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SENATE

MONDAY, June 6, 2022

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Senior Rabbi LANCE J. SUSSMAN, Ph.D., of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, offered the following prayer:

Source of all being, author of liberty, wellspring of hope, we pray that this Session of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and all of our work on her behalf be guided by a deep desire to serve her and her people. Strengthen our resolve to address the challenges of our times with wisdom and fortitude. Give us the strength to fight injustice and advance the well-being of all of our citizens. Bless us with the capacity to work together with compassion and mutual respect. Instill in us a love of our country's highest ideals, and with the knowledge of the great sacrifices made by her sons and daughters in her defense, protect those who stand in harm's way on our behalf. Bless us with prosperity and compassion, with the strength to be faithful to our highest values, and the ability to take actions for the benefit of all. May our homes and hearts be filled with love, and may all Your children live in peace, secure and unafraid. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Rabbi Sussman, who is the guest today of Senator Haywood.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 26, 2022

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, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Heidi Secord, Stroudsburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

May 26, 2022

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., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Insurance Commissioner, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jessica Altman, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

May 26, 2022

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, Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nancy Stimson, Douglassville, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 26, 2022

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, Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Cambria, Magisterial District 47-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2024, vice the Honorable Michael Musulin, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

June 2, 2022

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. (Public Member), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until February 9, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Terri Snoe, Wexford, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

June 2, 2022

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., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practice *[sic]* Commission, to serve until January 17, 2023, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mark Anderson, Columbia, resigned.

TOM WOLF
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 1, 2022

Senators MASTRIANO, ROBINSON, MARTIN, BROOKS, PITTMAN, GEBHARD and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 1193**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for law enforcement recovery grants; establishing the Law Enforcement Recovery Grant Pilot Program and the

Law Enforcement Recovery Grant Pilot Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 1, 2022.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, SAVAL, STREET, FONTANA, KEARNEY, COSTA, SCHWANK and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1217**, entitled:

An Act providing for protection of pregnant individuals' information, for authorization for disclosure, for data breach and for violation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 1, 2022.

Senators MUTH, FONTANA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, COMITTA, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1242**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania National Guard, further providing for pay of officers and enlisted personnel on special duty and for pay of officers and enlisted personnel in active State service; in Pennsylvania Guard, further providing for pay and expenses of officers and enlisted personnel; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 1, 2022.

Senators COMITTA, FONTANA, COSTA, KEARNEY, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI, BREWSTER and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1249**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for pollinator conservation registration plate; and, in fees, further providing for payments to special funds and establishing the Pollinator Habitat Program Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 1, 2022.

Senators COMITTA, FONTANA, COSTA, KEARNEY, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI, BAKER, BREWSTER and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1250**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Pollinator Habitat Program in the Department of Transportation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 1, 2022.

Senators HAYWOOD, COLLETT, FONTANA, SAVAL, KANE, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 1253**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court facility; in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for firearms not to be carried without a license, for prohibited conduct during emergency and for licenses, providing for firearm eligibility license, for application for firearm eligibility license, for fee and qualification, for investigations and training course and for issuance and terms and further providing for sale or transfer of firearms, for Pennsylvania State Police, for loans on, or lending or giving firearms prohibited, for proof of license and exception

and for administrative regulations; in protection from abuse, further providing for relief; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for cooperation after lawfully killing big game; and, in protection of property and persons, further providing for possession of firearm for protection of self or others.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 1, 2022.

Senators VOGEL, HAYWOOD, SAVAL, KEARNEY, ARGALL, COLLETT, KANE, COSTA, PITTMAN, BARTOLOTTA, MARTIN, STEFANO, YAW, DiSANTO, CAPPELLETTI, LAUGHLIN, FONTANA, ROBINSON, L. WILLIAMS and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1254**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, June 1, 2022.

Senators GEBHARD, MENSCH and PITTMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1258**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for definitions; providing for anesthesiologist assistants and for regulation of anesthesia services; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 1, 2022.

June 2, 2022

Senators PITTMAN, HUTCHINSON, J. WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1255**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 2008 (P.L.654, No.55), known as the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act, in diesel-powered equipment, further providing for schedule of maintenance.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 2, 2022.

Senators L. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COMITTA, COLLETT, SCHWANK, SAVAL, CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY, COSTA, MUTH, KANE and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 1257**, entitled:

An Act establishing the School-Based Mental Health Professionals Loan Forgiveness Program; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 2, 2022.

Senators SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, COSTA, KEARNEY, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, A. WILLIAMS, STREET, KANE, COLLETT, SAVAL, MUTH, COMITTA, HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE and FLYNN presented to the Chair **SB 1263**, 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 youth suicide awareness and prevention and providing for violence prevention and social inclusion.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 2, 2022.

Senators YUDICHAK, FLYNN, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, DUSH, YAW, BARTOLOTTA, VOGEL, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 1264**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sustainable mobility options, further providing for definitions, for fund, for application and approval process, for Federal funding, for coordination and consolidation, for operating program, for asset improvement program, for new initiatives program, for programs of Statewide significance, for program oversight and administration, providing for small purchase procedures and further providing for evaluation of private investment opportunities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, June 1, 2022.

June 3, 2022

Senators L. WILLIAMS, SAVAL, KANE, FONTANA, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1245**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of Public Instruction and its departmental administrative boards and commissions, further providing for collective bargaining.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 3, 2022.

Senators ARGALL, STREET, COLLETT, KANE, SANTARSIERO, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 1261**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for definitions and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; providing for racial impact statement for juvenile matters laws; further providing for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee; providing for Statewide Youth and Family Advisory Committee; and establishing the Juvenile Nonresidential Evidence-Based Practices Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, June 3, 2022.

Senators LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, PITTMAN, MENSCH, YUDICHAK and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 1262**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for emerging technologies.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 3, 2022.

Senators STEFANO, MUTH, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROOKS, COLLETT, COSTA, DUSH, FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, SANTARSIERO,

SCHWANK and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1265**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for curriculum and training.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 3, 2022.

Senators HAYWOOD, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, COMITTA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, COSTA, KEARNEY and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1267**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Office of Health Equity and the Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee; and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, June 3, 2022.

June 6, 2022

Senators REGAN, ROBINSON, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, SCAVELLO and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1251**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in benefits, providing for supplemental annuities for certain State Police officers commencing 2022.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 6, 2022.

Senators HAYWOOD, HUGHES, STREET, FONTANA, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1266**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for imposition of tax and for amount of withholding tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 6, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 1, 2022

Senators HAYWOOD, FONTANA, KEARNEY, KANE, SCHWANK, SAVAL, CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, COLLETT and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 291**, entitled:

A Resolution urging all agencies of the Commonwealth to have the ability to use diacritical marks on names on all Commonwealth-issued documents by July 1, 2024.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 1, 2022.

Senators SCAVELLO, STREET, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, COMITTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, MENSCH, J. WARD and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 303**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 15 through 21, 2022, as "Public Works Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 1, 2022.

Senators HAYWOOD, HUGHES, FONTANA, COLLETT, CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY, KANE, STREET, COSTA, SCHWANK and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SR 304**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of June 2022 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 1, 2022.

June 2, 2022

Senators BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, BROWNE, PHILLIPS-HILL, L. WILLIAMS, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, COLLETT, MENSCH, FONTANA, J. WARD, CAPPELLETTI, HUTCHINSON, COMITTA, STREET, COSTA, KANE, BAKER, PITTMAN and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 301**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2022 as "Lyme Disease and Tick-Borne Illness Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 2, 2022.

June 3, 2022

Senators VOGEL, SCHWANK, ARGALL, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BROOKS, BROWNE, COMITTA, CORMAN, COSTA, FONTANA, GORDNER, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SR 305**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of June 2022 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 3, 2022.

Senators CORMAN, BREWSTER, ARGALL, AUMENT, BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, BOSCOLA, BROOKS, BROWNE, CAPPELLETTI, COLLETT, COMITTA, COSTA, DiSANTO, DUSH, FLYNN, FONTANA, GEBHARD, HAYWOOD, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KANE, KEARNEY, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, MENSCH, MUTH, PHILLIPS-HILL, PITTMAN, REGAN, ROBINSON, SANTARSIERO, SCAVELLO, SCHWANK, STEFANO, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, J. WARD, K. WARD, A. WILLIAMS, L. WILLIAMS and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 306**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of June 2022 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 3, 2022.

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:

June 1, 2022

HB 1644 and HB 2530 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 1972 and HB 2361 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2116 and HB 2253 -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 2265 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 2420 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 2520 -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE PA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
Room 400, Finance Building
613 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17128

May 25, 2022

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

As required by Act 2004-159, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) completed its sixth review (reviews are completed every 3 years) of the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). We found that due to a resurgence in outdoor activity during the pandemic, revenue into the Fish Fund and Boat Fund--the two special funds used to support agency operations--grew by 19 percent and 26 percent, respectively. We also found that capital investments are needed to support, and further develop, the PFBC's network of fish hatcheries. Finally, the report also looks at service delivery and organizational impacts to the PFBC from the pandemic--this latter aspect revealing that COVID-19 vaccination incentives offered by the Governor's Office of Administration were unsuccessful in yielding greater participation among PFBC employees. We recommended a study of the feasibility of merging the two funds, expedited action on the hatchery improvements, and an audit of employee verification leave, among others.

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

PENNSYLVANIA CARE ACT
IMPACT ON PATIENT OUTCOMES

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
Room 400, Finance Building
613 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17128

May 25, 2022

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Act 2016-20, known as the Caregiver, Advise, Record, and Enable Act (PA CARE Act), directed the Legislative Budget Finance Committee to issue a report that focuses on the impact of the designation of a lay (family) caregiver. The PA CARE Act formalized the process of designating a family caregiver by requiring Pennsylvania hospitals to provide inpatients with an opportunity to designate a family caregiver to ensure a safe and effect [sic] transition to the inpatient's home care environment. Responses by Pennsylvania hospitals to our survey indicate that prior to the act, many hospitals already had a process in place to designate a family caregiver, however, now all respondents have such a process. All respondents to our survey agreed with the statement: Preparation for post-discharge care must take place throughout the hospital stay through a formalized process.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
The House of Representatives
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
Suite 213
Solomon Blatt Building
1105 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

May 16, 2022

The Honorable Megan Martin
Secretary/Parliamentarian
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: South Carolina Joint Resolution H. 3205 - Applying to US Congress for Convention of States

Dear Secretary Martin:

Enclosed is a copy of H. 3205 which was adopted by the 124th General Assembly of the State of South Carolina and enrolled for ratification on March 29, 2022.

H. 3205 was ratified by the President of the Senate and by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on April 7, 2022, and the Governor of the State of South Carolina signed the Joint Resolution on April 13, 2022.

In accordance with the directions in the resolution, I am forwarding a certified copy of H. 3205 to you to attest that South Carolina has

applied to the United States Congress to call for a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution.

Sincerely,

CHARLES F. REID
Clerk of the House

H. 3205.

Introduced by Representatives Taylor, Lucas, Pope, Elliott, Allison, Hiott, Fry, J.E. Johnson, Jordan, Caskey, B. Newton, Bryant, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Willis, Huggins, Blackwell, Erickson, Forrest, Hixon, Herbkersman, Thayer, Wooten, Morgan, Daning, Hardee, B. Cox, Bannister, Hewitt, Felder, Stringer, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Bennett, Gilliam, West, Haddon, Trantham, Lowe, McGarry, M.M. Smith, Bustos, V.S. Moss, W. Newton, May, Martin, Brittain, McGinnis, Bradley, Ballentine, Dabney, Carter, T. Moore and Kimmons.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION LIMITED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS THAT IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, the founders of our constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people—particularly for the generations to come—by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Application for calling a convention of the states

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of South Carolina, by this joint resolution, hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

Distribution of copies

SECTION 2. The Clerks of the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina Senate shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, attesting to the enactment of this joint resolution by the South Carolina General Assembly and requesting cooperation.

Joint resolution constitutes a continuing application

SECTION 3. This joint resolution constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

Time effective

SECTION 4. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of H. 3205 as adopted by the South Carolina General Assembly.

CHARLES F. REID
Clerk of the House

May 9, 2022
Date

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This report will be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

HB 889.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 1141 (Pr. No. 1486)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for transfer authority over Lieutenant Governor's Mansion.

SB 1265 (Pr. No. 1703)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further providing for curriculum and training.

HB 2097 (Pr. No. 3191) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in emergency medical services system, further providing for basic life support ambulances.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Kim Ward requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Browne.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal of the Session of February 7, 2022, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of February 7, 2022.

Senator K. WARD. 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 K. WARD and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal is approved.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe, Senator Scavello.

Senator SCAVELLO. Mr. President, I would like to welcome the Pocono Mountain East High School Women's Choral Group, who are visiting me here in the Capitol today. The group gave a phenomenal performance in the main Rotunda earlier today, and you will be able to view their performance on my website, Facebook page, and other social media later today. Please join me in giving the Pocono Mountain East High School Women's Choral Group, along with Mrs. Cherish Gladstone, director of choral activities, and Mrs. Laurie Van Winkle, who are seated in the gallery, a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Scavello please rise so the Senate may give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR SCOTT F. MARTIN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise this morning to introduce Grace Hripto, who is shadowing me today in the Senate. Grace just finished her sophomore year at Penn Manor High School in my district and is currently interested in studying either political science or mathematics. In her spare time, she takes private singing lessons and has performed in various musicals and concerts.

Grace is the daughter of Tania, who serves as the director of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for Lancaster County, and Gregory, who works in software development. Motivated to make her summer productive, aside from shadowing my office, she plans to continue her studies while working her summer job and, of course, finding time to balance in well-deserved breaks. It has been a pleasure to get to know Grace, and I have no doubt she will have a bright and successful future. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in giving our traditional warm welcome to Grace Hripto.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would Grace please rise so the Senate can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ARTHUR L. HAYWOOD
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome our Chaplain for today, Rabbi Lance J. Sussman, Ph.D., and his son, Micah, who is his political adviser as well, I learned. From July 2001 to this past May, Rabbi Sussman served as the eighth Senior Rabbi of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park in my district. He nurtured a progressive congregation of about 1,000 members while maintaining the core and essence of Jewish practice and values. By welcoming interfaith individuals and LGBTQ+ families, he demonstrated a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion his entire time. He developed seven core values for the synagogue. He created KI puppets to teach young children, including visual prayer. He is a true visionary.

Over the past 21 years, he has contributed greatly to his community, region, and the world. He is a distinguished spiritual leader, professor, historian, and poet. He most recently sent me a poem to help us to think more deeply about the loss of life and the many tragedies in our nation. But he also helped me in our efforts to love our neighbors. Unfortunately, Mr. President, I had an individual take down a Black Lives Matter sign from my office--went into the office and took it out. We responded with the love your neighbor response, so all of our neighbors could get together recognizing that we need to be civil with each other; that we need to honor free speech; and that when we disagree, we can still do so without violence. Rabbi Sussman's congregation is also the site of Violet Oakley stained glass windows, and he mentioned that particular connection in his visit to the Senate Chamber. He has most recently retired, and I encourage him to have a tremendous retirement with his wife and seven children. I appreciate his son Judah, who is not with us today, who was an intern in my office as well. So it is my pleasure to ask that the Senate give a warm welcome to Rabbi Lance Sussman and his son, Micah Sussman.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Haywood please rise so the Senate may give you our usual warm welcome, Rabbi.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT B. MENSCH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator MENSCH. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to introduce the Hughes family to the Senate floor. The Hughes family hails from Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, which is in Montgomery County. The Hughes family are the winners of a silent auction, and we have an exciting agenda planned for them today. In attendance today, we have Brian and Sandra Hughes, along with two of their four daughters. The daughters are Sarah Beth and Molly. Also with them today is Sevde Bati, a foreign exchange student from Turkey. Sevde is here on a YES Abroad scholarship program, awarded by the U.S. Department of State, and has been living with the Hughes family since August of 2021.

Brian and his family moved here to Pennsylvania from Florida in 2009 because of a job opportunity that became available at Merck, a pharmaceutical company headquartered in New Jersey. Brian now holds the position of operations manager at Merck. Through their move, they purchased an old home in Sumneytown and have lovingly restored it since. They are active volunteers in the community and can be found cleaning up debris with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy or giving tours of The Goschenhoppen Historians-Museums and Library at Red Men's Hall in Green Lane, Pennsylvania. They are also active members and volunteers of the Middletown Township community and are interested in learning more about State government. They have toured the State Capitol this morning and were deeply impressed. Mr. President, I ask that we all extend our traditional warm welcome to these guests, who are seated in the gallery.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the Hughes family and other guests of Senator Mensch please rise so the Senate can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR KRISTIN PHILLIPS-HILL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest shadow today, Esperanza Trevino from York. Esperanza currently works as a billing agent for ambulance companies. She is responsible for nine ambulance companies, and she understands the importance of receiving those funds needed for those companies. Esperanza recently took an interest in politics, public service, and addressing the problems that affect the different areas all across our Commonwealth. She is extremely close with her family, and she loves to travel. She is the daughter of Raymond and Abby Lynn and has a younger brother, Gabriel, who is leaving shortly for the military. Esperanza recently got back from a trip visiting family in Texas and will be traveling to Sicily next week to visit more family and friends. I am so glad that Esperanza could join me here today in Harrisburg and get an in-depth look at how the legislature operates. I hope that her passion for politics continues long after her visit today. Would my colleagues please join me in welcoming my guest shadow, Esperanza Trevino.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Phillips-Hill, Esperanza, please rise so the Senate can give you our usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

BILLS OUT OF ORDER

Without objection, the following bills on today's Calendar were called out of order by Senator GORDNER, as Special Orders of Business.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREFERRED

SB 597 (Pr. No. 1579) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for water and wastewater asset management plans.

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1183 (Pr. No. 1686) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture; and, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation on streets and highways.

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 1235 (Pr. No. 1649) -- 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 comprehensive health care for uninsured children, further providing for contracts and coverage packages.

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 was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RECESS

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Finance to

be held in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Finance, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Saval. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the Chair.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne, Senator Yudichak, and Senator Tomlinson, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Kim Ward requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Browne, Senator Yudichak,

and Senator Tomlinson, and a legislative leave for Senator DiSanto. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1, SB 137, SB 322, SB 358 and SB 457 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL AMENDED

SB 573 (Pr. No. 612) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in district election officers, further providing for appointment of watchers; and, in penalties, further providing for refusal to permit overseers, watchers, attorneys or candidates to act and for hindering or delaying performance of duty.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MASTRIANO offered the following amendment No. A4423:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "watchers;":
in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots;

Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by inserting after "act":
, for prohibiting duress and intimidation of voters and interference with the free exercise of the elective franchise

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 18 through 20, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Sections 417, 1308(g)(1.1) and (2), 1806, 1847 and 1849 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 24, by inserting after "any":

primary.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by inserting after "any":

primary.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by inserting after "at":

primary.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 26 and 27:

Section 1308. Canvassing of Official Absentee Ballots and Mail-in Ballots.--* * *

(g) * * *

(1.1) The county board of elections shall meet no earlier than seven o'clock A.M. on election day to pre-canvass all ballots received prior to the meeting. A county board of elections shall provide at least forty-eight hours' notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting a notice of a pre-canvass meeting on its publicly accessible Internet website. One authorized representative of each candidate in an election and one representative from each political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are pre-canvassed. A person allowed to watch the pre-canvassing shall be permitted to have a clear line of sight to view and hear the proceedings at a distance of six feet or less, but that does not impede the ability of the person canvassing ballots from carrying out the person's duties. No person observing, attending or participating in a pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

(2) The county board of elections shall meet no earlier than the close of polls on the day of the election and no later than the third day following the election to begin canvassing absentee ballots and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass meeting. The meeting under this paragraph shall continue until all absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received

prior to the close of the polls have been canvassed. The county board of elections shall not record or publish any votes reflected on the ballots prior to the close of the polls. The canvass process shall continue through the eighth day following the election for valid military-overseas ballots timely received under 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511 (relating to receipt of voted ballot). A county board of elections shall provide at least forty-eight hours' notice of a canvass meeting by publicly posting a notice on its publicly accessible Internet website. One authorized representative of each candidate in an election and one representative from each political party shall be permitted to remain in the room in which the absentee ballots and mail-in ballots are canvassed. A person allowed to watch the pre-canvassing shall be permitted to have a clear line of sight to view and hear the proceedings at a distance of six feet or less, but that does not impede the ability of the person canvassing ballots from carrying out the person's duties.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by inserting a bracket before "one"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 11, by inserting after "\$1,000)":

] five thousand (\$5,000)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 12, by inserting a bracket before "one"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 12, by inserting after "year":

] two (2) years

Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 15 and 16:

Section 1847. Prohibiting Duress and Intimidation of Voters and Interference with the Free Exercise of the Elective Franchise.--Any person or corporation who, directly or indirectly--(a) uses or threatens to use any force, violence or restraint, or inflicts or threatens to inflict any injury, damage, harm or loss, or in any other manner practices intimidation or coercion upon or against any person, in order to induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting at any election, or to vote or refrain from voting for or against any particular person, or for or against any question submitted to voters at such election, or to place or cause to be placed or refrain from placing or causing to be placed his name upon a register of voters, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting at such election, or having voted or refrained from voting for or against any particular person or persons or for or against any question submitted to voters at such election, or having registered or refrained from registering as a voter; or (b) by abduction, duress or coercion, or any forcible or fraudulent device or contrivance, whatever, impedes, prevents, or otherwise interferes with the free exercise of the elective franchise by any voter, or compels, induces, or prevails upon any voter to give or refrain from giving his vote for or against any particular person at any election; or (c) being an employer, pays his employes the salary or wages due in "pay envelopes" upon which or in which there is written or printed any political motto, device, statement or argument containing threats, express or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of such employes, or within ninety days of any election or primary puts or otherwise exhibits in the establishment or place where his employes are engaged in labor, any handbill or placard containing any threat, notice, or information that if any particular ticket or candidate is elected or defeated work in his place or establishment will cease, in whole or in part, his establishment be closed up, or the wages of his employes reduced, or other threats, express or implied, intended or calculated to influence the political opinions or actions of his employes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the [second] first degree. Any person or corporation, convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this section, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding [five thousand (\$5,000)] ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or such person or the officers, directors or agents of such corporation responsible for the violation of this section, shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of not more than [two (2)] three (3) years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Amend Bill, page 4, line 22, by inserting a bracket before "five"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 22, by inserting after "\$500)":

] two thousand five hundred (\$2,500)

Amend Bill, page 4, line 23, by inserting a bracket before "of"

Amend Bill, page 4, line 23, by inserting after "year":

] not exceeding two (2) years

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, this amendment makes technical changes, clarifications, etcetera, that a poll watcher shall be permitted to have a clear line of sight to view the pre-canvassing process at a distance of 6 feet or less and increases the fines and penalties for individuals who are convicted of blocking or impeding poll watchers and individuals who are convicted of voter intimidation.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly, I think the substance of this amendment is more than technical, particularly when it increases penalties and the like. For many reasons I ask for a negative vote on this amendment. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

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

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-30

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

NAY-19

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

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 676, HB 723, SB 745, SB 775, SB 811 and SB 871 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 960 (Pr. No. 1249) -- 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 frozen dessert safety; and making a related repeal.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Blair, Senator Judy Ward.

Senator J. WARD. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on my legislation, Senate Bill No. 960. Senate Bill No. 960 repeals Act 215 of 1965, referred to as the Frozen Dessert Law. This law provides for the licensing and regulation of the manufacture and sale of frozen desserts. Senate Bill No. 960 places its provisions in Title 3, Agriculture, of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. While doing this, Senate Bill No. 960 institutes an annual test for frozen desserts sold in restaurants in place of the current monthly testing requirement. The annual test will reduce duplicative and unnecessary testing requirements. Since the Frozen Dessert Law was originally passed in 1965, countless Federal laws and regulations on food safety have been enacted, making monthly tests unnecessary. In addition to the annual tests in the Frozen Dessert Law, existing statutes and regulations, such as the Milk Sanitation Law and the Food Safety Act, will remain in effect to assure the safety of frozen desserts. Instituting an annual test requirement will ensure that frozen desserts are safe without putting an unnecessary burden on our small businesses. My office has worked with the Department of Agriculture on Senate Bill No. 960, and it is supportive of the bill. It is also supported by the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. I respectfully request an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Table listing names of senators who voted 'YEA' (49 total): Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Browne, Cappelletti, Collett, Comitta, Corman, Costa, DiSanto, Dush, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Gordner, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kane, Kearney, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Santarsiero, Saval, Scavello, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw, Yudichak.

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 967, SB 991, HB 996, SB 1058, SB 1094, HB 1614, HB 1660 and HB 1849 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 24 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 118 (Pr. No. 2521) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the final disposition of fetal remains; and imposing penalties.

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

HB 118 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 118, Printer's No. 2521, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 145, SB 152, SB 225 and HB 284 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 297 (Pr. No. 306) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for appeals by taxing districts and providing for standards of redress in appeals.

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

SB 297 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 297, Printer's No. 306, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 321, HB 333 and SB 527 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 643 (Pr. No. 722) -- 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 club licensees, further providing for distribution of proceeds.

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 718, SB 749, SB 750, HB 773, SB 892 and SB 895 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 956 (Pr. No. 1286) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, providing that there is no right to abortion or funding for an abortion.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I ask that you recognize Senator Cappelletti for remarks and ask for a negative vote on the moving up of Senate Bill No. 956.

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, I rise today in opposition of moving up Senate Bill No. 956. I am afraid we are setting a dangerous precedent that when we cannot pass legislation across the Governor's desk and override it with a veto override,

we amend our Constitution. This behavior circumvents the explicit checks and balances of our three branches of government. While some might say that this proposed amendment would simply allow the reasonable regulation of abortion, that is simply untrue. In reality, it will result in onerous, medically unnecessary restrictions on abortion, including unjustifiable abortion bans and costly litigation paid for by the taxpayers. In 2014, Tennessee approved a similar ballot initiative after politicians promised they would not use it to pass any extreme laws, but nothing in Tennessee's law then, nor anything in Pennsylvania's law now, requires or prevents the reasonable regulation of the practice of medicine, including for abortion. Since the passage of Tennessee's ballot initiative, reproductive healthcare has been under attack in that State. The same will happen here in Pennsylvania. Given the anti-abortion bills we have seen both introduced and passed through this legislature, I say this with absolute certainty. In the years following Tennessee's adoption of its constitutional amendment, their legislature enacted multiple restrictions on abortion, including a ban starting at 6 weeks, long before many women even know they are pregnant. Legislators in Tennessee have passed nine bills restricting access to abortion, and all of them faced lawsuits as a result. It is a dangerous game we play with our constituents' healthcare and their money; one I would prefer not to play. It is for these reasons and so many more that I vote "no" on moving up this bill.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

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

YEA-29

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

NAY-20

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

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 965 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 972 (Pr. No. 2886) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harms suffered by designation.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, we ask for a roll call vote on House Bill No. 972, and I ask for a negative vote.

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

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

YEA-30

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

NAY-19

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

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

HB 987 (Pr. No. 1000) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 993 (Pr. No. 1287) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1018 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1031 (Pr. No. 1377) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for sentence of total confinement; in licensing of drivers, further providing for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for ignition interlock.

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 ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1032 (Pr. No. 1340) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for licensing and regulation of agricultural commodity handlers; creating an Agricultural Commodity Indemnity Fund; and providing for penalties and enforcement.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1041, SB 1093, HB 1103, SB 1122 and SB 1127 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1159 (Pr. No. 1507) -- 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 club licenses, further providing for distribution of proceeds.

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 1171, SB 1175, SB 1180, SB 1182 and SB 1188 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1191 (Pr. No. 1562) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harm suffered by designation.

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, again, I ask for a negative vote on the ability to move up Senate Bill No. 1191 from second to third consideration and ask my colleagues for a negative vote. Thank you.

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

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

YEA-30

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brooks, Browne, Corman, DiSanto, Dush, Gebhard, Gordner, Hutchinson, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Mensch, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Scavello, Stefano, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Yaw, Yudichak

NAY-19

Table with 4 columns of names: Brewster, Cappelletti, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Flynn, Fontana, Haywood, Hughes, Kane, Kearney, Muth, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Street, Tartaglione, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1199 and SB 1209 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1212 (Pr. No. 1675) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed service and for rights of municipalities preserved.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1222 (Pr. No. 1646) -- 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 insurance holding companies, further providing for definitions, for acquisition of control or merger or consolidation with domestic insurer and for registration of insurers, providing for group capital calculation exemptions, further providing for standards and management of an insurer within an insurance holding company system, for group-wide supervision for international insurance groups and for confidential treatment and providing for compliance with group capital calculation and liquidity stress test requirements.

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

HB 1500, HB 1594, HB 2044, HB 2419 and HB 2496 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator K. WARD.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 522 (Pr. No. 1275) (Rereported)

An Act providing for blood lead testing of certain children and pregnant women by health care providers; imposing duties on the Department of Health; and requiring certain health insurance policies to cover blood lead tests.

SB 597 (Pr. No. 1579) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for water and wastewater asset management plans.

SB 1027 (Pr. No. 1332) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of October 24, 2012 (P.L.1209, No.151), known as the Child Labor Act, further providing for minors serving in volunteer emergency service organizations.

SB 1147 (Pr. No. 1673) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L.1086, No.127), known as the Public Works Employment Verification Act, further providing for verification form and for enforcement and sanctions; and establishing the Public Works Employment Verification Account.

SB 1183 (Pr. No. 1686) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture; and, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation on streets and highways.

SB 1196 (Pr. No. 1572) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 19, 1931 (P.L.589, No.202), referred to as the Barbers' License Law, providing for barber training through career and technical center.

SB 1197 (Pr. No. 1573) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, providing for cosmetology training through career and technical center.

SB 1235 (Pr. No. 1649) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in comprehensive health care for uninsured children, further providing for contracts and coverage packages.

SB 1236 (Pr. No. 1678) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for extensive amendments to the very small meat processor Federal inspection reimbursement grant program.

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

**MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING
SENATE RULE 12**

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I move the Senate proceed to consider Senate Bill No. 573, notwithstanding the provisions of Senate Rule 12(p)(2)(ii).

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

The yeas and nays were required by Senator K. WARD and were as follows, viz:

YEA-29

Argall Dush Mastriano Stefano

Aument	Gebhard	Mensch	Tomlinson
Baker	Gordner	Phillips-Hill	Vogel
Bartolotta	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Langerholc	Regan	Ward, Kim
Browne	Laughlin	Robinson	Yaw
Corman	Martin	Scavello	Yudichak
DiSanto			

NAY-20

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

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

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 573 (Pr. No. 1712) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in district election officers, further providing for appointment of watchers; in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for canvassing of official absentee ballots and mail-in ballots; and, in penalties, further providing for refusal to permit overseers, watchers, attorneys or candidates to act, for prohibiting duress and intimidation of voters and interference with the free exercises of the elective franchise and for hindering or delaying performance of duty.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, transparency and accountability are key to elections and people's faith in our Constitutional Republic processes. So I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 573, a bill that creates flexibility for candidates and political parties to recruit poll watchers and allows those poll watchers to perform their duties adequately. This legislation makes the following changes to the Election Code: it allows candidates to increase the number of eligible poll watchers at a precinct from two to three watchers; while ballots are being counted on voting machines or voting machines being canvassed after the polls close, poll watchers will be permitted inside the enclosed space to observe, but may not interfere with the counting of the ballots; poll watchers registered to vote in Pennsylvania will be permitted to work at a polling place anywhere in our Commonwealth, regardless of which county they are registered to vote in; any election officials who block, impede, or otherwise intimidate a valid poll watcher while performing his or her official duties on election day will be subject to a misdemeanor of the second degree, increased fines, and will be forced to forfeit any monetary compensation for election services rendered that day; finally, a poll watcher allowed to watch the pre-canvassing of mail-in and

absentee ballots shall be permitted to have a clear line of sight to observe the process within 6 feet or less, but may not interfere with the person who is canvassing the ballots. It is important to note that nothing in this bill changes what a poll watcher can or cannot do while voting is taking place, and there is nothing in this bill that permits voter intimidation of any kind. Once again, there is nothing in this bill that permits voter intimidation of any kind. In fact, Senate Bill No. 573 will double the penalties for anyone who intimidates voters or interferes with the election process.

So why is this bill necessary? Increasing the number of eligible poll watchers for all political parties and candidates adds another layer of observation and transparency to ensure that election laws are strictly adhered to. Allowing out-of-county poll watchers ensures that all parties will have an equal poll watcher representation at the polling places throughout our State, particularly in counties where it may be difficult to recruit poll watchers of the same party. Increasing penalties on any election official who blocks, impedes, or otherwise intimidates a poll watcher will ensure that poll watchers from all parties and candidates can perform their duties on election day. Ensuring poll watchers have a clear line of sight within 6 feet is a necessary change to the Election Code as issues were raised in previous and recent elections regarding the ability to view the processing of ballots. The revision in Senate Bill No. 573 makes it clear that these individuals should be able to properly view the process. They should not have to rely on the use of binoculars to perform their duties. Improving transparency in our election process is something we should all welcome, and that is exactly what this bill does. This bill goes a long way to restore trust in the integrity of our elections, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on Senate Bill No. 573.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman to stand for interrogation with respect to this legislation.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Montgomery requests that Senator Mastriano stand for interrogation. Senator Mastriano declines.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I am interested in this legislation and the impact of it; particularly, the number of polls that would be included in adding poll watchers. It is my understanding there may be over 10,000 different polling locations in Pennsylvania. If that is the case, and we are adding three to six poll watchers, then it appears to me that we may be authorizing tens of thousands of poll workers to watch the polls. So, for this, Mr. President, I am very concerned about what this will mean for law enforcement. Because we have created a number of criminal activities--well, increased the fines and punishment for a number of activities that are already criminal. So my concern, Mr. President, is if we are going to add tens of thousands of poll watchers, then what will be the impact on law enforcement--in that the law enforcement, I assume, would be required to monitor these locations to make sure that there are no violations, and that when there is a violation, that there is a report and arrest. So without being clear about how we are going to enforce this legislation, and particularly arrest the violators--and certainly we want the violators

of the legislation to be arrested and prosecuted--it would be impossible for me to support this approach. I would encourage my colleagues to vote "no" given that the enforcement here is so unclear, and, in fact, likely to be unreasonable.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, every time we engage in a debate here in the Senate--either in the Committee on State Government, which I chair, or here on the floor--regarding election integrity, my office phones and email light up like a Christmas tree. The most significant response from my constituents, when viewing the opposition to a bill such as Senator Mastriano's legislation is, what the heck are they afraid of? What is the big deal? I think if you look at the contents of the bill, as explained by the prime sponsor, it is really simple. It increases the number of eligible poll watchers for all political parties from two to three. It does not sound like a big deal in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. It adds another layer of observation to ensure that election laws are properly and legally administered. It allows for out-of-county poll watchers to ensure identical poll watcher representation for all political parties at all polling places throughout the State, which is actually a big deal in a few counties--might be a Republican county, might be a Democratic county--where it is difficult to recruit poll watchers of the same party. As Senator Mastriano indicated, it increases the penalties on any election official who blocks, impedes, or otherwise intimidates a poll watcher, and ensures that poll watchers, again, from all political parties, can perform their duties on election day. This one is my favorite: it ensures that poll watchers have a clear line of sight within 6 feet. Why is that a big deal? Well, if you ask the folks in Philadelphia who had to watch with binoculars from a good bit further away, we can understand why, indeed, that needs to be done. Again, these are not radical concepts, these are not Republican, Democrat, Independent, liberal, conservative, these are simple, commonsense measures to help people begin to trust election results once again. We should all share that goal--Republican, Democrat, Independent. We should all find ways to work together so that, in the future, people can have more trust in the election results whether their candidate wins or loses. I thank the Senator for bringing this issue forward and encourage a "yes" vote.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, as I see--and I think many of my colleagues on this side of the aisle see--this is a solution in search of a problem. But I do have to take offense, on behalf of my colleagues from Philadelphia, one of whom was Senator Haywood, who just stood next to me, wanted to respond to the off-hand and unprofessional remark saying that you need to use binoculars to see the work that was being done at the Philadelphia recount that was taking place. Simply untrue, simply something that should not be a part of this record as we go forward. As the gentleman knows, as the chair of the Committee on State Government, there have been a number of issues that have been raised with respect to what ways we can work together to be able to better our system. Clearly, this was not one of the ones, to my knowledge, that came out of the Committee on State Government, as it relates--I should take that back--out of the Election Advisory Law Board or, Mr. President, your committee, the

Election Integrity Committee that was put together, I do not believe this was one of the recommendations either. What the counties want and have been desperately asking us for at least 3 years, that I can recall--through 2020, 2021, and now 2022--is the ability to have more time to count the ballots, more time for pre-canvassing to ensure that we have a timely and more professional outcome that is appropriate, as we go forward. This is something, I think, that should not necessarily be the case. We have a system in place that works. As I mentioned, it is a solution in search of a problem. The fact of the matter is, these counties are not asking for this, but, more importantly, we should not have to have somebody from Erie County coming into Philadelphia County, I believe, for the express purpose of intimidation. This is a prospect; this is going to be something that is going to increase and enhance the opportunity for folks to intimidate voters through this process. Somebody from Washington County going up to Carbon County, the fact of the matter is, this is the type of stuff that leads to more intimidation, not less. I think what we need to do is be able to put this aside and let us focus on the things that the people of Pennsylvania want us to address in the counties across Pennsylvania. Let us look at pre-canvassing, let us look at some of the other measures, same-day registration, all those types of things that people want us to be able to put into place. Not this legislation, it is a solution in search of a problem.

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for a negative vote.

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

Senator K. WARD. Mr. President, I think this is a good bill. It is an easy vote. There is nothing difficult about making people be able to see what is being counted. That just makes common sense. That is what the original law was meant to do, but then it was manipulated, and they put you in the building instead of within sight of the counting. It is not something I even think should be controversial, to be able to watch the votes be counted. Maybe I am just simplifying it, but that is what it is. We want people to be able to stand and see the votes as they are counted. That should not be any big issue, unless--maybe they are trying to hide something, I do not know, but we need to get this done, and we plan on doing that today. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I will be brief. Members, ladies and gentlemen, the implication here is that something nefarious is going on with these election workers in Pennsylvania. That somebody has to stand over their shoulder within 6, 8, or 10 inches away from the back of their shoulder to be able to make certain that they cast that ballot. I trust the people who count these ballots, those people would sit at those tables and make the tallies that they do, whenever they do this counting. I believe they do it for the right reasons. I do not think that there is any fraud in the work that they do. This legislation implies that there is fraud, or something going on with election workers, and I do not agree with that. Again, I ask for a negative vote.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-30

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

NAY-19

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

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 597 (Pr. No. 1579) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for water and wastewater asset management plans.

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

STEFANO AMENDMENT A4442

Senator STEFANO offered the following amendment No. A4442:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "501" and inserting:
751

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "a municipally owned and operated" and inserting:

- ;
 - (1) A municipally owned and operated
- Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:
- (2) A community sewage system owned by a planned community as defined in 68 Pa.C.S. Pt. II Subpt. D (relating to planned communities).

Amend Bill, page 2, line 25, by striking out "501" and inserting:
751

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "include an" and inserting:

- include:
 - (1) An
- Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 29 and 30:
- (2) A community water system owned by a planned community as defined in 68 Pa.C.S. Pt. II Subpt. D.

Amend Bill, page 9, lines 24 through 26, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

- (a) General rule.--A water provider must:
- (1) set an allowable error rate and develop a testing protocol as part of an asset management plan; or
- (2) allow for replacement of a water meter entirely.

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

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

YEA-36

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

NAY-13

Brooks	Kearney	Saval	Tartaglione
Comitta	Muth	Schwank	Williams, Anthony H.
Costa	Santarsiero	Street	Williams, Lindsey
Hughes			

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

RECONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT A4442

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which amendment No. A4442 to Senate Bill No. 597 was agreed to.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

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

YEA-35

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

NAY-14

Brooks	Kane	Saval	Tartaglione
Comitta	Kearney	Schwank	Williams, Anthony H.
Costa	Muth	Street	Williams, Lindsey
Hughes	Santarsiero		

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

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

FONTANA AMENDMENT A4217 OFFERED

Senator FONTANA offered the following amendment No. A4217:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "include a municipally owned and operated" and inserting:

include:

(1) A community wastewater system owned and operated in a county of the second class.

(2) A municipally owned and operated

Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out "include an entity which has applied to the" and inserting:

include:

(1) A community water system owned and operated in a county of the second class.

(2) An entity which has applied to the

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

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, this amendment excludes from the bill community wastewater systems and community water systems owned and operated in a county of the second class and specifically exempts Allegheny County from the asset management plan.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-20

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

NAY-29

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

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1183 (Pr. No. 1686) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture; and, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation on streets and highways.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bill:

SB 721 (Pr. No. 1713) (Amended)

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator LAUGHLIN. 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 721, SB 1141, SB 1265 and HB 2097.

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

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Table with 3 columns: Time, Committee Name, and Location/Status. Includes entries for 9:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 10:30 A.M. sessions.

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, today I rise to speak on a resolution I introduced with Senator Brewster of Allegheny County, recognizing June 2022 as Cancer Survivors Recognition Month in Pennsylvania.

A cancer survivor may be your parent, child, grandparent, family member, friend, neighbor, colleague. Despite the fear,

challenges, and setbacks, life after cancer diagnosis can be meaningful, productive, and, yes, even inspiring. During his Senate floor remarks on June 24, 2020, Senator Arnold delivered an emotional address, stating:

There is no cure for most of the current survivors of cancer, but to all survivors, I say thank you. You give those of us who are afflicted the strength to keep fighting on [ourselves]. Some of us will win the battle; sadly, many of us will not. All are heroes the same to me, and I pray for all of you.

Mr. President, today, on behalf of Senator Arnold and his family, I ask that the Senate recognize all cancer survivors and ask that we pause in honor of those who are living with the history of cancer for their strength, courage, and inspiration.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. President, let me thank my colleague and friend, Senator Corman, for letting me cosponsor this resolution. If I may digress for a moment, I want to go back to early June 2020, when we were doing Session virtually, and that is where I listened to Senator Arnold's presentation on the floor. Because of the pandemic, I only had an opportunity to say hello to him one time. I was sitting in my office in Monroeville--we had just laid my daughter to rest a couple of weeks prior to that--and I was struck by his strength. The emotion that I was experiencing was suddenly overtaken by his courageous presentation on this floor, to some people who he knew well, others who he hardly knew at all. I thought about the strength and the courage--it is mentioned in the resolution, he says the resolution is to honor those cancer survivors' strength and their courage through their battle, and he exhibited that that day.

Going back 3 weeks prior to that, I had the unfortunate occasion to be in Shadyside Hospital with my wife and son-in-law. We went there to visit, because during the pandemic you could not get into the hospitals, so we arranged a meeting. Unbeknownst to us, her two doctors came in. She was heavily sedated, and I was not sure that she could hear, and, to my surprise, the doctor looked across the room and said, there is nothing more we can do. Anybody who knows me knows that I do not take negativity really well, and my first reaction was anger. I can remember responding, and I was struck, we were not there for that reason. I said what happened to plan B and plan C? They just shook their heads. So rather than be upset, I left the room. They were still in the room, and I hear this voice say, where did the Senator go? It was my daughter. In death, she found humor because she knew that I was not happy. So, I went back in, and just as Senator Arnold had done, the doctors had said goodbye, she shook hands with them, and she calls me over and she said, Dad, I really like that doctor. Now, he just told her she was dying, just like Senator Arnold. So, things sort of happened. So, fast forward to May 16, a couple of weeks ago--divine intervention, luck, my imagination, who knows--I get a call from a friend of ours, Marty Griffin, a radio host. He said, Senator, I think what you and your staff are doing for Marine Corporal Hal Shaffer is very admirable. I said, well, what do you mean, Marty? Well, he is dying, and your staff has been given the task of finding him a set of dress blues because his wish is to die and be buried in his dress blues, which he did not have. That was on May 16; that was 2 years, exactly, from

when Jamie passed away. So he said, do you mind if I interview you the next day, which was the 17th? I said, that is fine, Marty. So on the 17th, I am in Shadyside Hospital with my wife, who is having surgery. These coincidences could not just be happening to me. So, sure enough, the phone rings and it is Marty, and I did not know this, he had Mr. Shaffer and his wife on the radio and me, and he said to them, I have a surprise guest for you, Hal. That was me, completely unprepared for this. If you would have heard this gentleman speak, he said, I am dying, and they gave me until October of this year. There was not much I could say other than the fact that we were trying to accommodate his request. So it lasted a couple of minutes. On Memorial Day, I got a text from Marty: Hal did not make it to October, he passed away, ironically, on Memorial Day. I had already mentioned to my staff--I have a staff member who is a retired major from the Army, and he is very active in the VFW; he had reached out through the VFW to get these dress blues. Folks as far away as California offered up. Now, understand, we had to get a hat, here; a jacket; make sure that it fit; the buttons; the medals; and what have you, to make this work. Ironically, Bill Roland, in my office, was able to get this all together and get it to the funeral home the very next day after he passed away. Now, I tell the story because if you would have heard this Marine, he was completely content with--he had 23 operations--dying of cancer, and his wife had several weeks earlier emailed my office and asked us to do this.

So, I thought about when Senator Corman--and I thank him again for making me part of this--I thought about how coincidental we are doing a resolution to honor people in their fight, but it is really us, who may not be struggling, who have to be reinforced. Even tough guys have weak moments. I just thought I would say that to you today because when I had my issue with Jamie, everyone in this room, Senator Martin, Senator Costa, and others, called or contacted in some way. Without your involvement, some of us who everybody looks to as the strength, sometimes we cannot do it.

So I would just conclude the discussion about the resolution by saying that we should learn from Senator Arnold, Jamie, and Hal, that even in the face of death, they can be strong for us. We are still here; they are gone. I have never really publicly thanked the Senate as a whole, it is just too hard to do, but I am going to do it now, even though some are not here. I will just say this because this is the environment we were in, and then I will close. It was--the date is a little fuzzy for me--but when Senator Arnold gave his speech, that was about 2 weeks after we buried Jamie. It was in the middle of a pandemic, and I do not have to mention a hellacious election. Could anything worse happen to you? Now, I am not whining, but that can be you, it can be any of us, and there are people in this room who have fought cancer and won, there are folks in this room who are fighting it now, and I hate to say this, but there are those of us who may be awaiting that very fight. So I close by thanking you, Senator Corman, for letting me participate, and through all our debates, just remember, we are still humans, and we still need each other.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, "Let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking." Thus were the words of General Eisenhower on this day in

1944. So, 78 years ago today, on June 6, 1944, in the predawn hours, more than 150,000 Allied forces stormed 50 miles of beaches in Normandy, France. The largest invasion by sea and land in human history. D-Day, or, as it was known, Operation Overlord, was a result of the masterful planning of General Ike Eisenhower. A plan that delivered five naval amphibious assaults from west to east that included Utah Beach, an American assault; Omaha Beach, also American; Gold, by the British; Juno, by the Canadians; and Sword, by the British; as well as the Rangers landing at Pointe du Hoc, scaling 110-foot cliffs. Under the command of a German general, Field Marshal Rommel, Germany fortified the coastline to defend against such an amphibious assault by the Allied nations. The Germans called it the "Atlantic Wall" and promised to blunt any assault by the Allies landing in France or elsewhere. The Allied forces launched an elaborate ruse called Operation Bodyguard, a disinformation campaign to confuse the Germans, and it worked brilliantly. The invasion force consisted of nearly 7,000 ships, under the guise of Operation Neptune, and landing craft manned by 195,000 naval personnel from 8 Allied countries. That included 2,395 aircraft delivering 14,000 sorties and 867 gliders that delivered more than 18,000 airborne paratroopers throughout northern France, which included the 101st Screaming Eagles, 82nd All American, and the 6th British Pegasus Division. Omaha Beach, of course, was the deadliest assault that resulted in more than 2,400 American casualties as they scrambled across the mine-riddled beach, but the U.S. forces persevered throughout the day and pushed forward to seize the fortified seawall and up the steep cliffs that the Nazis used to barrage them. Behind that fortification where so many Americans fell, of course, is the American cemetery in Normandy, where 9,386 of our heroes rest today.

In total, there were 4,414 Allied fatal casualties on D-Day from the United States, Great Britain, Canada, and several other nations. Yet, their sacrifices were not in vain. Their heroic efforts broke open Western Europe and led to the liberation of France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and many other countries. Less than a year later, on May 7, 1945, the Germans quit the war. Ten Medal of Honors were awarded for gallantry during the invasion of Normandy. I would like to commemorate several of these.

First off is Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the son of President Teddy Roosevelt. He was a brigadier general in the 4th Infantry Division, and he asked several times to be amongst the first to land with the men from the 4th I.D. His citation for his Medal of Honor says: *(Reading)*

For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 6 June 1944 in France. After two verbal requests to accompany the leading assault elements in the Normandy invasion had been denied, [Brig.] Gen. Roosevelt's written request for this mission was approved and he landed with the first wave of the forces assaulting the enemy-held beaches. He repeatedly led groups from the beach, over the seawall, and established them inland. His valor, courage, and perseverance [presence] in the very front of the attack and his complete unconcern at being under [heavy] fire inspired the troops to heights of enthusiasm and self-sacrifice. Although the enemy had the beach under constant direct fire, Brig. Gen. Roosevelt moved from one locality to another, rallying men around him, directing [directed], and personally leading [led] them against the enemy. Under his seasoned, precise, calm, and unfaltering leadership, assault troops reduced beach strongpoints and rapidly moved inland with few [minimum] casualties. He [thus] contributed substantially to the successful establishment of the beachhead in France.

General Roosevelt was suffering, of course, from wounds he had received in 1918 during the First World War, fighting the Germans. Despite his disabilities, he went forward, dying in a few days of a stroke while in battle.

Another hero I would like to recognize is Jimmie Monteith. He was with the 1st Infantry Division, 16th Regiment. Of course, there was a barracks during the Cold War occupied by American troops near Nuremberg, which has since been turned back over to the Germans in honor of his heroism called Monteith Barracks. His Medal of Honor citation says: *(Reading)*

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on 6 June 1944, near Colleville-sur-Mer, France. First Lt. Monteith landed with the initial assault waves on the coast of France under heavy enemy fire. Without regard to his own personal safety he [continually] moved up and down the beach reorganizing men for the [further] assault. He [then] led the assault over a narrow protective ledge and across the flat, exposed terrain to the comparative safety of a cliff. Retracing his steps across the field to the beach, he moved over to where two tanks were buttoned up and blind under violent enemy artillery and machinegun fire. Completely exposed to the intense fire, 1st Lt. Monteith led the tanks on foot through a minefield and into firing positions. Under his direction several enemy positions were destroyed. He then rejoined his company and under his leadership his men captured a key [an advantageous] position on the hill. Supervising the defense of his newly won position against repeated vicious [German] counterattacks, he ignored [continued to ignore] his own personal safety, repeatedly crossing 200 to 300 yards of open terrain under heavy [enemy] fire.... When the enemy succeeded in completely surrounding 1st Lt. Monteith and his unit and while leading the fight out of the situation, he [1st Lt. Monteith] was killed by enemy fire. The courage, gallantry, and intrepid leadership displayed by 1st Lt. Monteith is worthy of emulation.

The last hero that I will commemorate today is John Pinder from Burgettstown, Washington County, Pennsylvania. There was also, in the Nuremberg area during the Cold War, a barracks named after him in honor of his heroism at Normandy on June 6, 1944, which was called Pinder Barracks. He was a member of the 1st Infantry Division, Big Red One. His citation says: *(Reading)*

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on 6 June 1944, near Colleville-sur-Mer, France. On D-Day, Technician 5th Grade Pinder landed on the coast 100 yards off shore under devastating enemy machinegun and artillery fire which caused severe casualties among the boatload. Carrying a vitally important radio, he struggled towards shore in waist-deep water. Only a few yards from his craft he was hit by enemy fire and [was] gravely wounded. Yet Pinder [Technician 5th Grade Pinder] never stopped. He made shore and delivered the radio. Refusing to take cover afforded [to him], or to accept medical attention for his wounds, although [Technician 5th Grade Pinder, though] terribly weakened by loss of blood and in fierce pain, on 3 occasions [he] went [back] into the fire-swept surf to salvage [communication] equipment. He recovered many vital parts and equipment, including another workable radio. On the 3rd trip he was again hit, suffering machinegun bullet wounds to his [in] the legs. Yet Pinder [Still] this valiant soldier would not stop for rest or medical attention. Remaining exposed to heavy enemy fire, growing steadily weaker, he aided in the establishment of [establishing] the vital radio communication on the beach. While so engaged this dauntless soldier was hit for the third time and killed. The [indomitable] courage and personal bravery of Technician 5th Grade Pinder was a magnificent inspiration to the men with whom he served.

May we continue to honor the memory of these great heroes on this day, 78 years later.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Jacob D. Corman III) in the Chair.

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to recognize the month of June 2022 as Dairy Month in Pennsylvania, which is also the subject of Senate Resolution No. 305. It has been said that farming is the backbone of our nation, and this is certainly true for the Commonwealth as well. Just as our spine is vital to our body, the dairy industry is an integral segment of agricultural business that we must protect. Beyond the nutritional benefits of milk and other dairy products, dairy provides so much more to Pennsylvanians. This industry generates \$12.6 billion of economic activity annually, making valuable contributions and infusing money into State, local, and rural economies. What I believe is even more remarkable is that 99 percent of dairy farms in this State are family-owned while supporting 52,000 jobs statewide. These jobs reach beyond the farmer and range widely from veterinarians to nutritionists, agronomists, and accountants, just to name a few.

We commend these hardworking dairy farmers, their families, and all who work tirelessly, 365 days a year, to make this industry a success, often facing adversities far outside their realm of control. I would be remiss if I did not mention Pennsylvania's 474,000 dairy cows, which remarkably produced more than 10.1 billion pounds of milk last year. That is about 2,510 gallons per cow. Earlier today, Members of this Chamber received in their offices an informational card that outlines important facts regarding the dairy industry. It includes a delicious blueberry banana blast smoothie recipe, as well as a link to other recipes. These are provided courtesy of Pennsylvania's Center for Dairy Excellence and their Choose PA Dairy campaign. Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this vital and dedicated industry in the Commonwealth as we celebrate this month as Dairy Month. I also request that everyone please keep Pennsylvania dairy in mind when shopping at your local market or grocery store.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MARTIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize my and Senator Yaw's resolution, which would designate the week of June 5 through 11, 2022, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week here in Pennsylvania. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the nation, with its watersheds spanning six States and the District of Columbia. In fact, approximately half of the Commonwealth is covered by the bay's watershed. The Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries, the largest being Pennsylvania's own Susquehanna River, which provides 50 percent of the freshwater to the bay. It supports more than 3,600 species of plant and animal life and produces more than 400 million pounds of seafood harvests each year, such as blue crabs, oysters, clams, striped bass, and more.

The Chesapeake Bay's tributaries in Pennsylvania are an important source of drinking water and recreational fishing and boating for this State. The Chesapeake Bay watershed in Pennsylvania is an extraordinary and vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most productive farm and forest lands in the Commonwealth's portion of the watershed. This productivity supported the settlement and growth of our nation and is a vital resource for future generations. The Chesapeake Bay area is home

to more than 18 million people, many of whom rely upon the bay for their livelihood and recreational activities. The rich history, pivotal economic importance, and astounding beauty of the Chesapeake Bay watershed never cease to amaze residents and visitors alike.

With all that said, I stand here today highlighting these incredible statistics because, despite these impressive numbers, the bay currently does not meet water quality standards due to excess nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment. In fact, in Pennsylvania, almost 1/3 of our own local waters do not meet water quality standards. While we have made incredible progress in this area in recent years, there is still much more we need to do, and it is our hope to use this resolution to help keep that momentum moving forward. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing June 5 through 11, 2022, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, today I rise to speak directly to our constituents, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to begin discussing matters that are important to them. I hear from people in my district all the time that they do not think this body is addressing the issues that are impacting them and their families with the urgency required. They are not alone in feeling that way. Honestly, I share those feelings myself. Today, Pennsylvanians are facing countless challenges. Gun violence is seemingly never-ending; gas prices and inflation are eating into people's paychecks; childcare continues to be hard to find and unaffordable for working families; you can hardly find baby formula on the shelves. These are all issues that are very serious, and they do not discriminate. These problems do not care what god you worship, what your race or ethnic background is, and, most of all, they do not care who you vote for. I can confirm it, that we are not focused on the issues that afflict our constituents.

Just today, we considered Senate Bill No. 956, a constitutional amendment that got jammed through this Chamber on party lines, that proclaims that there is no constitutional right to an abortion. A very serious matter. Make no mistake, despite what supporters of the amendment will say, this amendment will put Pennsylvania in a position to implement a total ban on abortion, if--or, I should say, when--*Roe v. Wade* is struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. Not only does this send a message to our constituents that we are not listening to them, but it also caters to a small segment of the population and takes a woman's right to make decisions about her own body away from her. We talk a lot about freedom in this Chamber, do we not? I think the right to determine what happens to your body is a pretty darn big issue of freedom. But I know many of my colleagues do not see it that way. If only we protected a woman's right to choose her freedom, to choose what happens to her body, with the same enthusiasm in which some Members protect the Second Amendment.

All of this will take place during a time when poll after poll is showing record numbers of Americans supporting abortion access. We should not go backwards. Instead, let us deal with the

present and use our powers as legislators to improve the lives of our constituents and do what we can to solve some of the big issues of the day. It will not be easy, and it will require compromise, but it is what Pennsylvanians want and deserve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMMITTA. Mr. President, we talk a lot about what is going on in this Chamber, but today I rise to talk about what is missing. We are not even halfway into 2022, and this nation has had nearly 250 mass shootings. Since May 14, when a racist attack at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket took the lives of 10 people, there have been at least 4 dozen mass shootings in the United States. Over the weekend, a mass shooting in Philadelphia killed 3 and wounded 11. This is happening in our communities, and we cannot escape it. Some of our colleagues in the legislature have, tragically, been touched by gun violence. Last year, my colleague, Senator Street's, district office was struck by gunfire. Some of us have buried friends, family, and loved ones. I have not spoken about it much publicly, but many years ago, I lost my brother to suicide by a friend's unlocked firearm. It is not an easy thing to talk about. Those who know me know I lean towards optimism. I believe in hope. I believe in the power of this legislature to make a positive difference. Recently, my family welcomed a new grandchild, our third granddaughter, a joyous occasion, one that reinforces my hope for the future, one that reminds me of our duty to leave a better world for our children and our grandchildren, yours and mine. That is our job, to focus on the future, and right now that is what is missing. It is missing when it comes to gun violence, when it comes to failing to act on the climate crisis, and when we under-fund public education. It is not an easy thing to talk about. Ten families are missing their loved ones in Buffalo, 19 families are missing their children in Texas, at least 12 more are missing due to gun violence nationwide over the weekend. How many more Americans and Pennsylvanians will be missing from dinner tables and family gatherings this summer? How much more loss must we all endure until we take up meaningful and widely supported gun safety measures? Measures like universal background checks, safe storage, lost and stolen reporting requirements, and extreme risk protection or red flag laws. These are measures that are by and far supported by all Americans, Democrats and Republicans. For example, according to a 2021 poll, 84 percent of voters, including 77 percent of Republicans, support requiring all gun purchases to go through a background check.

I believe in this Chamber, I believe in our future, and I have hope for the future. We cannot change the past, but we need to move forward. We must acknowledge the past. We must acknowledge what is missing. We must know where we have come up short. We must do more than talk. Let us get active and real about gun violence. Let us confront it. Let us focus on a healthy future and do the right thing for families, children, and all the people of Pennsylvania. Let us pass meaningful and widely supported gun safety measures: universal background checks, safe storage, lost and stolen reporting requirements, and extreme risk protection orders or red flag laws.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator KEARNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to echo the comments made by my colleague, Senator Schwank, and earlier by Senator Cappelletti. Later this month we will witness a potentially catastrophic Supreme Court case on abortion access, one that would do the unthinkable: eliminate women's access to a critical part of reproductive healthcare, the right to an abortion. Then today, here, in Pennsylvania, we voted to move up a constitutional amendment that would potentially prohibit all forms of safe and legal abortion. It is vital that we understand the decision of this legislature and the potential decision of the Supreme Court as ones that impact individuals' access to a safe and, at times, necessary procedure. A procedure that we have decades of precedent to look towards if we need reminding of why women may obtain this procedure, the documented health implications, and of what happens if safe and legal access is denied. A broad ban like this on abortion will have far-reaching ramifications. It has the potential to not allow women access to abortions in cases of miscarriages or high-risk, ectopic pregnancies. It could end up prohibiting the legal and safe procedure of in vitro fertilization, and it could deny access to safe and effective methods of contraception.

There are many unanswered questions about the implications of measures like Senate Bill No. 956's constitutional amendment, but there are clear answers to what access to abortion does provide. Access to abortion provides for greater health benefits for those who go through the procedure. Access to abortion allows people greater opportunities to pursue goals like higher education and attaining greater financial security. Access to abortion allows for individuals to determine for themselves when the right time is for them to become parents. Access to abortion can allow individuals to raise their children in better conditions. Access to abortion can continue to chip away at the already staggering gap in wages for working mothers and parents. Abortion is safe and common, with nearly 1 million performed each year, and a small 2 percent rate of complications that are mostly from minor pains, bleeding, infection, and post-anesthesia complications. Roughly 1 in 4 women and birthing individuals will have an abortion by the age of 45. Denying access to abortion is something I simply cannot support, and I call on my colleagues to also voice their concerns and vote against legislation like Senate Bill No. 956 and others that will do nothing more than deny access to healthcare for women.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, thank you very much. I submit remarks on behalf of Senator Tartaglione regarding the Pennsylvania minimum wage. Thank you, sir.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Costa submits remarks on behalf of Senator Tartaglione. 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 gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA, on behalf of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator TARTAGLIONE:)

Mr. President, I rise because today marks 5,811 days since the Pennsylvania legislature last passed an increase in our Commonwealth's minimum wage, and that is just unacceptable. For nearly 16 years, we have come in and out of this Chamber and discussed legislation ranging from

naming bridges to substantive changes in laws that are designed to make the lives of our constituents better. But you know what we could do right now, Mr. President, that would change the lives of hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians? We could pass Senate Bill No. 12 that would put Pennsylvania on the path to \$15 an hour, a wage that is needed and deserved for all workers.

Senate Bill No. 12 would also tie the minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index and ensure minimum wage earners would never again fall behind or have their needs forgotten by the legislature. This is not a novel idea, Mr. President. Right now, Arizona's minimum wage is tied to the Consumer Price Index, and as we feel the pinch of inflation and see the cost of life around us climb, minimum wage earners see the purchasing power of each hour of their work nosedive each and every day. But minimum wage earners in Arizona have a safety net, Mr. President. They could potentially see their minimum wage increase by more than \$1 an hour, which would put Arizona's minimum wage near \$14 an hour at the start of 2023. It can be done, Mr. President. We can pass meaningful legislation that would help ensure each Pennsylvanian has the money needed to put food on the table and a roof over their head. If we can come into this Chamber and discuss things like the Frozen Dessert Law and ensuring medical care for tick-borne illnesses, then we must also pass an increase in the minimum wage so that all Pennsylvanians earn a livable wage. Let us pass Senate Bill No. 12.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 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 6:31 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.