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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, June 26, 2024

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator TRACY PENNYCUICK:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have showered on this great Commonwealth. We are a country built upon the dreams of our ancestors, who dedicated themselves to crafting a new nation built upon freedom and the inalienable rights of all. We remember those who have shaped our lives and brought us to this point, but without them, we would not have the successes we enjoy. We pray You protect the people in conflict zones all around the world and provide comfort to those who are suffering and make their grief bearable. As we work to do the business of the people, please bestow upon us wisdom, compassion, and understanding of others in all of the decisions we make today. We pray for more kindness in our hearts, softness in our voices, and truth in our actions. In God's Names, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Pennycuick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator PENNYCUICK, from the Committee on Communications and Technology, reported the following bill:

HB 1201 (Pr. No. 3394) (Amended)

An Act providing for consumer data privacy, for duties of controllers and for duties of processors; and imposing penalties.

Senator ROBINSON, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bill:

SB 1274 (Pr. No. 1773)

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2004 (P.L.492, No.57), known as the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act, further providing for title of act, for definitions, for office

responsibilities, for State registration required, for State registration and for provisional registration.

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

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1781) (Amended)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in magisterial district judges, further providing for adjudication alternative program; in licensing of drivers, further providing for drivers required to be licensed, for suspension of operating privilege, for suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation and for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, providing for driving while operating privilege is suspended for certain other offenses, for relief from administrative suspension and for relief from administrative suspension participation requirements; in fees, further providing for reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle registration; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

HB 816 (Pr. No. 2732)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for removal of vehicles in a city of the first class.

HB 2301 (Pr. No. 3405) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces Medal, providing for special plates for recipients of Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, further providing for Distracted Driving Awareness plate, for special motorcycle plates related to veterans and for special plates for veterans and providing for special plates for recipients of Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal; and, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 311 (Pr. No. 1755)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 3023, the Treatment and Relief through Emerging and Accessible Therapy for PTSD Act.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Dush.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Hughes, and Senator Muth, and legislative leaves for Senator Anthony Williams and Senator Boscola.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Dush.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Haywood, Senator Hughes, and Senator Muth, and legislative leaves for Senator Anthony Williams and Senator Boscola.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 2233 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 2233 (Pr. No. 3164) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 8 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2233 (Pr. No. 3164) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for accident scene clearance.

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

HB 657 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 657 (Pr. No. 3388) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 657 (Pr. No. 3388) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for transparency in realty agreements; prohibiting unfair real estate service agreements; 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.

SB 766 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 766 (Pr. No. 867) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 766 (Pr. No. 867) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

SB 1031 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1317) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 6 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1317) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions, for practice without license prohibited, for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses, for requirements of a school of cosmetology, for practice in licensed salons only, for booth rental prohibited, for sanitary rules and for fees; providing for municipal registration, business license and taxes; further providing for duration and renewal of licenses and for penalties; and providing for waiver of certain fees, fines and 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.

SB 1260 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1260 (Pr. No. 1738) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 7 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

SB 1260 (Pr. No. 1738) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the State Treasurer, the State Employees' Retirement System, the Public School Employees' Retirement System and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System from boycotting or divesting from Israel; and prohibiting funding to an institution of higher education that engages in a boycott against or divestment from Israel.

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Pursuant to Senate Rule 14, the meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice, which was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in Room 8E-A of the East Wing, will now be held off the floor during Session in the Rules room. The committee will consider Senate Bill No. 117, Senate Bill No. 349, Senate Bill No. 1228, and House Bill No. 829.

REQUEST FOR RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, both to be held immediately in the Rules room. For the information of the Members, following those committee meetings, I anticipate the Senate Republican Caucus will caucus in the Majority Caucus Room at 1:30 p.m.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two meetings that were referenced, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Street has returned, and his personal leave is cancelled.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice, both to be held immediately in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, followed by the Committee on Law and Justice, both of which will be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 739 (Pr. No. 1670) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for telemedicine.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 739?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 739.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel.

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 739, as amended by the House, ensures that Pennsylvanians will not only see coverage of a healthcare service provided by telemedicine denied solely because it was done through telemedicine. With this bill, the Commonwealth is making it clear that Pennsylvanians, regardless of where they are located around the State, may receive telehealth services so long as the service meets the standard of care that a Pennsylvanian would have received had the service

been provided to them in person. This legislation has been in the works for almost a decade now, with the very first draft being introduced in 2015. Through many meetings with stakeholders and healthcare providers and the time, not only with my staff, but caucus staff in both Chambers, this bill has been shaped into a framework that offers a new avenue in our healthcare industry and for all Pennsylvanians. And I would like to just personally take a second here to thank everyone on my staff who have been here now and have already retired, caucus staff who has been here for many, many hours doing this bill, and my colleagues here in the Senate on both sides of the aisle, both present and some who have retired, to stand by this piece of legislation and see it through to the finish line. I just want to thank you with my heartfelt thanks for getting this done and across the finish line.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I too rise and ask for support on this very important measure. And I really want to take a moment to say thank you to Senator Vogel and the work that he has done. As he indicated, this is probably five legislative Sessions now that we have worked on this issue. This body, on each of those occasions, has passed this piece of legislation probably nearly unanimous in each instance. And for a variety of reasons in the House, was either amended in a way that could not get it to the finish line or whatever the case might be. So, I thank him for his persistence, and all the folks, as he indicated, both present and those who have been working who have since retired, to get this very important piece of legislation to the finish line onto the Governor's desk. So, I am pleased to stand here and ask all my colleagues to join in supporting this important piece of legislation.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 67 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 109 (Pr. No. 2140) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act prohibiting fees for early termination of certain contracts upon death; providing for waiver of applicable fees; and imposing civil penalties.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-46

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

NAY-4

Table with 4 columns of names: Coleman, DiSanto, Hutchinson, Mastriano

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL AMENDED

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.

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

LAUGHLIN AMENDMENT A5135 ADOPTED

Senator LAUGHLIN offered the following amendment No. A5135:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 17 and 18: (i) The possessor is a resident of a city of the first class.

Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by striking out "(i)" and inserting: (ii)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "(ii)" and inserting: (iii)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 6, by striking out "(iii)" and inserting: (iv)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out "(iv)" and inserting: (v)

Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by inserting after "frontage": as well as a simple plan for paying all required taxes, unless the petitioner is otherwise exempt

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 15 through 25, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(vi) The following:

(A) The court shall impose a deed restriction on the property at the time of acquisition that the property shall remain a garden or a community garden for a period of not less than seven years from the date of acquisition. The deed restriction, at a minimum, shall include a requirement that the petitioner shall:

(I) Comply with local regulations relating to:

- (a) community gardens; (b) managed open spaces; (c) health codes; and (d) permanent structures.

(II) Only use the vacant land for the permitted use.

(B) The deed restriction shall be removable upon petition to the court and a showing that the restriction will impose a financial or economic hardship on the current title holder.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

"Permitted use." The term includes growing, harvesting and storing flowers, fruits, vegetables, small ornamental plants and cover crops for personal or group consumption, for donation or for sale. The term shall not include flowers, fruits, vegetables, small ornamental plants and cover crops that are regulated or prohibited by Federal law.

"Privately owned vacant land." Vacant land that is privately owned. The term does not include vacant land owned by any of the following:

- (1) The Federal Government. (2) The Commonwealth. (3) A city of the first class. (4) A municipal organization. (5) A land bank. (6) A redevelopment authority. (7) A public body. (8) A body corporate and politic. (9) A nonprofit corporation to which the following apply:

(i) The nonprofit corporation is organized under the laws of this Commonwealth.

(ii) The directors of the nonprofit corporation include the mayor and other officials of a city of the first class.

(iii) Upon the dissolution of the nonprofit corporation, full legal title to all land acquired by the nonprofit corporation for the purpose or as a result of the development, improvement and maintenance of the land shall vest in the city of the first class.

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 1 through 6, by striking out ". A permanent structure does not include fences." in line 1 and all of lines 2 through 6 and inserting:

and as described by the metes and bounds does not exceed a total area of one-half acre.

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

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 965 (Pr. No. 1215) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northumberland, Senator Culver.

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, I rise today asking for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 965. This bill would provide Medicaid coverage for rapid whole genome sequencing for critically ill infants up to 1 year of age who are admitted to an inpatient intensive care unit with a complex illness of unknown etiology. The legislation would allow the Department of Human Services to reimburse hospitals for rapid whole genome sequencing for both fee-for-service and HealthChoices beneficiaries. Reimbursement for rWGS would be limited to infants that meet a specific criteria and provider requirements. There have been numerous studies that show the clinical and cost-effectiveness of rWGS for critically ill infants. rWGS yields twice as many diagnoses than the current standard of care in the ICU. There is significant

value for both patients and Medicaid when coverage and reimbursement of rWGS is provided in high-acuity clinical settings. Again, I thank you, Mr. President, for the consideration of Senate Bill No. 965, and would ask for an affirmative vote from my colleagues. Thank you.

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 976, SB 1058, SB 1087 and **SB 1129** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, motorcycles can be purchased and driven on Pennsylvania roadways all throughout the year. However, the State Vehicle Code currently only allows safety inspections to be performed from March to October.

Senate Bill No. 1147 would eliminate that restriction and offer a greater amount of flexibilities for motorcyclists across the State to have these important inspections completed. This would also even out the demand for these services on licensed inspection locations throughout the year instead of having to complete them all in an 8-month period of time. Mr. President, there will be no impact on the safety of motorcycles on our highways. This bill will simply make the required safety inspection process more convenient for the riders and the service stations alike. I urge my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1147.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1183 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1192 (Pr. No. 1779) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, further providing for Fort Indiantown Gap; and establishing the Service Members, Veterans and their Families Fund.

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?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Gebhard.

Senator GEBHARD. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 1192 would create the Service Members, Veterans and their Families Fund, which is a non-lapsing fund to enhance the quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families. The fund would support programs such as physical fitness, personal growth, social interaction, and recreational activities aimed at supporting readiness and the well-being of our service members. My legislation would allow the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to lease real estate at Fort Indiantown Gap and use the proceeds to fund these programs. Currently, there is land around Fort Indiantown Gap that is outside the base and will never be utilized for training purposes. So, allowing the land to be leased to fund this important program just makes sense. By giving Fort Indiantown Gap the ability to raise these funds, we are supporting the wellness of our Pennsylvania National Guard and veterans who served our country with honor and distinction. I have worked collaboratively with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on this legislation, and they fully support it. I would urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this legislation to benefit our service members and their families throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you.

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 1232, HB 1477 and HB 1760 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator AUMENT.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1818 (Pr. No. 2254) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1982 (P.L.1404, No.325), known as the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, further providing for advertisement of sale.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator DiSanto.

Senator DiSANTO. Mr. President, I rise to urge a "no" vote on this bill. Although I have nothing against self-storage units, it is hard for me to understand how this body cannot advance legislation protecting our school district, municipalities, and businesses from this arcane and idiotic requirement to do newspaper advertising. And I do not understand how we are just singling out self-storage units to do it, and I urge a "no" vote until we completely eliminate the need for newspaper advertisement for public notices. Thank you.

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-49

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

NAY-1

DiSanto

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1889 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 366 (Pr. No. 1745) -- 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 reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for payments on account of pupils enrolled in career and technical curriculums.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 491 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 540 (Pr. No. 1772) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, further providing for energy efficiency and conservation program.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 812 (Pr. No. 1777) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for the offense of false alarms to agencies of public safety.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 841, SB 988, SB 1026, SB 1160 and SB 1171 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1207 (Pr. No. 1771) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school safety and security, establishing the Cell Phone Lockable Bag Pilot Program.

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 1208 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1225 (Pr. No. 1778) -- 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 sales and use tax, further providing for discount.

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 1230, SB 1251, SB 1271, HB 1730 and HB 2055 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2161 (Pr. No. 2794) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in scenic highways, providing for designation of Allegheny River Boulevard as scenic byway.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 2182 (Pr. No. 3145) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for visual signals on authorized vehicles.

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 REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 82 (Pr. No. 1768) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses, for health certificates for importation and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments; and, in enforcement and penalties, further providing for rules and regulations.

SB 522 (Pr. No. 494) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for volunteer firefighters; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for license costs and fees.

SB 766 (Pr. No. 867) (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 State Planning Board.

SB 840 (Pr. No. 1676) (Rereported)

An Act establishing the Alzheimer's, Dementia and Related Disorders Office and the Alzheimer's, Dementia and Related Disorders Advisory Committee.

SB 913 (Pr. No. 1727) (Rereported)

An Act providing for parental consent for virtual mental health services provided by a school entity.

SB 971 (Pr. No. 1728) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in student supports, providing for parental and employee notification of weapon incidents.

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1317) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions, for practice without license prohibited, for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses, for requirements of a school of cosmetology, for practice in licensed salons only, for booth rental prohibited, for sanitary rules and for fees; providing for municipal registration, business license and taxes; further providing for duration and renewal of licenses and for penalties; and providing for waiver of certain fees, fines and penalties.

SB 1246 (Pr. No. 1780) (Rereported)

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.

SB 1260 (Pr. No. 1738) (Rereported)

An Act prohibiting the State Treasurer, the State Employees' Retirement System, the Public School Employees' Retirement System and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System from boycotting or divesting from Israel; and prohibiting funding to an institution of higher education that engages in a boycott against or divestment from Israel.

HB 73 (Pr. No. 2125) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for Operation Inherent Resolve veterans plate.

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

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 82 (Pr. No. 1768) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses, for health certificates for importation and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments; and, in enforcement and penalties, further providing for rules and regulations.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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.

BILL AMENDED

SB 913 (Pr. No. 1727) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for parental consent for virtual mental health services provided by a school entity.

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

LANGERHOLC AMENDMENT A5214 ADOPTED

Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A5214:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 17; page 2, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

"Artificial intelligence."

(1) A machine-based system that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, make predictions, recommendations or decisions influencing real or virtual environments, including the ability to:

- (i) perceive real and virtual environments;
- (ii) abstract perceptions made under subparagraph (i) into models through analysis in an automated manner; and
- (iii) use model inference to formulate options for information or action based on outcomes under subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

(2) The term includes generative artificial intelligence.

"Qualified professional." A mental health professional with a graduate degree and licensed under any of the following:

- (1) The act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, as a certified registered nurse practitioner with a clinical specialty in mental health.
- (2) The act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), known as the Professional Psychologists Practice Act.
- (3) The act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, as a physician or physician assistant with clinical experience in mental health.
- (4) The act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, as a physician or physician assistant with clinical experience in mental health.

(5) The act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), known as the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act.

"School entity." A public school, including a charter school or cyber charter school, private school, nonpublic school, intermediate unit or area career and technical school operating within this Commonwealth.

"Virtual mental health services." Web-based services that include any of the following:

- (1) Access to an online peer support community.
- (2) Counseling or mental health support provided by an individual who is not a qualified professional located in this Commonwealth.
- (3) Behavioral health support provided by artificial intelligence.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 2 and 3:

Section 4. Construction.

This act shall not be construed to authorize practice or grant immunity from criminal or civil penalty for an individual who is not a qualified professional who engages in a course of conduct in this Commonwealth that is in violation of a relevant provision of law, rule or regulation.

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

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

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-22

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

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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 971 (Pr. No. 1728) -- 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 student supports, providing for parental and employee notification of weapon incidents.

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

Senator COLEMAN. Mr. President, did you know that if a child brings a weapon to school in the State of Pennsylvania, parents are not required to be notified? I did not know that. Parents are only required to be notified when children bring a weapon to school in the State of Pennsylvania if they are expelled for that or if that is related to the expulsion. And believe it or not, this actually happened locally in my district at Parkland School District. A young child brought a weapon into school, was going to hurt another child, and it was not until another parent, who is a State Trooper, read the police report where they knew that this was going on. Parents absolutely have a right to know what is going on in their children's classroom, and Senate Bill No. 971 paves the way for notifying parents and empowering parents about information that is happening in their children's schools. I ask my Senate colleagues for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 971.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise to submit my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. 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 Allegheny, Senator L. WILLIAMS:)

Mr. President, I am glad this Chamber is talking about weapons in schools. There is quite a lot we could do to keep weapons out of the hands of children and adults who are at risk to themselves or others. There is a whole package of gun safety laws that have passed the House and are waiting for our consideration in the Senate. I urge this Chamber to move safe storage, lost and stolen gun reporting, red flag, and other gun safety legislation that would meaningfully impact children's access to weapons. This bill does nothing to keep weapons out of school. This bill risks inflaming fear and distress for parents who are already scared about their children's safety. This bill treats a student who brings a gun to school the same as a student who goes to the office to hand over the pocketknife he realized he left in his backpack from hiking that weekend.

Federal law protects student privacy and prohibits schools from providing any personal details about the student in the notice. I am very concerned that if schools are required to send out a blanket notice that says, "a weapon was found in school," even for the kid with the pocketknife, it will cause parents unnecessary distress and fear. This bill is so broad and encompasses so many people and places. It is not just the student with the pocketknife, it is parents too. It is not just while in school buildings, it is school activities like football games and their parking lots. It is not just on school buses, it is any transportation to and from school, arguably including parents' personal vehicles.

Without language that would allow administrators to distinguish between the kid who accidentally brought a pocketknife and the student who took a gun out of their parent's unlocked cabinet, I fear this bill will only cause greater confusion and anxiety for parents. For these reasons, I will be a "no" on Senate Bill No. 971.

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

NAY-3

Cappelletti	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
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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.

REMARKS ON VOTE

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I want to submit my comments for the record and ask that they be spread upon the record for Senate Bill No. 971.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks on the previous bill 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:)

Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 971. I want to thank Senator Coleman for our work together on this topic. The product before this Chamber today is months in the making and received substantial input from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Pennsylvania State Education Association. We worked on this bill together carefully with these stakeholders to ensure labor agreements are protected and that student privacy remained paramount. I want to clarify that this bill only issues a general notification to parents and school employees when a weapon is found at school. It does not reveal personal details except to the school professionals who are specifically assigned to that student. Again, students who bring a weapon will not be publicly singled out. What we are talking about is a general and commonsense notification that there was a weapon in the midst of our students at school.

Furthermore, this bill is also consistent, it specifically includes publics and privates--traditional, charter, and cyber charter in its requirements. Most of the schools we represent have a policy on this already, and if they do not, this bill simply requires they follow suit to put a policy in place. I respectfully request my colleagues for their support of Senate Bill No. 971. Thank you.

CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1 RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1246 (Pr. No. 1780) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, this legislation will satisfy Federal requirements that States authorize a State agency to conduct risk-based inspections of fixed guideway transit systems such as trolleys, light rails, subways, and inclines. Back in 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act added requirements for States to provide greater oversight and also provided funding for States and transit agencies for safety efforts. Fixed guideway transit routes covered by this safety oversight program include SEPTA's metro network, its trolleys and subway lines. It also includes Pittsburgh Regional Transit's light rail system and the Monongahela Incline, as well as the Cambria County Transit Authority's Johnstown Inclined Plane. Risk-based inspections involve both announced and unannounced inspections of fixed guideway ride-ways, maintenance facilities, and data. For the last year, PennDOT has been polishing up its transit safety oversight program and has requested this legislation to satisfy Federal requirements and to codify their program. We are on a tight deadline to get this done as the Federal Transit Administration needs to approve PennDOT's State Safety Oversight Program by October. Otherwise, PennDOT and our transit agencies may be at risk of losing approximately \$30 million in Federal funds. We have worked diligently with transit agencies to incorporate their feedback into this legislation. I would like to thank Senator Langerholc and his staff for working with my office on this legislation and keeping this bill on time and on track.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

HB 2310 (Pr. No. 3408) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Agriculture Innovation Grant Program and Agriculture Innovation Board.

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

HB 450 (Pr. No. 418)

An Act amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, further providing for the duration of grants.

HB 1032 (Pr. No. 3415) (Amended)

An Act establishing the Solar for Schools Grant Program; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

HB 1443 (Pr. No. 3416) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety; and providing for duties of the Statewide Advisory Council on Playground Safety.

Senator REGAN, from the Committee on Law and Justice, reported the following bills:

SB 117 (Pr. No. 74)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensees, for wine expanded permits and for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales.

SB 349 (Pr. No. 280)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees.

SB 1228 (Pr. No. 1651)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for automatic certification.

HB 829 (Pr. No. 3417) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania liquor stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania liquor stores; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for interlocking business prohibited and for relating to liquor and alcohol (not including manufacturers), for extension of licensed service area and issuance of off-premises catering permits, for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for interlocking business prohibited relating to malt and brewed beverages (including manufacturers) and for Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board, repealing provisions relating to surrender of club licenses for benefit of licensees and further providing for surrender of restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor license for benefit of licensee, for Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program Board, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, for hours of operation relative to manufacturers, importing distributors and distributors, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees and for premises to be vacated by patrons; and, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited distilleries and distilleries and providing for Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 117, SB 349, SB 1118, SB 1228, SB 1274, HB 450, HB 816, HB 829, HB 1032, HB 1201, HB 1443, HB 2301 and HB 2310.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

- 9:30 A.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 1242 and 1255; and House Bill No. 1619) Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 10:00 A.M. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider the nomination of Dr. Debra Bogen for Secretary of the Department of Health) Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
- 10:30 A.M. EDUCATION (to consider House Bill No. 897) Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1228; and House Bills No. 327, 1664, 2096, 2182 and 2301) Rules Committee Conference Room

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain Executive Nominations) Rules Committee Conference Room

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, next week marks the 161st anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, which took place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of July 1863. It was a pivotal turning point in our history, whether our nation would endure and whether all men would be free to resolve the issue of slavery. [Robert E.] Lee's Army of Northern Virginia marched confidently into Pennsylvania with the mission of drawing the United States Army of the Potomac out of its secure bases around Washington, D.C., and Baltimore and into an open battle. And that battle had happened here in Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg. The commander of the Army of the Potomac is depicted on our wall right here, General George Meade, a Pennsylvania man, and he had been in command for a whopping 3 days. When he was offered command--his corps was Fifth Corps commander--was on the march north and they had stopped for a rest. Around 2 o'clock in the morning, an aide came from President Lincoln, General Buckingham, and woke up General Meade. Meade thought that General Buckingham was there on behalf of the President to arrest him, but General Buckingham assured Meade that: I am not here to arrest you, but to offer you command of the Army on behalf of the President of the United States. And General Meade said: I would rather that you just arrest me, because it looked like it was a lost cause. But since his country, Pennsylvania, was under attack, General Meade agreed to command the Army in its most desperate hours.

Day one of the battle was not planned. It was a clash of elements of Lee's Army under General Heth marching--

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman will suspend. Will the Senate please come to order. We ask Members to take their side conversations to the ante rooms, and the gentleman may proceed.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, day one was not planned. It would occur on the outskirts of Gettysburg west of town, as elements of Lee's Army, under the command of General Heth, were marching into Gettysburg town for shoes, and they clashed with U.S. Army Cavalry, under the command of General Buford, whose mission was to delay the enemy to give them enough time until First Corps, under General Reynolds from Lancaster, to arrive in time to shore up the line. It would be a dramatic day, and it would end with Lee's Army capturing Gettysburg and driving our Army from the field. But thanks to the vision and leadership of General Oliver Otis Howard, Eleventh Corps commander, a Maine man, that we held the high ground south of town, and that would decide the outcome in large part. Day one would see a conflict and clash of arms west and north of town. One of the battles will occur at the railroad cut west of town, where Mississippians and North Carolinians were trying to outflank First Corps under General Reynolds, and to be stopped and blunted by elements from New York and Wisconsin. Leading the 6th Wisconsin in that attack against the Confederates at the railroad cut was a Lieutenant Colonel Rufus Dawes, whose

grandfather, Charles [sic] Dawes, rode with Paul Revere. During the battle, they had trapped several 100 Confederates in a railroad cut west of town, and it was a bloodbath, and Lieutenant Colonel Rufus Dawes wanted to stop the bloodshed and took his life in his own hands by stepping on the edge of the railroad cut, and any Confederate down there could have killed him. But he yelled confidently: who commands these men? And a Mississippian yelled back when everyone stopped shooting: well, who are you? And Rufus Dawes shouted back: I command these men, and I order you to surrender--and several hundred did. It is incredible bravery and heroism.

Day two would be, I think, the most climactic of the 3-day battle in my view, with the dramatic battles around the Sherfy house, the Peach Orchard, Little Round Top, Culp's Hill, and it would be a close-run thing. The 1st Minnesota was holding the center of the line. They would lose 83 percent of their men trying to blunt the Confederate's attack across the field. At the Sherfy house, my wife's great-great-uncle, George Porter, with the 57th Pennsylvania from Mercer County and Somerset County were defending the line, and several hundred of them would be captured, including George Porter, and die in captivity in Georgia. A lot of sacrifice and heartache. Of course, we know about the dramatic battle at Little Round Top, being defended at its base by Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain from Brewer, Maine. Chamberlain is an interesting character and still recognized and celebrated as one of our great leaders in the United States Army today. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain would not be somebody you would ever think would rise to the occasion to be a hero. He grew up with a severe stuttering problem, was laughed at and mocked at school. He was called stupid and never amount to anything. And in the eyes of the world, he was weak and foolish. But as it says in 1 Corinthians 1:27, God uses the foolish to confound the wise and the weak to confound the strong. And he would rise to the occasion. God healed him of his speech impediment in college. And he would go on to use his words to convince 120 mutineers from the 2nd Maine to stay and fight, boosting his numbers with the 20th Maine to 386. And, on that fateful day, as the Alabamans stormed his line, wave after wave, 6 massive attacks, down to 200 men after the 6th Confederate attack against his line, fighting on 3 sides, outflanked, all hope lost, Chamberlain ordered a bayonet attack, driving the Alabamans from the field and saving the flank. Somebody who was laughed at and mocked and told he would never amount to anything changed the course of history and saved our Union from defeat that day. And I am proud to say, after 2 years of reclamation, that Little Round Top opened just this week again for tourists to visit, and it is very accessible for those with wheelchairs now. And, of course, the last day is known for Pickett's Charge, but also the cavalry battle west of town, where General George Armstrong Custer, for the first time in our history, will beat Jeb Stuart's Confederate cavalry and drive them from the field. It would still be another year and a half of war, but the course had changed thanks to the battle and the heroism here at Gettysburg.

Just a few months after this on 19 November, Abraham Lincoln visited the battlefield to commemorate and dedicate a resting place for those who gave the last full measure of devotion, and that is painted right here in front of me, denoting that day. Lincoln was so moved that day by the ceremonies and the sacrifice that it was that day, he decided to commit his heart and life

to Jesus Christ and became a Christian--an incredible thing. It shows you how important this battle was in that day, and that moment was. While he was in town, he spent time with George [sic] Burns, who on the first day of battle--70-year-old man--walked out to the battlefield and fought alongside soldiers from Lock Haven--the Bucktails--was wounded in three places and is a local hero even today. So, as we remember this cost and sacrifice, we see the long shadow Pennsylvania casts on this nation. This is the seat of the nation, as William Penn said 250 years ago. We see in 1776 the birth of liberty in Philadelphia; a new birth of freedom in 1863, Gettysburg; and of course, in Shanksville, Somerset County, in 2001, Todd Beamer, on that terrible day of 9/11 when he rallied Pennsylvanians, once again, where he said, "let's roll."

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,562 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. And I think it is important to reiterate, Mr. President, a minimum-wage earner in our Commonwealth who works full time will earn \$15,080 a year. That is embarrassing, Mr. President. I cannot and will not stop fighting for our minimum-wage and low-wage earners until we finally move the needle and pass meaningful minimum-wage reform. And I think, sometimes, Mr. President, we get lost in semantics. We hear the idea of raising the minimum wage, and we see numbers getting floated around, and I think we lose sight of the humanity behind the numbers and statistics. When I introduced Senate Bill No. 1186 to institute a living wage in Pennsylvania, I did it because I still see the humanity. I see the single mother working two jobs just to be able to afford the rent while she goes to bed hungry, not knowing where her next meal will come from. I see the seniors at home who are working into their 80s at a minimum-wage job because they cannot afford medicine. I see the human stories and the human reasons for raising our minimum wage, and it is important to point out, Mr. President, these proposed bills are not going to make minimum-wage earners rich. They are just going to level the playing field and ensure all Pennsylvanians can survive on the wages they earn.

My colleagues have undoubtedly heard me cite the MIT Living Wage Calculator on the floor as a justification on why we need to act, but I really want to hammer this point home, Mr. President. We are not searching for untold riches and luxury. We are fighting for basic humanity. According to the calculator, one adult with no dependents needs to make \$45,661 to be considered earning enough to live comfortably. Add one child to that, and that same earner now needs to earn nearly \$82,000. In households with two adults working with no children, the household needs to earn \$63,788. When a child is added to that household, they need to earn more than \$77,800 to just adequately support their family. And the data tops out with two adults working full time with three children, they need to earn \$133,000 just to cover the family's basic needs, properly fund savings accounts, and pay off debts. Think about that for a second. Across the Commonwealth, there are families with three kids and both parents working minimum-wage jobs. That means for them to live comfortably, two workers need to work a combined 8.8 full-time minimum-wage jobs just to meet the MIT living wage. I cannot think anything else to say other than that. That is embarrassing, Mr.

President. Our minimum-wage and low-wage earners deserve better. We need to include a minimum wage increase in our budget this year, Mr. President. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

Senator MILLER. Mr. President, I rise to submit remarks into the record.

The PRESIDENT. 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 Lehigh, Senator MILLER:)

Mr. President, today I rise to welcome Megumi Takahashi and Graham Gross, who are working in our Allentown office as interns this summer. Megumi is a student at Bard College Conservatory, majoring in flute performance and politics. Graham is a student at New York University, majoring in physics and politics. Both Megumi and Graham have been assets in researching legislation and working with the community as they gain experience working in State government. We are fortunate to have them and know they both have bright futures. Would my colleagues please join me in recognizing Megumi and Graham to the Pennsylvania Senate.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 797**.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

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Senators GEBHARD, SANTARSIERO, BOSCOLA, DUSH, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, COMITTA, J. WARD, FARRY, VOGEL, LAUGHLIN, REGAN, ARGALL, BROWN, BAKER, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, DISANTO, HAYWOOD, ROBINSON, LANGERHOLC, HUTCHINSON, SAVAL, K. WARD, COSTA, PENNYCUICK, PITTMAN, DILLON, STREET, BROOKS, L. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, FLYNN, PHILLIPS-HILL, MUTH, SCHWANK, BREWSTER, MILLER, CULVER, STEFANO, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, ROTHMAN, KANE and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1276**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 22612, located on Pennsylvania Route 72 in Swatara Township, Lebanon County,

over the Swatara Creek as the Senator David J. Arnold, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 26, 2024.

Senators ARGALL, HUTCHINSON, GEBHARD, BROOKS, PENNYCUICK, VOGEL, BAKER, FARRY, J. WARD, DUSH, CULVER and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 1277**, entitled:

An Act requiring the Department of General Services to develop a plan for divesting certain properties owned by the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 26, 2024.

Senators J. WARD, A. WILLIAMS, PENNYCUICK and ROTHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1280**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for the Pennsylvania Child Learning Investment Tax Credit Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 26, 2024.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 739, HB 797 and HB 1754.

RECESS

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 11 a.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 3:56 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.