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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023

The Senate met at 3:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE DISPENSED WITH

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, we will dispense with the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance for today's Session.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

November 1, 2023

TO: President and All Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator KIM WARD
President Pro Tempore

RE: Recall to Non-Voting Session
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Consistent with the recess motion made on October 25, 2023, the Senate is recalled for non-voting session today, Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 3:30 PM for the purpose of signing bills and reading certain communications across the desk.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 84** and **SB 152**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 735**.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 31, 2023

Senators MILLER, COSTA, FONTANA, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 966**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, providing for Municipal Codes Enforcement Grant Program; providing for county property maintenance code; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, October 31, 2023.

Senators BARTOLOTTA and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 968**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for duration and renewal of licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, October 31, 2023.

Senators COLEMAN, TARTAGLIONE, ARGALL, DUSH and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 971**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, October 31, 2023.

Senators MUTH, COLLETT, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, HUGHES, DILLON, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, STREET, SAVAL and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 972**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for immunity for protected public expression.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 31, 2023.

Senators PENNYCUICK, TARTAGLIONE, DUSH, PHILLIPS-HILL, CAPPELLETTI, BAKER, BROWN, CULVER and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 973**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for veteran of Korean Armed Forces.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 31, 2023.

Senators BROOKS, BROWN, COSTA, DUSH, SCHWANK and STEFANO presented to the Chair **SB 975**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of terroristic threats.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 31, 2023.

November 1, 2023

Senators DUSH, DiSANTO, HUTCHINSON, COLEMAN, MASTRIANO, PENNYCUICK, REGAN, BARTOLOTTA, BROWN and ROTHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 957**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in procurement organization, further providing for specific construction powers, duties and procedures; in procurement of construction and design professional services, further providing for procurement of design professional services; providing for project delivery methods; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, November 1, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 31, 2023

Senators MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROOKS, STREET, LAUGHLIN, ROTHMAN, HUTCHINSON, HAYWOOD, COSTA, BROWN, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, COLEMAN, CULVER and DUSH presented to the Chair **SR 193**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2023 as "Down Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 31, 2023.

Senators ARGALL, BROWN, MARTIN, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, DUSH and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SR 195**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2023 as "National Chiropractic Health Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 31, 2023.

Senators DUSH, ROTHMAN, LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, ARGALL, HUTCHINSON and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SR 198**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 7, 2023, as "Victims of Communism Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 31, 2023.

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:

October 31, 2023

HB 73, 826 and 1747 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 109 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 1478 -- Committee on Education.

HB 1556 -- Committee on State Government.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

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

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
1805 N. Broad Street (038-17)
Wachman Hall, Suite 1108
Philadelphia, PA 19122

October 27, 2023

The Honorable Michael Gerdes
Senate Secretary/Parliamentarian
Senate Box 203053
Room: 462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

The Honorable Michael Gerdes:

In compliance with Appropriations Act 3A, I submit the audited consolidated financial statements for Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Sincerely,

David N. Marino
Vice President for Finance
and Treasurer

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

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REVIEW AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17121-0750

October 30, 2023

The Honorable Michael Gerdes
Secretary of the Senate, Senate of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

The Honorable Brooke Wheeler
Chief Clerk, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
129 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Gerdes and Chief Clerk Wheeler:

Act 36 of 2017 amended the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act to require that the Department of Labor and Industry submit an annual report of the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council (UCC RAC) expenditures to the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

It is my pleasure to provide the report for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as required by the statute.

An electronic version of the report will be provided via email to the Majority and Minority Chairs of appropriate standing committee.

Sincerely,

NANCY A. WALKER
Secretary

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

CALENDAR OVER IN ORDER

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, at the request of Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, all of the bills and resolutions on today's Calendar will go over in their order without prejudice as to day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

- 12:00 P.M. INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS (to Room 8E-A
consider Senate Bill No. 259; and Senate East Wing
Resolution No. 169) (LIVE
STREAMED)
- 12:30 P.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to Room 461
consider Senate Bill No. 979; and House Bills Main Capitol
No. 1540 and 1661)
- Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills Rules Committee
No. 597, 668, 700, 867, 887 and 945; and Conference Room
House Bill No. 1461)
- Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS Rules Committee
(to consider certain Executive Nominations) Conference Room
- Off the Floor STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider House Rules Committee
Bill No. 1556) Conference Room

- Off the Floor VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY Rules Committee
PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. Conference Room
194; and House Bills No. 1086 and 1304)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

- 10:00 A.M. EDUCATION (to consider Senate Resolution Room 8E-A
No. 178) East Wing
(LIVE
STREAMED)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

- 9:30 A.M. URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public Hearing Room 1
hearing on the status of housing in North Office
Pennsylvania) (LIVE
STREAMED)

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 84, SB 152, HB 735, HB 1094 and HB 1170.

RECESS

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:50 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.