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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2024

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DAVE BISER, of CrossPoint Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

...[inaudible] important things in this room and in the rooms around us in our meetings today. We thank God for already giving us a fantastic day. And so, if you would bow your heads and close your eyes with me.

Let us pray.

God of all people, we bring our Commonwealth before You this day, understanding, Lord, that the importance of our position puts people in positions where they can live fully and completely, not just for You, but for one another. Thank You for the communities we represent, thank You for the townships, the counties, and the areas in which we know real, live people with real names, and their faces come to view in our minds today, Lord. Thank You for our opportunity to serve this place and to serve You. We do not do one without the other, Lord, when we realize that, and so we call upon You, Lord, to bring blessings into our lives, to bring courage and support, strength, and determination, so that what we do here today, Lord, has an effect on people deeply and profoundly. We trust in You, Lord, and all You are doing. We pray for the States and those individuals who have been affected by hurricanes recently and who are in harm's way. We ask, Lord, that You would soften the blow and give people wisdom and safety. We pray for those who are serving our nation, Lord, here in this country and abroad. We ask that You would be with all those who find themselves today, Lord, facing an enemy in some way or another. Be with us, Lord, this day, in all we do and all we say. May everything be something You are proud of. And by the end of this day, Lord, our prayer is that we would make You smile. Thank You for this opportunity, Lord. We pray it, that these words before You, on behalf of every single person in this Commonwealth, on behalf of every faith that exists here, and on behalf of my own personal faith in the Name of Jesus we pray. And all of God's people said. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Pastor Biser, who is the guest today of Senator DiSanto.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 169**, **SB 170** and **SB 840** with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 801**, **SB 1080** and **SB 1241** with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), the bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator ARGALL, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bill:

SB 1100 (Pr. No. 1953) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, repealing provisions relating to Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction and providing for Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction required.

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

SB 1113 (Pr. No. 1952) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for vendor-designed registration plates.

SB 1338 (Pr. No. 1936)

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in aviation, authorizing the Department of Transportation to enter into interstate agreements for research and deployment relating to unmanned aircraft systems.

HB 1283 (Pr. No. 1399)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for additional parking regulations.

HB 1833 (Pr. No. 3745) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in transportation infrastructure, providing for design build best value.

HB 2177 (Pr. No. 2867)

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

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator ARGALL, from the Committee on Education, reported the following resolution:

SR 350 (Pr. No. 1934)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States, along with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, to pursue legislative remedies that would help provide uniformity of the name, image and likeness policy across the states.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

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 Mastriano, Senator Pennycuick, and Senator Dush, and a legislative leave for Senator Yaw.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Cappelletti and Senator Muth, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Saval.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Mastriano, Senator Pennycuick, and Senator Dush, and a legislative leave for Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Cappelletti and Senator Muth, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Saval.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, October 9, 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, October 21,

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, October 21, 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 PITTMAN 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 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.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN M. DiSANTO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator DiSANTO. Madam President, it is my pleasure to introduce today's guest Chaplain, David Biser, who serves as the senior pastor of CrossPoint Church in the Colonial Park area of Dauphin County. Dave has been at CrossPoint since 1977 [1997], and you may recognize him because he has joined us as guest Chaplain on a few occasions over the last few years.

Dave is a graduate of Cedar Cliff High School, Messiah College, and Eastern Baptist Seminary. He served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. Dave resides in Lower Paxton Township with his wife, Julie. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. Pastor Biser is accompanied today by Derek Sandstrom, the director of worship at CrossPoint Church. Please join me in welcoming Pastor Biser and Mr. Sandstrom to the Senate today.

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

[Applause.]

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

Senator DiSANTO. Madam President, I would also like to introduce representatives from several groups who are joining us today. Earlier this morning, we came together in the Rotunda to recognize this month, October 2024, as Italian-American

Heritage Month in Pennsylvania, which was introduced as Senate Resolution No. 352. We had several Italian American organizations represented. Some of them are joining us in the gallery today. They include the Sons and Daughters of Italy State Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Capitol City Lodge, the Central Pennsylvania Lodge, and the York Lodge; also, the Grand Lodge Sons and Daughters of Italy; and Carini IOD. Please join me in welcoming our Italian American guests to the Senate today.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOE PITTMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, it is my distinct privilege and honor to have students with us today from St. Bernard Regional Catholic School. Those students are here under the leadership of their principal, Tina Bucci. I would have to point out as well that three of those students are my children: my son, Sam; and my twin girls, Rosie and Frannie. And also accompanying them is the most beautiful lunch lady in the Commonwealth, my wife, Gina. And I would ask you to give them all a great warm welcome to this Chamber.

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

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MARTIN. Madam President, I am pleased to welcome the student trustees of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, along with Dr. Mary Beth Williams, vice president for student affairs at Millersville University; Sandy Green, a Kutztown University trustee; and Richard Frerichs, a Millersville trustee and president of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees. These student trustees represent their respective student bodies in the Board of Governors' deliberations, ensuring their university's missions are upheld effectively. Serving in this role is a significant responsibility and a testament to their dedication, showcasing some of the best and brightest of our Commonwealth. It has been a pleasure to meet with them as they engage with legislators and learn about our processes. So, I ask my colleagues to please join me in welcoming them to the Senate.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator REGAN. Madam President, I am very pleased to welcome a group from Messiah University who are with us in the gallery today. The group of students and staff are here to tour the Capitol, connect with staff and elected officials regarding their experience, and to learn more about the legislative process. This group is led by Joy Fea, the assistant director for internships and faculty engagement. The students with us today are Hannah Boes, Jennifer Braunius, Braden Glenney, John Ritchie, Sophia Snyder, Reagan Urbanavage, Yuliana Zuniga, and graduate student Rachel Fleagle. Also in attendance are Ashley Jones, director of Career and Professional Development Center; Dr. Robin Lauermann, professor of politics; and Dr. Jenell Paris, professor of anthropology. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to give a warm Senate welcome to our visitors from Messiah University.

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

[Applause.]

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 365 CALLED UP

SB 365 (Pr. No. 1944) -- Without objection, the bill was called up, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 365 (Pr. No. 1944) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in liability and compensation, providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury.

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

HB 1608 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 1608 (Pr. No. 3740) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1608 (Pr. No. 3740) -- 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 medical assistance coverage for doula services; and, in fraud and abuse control, further providing for third party liability and for data matching.

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

HB 843 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

HB 843 (Pr. No. 2748) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 3 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 843 (Pr. No. 2748) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, both of which will be held immediately in the Rules room. Following those two committee meetings, we will recess for a Senate Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, at the conclusion of the two meetings just referenced, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Kim Ward.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Kim Ward.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Haywood and Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES CHANGED

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator Pennycuick and Senator Dush's leaves be changed from temporary Capitol leaves to legislative leaves.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request that Senator Saval's leave be changed from a legislative leave to a personal leave.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman requests that the temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Pennycuick and Senator Dush be changed to legislative leaves.

Senator Costa requests that Senator Saval's leave be changed from a legislative leave to a personal leave.

Without objection, the leaves will be changed.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1230 (Pr. No. 1891) -- 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 powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, its departmental administrative and advisory boards and departmental administrative officers, further providing for Elevator Safety Board.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, 8 years ago, Luzerne County Correctional Officer Kristopher Moules lost his life in the line of duty. The circumstances compounded the sense of this tragedy. Officer Moules was attacked by a prisoner, resulting in the two striking the faulty elevator door with force, causing both of them to fatally plummet down an elevator shaft. This was very personal to me and to my family. Kris was a baseball player and teammate and roommate of my son in college. He was a smart, vibrant, talented young man taken from us too soon. You may recall corrective action and legislation that we passed in the form of Act 68 of 2018, which established the Elevator Safety Board to review issues related to elevator construction, maintenance, and inspection. We did that bill in honor of Kris, and we believe that that board would have meat and teeth to get something done. Still, all these years later, the State elevator code has not been updated. Since 2002, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers revised the national elevator code seven times, seven times, but Pennsylvania still chooses to operate under the 2002 standard. To make matters worse, our Elevator Safety Board sent recommendations to update the code to our Department of Labor and Industry in late 2020. In our judgment, the grace period for action has long expired. So, this bill before us, Senate Bill No. 1230, will compel change that is sensible and that has the support from working in all facets of the elevator industry: the elevator mechanics to the companies and those who manufacture them. It is our obligation to ensure the highest standard of safety for everyone who uses or works on elevators here in Pennsylvania. Eight years ago, I made a promise to Kitty Moules, who looked me in the eye and said: please make sure people are safe and that Kris' death was not in vain. I intend to keep that promise, and Senate Bill No. 1230 helps us do that. So, with this bill, we will be updating the code and recommendations to the 2016 standards. This is something that we can do in honor and in memory of Kris Moules, because unforeseeable dangers beyond his control took his life, but we can act today and make the change that is necessary to protect Pennsylvanians. I urge an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 1230. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Kane.

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on Senate Bill No. 1230, a crucial bill for workers and public safety across Pennsylvania. This legislation mandates the adoption of the 2016 elevator code and requires updates every 3 years, addressing the critical need to keep our safety standard current with technological advancements. Our current standards, dating back to 2001, are inadequate in today's world. It is imperative that we continuously update our safety measures to reflect improvements in technology, ensuring the protection of both workers and the public. This is not just about administrative updates; it is about safeguarding lives. With unanimous support from the

Senate Committee on Labor and Industry and backed by the Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund, this bill is essential for ensuring safer environments in our workplace and public spaces. By voting "yes" on Senate Bill No. 1230, we show our commitment to public safety and our willingness to adapt to technological progress. I want to close by thanking my friends and colleagues, Senator Baker and Senator Robinson, for their work on this issue.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Langerholc.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman requests a legislative leave for Senator Langerholc.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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

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

HB 1304 and **HB 1409** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1700 (Pr. No. 2231) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for endangerment of public safety official.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 1730 (Pr. No. 2066) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in application of the act and penalties, further providing for exclusions.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Culver, Dillon, DiSanto, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Kearney, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Muth, Rothman, Santarsiero, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel.

Table with 4 columns of names: Brown, Cappelletti, Coleman, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Gebhard, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kane, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw.

NAY-0

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

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

HB 2084 (Pr. No. 2818) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 14, 1992 (P.L.1116, No.145), known as the Wholesale Prescription Drug Distributors License Act, further providing for definitions, for license application and for storage, handling and recordkeeping.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

HB 2132 (Pr. No. 3739) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission and the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission Fund; imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development; providing for the Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program; making repeals; and making an editorial change.

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I rise along with my co-prime sponsors and fellow Irishmen, Senator Kearney and Senator Flynn, in support of House Bill No. 2132, the companion to our legislation which establishes an Irish [Ireland] Trade Commission in Pennsylvania. This bill is the product of many fruitful, bipartisan, bicameral stakeholder discussions, including with the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, Irish [Ireland] Chamber of Commerce, and my friend across the Atlantic, Irish Senator Mark Daly. Under this legislation, a commission will be created with members representing higher education, business, economic development, and Irish American communities. Its mission will be on how Pennsylvania can enhance our educational, economic, governmental, and people-to-people links between our great Commonwealth and the great country of Ireland. Most people know the Irish citizens as being one of the largest minority groups to come over to the United States, but not many people know that 1 in 10 U.S. citizens claim Irish ancestry, 1 in 7 in Pennsylvania, and nearly 1 in 5 in Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties. Half of all U.S. presidents have Irish citizenship. Numerous businesses are already set up in the Republic of Ireland, and numerous Irish businesses are set up throughout Pennsylvania. I would like to thank Senator Kearney and Senator Flynn, and Representative Daley and Representative O'Neal, for working with me on this legislation and ensuring this is a product which will mutually benefit Pennsylvanians and our friends in Ireland. Thank you, Mr. President, for helping to enhance our trade investments, policy, business, academic, and economic possibilities with the consideration of House Bill No. 2132, and I respectfully ask all my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I too rise to ask for support for this legislation. Pennsylvania has a large Irish American population and has historically done great things working with our partners in Ireland. I urge us to continue that, and I think formalizing our relationships and being intentional about how we foster and grow that relationship is a positive thing. And so, I join my colleagues in urging a "yes" vote on this bill.

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-48

Argall	Costa	Kane	Rothman
Aument	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Baker	Dillon	Langerholc	Schwank
Bartolotta	DiSanto	Laughlin	Stefano

Boscola	Dush	Martin	Street
Brewster	Farry	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Brooks	Flynn	Miller	Vogel
Brown	Fontana	Pennycuick	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Haywood	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Hutchinson	Robinson	Yaw

NAY-1

Muth

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2185 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2268 (Pr. No. 3289) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for speech therapy for stuttering.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

HB 2381 (Pr. No. 3615) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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-49

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 2451 -- 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

HB 126 (Pr. No. 3434) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the First-time Homebuyer Savings Account Program and the First-time Homebuyer Savings Account Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Treasury Department.

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 COMMITTEES

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

SB 365 (Pr. No. 1944) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in liability and compensation, providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury.

HB 843 (Pr. No. 2748) (Rereported)

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

HB 1509 (Pr. No. 3742) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, providing for pregnant or postpartum restrictions, training, supports and reporting; in general administration relating to correctional institutions, further providing for State recording system relating to pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals or detainees; in county correctional institutions, further providing for establishment and for county recording system for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals or detainees; repealing provisions relating to Department of Human Services facilities; and, in miscellaneous provisions relating to inmate confinement, further providing for healthy birth for incarcerated women, for cavity search and inspection restrictions, for training and education requirement and for postpartum recovery.

HB 1608 (Pr. No. 3740) (Rereported)

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 medical assistance coverage for doula services; and, in fraud and abuse control, further providing for third party liability and for data matching.

HB 2266 (Pr. No. 3438) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for racing on highways; in enforcement, further providing for disposition of impounded vehicles, combinations and loads; in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for subsequent convictions of certain offenses; imposing penalties; and making editorial changes.

HB 2294 (Pr. No. 3314) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for definitions.

HB 2295 (Pr. No. 3732) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions.

HB 2561 (Pr. No. 3611) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in race horse industry reform, further providing for State Horse Racing Commission.

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

SB 801 (Pr. No. 1939) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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; providing for evidence-based reading instruction; and, in charter schools, further providing for applicability of other provisions of this act and of other acts and regulations.

SB 1080 (Pr. No. 1940) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in death and fetal death registration, providing for pronouncement of death by a practical nurse; and, in records, further providing for fees for copies.

SB 1241 (Pr. No. 1914) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in insurance producers, further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of department, for license prerequisites, for licensing and for license renewals.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 365 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING SENATE RULE 29

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I call up **Senate Resolution No. 350** on Supplemental Calendar No. 2 and move for its consideration, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 29.

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 350, ADOPTED

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 1 of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, **Senate Resolution No. 350**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States, along with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, to pursue legislative remedies that would help provide uniformity of the name, image and likeness policy across the states.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Resolution No. 350 today. This resolution urges the United States Congress and/or the NCAA to pursue legislative remedies that would help provide some uniformity of the name, image, and likeness policy across all 50 States in our country. NIL deals allow student-athletes to make money by selling rights to use their name, image, and likeness. Since the NCAA deferred regulation of NIL deals to the States, and in States without an NIL, these decisions are deferred to the individual schools, a patchwork of varying regulations have been created without proper safeguards for student-athletes. If all States are playing by the same rules, we will continue to have to play whack-a-mole and react to whatever other States do to push the envelope on this issue. With this resolution, we are encouraging Congress and the NCAA to establish national guidelines with an emphasis on protecting young athletes and focus on the long-term health of college athletics across our country and ensure a level playing field for all.

Mr. President, Pennsylvania had the distinct honor of being the first State in the country to implement NIL regulations. Since that time, just being in a responsive mode to what other States are doing to push the envelope with the regulations, we have had to amend our NIL law a couple times. If we continue down this path, that it will continue to harm collegiate athletics, it could potentially harm our college athletes, and it makes complete sense that all 50 States, especially in the area and how it impacts college recruitment, would all be following the same rules from the same page, and we urge them to act.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-49

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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution is adopted.

SB 365 CALLED UP

SB 365 (Pr. No. 1944) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 1 of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, by Senator PITTMAN.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 365 (Pr. No. 1944) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in liability and compensation, providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury.

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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Bartolotta.

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 365, and I want to acknowledge my colleague on the other side of the building, the other side of the aisle, and the other side of Pennsylvania, my dear friend Jennifer O'Mara, who proposed House Bill No. 1632, a companion bill on the House side. Because of her story and many, many--too many--stories just like hers, it is vital, it is imperative, it is well past time that we pass Senate Bill No. 365 and protect our first responders who rush in when we rush out. This bill clarifies what a first responder--it defines a first responder as an active volunteer, employee, or member of an EMS company that is designated by a municipality as its primary EMS provider or is dispatched by a public safety answering point in accordance with a mutual aid agreement. And it also defines first responders as an active volunteer, employee, or member of a fire company who responds to emergency calls, a peace officer who responds to emergency calls, and a Pennsylvania State Police officer. It also defines the term post-traumatic stress injury.

What this bill does, Mr. President, is afford the ability for these first responders who witness horrific events nearly on a daily basis--they rush into fires, to traffic accidents, to domestic disputes, to all sorts of events that are completely traumatic to those victims who it is happening to, but also to those who respond. We owe it to these individuals to give them the mental health care that they need should they be suffering from post-traumatic stress injury. Jennifer O'Mara was 13 years old when her father, who was a firefighter, committed suicide. There are too many stories like that. It traumatizes and affects the family for a lifetime. We need to be there to support these individuals and give them the care that they need. This legislation would limit the amount of time for treatment to 2 years. It gives these individuals 3 years in which to apply for this after a traumatic event. They need our help. We experience far too many individuals who are our heroes who suffer from mental health crises, PTSD, and we need to get

them the mental health they need. Sometimes it only takes 6 months if we allow it to happen right away.

I understand, too, that we also need to address our great friends and heroes who work in our 911 dispatch offices. These 911 operators are phenomenal. I know firsthand, because on November 14, 2009, my husband of 22 years, who had battled lymphoma for 4 years, suffered a cardiac arrest due to pulmonary edema. I was on the phone with the 911 operator, as was my 19-year-old daughter, trying to perform CPR on my husband, Bruce, to no avail. I understand, I appreciate, and I honor those 911 operators with all my heart. We can address those needs in future legislation, but today, right now, this moment in time, let us stand up for our first responders who always stand up for us. We need to have their back, because they always have ours. I request an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Robinson, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Robinson, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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	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	Pennycuik	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

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.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED****BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

SB 787, SB 967, SB 1194, SB 1297, SB 1303, HB 1990 and HB 2153 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 2283 (Pr. No. 3443) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, providing for surgical smoke evacuation systems.

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 2344 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2407 (Pr. No. 3737) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to emergency management services, further providing for definitions; in Commonwealth services, further providing for assistance to fire companies and EMS companies, for State Fire Commissioner and for curriculum, training and education certification management system; 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 establishment, 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 COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, further providing for allocation of appropriated funds, repealing provisions relating to Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program, 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 special provisions and for annual reports; and making transfers.

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

HB 2610 (Pr. No. 3698) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 17, 2024 (P.L.403, No.26), known as the Crematory Regulation Act, further providing for work practice standards.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Coleman.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 312, ADOPTED**

Senator PITTMAN, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 312**, entitled:

A Resolution designating August 4, 2024, as "BAPS Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARRY. Mr. President, I rise as the prime sponsor of Senate Resolution No. 312 to recognize the 50th anniversary of BAPS North America. BAPS Swaminarayan is a worldwide Hindu denomination dedicated to fostering faith, inspiring service, and promoting better living. His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj first established the BAPS Hindu mandir in the United States on August 4, 1974, in New York City. [The year] 2024 marks 50 years of service and faith in the United States for BAPS. Over those last 50 years, BAPS has grown to over 100 mandirs across the United States. They offer a welcoming and spiritual space for thousands of families, as well as worship, fellowship, communal meals, education, and activities for both the young and old. They truly create a home for the faithful. Many in this religious community live in our great Commonwealth, including many in the Sixth Senatorial District. They have worked to serve our communities through health fairs, food drives, and disaster relief work. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating BAPS on their 50th anniversary and offer best wishes for continued happiness and success.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator SANTARSIERO. Mr. President, I join with my colleague from Bucks County, Senator Farry, in offering this resolution to recognize August 4, 2024, as BAPS Day in Pennsylvania. As Senator Farry just said, there are over 100 mandirs, or temples, now serving communities across the country, including here in Pennsylvania, and there are 2 in Bucks County that serve both the 6th Senatorial District of Mr. Farry and the 10th Senatorial District that I represent in the county. These mandirs are much more than places of worship; they are vibrant centers for spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and education, bringing together people of all ages to build a better future based on integrity, character, and

community. BAPS has stayed true to its mission of serving others, upholding His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj's profound message that "In the joy of others lies our own." Their volunteers consistently rise to the challenge, whether it is organizing health fairs, hosting food drives, or mobilizing disaster relief efforts. BAPS embodies a spirit of selflessness and devotion that strengthens our neighborhoods and enriches the fabric of our State. Furthermore, Mr. President, BAPS mandirs have played a crucial role in helping immigrants retain their connection to their cultural heritage while fully embracing their new American lives. They stand as powerful symbols of the diversity that makes Pennsylvania a wonderful place to call home. As we mark 50 years of BAPS' invaluable contributions to Pennsylvania and the nation, I am honored to join with my colleagues, as I said earlier, in designating August 4 as BAPS Day in Pennsylvania. We celebrate not only their past accomplishments, but also the promise of continued service and inspiration for generations to come.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Langerhole	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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution is adopted.

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

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

HB 1509 (Pr. No. 3742) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, providing for pregnant or postpartum restrictions, training, supports and reporting; in general administration relating to correctional institutions, further providing for State recording system relating to pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals or detainees; in

county correctional institutions, further providing for establishment and for county recording system for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals or detainees; repealing provisions relating to Department of Human Services facilities; and, in miscellaneous provisions relating to inmate confinement, further providing for healthy birth for incarcerated women, for cavity search and inspection restrictions, for training and education requirement and for postpartum recovery.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Haywood, I introduce remarks, asking them to be spread across the record.

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

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

Mr. President, I rise in support of House Bill No. 1509, which, among other things, empowers counties to expand their boards of inspectors for jails and prisons. This legislation addresses a technical loophole that has bound Montgomery County to an antiquated law governing county prisons for over a century and a half. Over the years, other counties have been permitted to expand their prison boards, including members from a more diverse range of backgrounds. By allowing 2-A counties the same flexibility, Montgomery County will be able to add members to its prison board, enhancing transparency, accountability, and diversity. I would like to thank the maker of the bill for this important legislation and encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on House Bill No. 1509.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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	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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey

Comitta Kane Robinson Yaw
Costa

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 1509

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1509 (Pr. 3742) – Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 1509, Printer's No. 3742, just passed finally.

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-1

Mastriano

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1608 (Pr. No. 3740) -- 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 medical assistance coverage for doula services; and, in fraud and abuse control, further providing for third party liability and for data matching.

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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, House Bill No. 1608, sponsored by my friend and colleague, Representative Morgan Cephas, is a step in the right direction to combat the maternal mortality crisis in Pennsylvania. I will note that I have the companion bill legislation to this bill, which is Senate Bill No. 335. And this particular bill is part of the Momnibus package, which is an effort of the Black women's [maternal] health caucus. We know that approximately 45 percent of births are covered under Medicaid. Since that is the case, it makes a lot of sense to include doulas in Medicaid coverage as well. A doula is not a midwife; she coaches a woman through childbirth, offers comfort to a birthing mother, and very importantly, serves as another voice in the delivery room or wherever that may be to make sure that the mother's needs are being heard by the medical professionals. That has often been an issue, particularly with women of color, making sure that their needs are being met. We have passed and funded a number of initiatives to combat maternal morbidity and mortality. This is another one that will also help us to control and to combat those issues. This is a measure to ensure that the women who give birth in Pennsylvania have access to tailored care and necessary support both before, during, and after their baby is born.

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-49

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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

HB 2266 (Pr. No. 3438) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for racing on highways; in enforcement, further providing for disposition of impounded vehicles, combinations and loads; in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for subsequent convictions of certain offenses; imposing penalties; and making editorial changes.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator DILLON. Mr. President, I rise today in strong support of House Bill No. 2266. It mirrors the work that Senator Farry, Senator Langerholc, Senator Robinson, and I have pursued, improving safety on our streets and highways by tackling the rising dangers of street racing. We have already passed Senate Bill No. 998 to address these hazards, and this bill reinforces our shared goals, stopping reckless behavior like drifting and racing that have become all too common in our communities. This legislation is clear and simple. It defines street racing offenses and increases penalties for those involved. It also empowers law enforcement to impound vehicles when they are repeatedly used in illegal street racing. Additionally, it goes after those organizing and promoting these events, which is crucial if we are going to truly protect our roads and our neighborhoods.

But racing is just one part of the broader problem affecting the quality of life in our communities. We need to take a comprehensive approach to these concerns, which is why I am working on securing new funding for the Philadelphia Police Department. Part of this new funding will be dedicated to combating the reckless use of ATVs, dirt bikes, and illegal car meetups, problems that endanger pedestrians and drivers alike throughout Philadelphia. This grant will allow the PPD to implement a coordinated plan across multiple units, including the creation of a specialized task force. This task force will focus on enforcement actions, sting operations, and long-term investigations, with the goal of increasing ATV confiscations and enforcing stricter penalties for illegal activity. Together, House Bill No. 2266 and the upcoming grant represent a comprehensive, proacting approach toward addressing these quality-of-life concerns and ensuring the safety of all of our communities. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation with an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARRY. Mr. President, I want to commend this Chamber for their support of our previous Senate bill that covered this same topic that passed this Chamber 49-1 with strong bipartisan support. To my colleagues in the House, Representative Tomlinson, Representative Hogan, I want to thank them for their

efforts in the House to get House Bill No. 2266 to the floor of the Senate. As Senator Dillon mentioned, this legislation goes after and goes right at the heart of street racing, which has become a growing epidemic not just in our cities but, unfortunately, in our suburbs. Recently, about 3 weekends ago in Philadelphia, various neighborhoods were swarmed by these motorists who met up through a social media planned event. They were in various parts of the city. Law enforcement officers risked themselves and their health and well-being, and ultimately had some of their police cars destroyed by these street racers. Street racers came from as far away as North Carolina to participate in this terrible act. This legislation gives law enforcement the tools that they need to swiftly address these problems by not only increasing the penalties against those who are street racing, but also allowing for the seizure of their vehicles for continued activities of street racing. I think one of the most important components of this is actually allowing the organizers to be held criminally responsible for the actions that are taken by the street racers. Mr. President, I appreciate both the efforts of my colleagues in the House as well as our previous efforts here in the Senate, and I ask for an affirmative vote on House Bill No. 2266 so that we can give our law enforcement much-needed tools to address this growing problem. Thank you.

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

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to support this legislation. The organized street racing, it not only endangers the people who participate in it, but ordinary residents, residents who might want to just be crossing the street or enjoying the amenities that exist throughout the Commonwealth, but more especially on Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Broad Street, and portions of downtown Philadelphia. And it is not just the people who are participating. One of the important components are, there are people who are organizing these activities on the internet and that, too, should not be permitted. This is a problem that constituents talk about on a regular basis, and they will be pleased that we are taking action to give the additional tools to law enforcement to address the problem. I thank the makers of the bill and urge a "yes" 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-48

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	Pennycuik	Ward, Judy
Coleman	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Collett	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Costa	Kane	Robinson	Yaw

NAY-1

Cappelletti

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

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

HB 2561 (Pr. No. 3611) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in race horse industry reform, further providing for State Horse Racing Commission.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Langerhole	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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 3**

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 801 (Pr. No. 1939) -- 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; providing for evidence-based reading instruction; and, in charter schools, further providing for applicability of other provisions of this act and of other acts and regulations.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 801?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 801.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, when we last saw this bill when it came out of the Senate, I was the lone "no" vote on this floor for this legislation. And my concern was not so much with the bill itself--the reading program, a more scientific approach to teaching our children how to read, which I understand is essential. I have served as a tutor in a reading program sponsored by the United Way in Berks County, so I recognize how critical a program of this sort is. What I objected to most strenuously was the fact that this was a mandate, and not only just a mandate on our school districts, but an unfunded mandate, meaning that school districts would have to find a way to pay for this. I learned, after doing my research, that: one, many schools would have to change their entire curriculum, buy new materials, educate their teachers in this teaching methodology. There would be a lot to it and significant costs. So, it gave me great pause when I thought about supporting this bill. However, I thought, perhaps, when we passed our budget, we might be able to put the funding into the education code, the School Code. We did not do that. So, I felt not vindicated, but still concerned about the fate of this particular program. I commend the author of this legislation, my colleague, Senator Aument from Lancaster County, but I was still concerned about the issue of an unfunded mandate. This went over to the House. In the House, that mandate issue was removed. So, it is not a mandate on school districts to have to provide this program. I hope many of them do, and I know some have already implemented this program. But it seems disingenuous to me, and I think all of us should take pause and think about this, that when we pass unfunded mandates on our school districts, what we are doing is lobbying those costs onto taxpayers. And if you, like me, everywhere you go, hear something from some taxpayer about the fact that school taxes continue to rise, then you have to think, you have to pause and think. We really have to consider our votes and make sure that when we want to implement a program, when we think it is so important that we will mandate it, we darn better sure fund it.

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	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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1080 (Pr. No. 1940) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in death and fetal death registration, providing for pronouncement of death by a practical nurse; and, in records, further providing for fees for copies.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1080?

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1080.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, I am pleased to speak today on Senate Bill No. 1080, which this Chamber unanimously passed in July. While in the House of Representatives, Senate Bill No. 1080 was amended. The first amendment was a technical amendment requested by the Department of Health. The underlying bill remains unchanged and would allow licensed practical nurses working in hospice settings to make death pronouncements. This change to the Vital Statistics Law will allow hospices to better allocate resources for patient care and prevent delays and death pronouncements for grieving families often experienced. The second amendment to the Vital Statistics Law is to address an issue impacting families of veterans. Current law provides for the fee for birth and death certificates to be waived for active members of the Armed Forces and veterans, as well as their dependents. However, a State registrar notice to funeral directors

established a new interpretation of the law and upended the longstanding practice of waiving the fee for death certificates. The amended version of Senate Bill No. 1080 ensures the reinstatement of this benefit for veterans and their families by outlining, specifically, the individuals whose records are exempt from the fee, as well as applicants and scenarios which they may be waived. I commend Representative Sheryl Delozier for taking the lead on this important amendment, and I respectfully ask my colleagues for another unanimous vote on Senate Bill No. 1080.

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	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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1241 (Pr. No. 1914) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, in insurance producers, further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of department, for license prerequisites, for licensing and for license renewals.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1241?

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1241.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-49

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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

October 2, 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 July 17, 2024, of Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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 David Stonesifer, Sinking Spring, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

September 26, 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 June 11, 2024, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg

17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until June 16, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Burr Edsall, Camp Hill, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Elizabeth Preate Havey, Penn Valley, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Nicole Carnicella, Bellefonte, removed.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Derek Riker, Esquire, 2111 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19130, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Anthony Mariani, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ERIE COUNTY

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Victoria S. Madden, Esquire, 1056 Brandt Avenue, Lemoyne 17043, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Erie County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Elizabeth Kelly, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

September 26, 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 July 17, 2024, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve until October 23, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Linda Kmetz, Pittsburgh, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve until October 2, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Cynthia Potter, Wexford, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment

as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg [sic] University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 13, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Andrew Alosi, Shippensburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

September 26, 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 June 18, 2024, of Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Luzerne, Magisterial District 11-1-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable James Haggerty, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

September 16, 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, Chandra Mirpuri Lalvani, 6114 Forrestal Circle, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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 Mary Fager Jensik, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

September 16, 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, Patrick Endler, 551 Westmoreland Avenue, Kingston 18704, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Aram Piligian, Harleysville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

September 16, 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, John Christopher, 1690 Wood Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Gray, Jr., Hatboro, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CRANE OPERATORS

September 16, 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, Andrew Goulet, 957 Macclesfield Road, Furlong 18925, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

September 16, 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, Donna Murray, 431 Delancey Court, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

September 16, 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, Chad Lutz, 426 Maple Street, Wrightsville 17368, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve until June 8, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Milian Rodriguez, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

September 16, 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, David Morgan, 2319 Addison Court, York 17404, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

September 16, 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, Gerard Dillon (Public Member), 101 Hunt Club Lane, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

September 16, 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, Ilene Warner-Maron, 307 Arthur Court, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

September 16, 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, Neil Curtis, 143 Pole Cat Road, Glen Mills 19342, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Bette Grey, Berwick, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

September 20, 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, Suzan Collins, 143 Altadena Drive, Pittsburgh 15228, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Terrence Pegula, Boca Raton, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

September 20, 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, Kenneth Kane, 103 North Tionesta Avenue, Kane 16735, McKean County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Abraham Amoros, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

September 16, 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, James Reed, Jr., 5836 Tova Circle, McCungie 18062, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, 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 Theresa Talbott, Stroudsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

September 16, 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, Christine Roussel, 4205 Minnie Lane, Hatboro 19040, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for re-appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

September 16, 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, Daniel Warner, 225 Taylor Street, Pittsburgh 15224, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Catherine Spayd, Duncansville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

September 16, 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, Armand Ferrara, Jr., 118 Howard Street, Charleroi 15022, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve until October 26, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph McGettigan, Sr., Havertown, resigned.

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Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

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September 16, 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, Andrew Gross, 717 Concord Avenue, Drexel Hill 19026, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve until February 9, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Cindy Moyer, Northumberland, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

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September 16, 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, Tiffany Welch, 227 Heights Lane, Tioga 16946, Tioga County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, 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 Amy Keisling, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 16, 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, Jeffrey Foster, 113 Stephanie Lane, Collegeville 19426, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salesperson, 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 George Mermon, Nesquehoning, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

September 16, 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, Chandra Mirpuri Lalvani, 6114 Forrestal Circle, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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 Mary Fager Jensik, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

September 16, 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, Patrick Endler, 551 Westmoreland Avenue, Kingston 18704, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and

qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Aram Piligian, Harleysville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

September 16, 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, John Christopher, 1690 Wood Road, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Gray, Jr., Hatboro, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CRANE OPERATORS

September 16, 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, Andrew Goulet, 957 Macclesfield Road, Furlong 18925, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

September 16, 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, Donna Murray, 431 Delancey Court, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

September 16, 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, Chad Lutz, 426 Maple Street, Wrightsville 17368, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve until June 8, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and

qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Milian Rodriguez, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

September 16, 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, David Morgan, 2319 Addison Court, York 17404, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

September 16, 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, Gerard Dillon (Public Member), 101 Hunt Club Lane, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

September 16, 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, Ilene Warner-Maron, 307 Arthur Court, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

September 16, 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, Neil Curtis, 143 Pole Cat Road, Glen

Mills 19342, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Bette Grey, Berwick, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

September 20, 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, Suzan Collins, 143 Altadena Drive, Pittsburgh 15228, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Terrence Pegula, Boca Raton, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

September 20, 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, Kenneth Kane, 103 North Tionesta Avenue, Kane 16735, McKean County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Abraham Amoros, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

September 16, 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, James Reed, Jr., 5836 Tova Circle, McCungie 18062, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, 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 Theresa Talbott, Stroudsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

September 16, 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, Christine Roussel, 4205 Minnie Lane, Hatboro 19040, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for re-appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, 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.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

September 16, 2024

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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September 16, 2024

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JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 16, 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, Jeffrey Foster, 113 Stephanie Lane, Collegeville 19426, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salesperson, 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 George Mermon, Nesquehoning, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

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
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.
Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator BROWN. 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 1100, SB 1113, SB 1338, HB 1283, HB 1833 and HB 2177.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, just for the information of the Members, we do expect to have a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations off the floor. We also expect several more votes before the day is over. We are awaiting the House to provide us with some of the bills that remain outstanding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bill No. 1210)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bill No. 1850)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1232; Senate Resolution No. 359; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	TRANSPORTATION (to consider House Bill No. 2426)	Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

9:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH and BANKING AND INSURANCE (joint public hearing on protecting senior citizens, with a focus on House Bill No. 2064 and possible revisions to the Older Adult Protective Services Act)	Hearing Room 1 North Office
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, I rise to speak on Senate Resolution No. 348, which designates October 19 as Move Over Awareness Day [National Move Over Day] in Pennsylvania. Back in 2020, Senator Kim Ward, Senator Argall, Senator DiSanto, and myself championed the passage of the Move Over Law, known as Act 105. The Move Over Law requires drivers approaching an emergency response area, who are unable to safely merge into a lane further away from the response area, to pass the emergency area at a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, than that posted safely on a highway. It also doubles the fine for any offense. So, the inspiration for this was a meeting with a tow truck operator in the Chambersburg office with myself, Mr. Thomas Bricker working with Abe's Towing. He came in to share his concerns of colleagues, friends, and even himself being close to being killed or being injured on the side of the road while performing their functions as tow truck operators. That led us on an odyssey of meeting family members of other victims of reckless driving while tow truck operators were on the side of the road trying to save lives. A prominent one across the State, of course, and from this area is Tyler Laudenslager, who, at 29 years old in 2020, was hit by a driver and killed, sadly leaving behind his lovely wife, Holly, and his young daughter, Riley. His mom has become a big champion across the State for safety for any emergency vehicle services, including towing truck operations on the side of the roads. The stories are heartbreaking, and these are deaths that should not have happened and could have been avoided.

So, after the pass of the "Slow Down, Move Over," we only saw a negligible decline in deaths on the side of the road during emergency vehicle operations. So, in 2022, we spoke with another tow truck operator, Justyn Arment, and together with Senator Pat Stefano, we introduced legislation to increase the safety of our tow truck operators beyond "Slow Down, Move Over." Ultimately, we were successful with the passage of Act 157, which allowed tow truck drivers to use blue lights while they are

in the middle of an operation of towing a vehicle--no other time can they use it--and the idea, as we saw from two other States, was the blue lights fool drivers into thinking it is a police vehicle, and they will pay greater attention. So, as with emergency responders who want our tow truck operators to drive, to do their jobs, make it home safely, and these are just small measures on how this body is looking out for the lives of our emergency responders. So, as such, October 19 is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of moving over and slowing down for emergency vehicles to protect the lives of our emergency responders, law enforcement officers, tow truck operators, and road workers who serve on our roadways daily. As the next step, I plan to introduce legislation to have signs placed along Pennsylvania State highways and the turnpike to remind drivers to slow down and move over. Each sign will include a tribute in memory of a Pennsylvanian resident who tragically lost their lives in a roadside accident. This legislation will not only reinforce the Move Over Law, but, again, help us remember those who we lost.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Tina Tartaglione, I offer remarks related to the minimum wage. On behalf of Senator Tartaglione, I ask that they be spread across the record.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,667 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Here we are, Mr. President, another week we squandered, another opportunity to make sure the hundreds of thousands of minimum-wage and low-wage earners feel their value and earn a living wage for the work they do. But I will not give up, Mr. President. More than 18 years after we last passed an increase in our Commonwealth's minimum wage, I and many of my colleagues understand the need to pass meaningful and, frankly, commonsense minimum wage reform, legislation like my bill, Senate Bill No. 1186, which would put Pennsylvanians on the path to \$20 an hour, allowing municipal governments to set local minimum wages over what our Commonwealth has set, raising our tipped minimum wage, tying future increases to the Consumer Price Index, and more. We have the chance, Mr. President, to change lives. Across my district and every single one of my Senate colleagues' districts, minimum-wage and low-wage earners are calling out for help. We know, unfortunately, minimum-wage and low-wage earners have to make hard choices like deciding between medical expenses like doctors' appointments and medicine or rent, and between putting food on the table or buying clothing for their children. Mr. President, by not taking up minimum wage reform, we as a legislative body are making our constituents do the impossible. We are making them squeeze blood from a stone. We are making them survive on a wage that, by our own Commonwealth's definition, is a poverty-level wage for any household over one single working person. I do not know what the final week of Session will look like, Mr. President. Whether we will finally take up my call to raise our minimum wage or gavel out until next January, failing to meet our most basic mandate, to make our constituents' lives better, know I will not stop fighting. If we do not address the minimum wage during this Session, I promise that I will be back in the next Session. I will reintroduce meaningful minimum wage reform, and I will be back on this floor fighting

for what is right. We have the chance to do it now. The real question is, will we take it?

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

SENATE AT EASE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, just for the information of the Members, we expect in about 15 minutes we will reconvene for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, but I would ask that we be at ease for the time being.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1051**, **SB 1118**, **SB 1147**, **SB 1213**, **SB 1232** and **SB 1274**, 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 bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 142**, **SB 232** and **SB 402**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will be held immediately in the Rules room. For the information of the Members, we will immediately return to the floor to consider the remainder of today's business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 1051 (Pr. No. 1948) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions; in procedure and administration, further providing for petition for reassessment and for review by board and providing for settlement conference process, for closing agreements and for report to General Assembly; and, in general provisions, further providing for timely filing.

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1945) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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 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.

SB 1213 (Pr. No. 1946) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for the offense of unlawful dissemination of intimate image; in minors, further providing for the offense of sexual abuse of children and for the offense of transmission of sexually explicit images by minor; and making editorial changes to replace references to the term "child pornography" with references to the term "child sexual abuse material."

SB 1274 (Pr. No. 1951) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 4

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1051 (Pr. No. 1948) -- 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 corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions; in procedure and administration, further providing for petition for reassessment and for review by board and providing for settlement conference process, for closing agreements and for report to General Assembly; and, in general provisions, further providing for timely filing.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1051?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 1051.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Venango, Senator Hutchinson.

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1051. This legislation is simply designed to protect taxpayers, and it is a win-win for everyone involved in the tax appeals process. After learning about the complications and hardships that Pennsylvania citizens and small businesses face when dealing with tax disputes, I was happy to offer this measure to provide some relief to those involved in the complicated tax appeal system. Among other changes, this bill, for the first time, would set up a process with a mediator and the Department of Revenue to try to resolve cases quickly and simply before escalating to the Commonwealth Court. I appreciate the support of my colleagues in the Senate and the House in getting the bill to this point. I would also like to give a special thanks to Representative Briggs for championing this issue in the House, and to State Treasurer Stacy Garrity for sharing her expertise on the need for a more taxpayer-friendly tax dispute process.

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-47

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

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Muth	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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1945) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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 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.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1118?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 1118.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, let me say first, I thank the Majority Leader for bringing this bill up on concurrence here, Senate Bill No. 1118. And I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge at the beginning of this discussion, the work that we were able to do along with our colleague, Senator Pat Stefano. I think 4 years now, we have been working together on this thing, along with some folks in the House, Representative Krajewski, and our folks, Sally Bowman and others, to bring this measure to conclusion. But for the help and the bipartisan effort, that we would not be here today voting, I think, on this very important piece of legislation.

Senate Bill No. 1118 is the product of several years of bipartisan work, as I mentioned, to ensure that low-income and young drivers have an opportunity and are given an opportunity to be provided with alternatives to license suspensions if they cannot afford to pay fines and fees from routine traffic violations. This measure, as I mentioned, has been negotiated among stakeholders, departments, both Chambers to arrive on concurrence in the Senate here today. As I mentioned, I would like to thank the work that was done by my colleagues. I also want to recognize the work of the Buhl Foundation. The Buhl Foundation's work, led by Fred Thieman, also was very instrumental in bringing this issue to us as we began addressing it, and has been involved for the past 4 years. We are bringing to light the information that we have gleaned from the work that was done by them. The bill is primarily an equity bill, as it will alleviate burdens on those least able to bear the financial burdens that comes from a license suspension. The bill before us provides for due process to allow for a determination on the ability to pay if someone defaults on their payments and provides a path forward for them to have their payment plans or community service assigned rather than a license suspension. The bill will help alleviate barriers to access to employment, healthcare, educational opportunities, as well as family obligations and the like. It maintains public safety by being narrowly

tailored to non-safety-related traffic fines and fees and does not give a free pass to those individuals who have their license suspended for more serious offenses such as a DUI or an offense resulting in bodily injury. It also extends the time required for notice and includes in the notice information regarding suspension alternatives such as installment payments and community service, so folks are not scrambling to understand their rights and their options under the legislation. It provides a pathway to people with non-safety-related suspensions to get back on the road, and more importantly, get back into the workforce. It helps critical workers get back into the employment landscape so they can provide for their families and continue to be part of our Commonwealth's economy.

At the end of the day, Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 1118 provides equity to low-income individuals, provides economic protection for the businesses and workers, and provides for greater public safety by decreasing unlicensed drivers on the road, and clarifies processes for our courts to follow to meet these goals.

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:

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Argall	Culver	Kearney	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Langerhole	Santarsiero
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Martin	Stefano
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Brown	Gebhard	Pennycuick	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

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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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1213 (Pr. No. 1946) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for the offense of unlawful dissemination of intimate image; in minors, further providing for the offense of sexual abuse of children and for the offense of transmission of sexually explicit images by minor; and making editorial changes to replace references to the term "child pornography" with references to the term "child sexual abuse material."

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1213?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 1213.

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

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

Senator DILLON. Mr. 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 of how to prioritize their safety. It is scary to learn about how some of the ways that our children are being targeted. You might have heard about events that came to light last autumn in Westfield, New Jersey. On Snapchat, AI-generated nude photos of high school students, some as young as freshmen, 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 developing criminal activity requires guardrails set in place so our law enforcement and our prosecutors can tackle these issues head-on. Senate Bill No. 1213 provides those 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 technologies 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 to reflect technological advancements. It protects our children, our families, and our communities from a dangerous form of digital exploitation. As public officials, we all know how jarring it is to see your face distorted or used against you. The emotion and psychological harm of having your likeness manipulated and shared without consent is that much more severe for those who we need to protect. We have a duty to ensure our laws provide clearer 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 action here in Pennsylvania. I urge my colleagues to support this crucial legislation. I would like to thank Senator Lisa Boscola for pushing this issue and for her commitment to the well-being of our young citizens. I would also like 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 people here in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1213, and I really do appreciate the hard work of Senator Pennycuick and Senator Dillon, because without this legislation, without them really working so hard on it and doing it together, this bill would not have been possible. This bill provides that--and it really shows to me--that bipartisanship does develop and produce good legislation. Senate Bill No. 1213 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--New Jersey--which was cited by Senator Dillon, where students used AI to create explicit images of their classmates, causing a lot of distress. This technology is being used to make fake images look very, very real. And as we all know, once these images are created and shared, it is around forever. 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. These victims of these crimes, they are innocent. They are innocent victims, and this law will do a lot more to protect them. We need to act now to protect our children and update our laws to keep up with the technology and to protect everyone's dignity and privacy in our State.

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	Kearney	Rothman
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Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

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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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 1274 (Pr. No. 1951) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2004 (P.L.492, No.57), known as the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterators 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.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1274?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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. 1274.

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

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, today I rise and ask for support for Senate Bill No. 1274, bipartisan legislation I introduced with my friend and fellow Committee on Labor and Industry chair, [Senator] John Kane, to modernize the Sign Language Interpreter [and Transliterators] State Registration Act. The number of registered interpreters has not kept up with the needs of the deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing communities. This bill recognizes that a traditional bachelor's degree is not the right path for everyone and allows alternative ways for individuals to become qualified, registered interpreters. Numerous deaf individuals, interpreters, and advocacy organizations, including many from my district, have expressed support for this bill. So, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

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

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Coleman	Hughes	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Lindsey
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Costa			

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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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

SENATE AT EASE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, for the information of the Members, we expect no further votes today. We will remain at ease for purposes of receiving communications from the House and signing bills.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Judy Ward) in the Chair.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 269**, **HB 2127** and **HB 2383**.

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 169, **SB 170** and **SB 840**.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the following bills were signed by the Majority Leader (Senator Joe Pittman) in the presence of the Senate:

SB 142, **SB 232**, **SB 402**, **SB 801**, **SB 1051**, **SB 1080**, **SB 1118**, **SB 1213**, **SB 1241**, **SB 1274**, **HB 155**, **HB 269**, **HB 1700**, **HB 1730**, **HB 1820**, **HB 2084**, **HB 2127**, **HB 2266**, **HB 2268**, **HB 2383** and **HB 2561**.

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, it is great to see you at the rostrum. I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, October 21, 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 4:39 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.