for building condition assessments.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 7, 2024.

Senators DiSANTO, STREET, FONTANA, BREWSTER, VOGEL and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 1253**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for electronic notice of insurance practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, June 7, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators KANE, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, A. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, MARTIN, COSTA, HUGHES and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 306**, entitled:

A Resolution designating June 10, 2024, as "Delco Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 6, 2024.

Senators KANE, ROBINSON, TARTAGLIONE, STREET, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, LAUGHLIN, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, BREWSTER and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 307**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of July 22 through 26, 2024, as "Construction Opioid Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 6, 2024.

Senators KANE, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, BROWN, COMITTA, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, HUGHES, BREWSTER and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 308**, entitled:

A Resolution designating August 31, 2024, as "Overdose Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 6, 2024.

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Senators VOGEL, CULVER, BARTOLOTTA, STREET, PENNYCUICK, PHILLIPS-HILL, KANE, MARTIN, ROTHMAN, SCHWANK, BROWN, L. WILLIAMS, BROOKS, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, COSTA and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SR 303**:

A Resolution designating the month of June 2024 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 7, 2024.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

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HB 851 and **1367** -- Committee on Education.

HB 1867 and **2234** -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

HB 2137 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2235 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Langerholc, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Pittman.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Aument requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Langerholc, Senator Kim Ward, and Senator Pittman.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Flynn, and a legislative leave for Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, June 10, 2024

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, June 24, 2024, 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, June 24, 2024, 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 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.

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

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 1333 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 1333 (Pr. No. 1721) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 6 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator AUMENT, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 1333 (Pr. No. 1721) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.857, No.372), referred to as the Stuffed Toy Manufacturing Act, further providing for definitions, for manufacturing, for materials and for enforcement; and providing for labeling.

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.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROSEMARY BROWN
AND SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Monroe, Senator Brown.

Senator BROWN. Mr. President, we are blessed this morning to have Matt Guedes with us doing the Senate prayer. Matt Guedes is the executive director of Camp Freedom, a nonprofit organization that helps disabled veterans and first responders through their struggles, utilizing outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, and shooting, sports, education, and more within a warm, calm, and caring environment. Matt is also the owner of Journey Hunts, a worldwide hunting company offering hunts around the globe. To top it off, he is also an author of "Hunting for Purpose," a pastor of 24-plus years, an owner of Xulon Apparel, and a former U.S. Army officer. Matt has more than 20 years of experience in the outdoor industry and in the ministry. His extensive background in the outdoor world, along with pastoring churches, has given him a unique skill set, which he utilizes every day in speaking on freedom and life as a Christian outdoorsman. For the past 22 months, Matt has built the foundation for Camp Freedom when Bill Bachenberg, Camp Freedom's founder, empowered Matt to put wheels into his vision. The results have been astounding. Camp Freedom is literally saving the lives of veterans and first responders, and they are revitalized in a comprehensive manner. Matt leads his staff to assist clients to have a hunt of a lifetime and ensure they enjoy the journey along the way. He has also named, created, and hired upwards of 70 personnel in developing a multimillion-dollar recycling company, which he managed for 3 years and helped protect our environment. Matt graduated from Dickinson College in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in political science. Once again, a very special thank you because he served as an officer in the United States Army for 4 years. He has pastored three churches, again, for a combined 24 years in the ministry. He has been married to his amazing, energetic, beautiful, spirited wife, Kelley--sitting over there--for 31 years, and they have been blessed with three beautiful children. Please give a warm Senate welcome and, again, a very special thank you for opening our day with a prayer to Matt and his wife, Kelley.

Thank you, Mr. President.
[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, I am delighted to join my colleague Senator Rosemary Brown also in welcoming Matt Guedes and his wife, Kelley, who are residents of Thompson in the 20th Senatorial District. As Senator Brown mentioned, Matt and his team at Camp Freedom are well known throughout northeastern Pennsylvania, our Commonwealth, and our country for demonstrating how our outdoor adventures and camaraderie can restore hope, purpose, and mission in the lives of disabled veterans and first responders. Matt exemplifies faith and service in a wonderful combination. His ministry, his Army service, his devotion to Kelley and their children are evidence of special kinds of commitment. For people of faith, and for faith leaders especially, there is an imperative to the mission of stewardship for our natural inheritance: the lands, the waters, the plants, and the animals around us. Here too we find Matt deeply involved in his work in the outdoors, especially with Camp Freedom and his initiative in the field of recycling. Matt is a man of many gifts and graces. His words reflect inner qualities. His deeds demonstrate an uncommon sort of leadership through constructive action. So please join me in giving our warm Senate welcome to our Senate Chaplain Matt Guedes and his beautiful wife, Kelley.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Brown and Senator Baker please rise.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, today we are joined by a group of very accomplished young women from across the Commonwealth. This week, the 97th Miss Pennsylvania Competition and 20th Miss Pennsylvania's Teen Competition will take place in my district at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts in the city of York, and the newly renovated Yorktowne Hotel will be home to the candidates, judges, and volunteer staff during Miss Pennsylvania Week. During this multi-day event, 40 delegates between the 2 competitions will vie for more than \$70,000 in academic scholarships, and the winners will advance to the Miss America Competition in January.

Mr. President, I want to recognize the 2024 delegates who will be competing for the Miss Pennsylvania Competition this week. Seated in the gallery are, and beginning with: Christina Herman, Miss White Rose City; Tynecia Wilson, Miss Philadelphia; AmandaGrace Krier, Miss Heart of Lancaster; Hannah Fox, Miss York County; Samantha Roth, Miss Butler County; Cara Mia Hogan, Miss Northeastern PA; Shannon Cattie, Miss Freedom Forge; Madelyn Whitcraft, Miss Pretzel City; Shakira Unique Jackson, Miss Luzerne County; Madelyn Rowan, Miss Berks County; Noelle Schneider, Miss Lancaster County; Julianna Billings, Miss Red Rose City; Abby Traxler, Miss Central Pennsylvania; Kailee St. Pierre, Miss Moraine State; Finley Miller, Miss Greater Juniata Valley; Brynn Patton, Miss Midstate; AK Hazel, Miss Greater Reading; Victoria Vespico, Miss Wilkes-Barre/Scranton; Page Weinstein, Miss Greater Pittsburgh; Emma Glad, Miss Laurel Highlands; Stella Downey, Miss West Chester

University; Audrey Whisman, Miss Harrisburg; Louella Formica, Miss South Central PA; and Juliana Denick, Miss Gettysburg. Mr. President, I would like to ask my Senate colleagues to please give a warm welcome to these outstanding young women.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR AMANDA M. CAPPELLETTI PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, I join my colleague in welcoming the Miss Pennsylvania and the Miss Pennsylvania's Teen 2024 contestants. But I have the privilege of representing an accomplished and inspiring 17th Senatorial District constituent, Miss Pennsylvania's Teen 2023 Lizzie Shacklett. [Applause.] Lizzie is from Radnor, Pennsylvania, and in addition to being crowned Miss Pennsylvania's Teen 2023, she is a competitive international Irish step dancer, a children's book author--a wonderful book encouraging reading, that I have read to my little girl--and a founder of the nonprofit Literacy Is Lit - Finding and Filling the Gaps. Through Lizzie's community service initiative, she has donated over 10,000 books to communities and schools in need. Her work stresses the importance of literacy in helping underserved communities get the resources they need to be successful. As Miss Pennsylvania's Teen, Lizzie has participated in over 60 appearances across the Commonwealth in schools, libraries, and book banks to support children's right to read. I have been proud to partner with Lizzie in the past to advocate for literacy, to give out books to the community, including joining me at my annual Kids Fair, and later this month, I am thrilled to say that I am welcoming Lizzie as a summer intern in my office, where she will assist the communications team and learn more about the way that Harrisburg works. Please join me in giving Lizzie and the entire 2024 delegates competing for Miss Pennsylvania and Miss Pennsylvania Teen a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Cappelletti please rise.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN ON BEHALF OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, on behalf of my colleague from Dauphin County, [Senator] John DiSanto, I have the privilege of introducing one more of our floor guests today, Miranda Moore, our Miss Pennsylvania 2023. A resident of Harrisburg and the daughter of Stacie and Mark Moore, Miranda received a \$12,000 scholarship for winning Miss Pennsylvania, compliments of the late businesswoman Chloe Eichelberger, and a \$1,000 scholarship for the Bohler Women in STEM Award.

During her year of service as Miss Pennsylvania, Miranda has traveled the Commonwealth sharing her community service

initiative "Take Action in Fashion," which focuses on sustainability in the fashion industry, particularly reducing its impact on the environment and being mindful of the process and the people who produce garments. This is very much aligned with her professional career, seeing as she is an environmental engineer and a sustainability professional. A graduate of the University of Georgia with a bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering, Miranda has an executive certificate in social impact strategy from the University of Pennsylvania and is currently completing her master's degree. Mr. President, let us give a warm Senate welcome to our Miss Pennsylvania 2023, Miranda Moore.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would Miss Pennsylvania please rise.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Langerholc has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I am so honored to introduce my guest today, Alicia Kozak, who is here advocating for my legislation to protect children from internet-facilitated crimes and sexual exploitation. Alicia survived horrendous crimes at the age of only 13 and has been a powerful and sympathetic voice across the country in supporting legislation to enhance law enforcement funding for the prosecution of these criminals so this does not happen to anyone else. I am glad we in the legislature can work in a truly nonpartisan way with her to help address this growing and frightening problem.

Alicia came from Pittsburgh today and is seated in the gallery, joined by a family in my district who, unfortunately, also has a story: Eric Lind, who works with her on The Alicia Project, Detective Sergeant Chaz Balogh and his wonderful K-9 partner, Spike. As the internet is constantly evolving, criminals are finding more and more ways to target our children. This is unacceptable, and we need to give our law enforcement the tools they need to keep up, and I am grateful for Alicia and her bravery and strength as she works tirelessly to protect our kids in Pennsylvania. Thank you for everything you do, Alicia. Now, Mr. President, please join me in extending Alicia a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Robinson please rise and be introduced.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR VINCENT J. HUGHES PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome and introduce a great champion in both basketball and the healthcare

space, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. Michael was born in Philadelphia and eventually made his way to the University of Kentucky, where he helped his team win the 2012 men's NCAA Basketball Championship against Kansas. This was the Wildcats' first national championship since 1998. Following this incredible accomplishment, Michael declared for the 2012 NBA Draft and was drafted second overall by the then Charlotte Bobcats. After playing a successful 9-year career in the NBA, he moved on to a new calling. In 2021, Michael started a new chapter when he launched his nonprofit, Change & Impact, with a mission to improve access to healthcare while expanding services and resources for those who stutter. Having had a stutter all his life, Michael wanted to give back to a community he personally identified with.

Michael now travels the country as founder and CEO of his nonprofit, speaking at colleges and universities, visiting children's hospitals, hosting education programs for the healthcare community, and advocating at the Federal and State level for stuttering intervention research and to improve health insurance coverage for those who stutter. Under his leadership, the stuttering community has experienced significant milestones, such as the formation of the bipartisan Unified Voices Caucus focused on stuttering awareness on Capitol Hill, and the first--but hopefully not the last--State healthcare bill in Kentucky that provides insurance coverage for speech therapy services for stuttering. I am going to say that again: the first--and hopefully not the last--State healthcare bill in Kentucky that provides insurance coverage for speech therapy services for stuttering.

Throughout his career in both basketball and now as a healthcare advocate, Michael has always welcomed a challenge. His commitment to the fight in front of him and passion for getting the job done is what makes him so successful. I would like to congratulate him on all he has accomplished and the many future wins I am sure he will achieve. I would also like to recognize our colleague Representative Brandon Markosek, who is with Michael right behind us on the floor of the Senate today. Mr. President, I ask that the Chamber join me in giving Michael our traditional warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Hughes please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, thank you for recognizing Brandon and his brother Michael. I appreciate that. [Laughter.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. You are welcome, Senator Hughes.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Kim Ward has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a remarkable young woman who is seated on the floor who continues to shatter stereotypes with boundless determination, strength, and unwavering spirit. Roaring Spring resident Jordyn Fouse is an extraordinary student wrestler with three State championship titles under her belt. Jordyn is the daughter of David and Jennifer Fouse

and has just completed her junior year at Bishop McCort Catholic High School.

As a repeat wrestling champion, I always enjoy hearing Jordyn's story. At age 6, Jordyn decided that dance lessons were not for her, and inspired by her brother and supported by her family, discovered a passion for wrestling. Undeterred by societal norms and the lack of female representation in the sport, she fearlessly embarked on her journey to pursue her dreams. With unwavering dedication, Jordyn has defied expectations and excelled. In her high school career, she has won three consecutive State championship titles and multiple national accolades. It is my hope that Jordyn's legacy will serve as an inspiration for young girls, provided that they too can conquer any challenge they set their mind to. I congratulate Jordyn on her continued success and ask that we give her and her peers our usual Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guest of Senator Stefano please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano, for a second time.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I again rise to introduce another remarkable young woman who is seated up in the gallery who is pushing the boundaries and making waves in the world of wrestling. Violette Lasure just completed her freshman year at Chestnut Ridge High School, and her first year of high school-level wrestling was quite a feat. Violette remained undefeated throughout the 2003-2004 [2023-2024] season and clinched the State championship title. She is ranked 25th across the country and holds multiple national titles and is eager to achieve more in the coming years. I congratulate Violette for the successes that her unwavering dedication has brought her and look forward to seeing her continued success. Like my colleagues, I thank Violette, Jordyn, and all the female wrestlers who are here being trailblazers and, ultimately, history makers during the PIAA's first sanctioned season. The grit, determination, and remarkable talent you all possess will serve you well, and I look forward to continuing to cheer for the girls wrestling in Pennsylvania in the many years to come. I again ask that we give Violette and her peers our usual warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Stefano please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, what a privilege to be surrounded by such wrestling greatness. It is my distinct honor to welcome not one, not two, not three, but four wrestling champions from my district. While diverse in their achievements and backgrounds, these wrestlers share a drive and determination to be the best, and their hard work is paying off. First, I would like to welcome Tahir Parkins. Tahir is a junior at Nazareth Area High School who took home the top prize in the 133-pound weight class in this year's PIAA State championship. With a 41-win

season under his belt, Tahir deserves to be recognized for both the athletic and personal excellence he has demonstrated through his achievements. Tahir, you are in the gallery, so please rise so we can give you a welcome round of applause. [Applause.]

Second, Mr. President, I would like to welcome another Nazareth Area student. Sean Kinney, who is up front, is a senior who just captured his third State championship. After a 39-win season, Sean captured the top prize in the 285-pound weight class at this year's PIAA State championship. Sean's success has spanned his wrestling career with 125 wins to date. Sean, your success is a testament to your true grit and hard work. So, please rise so we can recognize your accomplishments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Boscola please rise.

[Applause.]

Senator BOSCOLA. Third, I am proud to welcome Keanu Dillard. Keanu just finished his sophomore year at Bethlehem Catholic High School and is a two-time district, regional, and State championship. This March, he won his second PIAA [Class] AAA championship in the 121-pound weight class, and this April walked away a U17 US Open freestyle champion. His coaches and teammates credit Keanu with being more physical and better at hand fighting with his success this season and now has the potential to make history and add 2 more State titles to his list and become District 11's second-ever, 4-time State champ. Keanu, you are in the gallery, please rise so we can welcome you to the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest of Senator Boscola please rise.

[Applause.]

Senator BOSCOLA. Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to welcome a true trailblazer. Aubre Krazer is a junior from Easton Area High School who made history this year by becoming the first PIAA State girls' wrestling champion for the 130-pound weight class. This was Aubre's third championship season, and what a season it was. Aubre ended the season undefeated with 27 wins, not a single loss. Aubre's determination deserves a special shout-out because she is a pioneering athlete in a sport that has long been dominated by boys. Aubre shows that regardless of institutional barriers, if you give it your all and put in that hard work, you can cut a path to success and dominate, and dominate you did. Aubre, please rise so we can congratulate you with your achievements. You are up front here.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guest please rise.

[Applause.]

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, this is for all the wrestlers and their families. I was a cheerleader for wrestling when I was in high school, and I remember some of those cheers. I am going to give you one [cheering and clapping]: "twist them like a pretzel, show them how to wrestle," and also, "make them see the light, you're going to make them see the light." There you go. We have fun in the Senate, too. [Laughter and applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you for that, Senator Boscola.

GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I am so proud today to welcome Landon Sidun, is a State wrestling champion from Norwin High School, which is situated in the district I serve. He is described in the media as a 114-pound wrecking ball with cat-like quickness, alarming strength, and a never-ending gas tank. Landon utilized every maneuver and technique available to strategically set up his takedowns in his freshman season debut. Using set collar ties, snap-downs, and other hand-fighting techniques, it was only a matter of time before his competitors went down. Not only did Landon regularly rack up points, but he also earned points throughout the season. He hit the mat as a seasoned wrestler, and instead of feeling pressure, he saw opportunity. He seized that opportunity time and again this season, becoming the Class AAA State champion as a freshman. That is unbelievable. I came from a wrestling family. My brothers went to school on wrestling scholarships, and I learned wrestling from them, usually during defense. And to Senator Boscola, I will say this--where are you, Lisa--[cheering] "takedown, takedown, two, two; takedown, takedown, two, two." Yeah, that was a long, long time ago, you guys. You know, we are like your grandmothers who tell you stories. We are the grandmothers telling you stories of how it was a long, long time ago. I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Landon Sidun of Norwin High School for winning that State champion. I would also like to thank Landon for keeping the Westmoreland County wrestling champion streak alive. It has been alive for 30 years. Landon, I am so proud of your accomplishments and your ability to overcome any obstacle that may have gotten in your way and wish you much success. Let us keep the Westmoreland County wrestling streak alive.

The PRESIDING OFFICER Would the guest of Senator Kim Ward please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.
[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Martin.

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, for the record, I was not a wrestling cheerleader [laughter]. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in introducing a group of exceptional young athletes in the great sport of wrestling who compete in the toughest wrestling tournament in the country here in Pennsylvania. One wrestler in particular whose name is Journie Rodriguez. She joined us here in the gallery with her parents, Isaias and Deserie Rodriguez. Journie is a 112-pounder from J.P. McCaskey High School, which also was the first school in Pennsylvania to form a girls' wrestling team, and she has brought home one of the first gold medals in girls' wrestling in our Commonwealth's history. Journie certainly is a familiar face here at the Capitol. We not only celebrated her prior year's State title, but she was also an advocate, like so many of these other young ladies, in finally sanctioning and officially making girls' wrestling an opportunity for girls here in Pennsylvania. Journie overcame obstacles, barriers, competed hard, and ultimately faced off against a tough opponent from Bishop McCort in the championship, pulling off a historic win with a score of 7 to 3. Her victory, alongside the victories of all this year's female champions, was a special moment in our State's rich wrestling history. As recently as last year, girls'

wrestling was not a sanctioned sport here in Pennsylvania, and no official postseason existed for these young, amazing female athletes.

However, due to their amazing efforts--of not only these student-athletes, but parents, coaches, community members, and volunteers--on May 17, 2023, the PIAA upheld its end of the deal to sanction the sport and create an official postseason once those 100 teams were established in Pennsylvania. Now, there was another deal that was struck. I promised Journie that if she came back again as a State champion, we would each sign a pair of poster-sized photos we took together squaring off in the Capitol Media Center. She came through on her end of the bargain, and as of today, one of those autographed pictures has become a feature in my office. As someone who has benefited tremendously from the incredible sport of wrestling, I am extremely excited and so proud of each of these young athletes who represent each of our communities with honor and distinction and wish them the best moving forward. I am already very excited for Journie's senior season and where the opportunities that this great sport presents to her take her in life. Mr. President, please join me in giving Journie and her parents our customary warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Martin please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.
[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR NICHOLAS P. MILLER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Miller.

Senator MILLER. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome a wrestling champion from the 14th Senatorial District in the Lehigh Valley. Trey Wagner is a junior at Northampton High School. After winning his PIAA [Class] AAA State championship in the 127-pound class and Northampton's 26th State champion and 1st since 2021. I will take the moment to welcome all of our wrestling champions and invite them to continue their athletic and educational careers at the only one place for wrestling, and that would be the Penn State University--so, I have to put that plug in there--but with no doubt, I will say that Trey will have a successful career ahead of him, and I would ask my colleagues to welcome him to the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an impressive young man who is my guest, Bishop McCort sophomore Jax Forrest. Jax is being honored for winning the 2023-2024 PIAA State Class AA boys' individual wrestling championship in the 127-pound weight class. A sophomore at Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Jax won the State title by defeating a wrestler from Bentworth High School with a technical fall at 4 minutes and 32 seconds. He further distinguished himself by placing 2nd in the Southwest Regional Championships and 1st in the PIAA District 6 Championships, amassing a season record

of 53 wins with only 2 losses. Earlier this year, Jax competed in the Olympic trials at Penn State University, where he finished in fourth place, qualifying him for the U.S. National Team as a sophomore. And of more impressive note, he walked away from the Olympic trials with wins over a former Division I wrestler and a two-time Division II champion. He has made his school, friends, family, coaches, and nation very proud. He is joined in the gallery by his parents, Howard and Kim Forrest. Again, Mr. President, I wish to introduce Jax Forrest and ask for a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Langerholm please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Flynn has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR TRACY PENNYCUICK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PENNYCUICK. Mr. President, I am honored to introduce Adam Waters on the Senate floor today. Adam is a high-achieving sophomore from my district who attends Faith Christian Academy, maintaining a remarkable 4.057 GPA. He is also an accomplished wrestler, dedicating himself to the sport since the age of 5. Adam has an impressive record, having secured his second consecutive PIAA State championship. His exceptional talent was recognized in his freshman year, and he was honored with the prestigious Outstanding Wrestler award at the PIAA [Class] AA State tournament. Further demonstrating his athletic ability, Adam represented the United States on the international stage. Competing in the U17 Pan American Championships in Mexico City, he secured both gold in freestyle and a silver medal in Greco-Roman. Adam's dedication and skill were further validated by his impressive eighth-place finish at the World Championships in Istanbul. Mr. President, we are honored to have him here today, and I ask that we give our special guest, Adam, and his father, Scott, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Pennycuick please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR CRIS DUSH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, today I have the honor of welcoming Luke Simcox, who is being recognized for bringing home the 2024 PIAA wrestling championship in the 145-pound weight class. A senior at Central Mountain High School, Luke captured his second consecutive Class AAA State title at the PIAA individual wrestling championship tournament held at the Giant Center in Hershey this past March. He further distinguished himself by winning the Northwest Regional championship with a season record of 31 wins and 3 losses. Refusing to rest on his high school career of 137 wins and 18 losses, Luke has already declared his

intent to wrestle at the University of North Carolina while majoring in prelaw--he is going to have a full schedule. Mr. President, I am requesting that my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating Luke Simcox, who is sitting in the gallery with his family, on his well-deserved accolades as a premier student-athlete. I also want to extend the best wishes and continued blessings for Luke's future success both academically and while competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Dush please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR FRANK FARRY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Farry.

Senator FARRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce Julia Horger--I should say reintroduced since she was here a few weeks ago. Julia won the girls' State individual wrestling championship in the 106-pound weight class. She is a sophomore at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School, and she won the State title by defeating a wrestler from Greenville Junior/Senior High School with a score of 9-3. She also distinguished herself during the season by winning the Southeast Regional title, and her record during this season of her State championship was an undefeated record of 22-0. Mr. President, can we please give a warm Senate welcome to Julia and her family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Farry please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JARRETT CHARLES COLEMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Coleman.

Senator COLEMAN. Mr. President, continuing the theme with wrestler introductions today--you know, this morning I had some protesters in my office and this young lady, she could have pinned them all in no time. It would have been a pinning clinic. They would have been the flattest pins you have ever seen--bam, bam, bam--she would have taken care of all of them. That being said, it is my pleasure to introduce Savannah Witt as my guest today. She is joined by her mother, Molly, and grandmother, Ruth. This year, Savannah won first place at the PIAA State Girls' Individual Wrestling Championships in the 118-pound weight class. A fitting end to an undefeated season where she amassed 31 wins.

She has quite an impressive list of accomplishments both on and off the mat. Savannah is a junior at Palisades High School, where she has been inducted into the National Honor Society. Savannah was the 2024 NHCA [NHSCA] and US Marine Corps Scholar All-American Award recipient. She is ranked third in the country in her weight class and has placed third in Europe's largest wrestling tournament. In 2023 and 2024, Savannah was a PA USA Wrestling Student Ambassador. In looking over her accomplishments, I was amazed by how much she has done so far. Savannah also has begun the application process to attend West

Point Military Academy in hopes of continuing her wrestling career there and serving her country upon graduation. Congratulations again, Savannah, on an incredible season and all your accomplishments so far. My fellow Senators, I ask you join me in a warm welcome for Savannah and her family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Coleman please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
LYNDA SCHLEGEL CULVER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator Culver.

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome Reagan Milheim, his parents, and two brothers. You could say wrestling runs in their blood since his two brothers also wrestle. He is a student at Warrior Run High School and has earned the title of PA State wrestling champion as a sophomore in high school. This past season, he won the PIAA Class AA State champion for the 145-pound weight class. As a sophomore, Reagan has risen as a leader to his team, and combined with his natural talent and dedication to the sport, he has inspired many other wrestlers and has brought great pride to his community. He ended the '23-'24 season with a career record of 97 wins, 8 losses, including 14 victories by major decisions and 4 victories by technical fall. I would like to congratulate Reagan on his impressive achievements and recent State championship and wish him the best of luck with all his future endeavors. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in welcoming Reagan and his family by giving them a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Culver please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I rise to introduce an incredibly strong and talented student-athlete from Susquehannock High School, Sagan Marks. Sagan has been lifting her way to championships since 2022. And from the beginning, Sagan has been powering through her competitions, bringing home national titles and medals from multiple meets throughout the year. She is a 2023 Pennsylvania high school State champion in the 152 to 167 women's raw weight class, a 2024 Bench Press Nationals title holder, a bronze medal winner at the 2024 Pennsylvania high school State championships, and 2024 high school national championships.

Most recently, Sagan competed at the 2024 World Bench Press Championships in Texas, where she placed second overall. During these meets, Sagan crushed her personal records, squatting an impressive 286 pounds, deadlifting 270 pounds, and bench pressing 160 pounds--wow. So, Sagan would not be where she is today without the support from her mom and dad, Joni and Aaron Marks; her coach, Nick DeLuca; and her boyfriend, Carter. I

believe that she said it best when asked what it is like to be part of the powerlifting club. And she said: this club is great for everyone who wants to work hard. Sagan, you have put in the hard work, and it really shows. York County could not be prouder of you, and we thank you for representing Pennsylvania at World's. This fall, Sagan will be attending West Chester University, where she will study exercise science and therapy. Sagan, we wish you the best for your future endeavors. Would my colleagues please join me in welcoming Sagan and her family, coach, and friend Carter to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Phillips-Hill rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
MEETING PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 9**

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, as a special order of business and pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the Committee on Appropriations will meet off the floor immediately in the Rules room during the introduction of guests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, as a special order of business, the Committee on Appropriations will meet off the floor in the Rules room immediately while the Senate continues with the introduction of guests. The Senate will be at ease momentarily while the Members of the Committee on Appropriations report to the Rules room.

The Senate will be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIA COLLETT
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to welcome one of my constituents, Joey Bachmann, and his family as we celebrate exceptional wrestlers at the Capitol today. Joey is a student-athlete at Faith Christian Academy who, among the numerous other accolades he holds in his sport, brought home the gold this year, winning first place during the PIAA State Class AA Boys' Individual Wrestling Championship. It is an honor to represent talented, dedicated student-athletes like Joey, whose accomplishments bring a great deal of pride to his school, his family, and our Commonwealth. I am thrilled to celebrate Joey's well-earned achievements here today alongside outstanding wrestlers from across our State, and I look forward to seeing all of his future successes. I ask my colleagues to please join me in extending our usual warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Collett please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUEST OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, joining me in the gallery today is Brenda Banks, a junior at Panther Valley High School in Carbon County, just over the hill from my house. Brenda also won a State title in girls' wrestling this year in a perfect season--all wins, no losses. There are not too many Senators that ever could imagine such a record in either politics or the legislature. Please join me in welcoming Brenda back to the State Senate today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guest of Senator Argall please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY WARD PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I rise to welcome to the Senate Andrew McMonagle, a senior from Williamsburg High School who wrestles for Huntingdon Area High School. Andrew recently captured the 189-pound PIAA Class AA State Wrestling Championship at the Hershey Giant Center in March. After falling behind early, he dug deep and rallied to a remarkable come-from-behind win against Southern Columbia. Andrew went 4 and 0 in the tournament and finished his season with a stellar 47 and 3 record and an overall career record of 93 and 17. After he graduates high school, he will continue his wrestling career at North Dakota State. Throughout his career, he has displayed commitment, strength, and perseverance in pursuit of his goals, and he worked tirelessly to overcome every obstacle in his way. His work ethic and dedication are an example for all of us. Blair and Huntingdon region and the entire 30th Senatorial District could not be prouder of Andrew's achievement and career. Please join me in welcoming Andrew McMonagle to the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guest of Senator Judy Ward please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator Judy Ward, for a second time.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I would like to introduce my summer intern, Marklin Myers. Marklin will be interning at my Hollidaysburg district office. He currently lives in Altoona and recently graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. Marklin will attend Duquesne Honors College in the fall with a double major in political science and psychology. As an undergraduate, he plans to enroll in the 3+3 Law Program and attend Duquesne Kline School of Law in the future. Marklin will be working construction this summer in addition to his internship. In his spare time, he enjoys playing volleyball, spending time with family and friends, and hunting with his grandfather. He also enjoys community service, and for the second year, he has volunteered at Out of the Darkness Walk in Blair County that raises awareness and fights against suicide. As you can see, Marklin is a hardworking young man with a bright future ahead of him. We are thrilled to have him with us for the summer. Please join me in giving Marklin a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guest of Senator Judy Ward please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR DOUGLAS V. MASTRIANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, today we are joined by one of Gettysburg Area High School's finest, Zoey Haines, along with her mother, Jennifer. Zoey is recognized for winning first place during the 2023-2024 PIAA State Girls' Individual Wrestling Championship in the 148-pound weight class. She won it by a decision of 7 to 2. This season, as a junior, she amassed an outstanding record of 33 and 2. She placed second at the South Central Regional Championships, and during her sophomore year, she won the 142-pound championship at the 2023 MyHouse Girls State Championship, making her a 2-time State wrestling champ. Wrestling is strong in Zoey's family. She is coached by her father, Chris, a great American. Her uncle, Ken, won a State title in 1995. And she has some cousin named Levi who just won a national wrestling championship himself at Penn State, another great American. But today we honor Zoey, whose own name will forever be etched in the history of PIAA girls' wrestling. Congratulations.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Mastriano please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, today I would like to introduce Andy Masich, who is the president and CEO of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. As you may have heard, Mr. President, the Heinz History Center was recently voted as the top-ranked history museum in America by the USA Today as part of its annual Readers' Choice Awards. Since 1998, Andy has provided dedicated leadership for Pittsburgh's nationally acclaimed 370,000-square-foot history center and museum system. My guest is also a recognized authority on the preservation and interpretation of history as a faculty member of the prestigious Seminar for Historical Administration. Mr. Masich's knowledge is highlighted on our local television station, KDKA's Pittsburgh's Hidden Treasures program, as well as our public television partner in Pittsburgh, WQED, on their shows in which he has won Emmys for his historical documentaries. Andy shares his knowledge as an expert for a variety of national media outlets as well, including the Associated Press, The New York Times, the Travel Channel, and the History Channel. Mr. President, please offer a warm Senate welcome to Mr. Andy Masich.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guest of Senator Fontana please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUEST OF SENATOR
CHRISTOPHER M. GEBHARD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Gebhard.

Senator GEBHARD. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce one of my constituents, Connor Grow. Connor is currently interning in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for Deputy Secretary of Reentry Community Corrections and Parole, Kelly Evans. Connor is a student at Lebanon Valley College majoring in criminal justice and sociology. He is a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta, which is the college's chapter of the National Honor Society for Sociology. Connor is also proud to have assisted his professor, Dr. Terrence Alladin, in conducting scholarly research that is in the process of being published. His plans entail becoming a parole agent for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections while furthering his education to obtain his master's degree in sociology. He would love one day to become a Federal agent. Connor lives with his parents, Jason and Patti Grow, in Annville. In his free time, he likes to follow his favorite sports teams, the Phillies, Penguins, and the Steelers. He also likes to keep up to date on the latest local, State, and national political happenings. Please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to my constituent, Connor Grow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guest of Senator Gebhard please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MARTY FLYNN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Flynn.

Senator FLYNN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce to the Senate the Abington Heights Mock Trial Team. Mr. President, this is a very accomplished group of students from the 22nd Senatorial District. This is not because they are just a State champion mock trial team, they are not even a regional champion mock trial team. Mr. President, the verdict is in, and I am proud to introduce the national champion Abington Heights Mock Trial Team. To explain how special this team is, this is the first team from Pennsylvania to ever win the national championship in 40 years of competition. This dream team won the statewide mock trial competition in March, facing off against 262 teams from across the Commonwealth. Then the team headed to Delaware in May for the national championship, where they bested teams from 48 States. In all, there were approximately 2,300 mock trial teams from across the country that competed to get to the championship round. Team members include Amishi Amit, Christopher Cummins, J.T. Healey, Madeline Herold, Dane Huggler, Aidan Lam, Serena Mokhtari, Henry Mahoney, Nolan Moore, William [Newton], Ananya Phadke, Zachary Riggall, Thomas Russini, Ava Shedlauskas, and Ava Whalen. The teacher coaches were Amy Kelly and Jennifer Tarr. The attorney advisors were Dan Cummins and Jody Healey, and the performance advisor was Anne Cummins. Mr. President, please join me in giving the national champion Abington Heights Mock Trial Team a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Flynn please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

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 allowing the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to conclude its work, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. 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 for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT 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 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 Dush and Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Coleman.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Boscola, Senator Comitta, Senator Costa, and Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Dush and Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Coleman.

Senator Tartaglione requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Boscola, Senator Comitta, Senator Costa, and Senator Hughes.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 67, SB 186, SB 187, SB 365 and SB 375 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 645 (Pr. No. 686) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for ten-year limitation for acquiring title to vacant land for gardens in cities of the first class.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

SB 645 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 645, Printer's No. 686, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 795 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 1058 (Pr. No. 1355) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the abrogation of regulations relating to the CO2 Budget Trading Program.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

SB 1058 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1058, Printer's No. 1355, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1087 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1213 (Pr. No. 1679) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for the offense of unlawful dissemination of intimate image; and, in minors, further providing for the offense of sexual abuse of children and for the offense of transmission of sexually explicit images by minor.

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 gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator DILLON.

Senator DILLON. Madam President, I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 1213, a critical piece of legislation that addresses a growing and deeply concerning issue, the spread of intimate images created using artificial intelligence or photo-editing software. As a parent of two teenage girls, I always think about how I can prioritize their safety. It is scary to learn about how some of these new ways that our children are being targeted. You might have heard about the news and events that came to light last autumn in Westfield, New Jersey. On Snapchat, an AI-generated nude photos of high school students, some as young as 14, were maliciously created and shared with other students. This incident, among others, has inspired our bill to fight the sexual exploitations that result from non-consensual creation of pornographic deepfake images. Even more alarming is the emergence of AI-generated child sexual abuse material. This newly developed criminal activity requires guardrails set in place so our law enforcement and our prosecutors can tackle this issue head-on. Senate Bill No. 1213 provides the tools necessary to fight these crimes.

Currently, Pennsylvania law makes it illegal to share intimate images without consent. However, our statutes do not clearly address the use of deepfake technology to spread similar AI-generated images without the subject's consent. This gap in our law leaves many vulnerable to a new form of digital abuse. This bill does more than update our laws and reflect technological advancements. It protects our children, our families, and our communities from dangerous forms of digital exploitation. As public officials, we all know how jarring it is to see your face distorted or used against you. The emotional and psychological harm of having your likeness manipulated and shared without consent is that much more severe for those who we serve to protect. We have a duty to ensure our laws provide clear protections against these deeply intimate violations.

This commonsense legislation makes it clear that the creation of pornographic deepfake images and the exploitation of our kids will not be tolerated. By passing Senate Bill No. 1213, we send a strong message that we will not allow such invasive and harmful actions here in Pennsylvania. I urge my colleagues to support this crucial legislation, and I would like to thank Senator Boscola for pushing this issue and for her commitment to the well-being of

our young citizens. I would also like to take a moment to thank Senator Pennycuick for her leadership on this matter. Let us stand together to protect our citizens and uphold the dignity and safety of all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I offer the following remarks for Senator Boscola and ask that they be spread upon the record.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator BOSCOLA:)

Madam President, I rise to echo the comments of my colleagues Senator Pennycuick and Senator Dillon in support of Senate Bill No. 1213, and for this Chamber to join us in voting "yes." This legislation is critical in assisting law enforcement in the fight against AI-generated deepfake pornography, especially cases involving children. Recently, national headlines covered a story involving students in a neighboring State where students used AI to create explicit images of their classmates, causing a lot of distress. This technology, often misused for revenge and exploitation, makes fake images that look very real and cause serious harm. And as we all know, once these images are created and shared, it is around forever.

Whether this is already happening in Pennsylvania or not, our current laws do not cover this new threat, and this legislation aims to ban the creation and sharing of these fake images without consent, including those involving children. We need to act now to protect our children and update our laws to keep up with technology and protect everyone's dignity and privacy in our State. Thank you.

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

Senator PENNYCUICK. Madam President, we are at the dawn of a new technological revolution, one driven by the rapid advancements in artificial intelligence. AI is set to revolutionize every aspect of our lives, from healthcare to education, to how we conduct business and communicate. However, as with any groundbreaking technology, there is a need to establish safeguards and guardrails against the potential misuse and the actions of bad actors seeking to cause harm, and this includes protecting our children. It is deeply troubling that as we sit here today, AI is being exploited to create sexually explicit images and deepfakes involving minors. This misuse of technology is not theoretical, it is a grim reality. Recent news reports, including The Wall Street Journal, have highlighted incidences where students generate harmful deepfakes of their peers, and adults create images of minors or other adults without their consent. The sophistication of these AI-generated images and videos makes them nearly indistinguishable from real media, leading to profound shame, embarrassment, and psychological trauma for the victim. Even more disturbing is the alarming rise of AI-generated child sexual abuse materials.

These acts represent a new frontier of criminal activity and one that current laws are ill-equipped to address. We have heard from prosecutors who have repeatedly expressed frustration over the lack of specific statutory provisions that would enable them to effectively prosecute offenders who create and disseminate

these artificial depictions and deepfakes. Senate Bill No. 1213 aims to provide law enforcement with the necessary tools to combat this growing issue. It specifically proposes the inclusion of artificially generated sexual depictions under Section 3131, Unlawful Dissemination of Intimate Images, and artificially generated depictions under Section 6312, Sexual Abuse of Children of the Crime Code, and prescribes penalties.

With the passage of Senate Bill No. 1213, we can begin to put safeguards in place against the malicious use of AI and ensure its responsible development for the well-being of all individuals, especially our most vulnerable. I want to express my deepest gratitude to my colleagues and co-prime sponsors, Senator Dillon and Senator Boscola, along with Chairwoman Baker and her staff. Their collective work and leadership on this issue has put us in a position to make real change with this bill and to help better safeguard our communities and protect our children. Thank you, and I respectfully ask my colleagues for their 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 1236, HB 1477 and HB 1760 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 134 (Pr. No. 961) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 219 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 464 (Pr. No. 1685) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal pensions, providing for pension service credit for prior service with police department.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 501 and **SB 525** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 775 (Pr. No. 1357) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for definitions and providing for vacant and blighted property registration; and imposing 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 800, **SB 840** and **SB 841** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 858 (Pr. No. 1683) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in mutual thrift institutions tax, further providing for imposition, report and payment of tax and exemptions.

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 1000, **SB 1026** and **SB 1108** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1147 (Pr. No. 1682) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for inspection of motorcycles.

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

SB 1177 (Pr. No. 1550) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, further providing for State Unemployment Compensation Advisory Counsel.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1203 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1229 (Pr. No. 1646) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in crop insurance, further providing for short title of chapter, for purpose of chapter, for definitions, for establishment of program, for powers and duties of department, providing for Dairy Margin Coverage Program Financial Assistance; and making editorial changes.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1232 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1567 (Pr. No. 2286) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 2000 (P.L.724, No.99), known as the Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act, further providing for definitions and for compliance requirement.

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 1745 (Pr. No. 3245) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income; and providing for 529 savings account employer matching contribution tax credit and tuition account programs.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1853, HB 1889 and HB 2055 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 761 (Pr. No. 864) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in local workforce development areas and regions and local workforce development boards, further providing for plan, functions and responsibilities and providing for technical assistance and data availability and for local performance accountability.

SB 801 (Pr. No. 1359) (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 teacher support in the structured literacy program; and providing for evidence-based reading instruction.

SB 1099 (Pr. No. 1426) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grants to fire companies and emergency medical services companies, further providing for definitions, for publication and notice, for award of grants, for consolidation incentive, for publication and notice and for award of grants, repealing provisions relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program and to Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program, further providing for expiration of authority, repealing provisions relating to expiration of authority relating to COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program and to expiration of authority relating to Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program and further providing for annual reports.

SB 1138 (Pr. No. 1531) (Rereported)

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 the State Geospatial Coordinating Board.

SB 1150 (Pr. No. 1555) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Grant Program; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

SB 1151 (Pr. No. 1556) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for definitions and establishing the Grow Pennsylvania Merit Scholarship Program.

SB 1152 (Pr. No. 1557) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in Ready-to-Succeed Scholarship, further providing for agency.

SB 1153 (Pr. No. 1558) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, providing for educational opportunities for foster and adopted children.

SB 1154 (Pr. No. 1559) (Rereported)

An Act establishing the Performance-based Funding Council and providing for its powers and duties.

SB 1155 (Pr. No. 1560) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in miscellaneous provisions relating to institutions of higher education, providing for Higher Education Task Force.

SB 1157 (Pr. No. 1536) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for exception from compulsory education for certain children with disabilities.

SB 1231 (Pr. No. 1666) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in trusts, further providing for definitions - UTC 103, for trust instrument controls and mandatory rules - UTC 105, for governing law - UTC 107, for situs of trust, for nonjudicial settlement agreements - UTC 111, for charitable purposes; enforcement - UTC 405, for trust for care of animal - UTC 408, for noncharitable trust without ascertainable beneficiary - UTC 409, for reformation to correct mistakes - UTC 415, for modification to achieve settlor's tax objectives - UTC 416, for spendthrift provision - UTC 502, for creditor's claim against settlor - UTC 505(a), for overdue distribution - UTC 506, for revocation or amendment of revocable trust - UTC 602, for trustee's duties and powers of withdrawal - UTC 603, for accepting or declining trusteeship - UTC 701, for trustee's bond - UTC 702, for cotrustees - UTC 703, for vacancy in trusteeship and appointment of successor - UTC 704, for resignation of trustee and filing resignation, for compensation of trustee - UTC 708, for duty to administer trust - UTC 801, for duty of loyalty - UTC 802, for powers to direct - UTC 808, for duty to inform and report, for discretionary powers and for powers of trustees - UTC 815, providing for directed trusts, further providing for remedies for breach of trust--UTC 1001, providing for nonjudicial account settlement and further providing for reliance on trust instrument - UTC 1006, for exculpation of trustee - UTC 1008, for certification of trust - UTC 1013 and for title of purchaser.

HB 1333 (Pr. No. 1721) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.857, No.372), referred to as the Stuffed Toy Manufacturing Act, further providing for definitions, for manufacturing, for materials and for enforcement; and providing for labeling.

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

BILLS AMENDED

SB 801 (Pr. No. 1359) -- 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 certification of teachers, further providing for teacher support in the structured literacy program; and providing for evidence-based reading instruction.

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

AUMENT AMENDMENT A4828 AGREED TO

Senator AUMENT offered the following amendment No. A4828:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by inserting after "AMENDED":
and the section is amended by adding a subsection
Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by inserting a bracket before "FIVE"
Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by inserting after "FIVE":
three
Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 28 and 29:
(f.1) Instructors for educator preparation programs in this Commonwealth, who teach reading and literacy education programs to

prospective educators, shall be trained in foundational skills and instructional interventions based on structured literacy.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 8, by striking out the period after "day" and inserting:

in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the school entity and an employee organization under the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employee Relations Act.

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 20 and 21:
"Department." The Department of Education of the Commonwealth.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 25, by inserting after "INTERVENTION-IST":

English as a second language teacher.

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 26 and 27:

"Employee organization." The term shall have the same meaning as "employee organization" under section 1101-A.

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 3 through 5, by striking out "STRATEGIES" in line 3 and all of lines 4 and 5 and inserting:

three-cueing, which is any model of teaching students to read based on meaning, structure and syntax and visual cues, which may also be known as MSV.

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 18 through 22, by striking out "Evidence-based instructional and" in line 18 and all of lines 19 through 22 and inserting:

A vast interdisciplinary body of scientifically based research that:

(1) Requires the explicit, systematic inclusion of the following essential components:

(i) Phonemic awareness.

(ii) Phonics.

(iii) Fluency.

(iv) Vocabulary.

(v) Comprehension.

(2) Is supported by evidence that informs:

(i) How proficient reading and writing develop.

(ii) Why some students have difficulty with reading and writing.

(iii) How to effectively assess and teach reading and writing to improve outcomes for all students.

(3) Has a demonstrated record of success and, when implemented, leads to increased student competency in the areas of:

(i) Phonemic awareness.

(ii) Phonics.

(iii) Reading fluency.

(iv) Vocabulary development.

(v) Oral language skills.

(vi) Reading comprehension.

(vii) Writing and spelling.

Amend Bill, page 9, line 5, by inserting after "(2)":

a list of structured literacy professional development training programs that successfully meet the essential content requirements in section 1205.8(c)(1).

Amend Bill, page 9, line 27, by inserting after "DEPARTMENT":

Meetings of the council shall be held in accordance with 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings).

Amend Bill, page 9, by inserting after line 30:

(v) The council's final recommendations shall be published on the department's publicly accessible Internet website and submitted to each of the recipients listed under section 1509-N(d).

Amend Bill, page 10, lines 10 and 11, by striking out "program as required under" and inserting:

training program from a list developed by the council that will satisfy the requirements under

Amend Bill, page 11, line 3, by inserting after "DEVELOPMENT":
training

Amend Bill, page 12, lines 10 through 21, by striking out "An exception is provided to the screening" in line 10 and all of lines 11 through 21 and inserting:

Students with limited English proficiency, students with disabilities and gifted students are subject to the requirements of this section except if the assessment would conflict with the educational

program, plan or service agreement provided in accordance with Federal or State law and regulation.

Amend Bill, page 13, line 12, by striking out "instruction" and inserting:

feedback

Amend Bill, page 14, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "to the educator which" in line 1 and all of line 2 and inserting:

to a school entity or an educator. The professional development shall be provided during the contractual day, inclusive of in-service days and other designated professional development days as provided for in the school entity's collective bargaining agreement. If insufficient professional development days are available, the professional development shall be provided through a separate agreement between a school entity and an employee organization at no cost to the school entity or the educator.

Amend Bill, page 15, lines 24 through 30; page 16, lines 1 through 18; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

The following shall apply:

(1) Each parent of a kindergarten student who exhibits a deficiency in reading in the third screening at the end of the school year must be notified in writing or by electronic communication.

(2) Each parent of a first through third grade student who exhibits a deficiency in reading during the school year must be notified in writing or by electronic communication after the identification of the reading deficiency, including periodic updates three times per year regarding the student's progress.

Amend Bill, page 17, lines 15 and 16, by striking out ", including characteristics of dyslexia,"

Amend Bill, page 18, lines 1 and 2, by striking out ", INCLUDING CHARACTERISTICS OF DYSLEXIA,"

Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 3 and 4:

(3) The number of students, disaggregated by grade and by individual school, excepted from the assessment under section 1503-N(c).

Amend Bill, page 18, line 4, by striking out "(3)" and inserting:

(4)

Amend Bill, page 18, line 6, by striking out "(4)" and inserting:

(5)

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.

SB 1150 (Pr. No. 1555) -- 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, establishing the Grow Pennsylvania Scholarship Grant Program; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

MARTIN AMENDMENT A4870 AGREED TO

Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A4870:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "education":
special education, STEM education,

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "nursing":
allied health

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 12 through 16, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

"Institution of higher education." Either of the following:

(1) An institution of higher learning that is located in this Commonwealth and approved by the agency for enrollment of grant recipients under the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law.

(2) An institution of higher education established under Article XIX-G.

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 18 and 19:

"STEM." Science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by inserting after "study":

, except that a person may take occasional online courses

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 25 and 26, by striking out "a field" and inserting:

an in-demand occupation

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "related to the approved course of study":

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 1 through 4, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(C) Reimburse the Commonwealth the aggregate amount of a scholarship received under this article if the student fails to comply with clauses (A) and (B). The agency, in its discretion, may charge interest. For a student who partially satisfies the work requirement, the agency shall prorate the required reimbursement.

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 8 and 9, by striking out "procedures and of" in line 8 and all of line 9 and inserting:

procedures. Nothing under this paragraph shall be construed to require an institution of higher education to enforce any provision of this article relating to repayment of funds for failure to comply with the provisions of this section.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 20, by inserting before "If":

(a) General rule.--

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 24 and 25:

(b) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be construed to change a student's eligibility for a grant if the student terminates enrollment in one approved course of study and enrolls in a different course of study.

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 10 through 12, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 2611-M. Construction.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to disqualify an institution of higher education from receipt of money under the act of July 18, 1974 (P.L.483, No.174), known as The Institutional Assistance Grants Act.

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:

Section 2613-M. Public outreach.

The system shall actively advertise and market the program to resident students and include information about the program on the home page of the system's publicly accessible Internet website.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 24, by striking out "2613-M" and inserting:
2614-M

Amend Bill, page 5, line 26, by striking out "each year" and inserting:

no less than every three years

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MARTIN. Madam President, this amendment No. A4870 is a product of 4 weeks of collaborative work with a number of my colleagues across the aisle, stakeholder groups, education and key industry leaders that my staff and I have met with to receive feedback and suggestions following the Senate Committee on Education public hearing on Monday, April 29, and the voting meeting on Tuesday, April 30. Specifically, this amendment makes a number of improvements to language establishing the Grow PA Scholarship [Grant] Program. It adds special education, STEM education, and allied health as additional approved courses of study that are in great demand in our Commonwealth.

These are in addition to other important programs such as agriculture, criminal justice, nursing, and trades. My amendment clarifies that the PASSHE system shall actively advertise and market the program to resident students and include information about this new program on its homepage.

Finally, the amendment requires PHEAA to prepare and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2025, and no less than every 3 years thereafter, a report detailing the operation of the program and including a number of important pieces of information. I want to thank my colleagues for their feedback in numerous key Pennsylvania industries, and we are confident that Senate Bill No. 1150 will achieve our shared goals of addressing Pennsylvania's economic and demographic challenges and connecting young people with quality, in-demand careers. And I would ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this amendment.

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.

SB 1151 (Pr. No. 1556) -- 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 the State System of Higher Education, further providing for definitions and establishing the Grow Pennsylvania Merit Scholarship Program.

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

MARTIN AMENDMENT A4887 AGREED TO

Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A4887:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 5, by inserting after "education,":
special education, STEM education,
Amend Bill, page 2, line 5, by inserting after "nursing,":
allied health.
Amend Bill, page 4, line 26, by striking out "means" and inserting:
shall mean
Amend Bill, page 5, line 16, by striking out "means" and inserting:
shall mean
Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 27 and 28:
"STEM" shall mean science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
Amend Bill, page 7, line 12, by striking out "system" and inserting:
agency, in conjunction with the system.
Amend Bill, page 7, line 20, by striking out the period after "study" and inserting:
, except that a person may take occasional online courses.
Amend Bill, page 7, line 27, by striking out "a field" and inserting:
in-demand occupations
Amend Bill, page 7, lines 27 and 28, by striking out "related to the approved course of study"
Amend Bill, page 8, lines 1 through 3, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:
(iii) Reimburse the agency the aggregate amount of a scholarship received under this article if the student breeches the agreement. The agency, in its discretion, may charge interest. For a student who partially satisfies the work requirement, the agency shall prorate the required reimbursement.

Amend Bill, page 8, line 7, by inserting after "including":
use of

Amend Bill, page 8, line 8, by striking out "and of private collection agencies." and inserting:

. Nothing under this subsection shall be construed to require an institution of higher education to enforce any provision of this article relating to repayment of funds for failure to comply with the provisions of this section.

Amend Bill, page 8, line 14, by inserting after "writing":

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to change a student's eligibility for a merit scholarship if the student terminates enrollment in one approved course of study and enrolls in a different approved course of study.

Amend Bill, page 8, line 29, by striking out "agency" and inserting:
system

Amend Bill, page 8, line 29, by striking out "system" and inserting:
agency

Amend Bill, page 9, line 1, by striking out "system" and inserting:
agency

Amend Bill, page 9, line 1, by striking out "agency" and inserting:
system

Amend Bill, page 9, line 6, by striking out "grants" and inserting:
merit scholarships

Amend Bill, page 9, line 19, by striking out "system" and inserting:
agency

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

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

Senator MARTIN. Madam President, this amendment No. A4887 is also a product of 4 weeks of collaborative work with a number of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, stakeholder groups, education and key industry leaders that my team and I have met with to receive feedback and suggestions. Specifically, the amendment to Senate Bill No. 1151 makes a number of similar improvements to language, establishing the Grow Pennsylvania Merit Scholarship Program. I want to thank you for the feedback from my colleagues and numerous Pennsylvania industries, and we are confident that Senate Bill No. 1151 will help attract high-performing, out-of-State students to Pennsylvania education programs and our PASSHE schools and ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

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.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1152 (Pr. No. 1557) -- 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 Ready-to-Succeed Scholarship, further providing for agency.

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 Allegheny, Senator Robinson.

Senator ROBINSON. Madam President, I rise to support Senate Bill No. 1152, part of our Grow PA package to better support students seeking postsecondary education and career preparation in Pennsylvania. As our younger generation increasingly explores education and job opportunities in other States, Pennsylvania faces significant economic and demographic challenges in the years ahead. I am glad to sponsor Senate Bill No. 1152, part of an overall plan to help reverse these trends, to encourage our own residents to pursue high-demand jobs while easing the cost burden of postsecondary education and job training programs. With this bill, an additional 24,000 students across the Commonwealth will be eligible for scholarships. I constantly hear from my constituents that the debt that they juggle just so they can learn job skills for further education, we need to take some of that pressure off of them. Senate Bill No. 1152 expands the popular Ready-to-Succeed Scholarship program, which provides scholarships to good students by increasing household income limits from \$126,000 to \$175,000 and allowing students with at least a 2.5 GPA to qualify. These small but important adjustments will make more students eligible for assistance and more students will choose to stay right here in Pennsylvania. Thank you to my colleagues who worked with me on this great package of bills to put the focus on our future workforce. I respectfully ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Madam President, currently we have two principal programs for supporting our young people in higher education that are funded in part by the State. We have a State grant program that provides funding up to current levels, \$5,750, and it serves about 100,000 students in the Commonwealth. These are need-based grants for low- and moderate-income families so that we can increase their access to higher education and get families on the road to a sustainable life and economic opportunity. And we have the Ready-to-Succeed Scholarship program currently, Madam President, and it is for students who have at least a 3.25 grade point average, and the maximum income, as has been stated, is about \$126,000. The median income in Pennsylvania for an individual is about \$70,000, one person, that is the median income. And if you have two individuals in the household making the median, then that is a combine about \$140,000 as the median two-person household income in Pennsylvania.

I encourage all of my colleagues to vote "no" on this legislation for three reasons. First, the 175,000 income limit is far above the median income for two-family households making the median here in Pennsylvania. I know that all income levels need some kind of support if you ask any parent. However, this is significantly above what a moderate-income, middle-income Pennsylvanian would earn, and therefore, the \$175,000 is much too high for State support. We do have a significant student loan program at PHEAA as an alternative. Second, Madam President, not only is \$175,000 far too much for State prioritization, but the 2.5 GPA is far too low and is setting student expectations far too low

for State support. We should do nothing to dumb down what we expect for our young people, and this 2.5 grade point average is far too low in terms of what we should expect for student performance. Third, Madam President, and finally, this creates a change in the prioritization of students that we will support. This means that now higher-income families with students with low GPAs will have significant funding as opposed to increasing the funding for our State grant program, which provides grants to over 100,000 students, which are need-based to our low- and moderate-income families. For these three reasons, Madam President, I encourage a "no" vote on this legislation.

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-47

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

NAY-3

Haywood	Kearney	Street
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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 1153 (Pr. No. 1558) -- 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 the State System of Higher Education, providing for educational opportunities for foster and adopted children.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I am always happy to make our State more welcoming to students who have been in foster care, wherever they are from. I have heard from stakeholders that the similar program we currently have in place for Pennsylvania residents could use some improvement. I hope that today's interest in students in foster care extends to taking a closer

look at our existing program for Pennsylvania residents so we can make the promise of free college a reality for these students.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator PENNYCUICK. Madam President, I am honored to rise and speak on Senate Bill No. 1153, an important piece of the Grow PA initiative, which is designed to grow and expand higher education opportunities across our State. Many of our young, talented individuals are simply in need of a chance to succeed. This is especially true for our foster care children who often face significant barriers when seeking access to postsecondary education. Let us give foster kids across the nation the opportunity they seek right here in Pennsylvania.

Senate Bill No. 1153 will expand the existing Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program, which waives higher education tuition and fees to include eligible non-resident students for undergraduate courses beginning this fall of 2024. An individual qualifies if they are eligible for a Chafee Education and Training Grant, are a child who has been in foster care at the age of 16 or older or was adopted after the age of 16, and they must apply for Federal and State grants. By expanding this waiver, we are opening doors and providing a pathway to higher education for those who need it the most. Senate Bill No. 1153 ensures that these young individuals are not left behind and that they have the support they need to pursue their dreams and achieve their full potential. Let us send a powerful message that foster care children matter and that their dreams matter and that Pennsylvania is committed to helping them build better lives for themselves. They just need an opportunity to showcase their talents, pursue their education, and create better futures for themselves. I urge my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 1153 and cast an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator STREET. Madam Chair, I also rise to support this bill. Given the limited resources that foster children often have, I think it is important that we expand opportunities for them. One of the first things that colleges and higher education institutions ask when determining whether children can afford to go to school is, what is family capacity? And certainly, foster children are going to have, as a class, going to have less opportunity to have access to family resources. And so given that, I think this is a very reasonable bill, and I urge a "yes" for it.

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	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 AMENDED

SB 1154 (Pr. No. 1559) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Performance-based Funding Council and providing for its powers and duties.

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

AUMENT AMENDMENT A4868 ADOPTED

Senator AUMENT offered the following amendment No. A4868:

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 5 through 9, by striking out "system to distribute funding to the" in line 5 and all of lines 6 through 9 and inserting:

- system that utilizes performance-based metrics to distribute:
 - (i) the reallocation of between 3% and 5% of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2023-2024; and
 - (ii) any funding in subsequent years that is more than the amount appropriated to the State-related universities in fiscal year 2023-2024.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 15, by striking out "consider the following metrics" and inserting:

- choose no more than six metrics from the following list
- Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "The number of students enrolled and the" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 5, lines 19 through 25, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

- (j) Default metrics.--
 - (1) If the council fails to transmit recommendations to the department as required under subsection (h)(4), the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, in consultation with the department, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Independent Fiscal Office and the State-related universities, shall:
 - (i) Develop, in accordance with paragraph (2), a new system that utilizes default metrics to distribute funding to the State-related universities.
 - (ii) Develop draft legislation to implement the system developed under subparagraph (i).
 - (iii) Transmit the new system developed under subparagraph (i) and the draft legislation developed under subparagraph (ii) to the following no later than June 13, 2025:
 - (A) The Governor.
 - (B) The department.
 - (C) The General Assembly.
 - (2) The default metrics utilized under paragraph (1)(i) shall:
 - (i) Consist of the following, which shall be weighted equally:
 - (A) The four-year graduation rate for first-time college students.

- (B) The six-year graduation rate for students who are awarded a Pell Grant in their first year.
- (C) Net tuition and fees per 120 credit hours.
- (D) Student retention rates.
- (E) The number of degrees attained in high-priority occupations in this Commonwealth.
- (ii) Be used to distribute the following:
 - (A) The reallocation of 5% of the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2023-2024.
 - (B) Any funding in subsequent years that is more than the amount appropriated to the State-related universities in fiscal year 2023-2024.
 - (iii) Be in effect until such time that the council transmits recommendations to the department as required under subsection (h)(4).

(3) The following shall apply to administrative costs of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

- (i) Of the money appropriated to State-related universities for any fiscal year, up to \$500,000 shall be allocated to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency to pay administrative costs associated with the agency's work under paragraph (1).
- (ii) For an allocation under subparagraph (i), the following shall apply:
 - (A) Each State-related university shall contribute an equal share of the amount allocated.
 - (B) The money contributed under clause (A) shall be paid out of the amount appropriated to each State-related university for the fiscal year in which the money is allocated.

Section 4. Review.

The council shall reconvene every five years to reevaluate the performance metrics utilized for the distribution of funds to State-related universities.

Section 5. Effective date.

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-29

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

NAY-21

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

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.

SB 1155 (Pr. No. 1560) -- 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 miscellaneous provisions relating to institutions of higher education, providing for Higher Education Task Force.

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

ARGALL AMENDMENT A4850 ADOPTED

Senator ARGALL offered the following amendment No. A4850:

- Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by inserting after "established":
within the Department of Education
- Amend Bill, page 1, lines 18 and 19, by striking out "universities within the State System of Higher Education and community colleges" and inserting:
colleges and universities
- Amend Bill, page 2, lines 29 and 30; page 3, line 1; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:
(6) Four representatives from the independent nonprofit colleges and universities in this Commonwealth who are appointed by a Statewide association that represents independent nonprofit colleges and universities.
- Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 9 and 10:
(10) One representative from a nonpublic school appointed by a Statewide association that represents nonpublic schools.
- Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 17 and 18:
(f) Administrative and technical support.--
(1) The Department of Education shall provide administrative support, meeting space and any other assistance required by the task force to implement the task force's duties under this section.
(2) The Department of Education shall provide technical support, including data, research and other assistance required by the task force to implement the task force's duties under this section.
- Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by striking out "(f)" and inserting:
(g)
- Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by striking out "(g)" and inserting:
(h)

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

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

Senator ARGALL. Madam President, this is a clarifying amendment. The underlying legislation is encouraging all aspects of Pennsylvania's higher education communities to work together to meet some of the very pressing needs that many of them are facing and their students. Thank you.

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

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

YEA-29

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

NAY-21

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

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.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1333 (Pr. No. 1721) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 25, 1961 (P.L.857, No.372), referred to as the Stuffed Toy Manufacturing Act, further providing for definitions, for manufacturing, for materials and for enforcement; and providing for labeling.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

SB 126 (Pr. No. 1681) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bill No. 1730)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1241; and House Bills No. 1664, 1754 and 2096)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1160, 1192 and 1193)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 965, 1080 and 1243)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1129, 1200 and 1246; and House Bill No. 478)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 522, 698 and 976)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:00 P.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 580, 1230, 1244; and House Bill No. 1446)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1121 and 1254)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 1333)	Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (joint hearing with House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee on the status of the State's Aging Our Way plan. Department of Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich will testify)	Hearing Room 1 North Office (LIVE STREAMED)
9:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 913, 971, 1171, 1175 and 1252)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 1250 and 1251; and House Bills No. 109, 327, 1490 and 1818)	Room 461 Main Capitol

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on Pittsburgh's Airways and Inland Waterways)	Pitt. Int. Airport 1000 Airport Blvd. Landside Terminal 4th Floor Mezz. Conference Rm. A Pittsburgh
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator KANE. Madam President, today is Delco Day. How can we forget? And in the name of Delco, I have created a complex quiz to determine: how Delco are you? So, I ask the Members in the Senate to please answer the following questions to the best of your Delco knowledge. On a scale from one to Delco, how often do you feel the need to yell "Go Birds" or "Go Phils" at any random point of the day? There we go. If you answered at least once, you are Delco. Number two, where can you get the best cheesesteaks in Delco? A) Phil & Jim's in Brookhaven; or B) somewhere not as good as Phil & Jim's. Hopefully your answer is "A." Three, when you see a small body of water flowing in one direction, is it A) a stream; B) is it a creek; or C) is it a "crick," a likely hiding spot from your parents during the summer at one point? And I added a bonus question here. Can you name the only wine made in Delco? If your answer is "enol" wines, you would be correct.

Madam President, these questions are just a very small glimpse of what makes Delco so special. Whether you got every answer correct or sadly missed the mark, you are all still Delco, and you are welcome to join us in Delco Day. Every June 10, we

celebrate the 610 area code. This day is about the heart and soul of our community, perfectly captured by the Delco Live podcast and the amazing work of HEADstrong Foundation. Every year, the Delco Live podcast and the HEADstrong Foundation put on a fantastic Delco Day bash to celebrate our community and raise money to families affected by cancer. I want to wish everyone a very happy Delco Day, spreading hope, joy, and celebrating the special feeling you get from being Delco. Go Phils.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Scott E. Hutchinson) in the Chair.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Kearney.

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise to highlight what should be, in my biased opinion, a national holiday, Delco Day. Every year when we come before you to celebrate the 610 on the 6 month's 10th day, I am filled with immense pride. In Delaware County, we call this "#Delcopride," and Delco pride is a sentiment that residents exude because we are confident and proud of what Delco stands for, what it offers, and what it gives to residents and visitors alike. As in previous years, our Delco Day event, which this year was held on June 1, raises money for the HEADstrong Foundation, which provides temporary long-term housing for pediatric cancer patients and their families free of cost. This year's event was a full 12-hour celebration of all things Delaware County, held, as always, in a vacant lot next to one of our wonderful dive bars. If you have not heard, Delco is a tapestry of diversity. It is a place where different races, religions, and cultures come together to create vibrant and inclusive communities. We have blue-collar roots and a spirit that embraces everyone from every walk of life. With 49 municipalities and over 60 fire companies, our county is full of unity and pride. And, you know, it does not really matter what others think about us, and we all know you think a lot about us. We celebrate our heritage and culture wherever we go. Yes, at times we hear laughs from outsiders because of the way we pronounce "water," but we do not care. We still move on with pride. So, if you see me today and notice I am a bit more chipper or that my smile is wider, I am a little more confident and proud, it is because all those things, knowing that today is the best day in our Commonwealth. So, happy Delco Day to all my fellow Delconians, real, imagined, and those who aspire. Delco rules.

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

Senator COLLETT. Mr. President, this November, Pennsylvanians will have the opportunity to cast their ballot in one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime. And as we have seen in the last several election cycles, Pennsylvania voters play a pivotal role in who ultimately wins the White House. But the presidential election is not the only race on the ballot this year. Pennsylvanians will get to vote for Members of the General Assembly, Attorney General, Treasurer, and Auditor General, and more—roles that have just as much of an impact on our day-to-day lives. That is why it is so crucial we speak candidly about the safety and security of our election system in the Commonwealth. For years now, Members in this Chamber have made glaringly false claims about our voter registration system, including the claim that

Pennsylvania has hundreds of thousands of ineligible voters casting ballots to skew or alter the outcome of an election. During budget hearings, and even at press conferences held just last week, the assertion that our voter registration system is overwhelmed with ineligible and illegally registered voters continued to be falsely spread. Mr. President, this is not a simple case of misstated statistics. This is quite obviously and shamefully part of a broader attempt to sow doubt and mistrust in our democracy, in the fairness of our elections, and in the power of our votes. So let us call these efforts out for what they are: voter disenfranchisement. No matter how many times quote-unquote, voter fraud lies are repeated, the truth remains the same: our voter rolls are regularly reviewed and cleaned up.

Our State participates in a multistate agreement known as the Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC for short, which has election experts that work closely with our Department of State to ensure that we have accurate and timely information with cross-referenced data among other participating States to identify potential fraudulent or ineligible voters. Since 2020, participation in ERIC has reduced duplicate registrations in Pennsylvania by 80 percent. Additionally, while voter fraud is exceptionally rare, cases that have been identified have been fully investigated and prosecuted. Regular maintenance of our voter rolls, in compliance with numerous State and Federal requirements, means that we can be confident in the accuracy of our voter registrations when we head out to cast our votes in November. And when people in positions of power cast doubt on the safety and security of our elections, they lead voters to question whether they can or should participate in an election at all. When so-called leaders seek to make it harder for Pennsylvanians to vote and seek to discredit how we ensure eligible people are able to vote, they continue to disenfranchise voters across the Commonwealth. These actions have no place in Pennsylvania. They are unbecoming of our history and legacy as the birthplace of our Republic and of the principles of virtue, liberty, and independence, which we hold so dear. I urge my fellow Pennsylvanians to stay engaged in this upcoming election to know that your voice, your vote, and your rights matter. I know my Senate Democratic colleagues and I will continue to do everything in our power to make sure that your rights to participate in this upcoming election are protected from the enemies of freedom, both foreign and domestic.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I offer these remarks on behalf of Senator Costa and ask that they be spread upon the record.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE, on behalf of the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA:)

Mr. President, I rise once again today to bring attention to five bills that the House has sent us to meaningfully and substantially improve the lives of Pennsylvanians, which have been stalled here in our Chamber. The House of Representatives has crafted bills that impact working

families across Pennsylvania and worked hard to get them passed through their Chamber. From gun safety to child safety to energy and beyond, these bills are bipartisan, commonsense measures that will meaningfully improve the lives of the people we love. Not only are these bills meaningful, they are extremely popular. Pennsylvanians of all walks of life support measures that will improve the safety of their neighborhoods, tackle the climate crisis, and deliver beautiful futures for our children.

House Bill No. 714, which would provide for comprehensive background checks by closing loopholes, has been stalled 385 days. Senator Hughes and Senator Santarsiero introduced its companion bill, Senate Bill No. 60, in the Senate. House Bill No. 1028, known as the Safer Rails, Safer Communities bill, has been stalled 372 days. Senator Katie Muth's Senate Bill No. 808 is the companion bill. House Bill No. 494, which would mandate carbon monoxide detectors in daycares, has been stalled 413 days. Senator Fontana's Senate Bill No. 205 would also mandate that childcare centers have carbon monoxide detectors. House Bill No. 1032, which would issue grants to schools for solar energy projects, including costs related to equipment, installation, and maintenance of solar energy systems, has been stalled 350 days. Senator Hughes, Senator Comitta, and Senator Bartolotta have circulated a cosponsorship memo that mirrors this bill. House Bill No. 299, which would extend OSHA protections to public workers, has been stalled 409 days. Senator Tina Tartaglione's Senate Bill No. 93 is a companion bill to this one in the Senate.

I once again urge my colleagues in the Majority party to take up these bills and give our constituents the opportunity to hear a real conversation from their leaders about how we move these issues forward. We owe it to the people who send us here to represent them to discuss these issues and bring these bills up for a vote. I look forward to ongoing good faith conversations as we continue to make progress on these important bills.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,546 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. This budget season is an opportunity for us to have economic discussions about the fiscal future of our Commonwealth. But while getting our financial house in order is important, Mr. President, I am equally concerned about getting our ethical house in order.

It is an absolute sin that in 2024, we still think it is acceptable for Pennsylvanians to earn our poverty-level \$7.25 an hour minimum wage. Our minimum wage, Mr. President, has been at \$7.25 per hour since 2009, when our Federal counterparts stepped in and raised the nation's minimum wage. But as the economy grew and continued, our minimum-wage earners were left behind. Just look at the purchasing power of our minimum wage, Mr. President. The value of our minimum wage has eroded significantly over the years due to inflation and legislative inaction. Mr. President, if a minimum-wage earner were to earn the same value as their \$7.25 minimum wage in 2009, they need to make at least \$10.30 to maintain the same exact economic value. That means that while we continue failing to raise our minimum wage, our minimum-wage and low-earner workers are losing ground, struggling more and more to afford necessities. As I have said dozens of times before, the moral argument for raising the minimum wage hinges on the fundamental principle that full-time workers deserve to earn a living wage.

In Pennsylvania, Mr. President, a household with one working adult and two children working full time at a current minimum wage earns an annual income below the poverty threshold. This is a moral failing of our society and of this legislature. How can we, in good conscience, allow any hardworking Pennsylvanian to

go to work, day in and day out, yet still live in poverty? I do not think we should, Mr. President, and I do not think we have to. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 1186, because I do not want any Pennsylvanian who works full time to struggle to make ends meet. I want every Pennsylvanian to feel appreciated, seen, and respected by the wages they earn. Let us pass relief for our low-wage earners and minimum-wage earners. Let us pass Senate Bill No. 1186.

Thank you, Mr. President.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

June 10, 2024

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 the nomination dated February 26, 2024, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Davis Haire, Meshoppen, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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 Hoover, 601 Carroll Road, Patton 16668, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve until October 26, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Sheryl Vanco, Bear Lake, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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, Jennifer Kauf, 799 Branch Road, Woodbury 16695, Bedford County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Brian Reed, Manheim, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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, Jim Hershey, 135 Forest Lane, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Kopp, Middletown, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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, William Iams, 70 Ikes Road, Amity 15311, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Heidi Secord, Stroudsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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, Christa Barfield, 36 East Pastorius Street, Philadelphia 19144, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Mazza, North East, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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, Rylee Ewing, 1681 Ewing Road, Punxsutawney 15767, Jefferson County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Elizabeth Shorb, York, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

June 10, 2024

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, Carleen Vorisek, 1001 Pinetown Road, Lewisberry 17339, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carl Shaffer, Mifflinville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 10, 2024

Senator ROTHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1245, entitled: An Act amending the act of July 1, 1937 (P.L.2532, No.470), known as the Workers' Compensation Security Fund Act, providing for a refund of a 2009 assessment by the Insurance Department.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, June 10, 2024.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 10, 2024

Senators FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, ROBINSON, BREWSTER, VOGEL, COSTA, J. WARD, LANGERHOLC, K. WARD and DUSH presented to the Chair SR 309, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Steelers for being selected as the host of the 2026 National Football League Draft.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 10, 2024.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

June 10, 2024

HB 1754 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the presence of the Senate:

SB 943 and **HB 1246**.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:08 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.