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SENATE

MONDAY, June 22, 2020

The Senate met at 1:28 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Hon. MEGAN MARTIN, Secretary of the Senate:

Let us pray.

Psalm 121 says, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Heavenly Father, today we choose to lift our eyes off our circumstances and look to You. You are our help. Help us to work together during these difficult times. Help us to live in Your ways. Help us to always treat others with love and respect, which shows that we honor You. Help us, through our words and our actions, to be a blessing to others. Show us Your ways that we may walk with You on a path to victory all the days of our lives. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 21, 2020

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to Session
Monday, June 22, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Consistent with the recess motion made on June 10, 2020, the Senate is recalled for voting session on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

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

June 18, 2020

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 10, 2020, of Kevin Johnson, 6401 Overbrook Avenue, Philadelphia 19151, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until August 31, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harry Lewis, Downingtown, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

TOM WOLF
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

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

June 15, 2020

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Grayuski, 38 Lions Street, East Stroudsburg 18301, Monroe County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of East

Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Josephine Ferro, East Stroudsburg, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 18, 2020

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, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Susan Peikes Gantman, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD

June 18, 2020

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, Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Milk Marketing Board, to serve until May 1, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol Hardbarger, Newport, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

June 18, 2020

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the Counties of Juniata and Perry, Magisterial District 41-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Daniel McGuire, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments to **SB 905**.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1510**.

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

June 17, 2020

- HB 110** and **1822** -- Committee on Appropriations.
- HB 400** and **2477** -- Committee on Judiciary.
- HB 1363** and **2437** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.
- HB 1647** -- Committee on Local Government.
- HB 1947, 2101** and **2293** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.
- HB 2171** -- Committee on Education.
- HB 2438** -- Committee on Communications and Technology.
- HB 2440** -- Committee on State Government.
- HB 2484** and **2497** -- Committee on Finance.
- HB 2509** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

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- HB 2348** -- Committee on Communications and Technology.
- HB 2369** -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 15, 2020

Senators AUMENT, PHILLIPS-HILL, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, STEFANO and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1199**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in highly automated vehicles, further providing for Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Committee and providing for personal delivery devices.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 15, 2020.

June 16, 2020

Senators BARTOLOTTA, ARNOLD, MENSCH, ARGALL, LANGERHOLC, SCAVELLO, J. WARD, PITTMAN, KILLION and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1177**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 16, 2020.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, ARGALL, MENSCH, J. WARD, ARNOLD, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PITTMAN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1183**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 21, 1989 (P.L.672, No.87), known as the Health Club Act, providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 16, 2020.

Senators MASTRIANO, YAW, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, ARGALL, ARNOLD, LANGERHOLC, MENSCH, J. WARD and K. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1191**, entitled:

An Act providing for the reopening of food and beverage service establishments through a phase-in period in relation to the COVID-19 emergency declaration; and providing for enforcement by the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 16, 2020.

Senators STEFANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, KILLION, ARNOLD, MASTRIANO and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 1194**, entitled:

An Act providing for certain civil immunity relating to COVID-19 exposure and for limitation of time to bring suit.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 16, 2020.

June 18, 2020

Senator ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 1214**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Corrections and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority an easement from lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the State Correctional Institution Mahanoy situate in Mahanoy Township, County of Schuylkill, for the purpose of establishing, utilizing, and maintaining water wells and appurtenances thereto related to potable water production and distribution for the benefit of customers within the authority's service territory.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 18, 2020.

June 19, 2020

Senators LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, AUMENT, PITTMAN, REGAN, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, KILLION, SABATINA, VOGEL, SCAVELLO, BOSCOLA, COLLETT, BLAKE, SANTARSIERO, BAKER, IOVINO, MUTH, BREWSTER, HUGHES and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 1216**, 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, providing for special provisions applicable to 2020-2021 school year.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 19, 2020.

June 21, 2020

Senator FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1204**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to adopt, further providing for petition for involuntary termination and providing for special provisions when child conceived as a result of rape or incest.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 21, 2020.

Senators SABATINA, COLLETT, SANTARSIERO, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA, L. WILLIAMS, BARLOTTA, MENSCH, MUTH, FARNESE, ARNOLD, BREWSTER, COSTA, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, STREET and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 1220**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, further providing for commission powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 21, 2020.

June 22, 2020

Senators ARNOLD, ARGALL, MENSCH and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 1080**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the executive, further providing for pardoning power and Board of Pardons.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 22, 2020.

Senators HAYWOOD, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, FARNESE, HUGHES, STREET, KEARNEY, BOSCOLA, A. WILLIAMS, COSTA and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1196**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general principles of justification, further providing for use of force in law enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 22, 2020.

Senators HUGHES, MUTH, FONTANA, COSTA, STREET, KEARNEY, BOSCOLA, FARNESE and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1198**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for false reports to law enforcement authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 22, 2020.

Senators SCHWANK, L. WILLIAMS, LEACH, FONTANA, COLLETT, FARNESE, BREWSTER, MUTH, SANTARSIERO, IOVINO, KILLION, A. WILLIAMS, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, COSTA, STREET, KEARNEY, HUGHES, DINNIMAN and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1200**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 22, 2020.

Senators SCHWANK and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1201**, 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 child care payments during the pandemic of 2020.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 22, 2020.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, COSTA, MENSCH, FARNESE, STREET, FONTANA and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1203**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 30 (Fish), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and enforcement relating to gaming, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties; in inchoate crimes, further providing for the offense of manufacture, distribution, use of possession of devices for theft of telecommunication services; in criminal homicide, further providing for drug delivery resulting in death; in loss of property rights relating to sexual offenses, further providing for general rule; in forgery and fraudulent practices, further providing for the offenses of copying and recording devices and of trademark counterfeiting; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc; in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for seizure and forfeiture of electronic mechanical or other devices; in minors, further providing for sentencing and penalties for trafficking drugs to minors; in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in other offenses, further providing for drug trafficking sentencing and penalties; in vehicle chop shop and illegally obtained and altered property, further providing for loss of property rights to Commonwealth; in enforcement relating to Fish and Boat Code, further providing for forfeiture of fish and devices; repealing provisions relating to forfeiture of assets; adding provisions relating to asset forfeiture in Judicial Code; in size, weight and load relating to Vehicle Code, further providing for transporting foodstuffs in vehicles used to transport waste; in liquid fuels and fuel use tax enforcement, further providing for forfeitures, process and procedures and for disposition of fines and forfeitures; and making inconsistent repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 22, 2020.

Senators STREET, SCAVELLO, LAUGHLIN, COSTA, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, L. WILLIAMS, MUTH, KEARNEY, FARNESE, SANTARSIERO, BOSCOLA, IOVINO and KILLION presented to the Chair **SB 1205**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for actions by law enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 22, 2020.

Senators STREET, MUTH, FARNESE, SCHWANK, HUGHES, FONTANA, KEARNEY, SANTARSIERO, BOSCOLA and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1207**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, providing for limitations on excess property procurement by local law enforcement agencies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 22, 2020.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, J. WARD, MARTIN, BREWSTER, KILLION, PITTMAN and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 1211**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 22, 2020.

Senators PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD, MARTIN, ARNOLD, BROWNE, PITTMAN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1213**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions by providing for extension of waiver provisions for community and club swimming pools.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 22, 2020.

Senators LEACH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1217**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in development, providing for prohibition of natural gas hydraulic fracturing.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 22, 2020.

Senators LEACH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1218**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting hydraulic fracturing.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 22, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 16, 2020

Senators HAYWOOD, FONTANA, MUTH, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, DINNIMAN, KEARNEY and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 331**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of June 2020 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of this public safety and public health issue and in commemoration of the lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 16, 2020.

Senators ARNOLD, PHILLIPS-HILL, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, SCHWANK, MENSCH, J. WARD, COSTA, IOVINO, COLLETT, KILLION, TARTAGLIONE, PITTMAN, BAKER, SCAVELLO, BROOKS and MARTIN presented to the Chair **SR 333**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of June 2020 as "Cancer Survivors Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring all cancer survivors for their strength and courage in the face of this devastating illness.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 16, 2020.

Senator LEACH presented to the Chair **SR 334**, entitled:

A Resolution appointing a special committee on Senate Address to pursue possible removal of Montgomery County Commissioner Joseph C. Gale, under section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 16, 2020.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, MUTH, FONTANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 335**, entitled:

A Resolution amending the Rules of the Senate by adding a rule providing for notification of COVID-19 potential exposure protocol.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 16, 2020.

Senators STREET, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, COLLETT, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, IOVINO, KEARNEY, MUTH, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, A. WILLIAMS, L. WILLIAMS, PHILLIPS-HILL, KILLION, SCAVELLO, LANGERHOLC, BROWNE and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SR 336**, entitled:

A Resolution observing June 19, 2020, as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 16, 2020.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Auto Theft Prevention Authority
5 Kacey Court, Suite 201
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR TOM WOLF AND MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

In 2019, we at the Pennsylvania Automobile Theft Prevention Authority marked a great milestone in our history: 25 years of reducing vehicle crime in the Commonwealth. Since our inception, and through strategic funding, we've helped realize a 79 percent reduction in vehicle theft in the Commonwealth, compared to the national decrease of 51 percent.* While nationwide vehicle crimes have been on the rise since 2015, Pennsylvania's rates continue to decline.

In 2019, ATPA grantees contributed to:

- Recoveries of \$32 million in vehicles and parts
- 700 arrests associated with auto theft-related crime
- 1,077 convictions related to auto theft-related crimes
- Court-ordered restitution of \$2.1 million to the victims of those crimes

This success is significant to every Pennsylvanian, as vehicle crime reduction not only prevents costly increases in insurance premiums but also significantly impacts community safety. While some vehicles are stolen as a crime of opportunity for the thief to "get across town," many are stolen by complex, professional theft rings whose tactics often involve violence, financial fraud, identity theft, and international trafficking. Perhaps most importantly, many crime sprees begin with the theft of a vehicle, leading to the dangerous and costly ripple effect of the subsequent crimes.

The Pennsylvania Automobile Theft Prevention Authority is a legislatively mandated, public-private entity that cannot and does not use tax dollars. Pennsylvania insurers fully fund the organization through yearly assessments. Grants are distributed to law enforcement agencies based on need and utilization plan. Grant renewals are contingent on audits and results. For every dollar assessed since inception, we have realized a \$6.36 return -- all without cost to the Commonwealth.

You can be certain of our continued diligence in reducing any threat to our collective safety and financial security that vehicle crimes pose. We look forward to serving the citizens of the Commonwealth for another 25 successful years as we support our grantees, educate the public, and train law enforcement to detect and solve these ever-evolving crimes. We are grateful for the opportunity, and we thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

RONALD W. KOSH
Chairperson

*According to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program maintained by the FBI and the Pennsylvania State Police -- theft rates from the FBI are only available through 2018 at the time of publication.

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

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 905 and **HB 1510**.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, from the Committee on Communications and Technology, reported the following bills:

SB 835 (Pr. No. 1800) (Amended)

An Act providing for funding of high-speed broadband service infrastructure deployment in unserved areas of this Commonwealth and for powers and duties of the Commonwealth Financing Authority; establishing the Unserved High-speed Broadband Funding Program Account; making an appropriation; and making a related repeal.

SB 1118 (Pr. No. 1801) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for broadband services.

HB 2438 (Pr. No. 3848)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for broadband services.

Senator REGAN, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bill:

HB 1459 (Pr. No. 3945) (Amended)

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; providing for emergency responder mental wellness and stress management; establishing the Statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Program; providing for duties of the Secretary of Health and the Department of Health; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for immunity from civil liability; and, in emergency medical services system, further providing for support of emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of May 6, 2020, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of May 6, 2020.

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

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

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

YEA-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Farnese	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brooks	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held immediately in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, no need for a Senate Democratic caucus. We did so this morning. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for a series of off-the-floor committee meetings to be held here on the Senate floor starting with the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on State Government, followed by the Committee on Transportation, and then followed by the Committee on Education.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of off-the-floor committee meetings beginning with the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on State Government, followed by the Committee on Transportation, and then followed by the Committee on Education, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor John K. Fetterman) in the Chair.

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 107 (Pr. No. 883) -- 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 the offense of aggravated assault.

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

SB 107 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 107, Printer's No. 883, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 331 (Pr. No. 1264) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for firefighter and emergency service training and establishing the Fire Training Fund.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator SCARNATI offered the following amendment No. A5643:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 7, by inserting after "XIX-A":
a college operating under Article XIX-G

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 355 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 422 (Pr. No. 1088) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for training of inspectors.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 530 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 532 (Pr. No. 1187) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for holidays and observances.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, we can never say thank you enough to the men and women who have served and serve in our Armed Forces. Many times, we introduce veterans who are guests to the Senate or offer our support for resolutions to commemorate those servicemen and women. Other times, we name a highway or bridge honoring someone who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Today, we are taking another step to say we recognize those who served and sacrificed during more recent conflicts. This bill will designate March 6 as Persian Gulf War Veterans Day, and October 7 as Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day in the Commonwealth. These two conflicts included more than 2.5 million Americans who served, and sadly, more than 6,000 of those Americans lost their lives, including 324 Pennsylvanians. The bill also requires the Governor to annually issue a proclamation encouraging all public schools and educational institutions to observe these special days by conducting exercises recognizing the contributions and sacrifices made by these veterans.

Finally, I need to give a very special recognition to my constituent, Sergeant Harold Redding of Spring Grove, who brought this issue to my attention. Harold is a Vietnam Veteran, and the culmination of his Army service did not end his service to our nation. In 2018, Harold's advocacy led to the permanent designation of March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in Federal law, which was long overdue. He, like so many Vietnam Veterans, yearned to be warmly welcomed home. Once the Vietnam Veterans Day designation was accomplished, Harold turned his advocacy efforts toward Gulf War Veterans to insure they are honored and

welcomed home with dignity and respect. We are grateful for his tireless efforts to insure that no veteran's service to our nation is ever forgotten.

I would appreciate an affirmative vote to honor the fine men and women who have served our country during these times of war.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Farnese	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brooks	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	

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 584, SB 606, HB 617, HB 632, SB 679 and HB 716 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 763 (Pr. No. 973) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1966 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.31, No.1), known as The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, further providing for compilation and analysis of data.

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

SB 763 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 763, Printer's No. 973, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 932 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 957 (Pr. No. 1402) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, providing for miscellaneous provisions; imposing a penalty; and making an editorial change.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

IOVINO AMENDMENT A6343 OFFERED

Senator IOVINO offered the following amendment No. A6343:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 3 through 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(f) Administration.--The department may establish a nominal fee to cover the cost of verification.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 14 and 15:

(i) Funding contingency.--The powers and duties of the department under this section may not be exercised until the General Assembly has appropriated funding sufficient to exercise those powers and duties.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Iovino.

Senator IOVINO. Mr. President, this amendment would completely maintain the integrity of the underlying legislation to create a veteran-owned business logo for such businesses to display; however, it would not designate that the estimated \$200,000 cost required to administer the program come from the Veterans' Trust Fund, or VTF. The \$200,000 cost impact is provided by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The department would administer the program and supports this amendment. A \$200,000 hit to the VTF represents a 13-percent reduction in funding available for grants to support veterans, according to the latest available numbers in the 2018-19 fiscal year. VTF grants typically go to organizations, nonprofits, and county departments of veterans affairs, entities whose mission explicitly supports veterans. The DMVA estimates the number of veterans who would be impacted by the raiding of the VTF is conservatively 10,000, or possibly upwards of 15,000 veterans who are supported by the organizations that benefit from VTF grants. More critically, DMVA reports 470 veterans in crisis, or eligible family members in crisis, and that "in crisis" is a qualifying factor for a VTF grant to an individual, would be impacted.

It is likely that the veterans impacted by a 13-percent decrease in the Veterans' Trust Fund come from nearly every county and every district in this Commonwealth. I strongly support the creation of a logo designating veteran-owned businesses, but do not

believe this initiative should come at the expense of existing programs that are helping our veterans. Instead, I ask for the adoption of amendment No. A6343 to Senate Bill No. 957 to require that separate funding be appropriated to maintain the financial integrity of the Veterans' Trust Fund and the integrity and ability of the fund to directly support the veterans of this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, I respectfully ask for a negative vote on the amendment. Senate Bill No. 957 permits the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to utilize existing resources like the Veterans' Trust Fund to implement this small but worthy program for our veterans. The Veterans' Trust Fund has been used in the past to help implement State programs for veterans, including the veterans' designation on driver's licenses. That being said, my legislation directs any fines from the program to the Veterans' Trust Fund. Furthermore, Senate Bill No. 957 permits the department to establish fees to cover the cost of verification. As such, I do not believe this amendment is necessary, and I ask for a negative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-21

Blake	Farnese	Leach	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fontana	Muth	Williams, Anthony H.
Brewster	Haywood	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Hughes	Santarsiero	
Costa	Iovino	Schwank	
Dinniman	Kearney	Street	

NAY-29

Argall	DiSanto	Mensch	Vogel
Arnold	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Aument	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Baker	Killion	Regan	Yaw
Bartolotta	Langerholc	Scarnati	Yudichak
Brooks	Laughlin	Scavello	
Browne	Martin	Stefano	
Corman	Mastriano	Tomlinson	

Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was agreed to.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, as the descendant of a very long line of veterans from the inception of our great country and through every skirmish and war we have had ever since then and up to and including my son, who is currently a United States Marine, I am very passionate about our veterans, the hard work they have done, the sacrifices they have made, and look to every opportunity to support them. Therefore, I present Senate Bill No. 957.

Mr. President, throughout the history of our great nation, we have turned to the brave men and women who serve in the military to see us through our greatest challenges. Their incredible drive and dedication has always represented a beacon of hope during our darkest hours, and once again, the men and women who served our country in the military stand ready to answer the call, not as soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, but as business owners who refuse to surrender to the calamities created by the coronavirus. We stand ready to support them every step of the way in helping us emerge from this crisis stronger than ever. Senate Bill No. 957 is a commonsense measure that shows our commitment to the entrepreneurial efforts of veterans throughout Pennsylvania with the goal of increasing the awareness and success of their businesses. This legislation simply directs the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to create special logo types to promote businesses owned by veterans, Reservists, and members of the National Guard.

Pennsylvanians are eternally grateful to our military heroes, and there is a strong willingness in our communities to support the businesses they create when they return to civilian life. This bill helps connect those people who proudly support our military with the businesses our veterans have built. Nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of our veterans not only shows our thanks to the brave individuals who served our Commonwealth and our nation, but it also helps the economy by supporting new job options and business opportunities at a time when they are needed the most. Many military veterans have the drive, discipline, and leadership to be successful business owners, and we should support those who take the leap into owning their own business. Developing a special logo to draw attention to their service to our community is one simple way that we can support their dream while giving them a way to serve our communities, once again, in a different capacity as leaders in business and industry. I urge my colleagues to cast an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 957.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I stand in support of the legislation offered by the gentlewoman from Washington County. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize the amendment that failed here, unfortunately, as it

relates to the Veterans' Trust Fund. The language is broad enough to allow for some other way in which the proceeds to pay for this endeavor would be covered. I want to put on the record that it is our hope and intention, and we will communicate to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, that they find some other way out of their program dollars to support the measure. Taking in excess of \$200,000, or whatever the number might be, from the Veterans' Trust Fund is something we do not believe is appropriate. At the end of the day, we hope we are in a position that they can find other resources as the language contemplates, quite frankly, to allow them to be able to do that but not take it from the Veterans' Trust Fund.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Farnese	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brooks	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 968, SB 969, SB 987, HB 1045 and HB 1050 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1379 (Pr. No. 1670) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of June 22, 1935 (P.L.446, No.187), referred to as the Sunday Polo Act.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Farnese	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brooks	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	

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 1405 (Pr. No. 1725) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of June 22, 1935 (P.L.449, No.188), referred to as the Sunday Tennis Act.

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	Dinniman	Martin	Street
Arnold	DiSanto	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Aument	Farnese	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Blake	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Boscola	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brewster	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Brooks	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Browne	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Collett	Langerholc	Scavello	
Corman	Laughlin	Schwank	
Costa	Leach	Stefano	

NAY-1

Hutchinson

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 5, HB 30, SB 119, SB 207, SB 251, SB 252 and SB 253 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 258 (Pr. No. 1022) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, providing for pipeline emergency management information.

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

SB 258 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 258, Printer's No. 1022, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 284 (Pr. No. 1023) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1435, No.156), known as the Public Utility Confidential Security Information Disclosure Protection Act, further providing for definitions; providing for pipeline operation and emergency response plans; and further providing for prohibition.

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

SB 284 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 284, Printer's No. 1023, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 531 and **SB 609** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 784 (Pr. No. 1348) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in games of chance, further providing for prize limits, providing for pull-tab deal and further providing for regulations of department; and, in tavern gaming, further providing for definitions, for licenses, for application, for approval, for enforcement and for prohibitions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

SB 793 (Pr. No. 1765) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in commercial drivers, further providing for requirement for commercial driver's license; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for restrictions on use of highways and bridges and for conditions of permits and security for damages.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 809 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 869 (Pr. No. 1758) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for moment of silence on September 11 anniversary.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

HB 896 (Pr. No. 2087) -- 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 neighborhood assistance tax credit, further providing for definitions, for public policy and for tax credit.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1032, SB 1034 and **SB 1036** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1045 (Pr. No. 1550) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1982 (P.L.310, No.87), referred to as the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law, further providing for county demolition funds.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1061 and **SB 1074** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1123 (Pr. No. 1658) -- 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, providing for COVID-19 emergency provisions.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1170 (Pr. No. 1769) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1186 and **SB 1187** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1193 (Pr. No. 1756) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Act, further providing for Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Account.

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1195 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator GORDNER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

HB 1457 (Pr. No. 1825) -- 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, further providing for mastectomy and breast cancer reconstruction.

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1597 (Pr. No. 3909) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the highway interchange of U.S. Route 222 with Mohns Hill Road, Cumru Township, Berks County, as the Corporal Mahlon L. Fink Iwo Jima Memorial Highway Interchange; designating a portion of State Route 1015, the 11000 block of Knights Road, in Philadelphia County, as the Sergeant James O'Connor Memorial Highway; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 57213, carrying State Route 1036 over Six Mile Run, Broad Top Township, Bedford County, as the Sergeant David Leon Barber Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52785, on that portion of State Route 4027 over Bald Eagle Creek, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the Cpl. Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 48976, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 669 that crosses the Casselman River at the west end of Ord Street, Salisbury Borough, Somerset County, as the Sergeant Stephen M. Minick Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 31586, on that portion of State Route 2004 carrying Broadway Street over the Casselman River, in Summit Township, Somerset County, as the Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 15279, on that portion of State Route 2025, also known as Morton Avenue, over Stony Creek in Morton Borough, Delaware County, as the Captain Michael Malinowski, Sr., Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 2012 in Monroe County as the Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway; designating the bridge on I-70 in Westmoreland County over the Youghiogheny River as the Matthew Smelser Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of County Line Road (SR 2038) between N. Warminster Road and Newtown Road in Bucks County as the Captain

William J. Ahlum Memorial Highway; and designating the portion of County Line Road (SR 2038) between N. Warminster Road and Jacksonville Road in Bucks County, as the Specialist 4 Harold E. Cashman Memorial Highway.

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

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 1860 (Pr. No. 2940) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, further providing for definitions, for formation of authorities, for dissolution of city authorities and for eminent domain; and making editorial changes.

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 2018 (Pr. No. 2834) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the borough of Plymouth a permanent storm water drainage easement in Plymouth Borough, Luzerne County.

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

HB 2045 (Pr. No. 2872) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Ohiopyle Borough, Fayette County, certain lands situate in Ohiopyle Borough, Fayette County, in exchange for Ohiopyle Borough granting and conveying certain lands to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be added to those existing lands at Ohiopyle State Park.

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 85 (Pr. No. 63) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing

for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments.

SB 655 (Pr. No. 1760) (Rereported)

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Nurse Licensure Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.

SB 1188 (Pr. No. 1767) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in local taxes, further providing for tax limitations.

HB 808 (Pr. No. 3947) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, providing for power to set fees; in fiscal affairs, further providing for collection fee for uncollectible checks; in fishing licenses, further providing for non-resident and tourist licenses, for one-day resident fishing license, for license, permit and issuing agent fees and for license and permit packaging options; in special licenses and permits, further providing for net permits, for boat and net licenses for boundary lakes, for permits for protection and management of particular fish, for permits for the use of explosives, for Lake Erie fishing permits and for fishing guide and charter boat permits; in regulated fishing lakes, further providing for licenses and for fees; in dams, bar racks and migration devices, further providing for obstructing migration of fish; in preliminary provisions, further providing for fees; and, in registration and titling of boats, further providing for issuing agents, for fees and for notice for boats and related equipment.

HB 1003 (Pr. No. 3134) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dams, bar racks and migration devices, further providing for marking of dams.

HB 1185 (Pr. No. 3862) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in property and waters, further providing for the offense of damage to property; in protection of property and waters, further providing for the offense of littering; in fishing licenses, further providing for form and expiration of licenses; in preliminary provisions relating to boats and boating, further providing for boating education; and, in operation of boats, further providing for the offense of operating watercraft under influence of alcohol or controlled substance and providing for the offense of aggravated assault by watercraft.

HB 1188 (Pr. No. 1385) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods.

HB 1325 (Pr. No. 1973) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal trespass.

HB 1538 (Pr. No. 3666) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for parole procedure.

HB 1710 (Pr. No. 3855) (Rereported)

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

HB 1796 (Pr. No. 3137) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 30, 1984 (P.L.345, No.69), known as the First Class City Business Tax Reform Act, further providing for definitions.

HB 2418 (Pr. No. 3902) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in organization of departmental administrative boards and commissions and of advisory boards and commissions, further providing for State Geospatial Coordinating Board; and providing for COVID-19 debt cost reduction review.

MOTION PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 12

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I call up Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Bill No. 331, and move the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 331, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(m)(2).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 331 (Pr. No. 1799) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for firefighter and emergency service training and establishing the Fire Training Fund.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 331 creates a firefighter training pilot program to allow PASSHE schools and our community colleges to partner with local high schools and career and technical schools in providing firefighter training to interested high school students. Many of our firefighters are reaching retirement, and younger firefighters who can answer the call in the future are in short supply. This legislation is designed to get individuals interested and trained at a younger age to help insure that fire calls do not go unanswered in the future. This bill builds off the success that Harrisburg Area Community College

saw in partnering with local high schools for fire training. By making programs like this more accessible, it is my hope that we can expand the opportunity to help our fire departments rebuild their dwindling numbers. Providing training to young students in a close and convenient location is one way we can attract first responders who do so much for our communities. It is also my hope that this legislation will provide a valuable tool for our emergency responders to increase their numbers. Our local firefighters are there day and night to protect our communities. Can we imagine if these local heroes, who give so much, were to disappear from public service? I ask my colleagues to support this legislation, as well as our firefighters in our local communities by attending their events.

Thank you so much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, will the sponsor of the bill stand for friendly interrogation?

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, yes.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, the question I have is this: some of our school districts have programs that are trying to accomplish exactly what the gentlewoman is doing, and thank you for having this bill. It is very important. We have programs, for example, where a student can get 40 certifications. So, if a school district is involved with programs that already exist, they can still apply, correct, to the PASSHE or community college? There is nothing in this bill that would prevent that from happening?

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, this legislation will not interfere with current programs in place. It only expands opportunities for programs to grow and allow more access to these programs.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, in essence, just so I get it right, and thank you, again, Senator Brooks for standing, but not only that, but for the bill, it is a good bill. I want to make sure that if a school is already involved in a program with another school for training in emergency services, that they could also be able to apply to further get involved with one of the community colleges and universities. I do not see anything in the bill that would prevent it, but I want to make sure that my interpretation was correct.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, it is our intent in this legislation to do that, and we are just adding access to these programs and hoping that our younger students are able to participate. Also, if you look in the legislation, it actually requires, when possible, that each region of the State offer these programs.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, thank you for answering the question. I do understand. I just wanted to clarify because of concerns in my own county which has such a program in the schools, and so a school district that is currently in it can also apply to a community college or anything else, and you have answered that affirmatively, and your staff has as well. So, I appreciate that, and again, thank you for this good piece of legislation.

Senator BROOKS. Mr. President, thank you.

Senator DINNIMAN. Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Argall	Dinniman	Leach	Stefano
Arnold	DiSanto	Martin	Street
Aument	Farnese	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Baker	Fontana	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Gordner	Muth	Vogel
Blake	Haywood	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Boscola	Hughes	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brewster	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Brooks	Iovino	Sabatina	Williams, Lindsey
Browne	Kearney	Santarsiero	Yaw
Collett	Killion	Scarnati	Yudichak
Corman	Langerholc	Scavello	
Costa	Laughlin	Schwank	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 1188 (Pr. No. 1767) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, in local taxes, further providing for tax limitations.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator ARGALL offered the following amendment No. A6350:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 22, by inserting after "providing": for delegation of taxing powers and restrictions thereon and

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 25 through 27, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 301.1(f) of the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

Section 301.1. Delegation of Taxing Powers and Restrictions Thereon.--* * *

(f) Such local authorities shall not have authority by virtue of this act:

* * *

(17) To levy, assess or collect an amusement or admission tax based on a charge imposed for the movement of passengers by a for-profit railroad that operates as a common carrier of freight subject to the jurisdiction of the United State Surface Transportation Board if the freight constitutes a majority of the movements handled by the railroad measured by both income and volume and the for-profit railroad transports more than 20,000 revenue carloads annually while offering tourist or passenger service.

Section 2. Section 320 of the act is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

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

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Law and Justice to meet today to consider Senate Bill No. 459 and Senate Bill No. 1205. This meeting will be live-streamed from the Senate Chamber.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice to be held immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Law and Justice, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 1216 (Pr. No. 1784)

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, providing for special provisions applicable to 2020-2021 school year.

HB 2171 (Pr. No. 3948) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in the State System of Higher Education, further providing for definitions, for establishment of the State System of Higher Education and its institutions, for purposes and general powers, for project contracts, for board of governors, for the chancellor, for powers and duties of the board of governors, for councils of trustees, for powers and duties of councils of trustees and for power and duties of institution presidents, for rental fees and other charges, for annual report and for campus police powers and duties and providing for student records.

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

SB 459 (Pr. No. 1803) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for use of force recordkeeping and reporting for law enforcement agencies.

SB 1205 (Pr. No. 1804) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for use of force and deadly force model policy for law enforcement agencies.

Senator DiSANTO, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 42 (Pr. No. 19)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," further providing for the display of the official POW/MIA flag on Commonwealth grounds or buildings.

SB 395 (Pr. No. 376)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," further providing for display of flag.

SB 1214 (Pr. No. 1783)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Corrections and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority an easement from lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the State Correctional Institution Mahanoy situate in Mahanoy Township, County of Schuylkill, for the purpose of establishing, utilizing, and maintaining water wells and appurtenances thereto related to potable water production and distribution for the benefit of customers within the authority's service territory.

HB 86 (Pr. No. 88)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1970 (P.L.128, No.49), entitled "An act granting to the Governor of the Commonwealth the sole authority for regulating the display of the flag of the United States from any public ground or building and from any ground or building of certain other institutions," further providing for the display of the official POW/MIA flag on Commonwealth grounds or buildings.

HB 2370 (Pr. No. 3659)

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 57 (Notaries Public) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, further providing for heading of chapter, for short title of chapter, for definitions, for applicability and for form of unsworn declaration; and, in Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, further providing for authority to perform notarial act, providing for notarial act performed by remotely located individual and further providing for notification regarding performance of notarial act on electronic record and selection of technology.

HB 2487 (Pr. No. 3772)

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, further providing for judicial salaries, for compensation of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Auditor General, Attorney General, Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and heads of departments and for members of the General Assembly; providing for cost-of-living adjustment hiatus; and making a repeal.

Senator K. WARD, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 1199 (Pr. No. 1773)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions;

and, in highly automated vehicles, further providing for Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Committee and providing for personal delivery devices.

SB 1220 (Pr. No. 1786)

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in turnpike, further providing for commission powers and duties.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator DINNIMAN. 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 42, SB 395, SB 459, SB 835, SB 1118, SB 1199, SB 1205, SB 1214, SB 1216, SB 1220, HB 86, HB 1459, HB 2171, HB 2370, HB 2438 and HB 2487.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to examine Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI))	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bills No. 881, 1089 and 1182; and House Bills No. 441 and 2435)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1193 and 1199; and House Bills No. 364, 1457, 1564 and 1860)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 875 and 1180; and House Bills No. 1437 and 2484)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bill No. 890; and House Bills No. 672, 1880 and 2455)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 352 and 934; Senate Resolutions No. 333 and 336; and certain Executive Nominations)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 14, 1158 and 1204; and House Bills No. 256, 1855 and 1984)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

10:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (public hearing for update on long-term care facilities and COVID-19)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
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PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tartaglione has submitted remarks for the record. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

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

Mr. President, today marks 5,097 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is almost 14 years, and it is far too long.

We are living through a period of great change in the United States and here in Pennsylvania. Recent events have caused us all to reexamine and reshape how we interact with one another, as well as how we interpret ideas like freedom and equality. In the business world, some organizations are adapting to the expectations and demands of our new reality. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the nation, and as the public lauded essential workers for their selfless dedication to their jobs and their communities, many employers began to offer something more substantive, something to help those workers keep a roof over their heads and food on their tables. Many companies began to provide hazard pay and enhanced benefits, like paid leave, to those employees who were unable to work from home, those who risked their own health and well-being so that the rest of us could stay well-stocked with life's necessities and so that our healthcare needs were being met.

A few companies have taken this novel approach a step further. Just last week, Target Corporation announced that it will make its pandemic-related pay increases permanent company-wide while paying a one-time bonus to all frontline workers and bolstering its paid leave, childcare, and family care programs. The raises lift the starting salary at all Target stores and distribution facilities to \$15 an hour. That is 25 percent higher than the industry average in the U.S. Over the last 3 years, Target has raised its starting wage by \$4. Target is one of the largest retailers and private-sector employers in the nation. The company is showing that a \$15 minimum wage and generous employee benefits are not only possible, they are good for business, too. Unfortunately, the more some things change, the more others stay the same. Major employers like Amazon, Kroger, and Starbucks have already rescinded pandemic-related pay increases. In fact, their \$2 and \$3 raises did not even survive the month of May.

Mr. President, there have been 478,000 new COVID-19 cases recorded in the U.S. since the end of May. That accounts for 27 percent of the total number of U.S. cases since the start of the pandemic. We are still seeing tens of thousands of new cases every day. Frontline workers are still facing the same job-related hazards they were last month and in the months since the start of the pandemic. Much of corporate America has been up to its familiar, cynical tactics in their board rooms and executive suites, too. As millions of American workers have suddenly found themselves unemployed, many top executives are reaping huge windfalls. Last month, the CEO at JCPenney pocketed a \$4.6 million bonus 5 days before the company's bankruptcy filing. Other top executives at the company collected \$1 million in bonuses. About three dozen top executives at Whiting Petroleum Corporation, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, and Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. have collected a combined \$50 million in bonuses despite the major downturn experienced

by the petroleum industry due to the pandemic. At Whiting, the CEO was rewarded with a \$900,000 pay raise after his company's stock price plummeted from \$55 a share to under \$2, then filed for bankruptcy on his watch.

Mr. President, we often hear right-wing ideologues disparage our efforts to raise the minimum wage to a family-sustaining level. They want to convince the public that the free market--the unfettered labor market--will tell us what fair wages should be. On the contrary, the instances I have mentioned here are just a few examples of how that myth cannot and does not exist when the corporate elite reward themselves handsomely even in the worst of economic times. Yet, even in the best of times, employee wages consistently lag behind economic growth. Now, more than ever, we in the Commonwealth must take a stand against growing income disparity and enact real, positive change for Pennsylvania's low-wage workers. The General Assembly must consider and adopt my Senate Bill No. 12. At long last, we must raise the minimum wage.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, sometimes I will put it in writing and sometimes I will rise personally each day until we take care of the critical needs in education. Many students were not provided an adequate education during the pandemic, especially students in poorer areas and rural areas where there was no opportunity for Internet connections. We cannot afford to lose a generation of students, and we need to act now before we leave, as well as when we return. As the Department of Education gives out their guidance recommendations, the expense of this is going to be tremendous. They have not yet given out the guidance in terms of school and bus transportation. So, I want Members to be aware that just because we passed a 12-month budget for public education, it is not going to take care of the emerging needs of our school districts. Even in my own area, which has one of the best tax bases and some of the wealthiest school districts, we see the majority of school districts raising their property taxes. In some cases, we actually see the dismissal of teachers--in one district, up to 57 teachers and staff members. So, I want to make sure we are all continually aware of this.

Also, let me suggest some possible actions we can take, actions that I have discussed with the Majority chair of this committee, who has been most helpful and cooperative in making sure we meet the needs of education. For example, if the pandemic continues or increases, we need to have a clear policy that if it is in one school, say in Easton, we do not necessarily close all the schools in the Commonwealth, as we did this last year. We need to have a clear definition of what online education is all about. It is not simply putting something online. It is working with the students. It requires special skills. It requires the acceptance of the fact that you put your lesson plans and lectures online so they can be accessed at any time. We need to make some determination as to what we are going to do with the testing and whether we are going to continue to use the keystone test, and under what conditions, if the pandemic reemerges or continues. We need to figure out how we can continue and replicate some of the volunteer education programs that are currently going on. My IU, and I have worked with them, has a volunteer retired teacher program so we can work with students who are having difficulty with online learning.

We need to certainly begin to help and urge the schools to help each student, especially in elementary school, who are scared, afraid, and do not know what to make of this pandemic

and the wearing of masks. This is the type of discussion we have to be sensitive to and make sure it takes place in the public schools. Today, we made one very positive step when we passed the certification bill, because we do not even know how many teachers will remain in the schools when the school year begins, and we have such a shortage of teachers now, especially substitute teachers. So, Mr. President, all I am trying to say is this: let us not think that the issue of education was done and over with when we did the 12 months. We have to make sure every child is educated. We cannot just say that online learning is the answer without establishing the qualifications and the means of accomplishing this.

Let me say one last thing in this regard and that is: if we continue to assume that for our tens of thousands of non-English learners in this Commonwealth--in fact, in my own school district, West Chester School District, we have 547 non-English learners--that a curriculum delivered online in English is doing the trick, it is not. The curriculum needs to have simultaneous translation, and we have to make sure that is accomplished. It is not an expensive thing. It is the same thing you use when you are traveling as a tourist somewhere. It goes back and forth. So, I am simply bringing these issues up and will continue to bring them up--as my colleague, Senator Tartaglione, has done a tremendous job on unemployment--so we take care of students.

A final comment on another issue. We still have thousands and thousands of people who have not received their unemployment checks, going all the way back to March 15. In my district alone, we have documented 300 such people, and we know there are hundreds more who are out there. This is unconscionable. These people at first called with frustration. Now, they are calling our office in utter despair. What am I to do? How am I going to feed my family? Many of them have taken out loans. How am I going to repay these loans? I understand the overwhelming volume that Labor and Industry has, but let us also understand that we have an increasing number of desperate people out there who are unemployed and have not received their checks since March 15. By the way, they cannot get their Federal money either because that is connected to that check.

One lady summed it up this way. She said, I did everything I was supposed to do with the pandemic. I understood when my employer sent me home, and now, unfortunately, I do not even know if I will have a job because my store may not survive during the pandemic. I educated my kids at home, and I kept my kids at home, just as I was told to do. I wore my mask, and I wore my gloves. I did not go out of my house very much. I did everything I was supposed to do in this pandemic, but when is the State of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth, going to do something for me? When am I going to receive that check that has been due for over 3 months? I cannot survive anymore, Senator, she told me. I am in desperate need. I am rising with that woman and the 300 people we have documented in my district alone.

Understand, I am in the wealthiest district in this Commonwealth. I am in a district which has always had the lowest unemployment rate. If we are getting these calls, I imagine it is happening in other districts. If we have 300 that we have documented, I imagine there are probably another 600 out there in the district that did not even know to call us. So, this is an urgent call. We have to take care of these people. They are in a horrible situation. Can you imagine any Member of this body trying to go about 3 months without being paid; if they have no reserves in

the bank; if their car is being repossessed; if they do not even know whether they can pay their rent; and they have not received the State or Federal money? This is an untenable and unacceptable situation, and we in this Senate and the administration have to answer the needs of these citizens, our brothers and sisters who are in need and who are desperate, in this Commonwealth. So, Mr. President, I make two appeals, one is for those situations, and the other is for the children who did not receive a real education this spring, and we have to make sure they do so, both over the summer and into the fall.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your indulgence in allowing me to do this remonstrance. Thank you, again.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 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 6:47 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.