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#### **SENATE**

TUESDAY, April 20, 2021

The Senate met at 1 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 145 tells us that the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Heavenly Father, today we ask You to help us be more like You. Bless us with compassionate hearts so that we are merciful, patient, and kind. Help us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion so that we can better serve the people of this great Commonwealth. All this we ask in Your name. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE 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 ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

April 20, 2021

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, Jerry Roller, 127 Fitzwaters Street, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

TOM WOLF Governor MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

April 20, 2021

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, Joseph Bizzaro, 4365 Stone Creek Drive, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 William Mohler, Latrobe, whose term expired.

TOM WOLF Governor

#### 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:

#### April 20, 2021

Senators SANTARSIERO, COMITTA, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, STREET, FONTANA, HUGHES, COSTA, MUTH and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 300**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, further providing for definitions and for alternative energy portfolio standards, providing for solar photovoltaic technology requirements, for contract requirements for solar photovoltaic energy system sources, for renewable energy storage report, for energy storage deployment targets and for contracts for solar photovoltaic technologies by Commonwealth agencies and further providing for portfolio requirements in other states; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 20, 2021.

Senators COMITTA, MUTH, SANTARSIERO and KEAR-NEY presented to the Chair **SB 518**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for additional powers of certain public utility corporations.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 20, 2021.

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA, COLLETT, YUDICHAK, COSTA, KANE, BOSCOLA and HAYWOOD presented to the Chair **SB 574**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for the title of the act; and, in sale of property, providing for county demolition and rehabilitation fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AF-FAIRS AND HOUSING, April 20, 2021.

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA, PITTMAN, YUDICHAK, SCHWANK, COSTA, COLLETT, STEFANO, KANE, BROWNE and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 576**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for seizure management and treatment plan, for seizure recognition and related first aid training, for seizure disorder management and first aid liability, for acts not considered delegation for seizure disorder care and for liability.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 20, 2021.

Senators SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, KANE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, COLLETT, BROWNE, CAPPELLETTI and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB** 577, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, for definitions and for unlawful discriminatory practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 20, 2021.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, VOGEL, STREET, J. WARD, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, SANTARSIERO, STEFANO, LANGERHOLC, ROBINSON, MENSCH, MASTRIANO, HUTCHINSON, REGAN, COSTA, PITTMAN, KANE, AUMENT, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB** 578, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 20, 2021.

Senators LAUGHLIN, STREET, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, COLLETT, PITTMAN, BARTOLOTTA, HAYWOOD, KANE, CAPPELLETTI, STEFANO and SCAVELLO presented to the Chair **SB 579**, entitled:

An Act providing for pharmaceutical transparency; establishing the Pharmaceutical Transparency Review Board and providing for its powers and duties; and establishing the Pharmaceutical Transparency Review Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 20, 2021.

Senators SANTARSIERO, CAPPELLETTI, FONTANA, KEARNEY, HUGHES, STREET, COLLETT, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, COMITTA, HAYWOOD and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 581**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for safe storage of a firearm when not in use.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 20, 2021.

Senators SANTARSIERO, CAPPELLETTI, FONTANA, KEARNEY, HUGHES, STREET, COLLETT, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, COMITTA, HAYWOOD and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 582**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for safe storage of a firearm when residing with a person not to possess a firearm.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 20, 2021.

Senators BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, STEFANO, J. WARD, DISANTO, PHILLIPS-HILL, AUMENT, REGAN, COSTA, K. WARD and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair SB 583, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in inheritance tax, further providing for the rate of inheritance tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 20, 2021.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, KANE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 584**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, April 20, 2021.

Senators BOSCOLA, COMITTA, HAYWOOD, KANE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 585**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, April 20, 2021.

Senators ARGALL, FONTANA, KANE, MASTRIANO, STEFANO, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, J. WARD and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 586**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in historic preservation incentive tax credit, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 20, 2021.

Senators SCAVELLO, STEFANO, YUDICHAK, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 587**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, providing for a 100% homestead and farmstead exclusion and establishing the 100% Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 20, 2021.

#### 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:

#### April 20, 2021

Senators GORDNER, LANGERHOLC, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, SCAVELLO, J. WARD, MENSCH, YAW, ARGALL, HUTCHINSON, SCHWANK, BROWNE, K. WARD, PITTMAN, AUMENT and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 91**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 6, 2021, as "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 20, 2021.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, FONTANA, KEARNEY, SCAVELLO, COLLETT, SANTARSIERO, VOGEL, HAYWOOD, KANE, COSTA, COMITTA, L. WILLIAMS, STREET, YUDICHAK and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 92**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the 51st celebration of "Earth Day" on April 22, 2021, in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 20, 2021.

#### **HOUSE MESSAGES**

#### HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

#### April 20, 2021

HB 48 and 423 -- Committee on Finance.

**HB 607** -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 664 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

#### **GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

#### REPORT PURSUANT TO ACT 4 OF 2021 PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Office of the Governor Harrisburg

April 19, 2021

To the General Assembly Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, PA 17120 **RE:** Report on Integration of the Pennsylvania National Guard into the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Response

The attached report has been prepared for your review, per the requirements of Act 4 of 2021. It details the integration of the Pennsylvania National Guard into the Commonwealth's COVID-19 response, including vaccine distribution. This report was prepared in consultation with the Adjutant General of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Spencer Schaeberle Special Assistant to the Secretary Office of Legislative Affairs

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

#### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 341 (Pr. No. 375)

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, further providing for additional powers and duties of commission.

SB 442 (Pr. No. 460)

An Act providing for an inventory of State-owned assets for the development of fixed broadband services in unserved areas, establishing the Broadband Services Restricted Account and providing for underserved areas of this Commonwealth.

#### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Stefano.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a legislative leave for Senator Stefano. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator KIM WARD asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator BROOKS, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION WEEKLY RECESS

Senator K. WARD offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, April 20, 2021

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, April 26, 2021, 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 Senate recesses the week of April 26, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 10, 2021, 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 Senate recesses the week of May 10, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 24, 2021, 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, May 3, 2021, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of May 3, 2021, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 24, 2021, 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 K. WARD and were as follows, viz:

#### YEA-47

Argall	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Dush	Mensch	Street
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Boscola	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Martin	Schwank	

#### NAY-0

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

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

#### **CALENDAR**

#### SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### HB 766 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

**HB 766 (Pr. No. 1283)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 6 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator K. WARD, as a Special Order of Business.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 766 (Pr. No. 1283)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for COVID-19 emergency finance and tax provision; and in corporate net income tax, further providing for reports and payment of tax and for extension of time to file reports.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

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

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Senate Committee on Transportation to meet today off the floor in the Senate Chamber and livestreamed to consider Senate Bill No. 283, Senate Bill No. 445, Senate Resolution No. 53, House Bill No. 26, House Bill No. 56, and House Bill No. 124.

#### RECESS

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of two committee meetings to be held here on the floor and via Zoom, beginning with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Transportation. Immediately following those meetings, there will be a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room and via Zoom.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the two meetings referenced by the Majority Leader, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber and via Zoom immediately following those meetings.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a series of off-the-floor meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and the Committee on Transportation, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

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

#### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Aument.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Aument.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Havwood.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

#### **RECESS**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held here on the floor and via Zoom.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held here on the floor and via Zoom, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

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

# CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 78, SB 83, HB 101, SB 106, SB 108, HB 110, SB 113, SB 114, SB 137 and SB 190 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 203 (Pr. No. 239)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for living donor protection; and imposing duties on the Department of Health and the Insurance Department.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise today in support of House Bill No. 203, the Living Donor Protection Act. This bill would insure that life, long-term care, and disability insurers will not discriminate against living organ donors through policy conditions, acceptance, or pricing based solely on the person's status as a living organ donor. It also provides living organ donor-related leave for employees who are eligible under the Family Medical Leave Act. Finally, it requires the Pennsylvania Department of Health to develop educational materials related to living organ donation.

I, like many other Pennsylvanians, know someone who has been on dialysis for years waiting for a kidney. I have a friend who was a living donor to another friend's son. However, the importance of the Living Donor Protection Act was brought to my attention by a constituent of mine, Bobbie Reed, in 2019. Her exposure to patient-centered outcomes began when her son, then 22 years old, suffered end-stage renal disease. Through navigating his disease, dialysis, waiting lists, finding a donor, transplant, and, now, post-transplant, she learned a lot. Wanting to help

others, she became an advocate to help them with their journey by using her skills in communications, sales, and marketing. Most recently, Bobbie was a panelist on my Demystifying Harrisburg series where she talked about the Living Donor Protection Act making its way through the legislative process. I am so pleased that less than a week later this bill is being brought up on final passage in the Senate. It is a great example of what advocacy work can do to help the lives of Pennsylvanians.

I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on this bill because approximately 38 percent of kidney transplants are from a living donor. Donors should not have to worry about their premiums increasing or their policy being denied or cancelled. Living organ donors should not be penalized for their heroic acts to help a family member, friend, or stranger in need.

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-47

Argall	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Dush	Mensch	Street
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Boscola	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Martin	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.

SB 248 (Pr. No. 216) -- 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,

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, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 248, legislation I have sponsored with the Senators from Jefferson and Franklin Counties. This bill would add certain days to our existing list of veteran recognition days. This legislation would designate March 6 as Persian Gulf War Veter-

ans Day and October 7 as Global War on Terrorism Day. While my name and many of my colleagues' names will appear on this bill, the person who brought this initiative to my attention is one of my constituents who has dedicated his life to service to our nation and to his fellow veterans. Sergeant Harold Redding of Spring Grove has been one of the leading veteran advocates, not just in my district, but a leader across our nation. His work with Senator Pat Toomey led to March 29 being designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in the United States.

Today, through this legislation, we continue to say thank you to our veterans and will formally recognize their efforts through a proclamation by the Governor on March 6 and October 7, respectively, and encourage, but not mandate, our school districts to recognize the important role our brave veterans have had in these two conflicts. Please join me, along with the gentlemen from Jefferson and Franklin Counties, in support of Senate Bill No. 248.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, I rise enthusiastically in support of Senate Bill No. 248, recognizing the heroism, commitment, and sacrifice of our veterans from Operation Desert Storm and those who fought, served, and many gave the last full measure of devotion with the Global War on Terror. Looking at the list here of the sacrifices in Desert Storm, 30 years ago, 1991, lost in action, 382 of our fantastic military personnel and 467 wounded in action. Operation Enduring Freedom, largely in Afghanistan, we have lost to this day, 20 years later, 2,349 heroes with 20,149 wounded in action. Operation Iraqi Freedom, killed in action, 4,418, and 31,994 wounded in action.

It is fitting, appropriate, and the right thing to do to recognize March 6 in honor of our Persian Gulf heroes, as well as October 7 and those who served, fought, and defended our freedoms in the Global War on Terror. Having served with many of these great heroes since the post-Cold War days, I think it is a great way to honor their commitment and sacrifice to our nation, and it is important that we never forget what so few are willing to do for our nation in those dark times. They were there when the nation needed them, they were there when the nation called, and now we are standing with them so that their memories are never forgotten.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 248. Along with the Senator from York County and the Senator from Franklin County, I am glad to be one of the cosponsors of this. Speaking as an Iraqi War veteran and a veteran of the Global War on Terror, I have to say that one of the greatest honors that I have also been given as a Member of the House, and now in the Senate, is to honor our veterans who have served in the Vietnam War and other wars going back through to--the Second World War is the furthest I have gone back with any Citation presentations or anything. But when we do these types of things, it is a remembrance. It is a time of remembrance and honoring the people who have actually sacrificed their lives. Three hundred twenty-four of our fellow Pennsylvanians thus far have paid the ultimate sacrifice in these two conflicts. I am also the father of one who deploys quite routinely. I will tell you, as a father, it

is tougher being the family member of one who is deployed than it is to be the one who is in country.

When I talked to the Vietnam War veterans, especially, they, as Senator Phillips-Hill brought up, have come to realize just how important these remembrances are. They have done everything to make sure that those of us who came behind them did not suffer the kinds of things that they went through. We need to insure that when people are sacrificing to preserve our way of life, preserve the Republic that has done more to bring peace and prosperity to this world than any other before, that sacrifice was something that they did willingly, it was something that they--this can get difficult for me. I want to remember one airman in particular who I served with, Senior Airman Elizabeth Jacobson. I trained with her. We lost her over there. There are so many people who have--that loss of life, those families who do not have those family members with them any longer because of that sacrifice, we need to pause and remember and take the time to remember. I am grateful that we are able to advance this today, and I ask for unanimous support. Thank you.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

#### YEA-47

Argall	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Dush	Mensch	Street
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Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
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Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
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Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Martin	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 274** and **SB 282** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 317 (Pr. No. 325)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for expedited partner therapy and for liability.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I rise to, one, thank my colleagues, Senator Browne from Lehigh County, and Senator Baker, for their cosponsorship of this important legislation, and I ask that all of my colleagues in the Senate support this bill. The practice of expedited partner therapy is backed by experts including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the CDC. Expedited partner therapy is an excellent way to get needed medicine in the hands of those who may be reluctant to seek treatment or are overwhelmed by the prospect of it, but who could also pass diseases to future partners. The numbers prove that STDs, sexually transmitted diseases, and STIs are still an issue in our Commonwealth. According to the CDC, Philadelphia, for example, has the third-highest rate of STDs in the United States. Those are just numbers, but I want you to think about the women who can suffer life-altering issues from diseases raging untreated. Chlamydia is often asymptomatic in women but can cause infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and chronic pelvic pain. Can you imagine infertility that was absolutely preventable had a woman known earlier? That is why this legislation is so important. We need to reverse that trend, and EPT, expedited partner therapy, is one way to do that.

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:

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Boscola	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
Brewster	Hughes	Regan	Ward, Judy
Browne	Hutchinson	Robinson	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Kane	Sabatina	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kearney	Santarsiero	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Langerholc	Saval	Yaw
Corman	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
Costa	Martin	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.

**SB 381 (Pr. No. 367)** -- 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 substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 381, which removes the June 30, 2021, expiration date of the Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers program, allowing it to continue indefinitely. This program was established in Act 86 of 2016, providing schools, intermediate units, and area career and technical schools with the option to utilize individuals training to be teachers to serve as a substitute teacher for a limited time, provided the individual has valid clearances and at least 60 credit hours. The program has helped aid the shortage of substitute teachers, with participation steadily increasing since 2016, but also serves as a potential pathway to employment for prospective teachers. I ask my colleagues for support of Senate Bill No. 381.

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-41

Argall	Costa	Martin	Schwank
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Mensch	Tomlinson
Bartolotta	Fontana	Muth	Vogel
Boscola	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brewster	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Browne	Kane	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Cappelletti	Kearney	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Langerholc	Santarsiero	Yaw
Comitta	Laughlin	Scavello	Yudichak
Corman	•		

#### NAY-6

Haywood	Sabatina	Street	Tartaglione
Hughes	Saval		

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 AND REREFERRED

SB 382 (Pr. No. 309) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public-private transportation partnerships, further providing for definitions, for duties of board and for operation of board; and voiding prior initiatives of the Public-Private Transportation Partnership Board.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A0718:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by inserting a bracket before "the" Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by inserting a bracket after "following" Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out the bracket before "transportation-related"

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out the bracket after "services" and inserting:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by inserting a bracket after "Financing."

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 19 through 23, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

"Transportation-related service." Only the following services:

- (1) Operations and maintenance.
- (2) Revenue collection.
- (3) User fee collection or enforcement.
- (4) Design.
- (5) Construction.
- (6) Development and other activities with respect to existing or new transportation facilities that enhance traffic throughput, reduce congestion, improve safety or otherwise manage or improve a transportation facility.

(7) Financing.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 2. Section 9104(a)(2) and (4) and (c) of Title 74 are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 28 and 29:

(2) Adopt guidelines establishing the procedure by which a public entity may submit a request for a <u>proposed</u> transportation project or a private entity may submit an <u>unsolicited</u> plan for a proposed transportation project to the board.

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by inserting after "for": proposed

Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by inserting after "for":

Amend Bill, page 3, line 29, by inserting after "a" where it occurs the second time:

proposed

Amend Bill, page 3, line 30, by inserting after "to":

requesting

Amend Bill, page 4, line 6, by inserting after "the":

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by inserting after "the":

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 12 through 15, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(vi) If the proposed transportation project requires a user fee, include the estimated amount for each user group and type of user fee as described under section 9110(f) (relating to public-private transportation partnership agreement).

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:

(viii) Alternative courses of action to improve the transportation facility or transportation-related service without a public-private transportation partnership and the associated risks of improving the transportation facility or transportation-related service with a public-private transportation partnership.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 28, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(b.1) Public input.--The following shall apply:

(1) The department shall collect comments

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 3 and 4, by striking out "the results" and inserting:

all submitted comments and a summary as provided under paragraph (2)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 5, by striking out "submit the results" and inserting:

provide the submitted comments and summary

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 8 and 9:

(2) The summary under paragraph (1) shall include a description of the proposed transportation project, a copy of the notice that was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, the time period that the public was allowed to provide input, an overview of how the department equitably solicited input from persons affected by the proposed transportation project and a chart or graph that accurately portrays all submitted comments, including the positive and negative public input, on the proposed transportation project.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by inserting after "the" where it occurs

the second time:

proposed

Amend Bill, page 5, line 12, by inserting after "the" where it occurs the third time:

proposed

Amend Bill, page 5, line 13, by inserting after "project":

in the form of a resolution

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 14 and 15, by striking out "The board shall approve a proposed transportation" in line 14 and all of line 15 and inserting:

Approval of a proposed transportation project with or without a user fee shall be in the form of a resolution signed by the chair-person of the board.

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 26 through 30; pages 6 and 7, lines 1 through 30; page 8, lines 1 through 11; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(b.3) Transportation projects with a user fee.--The following shall

apply for a proposed transportation project with a user fee:

(1) No later than five calendar days after the resolution is published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, the department shall transmit the resolution to the Governor. The Governor shall have 10 calendar days to approve or disapprove the resolution. If no action is taken on the resolution by the Governor within 10 calendar days of receipt of the resolution, the resolution shall be deemed approved. If the Governor approves the resolution or fails to act, the Governor shall, within 10 calendar days, transmit the resolution to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for consideration by the General Assembly. If the Governor disapproves the resolution, the objections of the Governor disapproving the resolution shall be transmitted to the department within 10 calendar days.

(2) If no action is taken on the resolution by the General Assembly within 20 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is later, of receipt of the resolution from the Governor by both the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, five members of the Senate or 25 members of the House of Representatives may petition their respective presiding officer to schedule a vote on the resolution. The vote shall be scheduled to occur within 10 calendar days or five legislative days, whichever is later, of the presentation of the petition. Each chamber shall have 20 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is later, to independently pass the resolution. The resolution shall be disapproved unless both chambers pass the resolution within the time period provided under this paragraph. If the General Assembly disapproves the resolution, the objections of the General Assembly disapproving the resolution shall be transmitted by the presiding officer of each chamber to the department within 10 calendar days. If the General Assembly approves the resolution, the public entity may proceed with the public-private transportation partnership agreement.

(3) If the Governor or the General Assembly disapproves a resolution as provided under this subsection, the department may, upon receiving approval from the board, submit an amended resolution under paragraph (1). The department may only submit one amended resolution. If the amended resolution is disapproved, the approval process shall start over again as provided under this chapter.

(4) If a time period under paragraph (2) expires after a session of the General Assembly adjourns sine die, the department shall reinitiate the process under paragraph (1) starting on the first day of the succeeding session of the General Assembly, except that the department shall not be required to republish the resolution in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

(b.4) Transportation projects without a user fee.--The following

shall apply for a proposed transportation project without a user fee:

(1) No later than five calendar days after the resolution is published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, the department shall transmit the resolution to the Governor. The Governor shall have 10 calendar days to approve or disapprove the resolution. If no action is taken on the resolution by the Governor within 10 calendar days of receipt of the resolution, the resolution shall be deemed approved. If the Governor approves the resolution or fails to act, the Governor shall, within 10 calendar days, transmit the resolution to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for consideration by the General Assembly. If the Governor disapproves the resolution, the objections of the Governor disapproving the resolution shall be transmitted to the department within 10 calendar days.

(2) If no action is taken on the resolution by the General Assembly within 20 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is later, of receipt of the resolution from the Governor by both the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, five members of the Senate or 25 members of the House of Representatives may petition their respective presiding officer to schedule a vote on the resolution. The vote shall be scheduled to occur within 10 calendar days or five legislative days, whichever is later, of the presentation of the petition. Each chamber shall have 20 calendar days or 10 legislative days, whichever is later, to independently pass the resolution. The resolution shall be deemed approved unless both chambers vote to disapprove the resolution in the time period under this paragraph. If the General Assembly disapproves the resolution, the objections of the General Assembly disapproving the resolution shall be transmitted by the presiding officer of each chamber to the department within 10 calendar days. If the General Assembly approves the resolution, the public entity may proceed with the public-private transportation partnership agreement.

(3) If the Governor or the General Assembly disapproves a resolution as provided under this subsection, the department may, upon receiving approval from the board, submit an amended resolution under paragraph (1). The department may only submit one amended resolution. If the amended resolution is disapproved, the approval process shall start over again as provided under this chapter.

(4) If a time period under paragraph (2) expires after a session of the General Assembly adjourns sine die, the department shall reinitiate the process under paragraph (1) starting on the first day of the succeeding session of the General Assembly, except that the department shall not be required to republish the resolution in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

#### YEA-28

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

#### NAY-19

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

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

Upon motion of Senator K. WARD, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 457** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 74 (Pr. No. 338) -- 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, providing for pediatric cancer research tax credit.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration? Senator MARTIN offered the following amendment No. A0731:

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 9 through 11, by striking out "hospitals within" in line 9, all of line 10 and "pediatric cancer research to be" in line 11 and inserting:

the pediatric cancer research institutions that are

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

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

Upon motion of Senator K. WARD, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kim Ward requests a legislative leave for Senator Langerholc. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

#### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 168, HB 186, SB 224, HB 230, SB 236, SB 241, HB 284, SB 286 and SB 423 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 425 (Pr. No. 616)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, further providing for informed consent.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 432** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 434 (Pr. No. 441)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, providing for milk sell by date and best by date labeling.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 435** and **SB 441** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

# BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**SB 454 (Pr. No. 466)** -- 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, providing for volunteer firefighter tax credit.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 455, SB 463** and **SB 562** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

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

Senator GORDNER, 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

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, 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 Erik Scully, Wexford, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first 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 Alfred Whitcomb, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

# MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

April 7, 2021

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 24, 2021, of Betsy Phillips, 3607 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2022, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Daniel Drake, West Chester, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### CONTROLLER, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

April 16, 2021

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 2, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Schuylkill, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Christy Joy, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

# MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard P. Mather, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Donald R. Walko, Jr., resigned.

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

> TOM WOLF Governor

#### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

April 16, 2021

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 January 8, 2021, of Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable John A. Zottola, deceased.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, LEHIGH COUNTY

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Lehigh County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Maria L. Dantos, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of 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.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until June 19, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nirmal Joshi, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD

March 19, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of 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.

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

### TOM WOLF

# MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Rebecca Dombrowsky, 669 Rockwood Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve until May 23, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jarrad Berkihiser, Lancaster, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

March 31, 2021

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 December 7, 2020, of Artinese Malachi, 1229 Smokey Wood Drive, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, 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 Suzanne Hendricks, Quakertown, whose term expired.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Moriah Hathaway (Public Member), 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas Carey, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

April 7, 2021

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 25, 2021, of Moriah Hathaway, 1009 Roman Knoll Court, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, 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 Ralph Schmeltz, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

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

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first 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 Renee Cardone, Collegeville, whose term expired.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

# MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 16, 2021

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 2, 2021, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2021, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald Donatucci, Philadelphia, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### TREASURER, CLARION COUNTY

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 1408 Rose Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Clarion, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice Tom McConnell, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2021

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 January 8, 2021, of 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 County of Clearfield, Magisterial District 46-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Patrick N. Ford, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of 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 County of Delaware, Magisterial District 31-2-32, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Andrea Puppio, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2021

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 December 3, 2020, of 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.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2021

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 2, 2021, of 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 County of Lehigh, Magisterial District 31-1-06, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Wayne A. Maura, deceased.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 16, 2021

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 January 8, 2021, of 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 County of Schuylkill, Magisterial District 21-2-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Christina Hale, resigned.

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

#### TOM WOLF Governor

#### MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 31, 2021

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 26, 2021, of 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 County of Westmoreland, Magisterial District 10-3-11, to serve until the first Monday of January 2022, vice the Honorable Roger F. Eckels, resigned.

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

TOM WOLF Governor

#### NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request 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 PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

# REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator GORDNER, 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 PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

February 24, 2021

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, Gary Duncan, 117 Barton Street, Dunmore 18512, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF Governor

# MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

February 26, 2021

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, Sherman Hostetter, Jr., 4370 Constitution Boulevard, Darlington 16115, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer 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.

TOM WOLF Governor

# MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Ronald Kopp, 2066 Colebrook Road, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

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TOM WOLF Governor

# MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CRANE OPERATORS

February 24, 2021

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 Mitchell, 463 Lake George Circle, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Crane Operators, to serve until December 8, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Michael Becker, Mifflintown, whose term expired.

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TOM WOLF Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 24, 2021

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, Kathy Pape, 75 Tavern House Hill, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro 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 Timothy Wachter, Fairview, resigned.

TOM WOLF Governor

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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 Maser, Esquire, 426 Pine Street, Philadelphia 19106, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM WOLF Governor

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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, Samuel Smith, 826 Ridge Road, Punxsutawney 15767, Jefferson County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the

State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Neil Weaver, 1060 Elliott Lane, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

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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, Nancy Porambo, 616 Center Street, Jim Thorpe 18229, Carbon County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM WOLF Governor

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April 7, 2021

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert Wernicki, 133 Neely Street, Fair Oaks 15003, Beaver County, Thirty-seventh 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.

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Martin Helmke, 631 Trinity Drive, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, 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 Theodore Tesler, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

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March 25, 2021

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

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March 29, 2021

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark Baer, 255 King Richard Drive, McMurray 15317, Washington County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Daniel Murphy III, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas Fillippo, 245 Mine Road, Malvern 19355, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester 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.

TOM WOLF Governor

#### NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

#### **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Senator GORDNER,

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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#### TOM WOLF Governor

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

#### YEA-47

Argall	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Aument	Dush	Mensch	Street
Baker	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Bartolotta	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Tomlinson
Boscola	Haywood	Pittman	Vogel
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Ward, Judy Brewster Hughes Regan Hutchinson Robinson Ward, Kim Browne Cappelletti Kane Sabatina Williams, Anthony H. Santarsiero Williams, Lindsey Collett Kearney Langerholc Comitta Saval Yaw Corman Laughlin Scavello Yudichak Schwank Costa Martin

#### 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 GORDNER. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

#### HB 766 (Pr. No. 1283) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, providing for COVID-19 emergency finance and tax provision; and in corporate net income tax, further providing for reports and payment of tax and for extension of time to file reports.

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

#### SB 283 (Pr. No. 269)

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), known as the State Highway Law, in rural State highway system and State highways in cities, boroughs and towns, further providing for improvement, reconstruction and maintenance.

#### SB 445 (Pr. No. 636) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions for breast cancer research.

#### HB 26 (Pr. No. 14)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 43976, on that portion of State Route 1010 over Chatham Run, Pine Creek Township, Clinton County, as the Tech. Corporal Lee R. Phillips Memorial Bridge.

#### HB 56 (Pr. No. 39)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8516, carrying State Route 271 over the West Branch Susquehanna River, Northern Cambria Borough, Cambria County, as the Sergeant William Stock Memorial Bridge.

#### HB 124 (Pr. No. 1324) (Amended)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8680, carrying State Route 3055 over Stonycreek River in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the City of Johnstown Firefighters Memorial Bridge.

# RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator K. WARD, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

SR 29 (Pr. No. 247)

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to Supplements to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

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

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

SR 53 (Pr. No. 637) (Amended)

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report, by 12 months from the date of the adoption of this resolution, on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's highway maintenance funding.

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

#### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BARTOLOTTA. 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 283, SB 341, SB 442, SB 445, HB 26, HB 56 and HB 124.

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

10:00 A.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 521; and House Bills No. 184 and 951)

Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

2:00 P.M.

APPROPRIATIONS (budget hearing - Department of Transportation)

Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)

	THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021	
10:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (budget hearing - Department of Health)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
2:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (budget hearing - Budget Secretary/Governor's Executive Office & Department of General Services)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
	FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021	
10:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on pursuing excellence: needed K-12 education reforms in Western Pennsylvania)	Senate Chamber (LIVE STREAMED)
	MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021	
11:30 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (public hearing on the use of Lyme disease funding by DOH and DEP)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021	
9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (S) and ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (H) (joint public hearing on Alternate Septic Systems - Act 34 Implementation)	Room 523 Irvis Off.
	THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021	
9:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (S) and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (H) (joint public hearing on Pennsylvania's veterans home care and COVID-19 mitigation protocols) CANCELLED	Room G-50 Irvis Off.
	THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021	
9:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (S) and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (H) (joint public hearing on Pennsylvania's veterans home care and COVID-19 mitigation protocols)	Room 515 Irvis Off.

#### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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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 5,400 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last raised the minimum wage. That is more than 14 years, and it is far too long.

Mr. President, yesterday in this Chamber I discussed how there clearly is a growing consensus among my colleagues in the Senate, from both sides of the aisle, that Pennsylvania workers need and deserve a raise in the minimum wage. Yet, if we are to move beyond our recognition of this need, and if we are to satisfy the need, we first must distinguish between facts and rhetoric and we all must be honest with each other.

I can honestly report, Mr. President, that whenever I speak to a Pennsylvania worker who earns at or near the minimum wage, they say they cannot make ends meet at their current pay rate. They are not exaggerating. They are being candid and honest. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for many of the counterpoints raised by the shrinking minority of individuals and organizations who oppose raising the minimum wage. On one hand, groups like the National Restaurant Association tell the public-and they lobby elected officials on the same premise-that raising the minimum wage will destroy their industries. Yet, when speaking on the record with investors, many of the companies who lead those industry organizations sing a very different tune.

Perhaps an article published by *Newsweek* earlier this month explained it best: "Big restaurant chains are telling investors that a national minimum wage hike wouldn't be a big deal--even as their corporate lobbying groups in Washington fight plans for a \$15 minimum wage." To be specific, earlier this year the Restaurant Association wrote to members of Congress that their industry and their workforce would suffer from a minimum wage increase. Yet, the very next day, a top executive for Denny's, one of the association's members, told its investors that minimum wage increases in many States "haven't been a problem for the company at all." In California, for example, with its progressive minimum wage law, sales and guest traffic has increased for Denny's compared to locations in other States.

McDonald's told its investors in January pretty much the same thing when its CEO said the company "will do just fine" were States and the Federal government to raise the minimum wage. The same month, the Restaurant Association warned publicly that additional increases in the minimum wage would force restaurants to lay off more workers and cause many of them to close for good. Similarly, Domino's Pizza told investors in a February earnings call that the company has been "able to manage our way through a lot of minimum wage increases across the country." The Cheesecake Factory, whose managing director serves on the NRA's board, told investors in February that "raising the minimum wage would not cause problems for the company." Complicating matters further is messaging from one of the Cheesecake Factory's owners, the private equity firm Roark Capital. According to *Newsweek*, the firm has told its investors that its portfolio companies could be "adversely affected by changes in governmental policies," including minimum wage increases.

Mr. President, these examples, and likely many more, magnify the reality that special interest groups and the businesses they represent are saying different things to different people about the minimum wage. It calls into serious question any of the information they disseminate to the public and to the members of the General Assembly related to the minimum wage. On the other hand, there is a strong, consistent message that we get from the honest, hard-working people of Pennsylvania. It is a message supported by anecdotes and by hard data. Nobody can live on \$7.25 an hour, and nobody can live on \$10 an hour. Mr. President, the real cost of living is near or above \$12 an hour in every single one of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. In many places, it is \$13, \$14, or even \$15 an hour.

There is a lot of misinformation circulating about this issue, so it is vitally important for members of the General Assembly to be honest with our constituents and with each other. It is time that we raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage to a true living wage. I encourage my colleagues to adopt Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Mr. President.

#### **RECESS**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:10 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.