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SENATE

MONDAY, April 8, 2024

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend RANDY LANDMAN, of South Fork First Evangelical Church, South Fork, offered the following prayer:

I want to thank the Pennsylvania State Senate and Senator Wayne Langerholc for the privilege of being here today to open up this Session with prayer. I consider this a great honor. My father was in the Navy on an aircraft carrier during World War II. He would be honored that his son was here today.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing, wisdom, and guidance on the Pennsylvania State Senate as they begin this Session. Each person here desires to do what is best for the people of the State. Though I imagine there are differences of opinion as to what that is, I pray that You would honor Yourself today and make it clear to each Senator here as to what is best and what would be the best and wisest decision for the State of Pennsylvania. We pray for those citizens of Pennsylvania who are serving in the military. We pray for every State employee. We pray for our State, and we pray for the United States of America. May everything that happens here in Harrisburg today be done with the good of the people of Pennsylvania at heart, and bless each person in the Pennsylvania State Senate. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend Landman, who is the guest today of Senator Langerholc.

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 PENNSYLVANIA PAROLE BOARD

March 25, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Renee Cardwell Hughes, 6380 City Avenue, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Parole Board, to serve until October 17, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Leo Dunn, Newport, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PAROLE BOARD

March 25, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Martin Pane, 215 South Street, Elmhurst Township 18444, Lackawanna County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Parole Board, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Anthony Moscato, Emporium, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PAROLE BOARD

March 25, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Elizabeth Bolton Penna, Esquire, 112 Providence Drive, Johnstown 15904, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Parole Board, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway (Congressional District 4), 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Kenneth Lawrence, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ELECTION LAW ADVISORY BOARD

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr. (Congressional District 13), 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Election Law Advisory Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Bruce Erb, Plymouth Meeting, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Kimberly Berkeley-Clark, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BLAIR COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Theron Perez, Esquire, 22 Tall Tree Drive, Camp Hill 17011, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Blair County, to

serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Elizabeth Doyle, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
CHESTER COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Addie Abelson, Esquire, 158 Erford Road, Apartment 404, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Chester County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable William P. Mahon, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Addie Abelson, Esquire, 158 Erford Road, Apartment 404, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Lisette Shirdan-Harris, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Jacqueline F. Allen, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Victoria S. Madden, Esquire, 1056

Brandt Avenue, Lemoyne 17043, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable George W. Overton, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Theron Perez, Esquire, 22 Tall Tree Drive, Camp Hill 17011, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Idee C. Fox, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Derek Riker, Esquire, 2111 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 19130, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Timika Lane, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary K. Topper, Esquire, 232 Sylvania Avenue, Glenside 19038, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Karen Shreeves-Johns, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Addie Abelson, Esquire, 158 Erford Road, Apartment 404, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Rita Donovan Hathaway, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Anne Gingrich Cornick, Esquire, 2311 Briarcliff Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Matthew Wolf, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Addie Abelson, Esquire, 158 Erford Road, Apartment 404, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Daniel McCaffery, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve until June 18, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Drnevich, Harrisburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Blair, Magisterial District 24-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Fred B. Miller, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, 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 Luzerne, Magisterial District 11-1-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Joseph D. Zola, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Mifflin, Magisterial District 58-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Jonathan W. Reed, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 28, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Venango, Magisterial District 28-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice the Honorable Matthew T. Kirtland, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

RECORDER OF DEEDS, REGISTER OF WILLS
AND CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT,
VENANGO COUNTY

April 4, 2024

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Recorder Of Deeds, Register Of Wills and Clerk Of Orphans' Court, in and for the County of Venango, to serve until the first Monday of January 2026, vice Susan R. Hannon, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 45, SB 55, SB 115** and **SB 740**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 654**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

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:

March 22, 2024

Senators ROTHMAN, DUSH and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 1084**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 13 (Commercial Code) and 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising the Uniform Commercial Code to accommodate emerging technologies utilized in commercial transactions: In general provisions: Further providing for general definitions, for value, for territorial applicability and parties' power to choose applicable law and for waiver or renunciation of claim or right after breach. In sales: Further providing for scope and certain security and other transactions excluded from division, for definitions of "contract," "agreement," "contract for sale," "sale," "present sale," "conforming" to contract, "termination" and "cancellation," for formal requirements and statute of frauds, for final written expression and parol or extrinsic evidence, for seals inoperative, for firm offers and for modification, rescission and waiver. In leases: Further providing for scope, for definitions and index of definitions, for waiver or renunciation of claim or right after default, for statute of frauds, for final written expression and parol or extrinsic evidence, for seals inoperative, for firm offers, for modification, rescission and waiver and for exclusion or modification of warranties. In negotiable instruments: Further providing for negotiable instrument, for issue of instrument, for signature and for discharge by cancellation or renunciation. In funds transfers: Further providing for payment order and definitions, for security procedure, for authorized and verified payment orders, for unenforceability of certain verified payment orders, for misdescription of beneficiary, for misdescription of intermediary bank or beneficiary's bank, for rejection of payment order, for cancellation and amendment of payment order and for liability for late or improper execution or failure to execute payment order. In letters of credit: Further providing for formal requirements and for choice of law and forum. In warehouse receipts, bills of lading and other documents of title: Further providing for definitions and

index of definitions and for control of electronic document of title. In investment securities: Further providing for definitions, for rules for determining whether certain obligations and interests are securities or financial assets, for control, for applicability and choice of law and for protected purchaser. In secured transactions: Further providing for definitions and index of definitions, for control of deposit account and for control of electronic chattel paper. Providing for control of controllable electronic record, controllable account or controllable payment intangible. Further providing for attachment and enforceability of security interest, proceeds, supporting obligations and formal requisites, for after-acquired property and future advances, for rights and duties of secured party having possession or control of collateral, for additional duties of secured party having control of collateral, for duties of secured party if account debtor has been notified of assignment, for request for accounting and request regarding list of collateral or statement of account, for law governing perfection and priority of security interests, for law governing perfection and priority of security interests in deposit accounts and for law governing perfection and priority of security interests in investment property. Providing for law governing perfection and priority of security interests in chattel paper and for law governing perfection and priority of security interests in controllable accounts, controllable electronic records and controllable payment intangibles. Further providing for when filing required to perfect security interest or agricultural lien and security interests and agricultural liens to which filing provisions do not apply, for perfection of security interests in chattel paper, deposit accounts, documents, goods covered by documents, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights and money, perfection by permissive filing and temporary perfection without filing or transfer of possession, for when possession by or delivery to secured party perfects security interest without filing and for perfection by control. Providing for perfection by possession and control of chattel paper. Further providing for effect of change in governing law, for interests which take priority over or take free of security interest or agricultural lien, for priorities among conflicting security interests in and agricultural liens on same collateral, for future advances and for priority of purchase-money security interests. Providing for priority of security interest in controllable account, controllable electronic record and controllable payment intangible. Further providing for priority of purchaser of chattel paper or instrument, for priority of rights of purchasers of instruments, documents and securities under other divisions, priority of interests in financial assets and security entitlements under Division 8, for transfer of money and transfer of funds from deposit account, for priority of security interests in fixtures and crops, for bank's rights and duties with respect to deposit account, for rights acquired by assignee and claims and defenses against assignee, for discharge of account debtor, notification of assignment, identification and proof of assignment, restrictions on assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles and promissory notes ineffective, for restrictions on assignment of promissory notes, health-care-insurance receivables and certain general intangibles ineffective, for persons entitled to file a record, for termination statement, for rights after default, judicial enforcement and consignor or buyer of accounts, chattel paper, payment intangibles or promissory notes, for unknown debtor or secondary obligor, for application of proceeds of collection or enforcement and liability for deficiency and right to surplus, for notification before disposition of collateral, for contents and form of notification before disposition of collateral, general, for contents and form of notification before disposition of collateral, consumer-goods transaction, for application of proceeds of disposition and liability for deficiency and right to surplus, for explanation of calculation of surplus or deficiency, for transfer of record or legal title, for acceptance of collateral in full or partial satisfaction of obligation and compulsory disposition of collateral, for notification of proposal to accept collateral, for waiver and for nonliability and limitation on liability of secured party and liability of secondary obligor. In controllable electronic records: Providing for short title of division, for definitions, for relation to Division 9 and consumer laws, for rights in controllable account, controllable electronic record and controllable payment intangible, for control of controllable electronic record, for discharge of account debtor on controllable account or controllable payment intangible and for governing law. Providing for transition. In decedents, estates and fiduciaries, in powers of attorney: Further providing for authority that requires specific and general grant of authority. Making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 22, 2024.

Senators LAUGHLIN, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, PHILLIPS-HILL and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1105**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for relief, for emergency relief by minor judiciary and for arrest for violation of order.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 22, 2024.

Senators MUTH, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1106**, 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 classes of income; in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions; and providing for personal health investment tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 22, 2024.

Senators SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, DiSANTO, COMMITTA, FONTANA, ROTHMAN, COSTA, CAPPELLETTI, CULVER and BROWN presented to the Chair **SB 1107**, entitled:

An Act designating Hershey's Kisses as the official State candy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 22, 2024.

March 25, 2024

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1001**, entitled:

An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1002**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1003**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1004**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1005**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1006**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1007**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the State Employees' Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1008**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1009**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SB 1010**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the restricted revenue accounts within the Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 25, 2024.

March 27, 2024

Senators LAUGHLIN, LANGERHOLC, GEBHARD, ROTHMAN, PENNYCUICK, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, BROOKS, AUMENT and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1127**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to criminal proceedings, further providing for arraignment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 27, 2024.

March 28, 2024

Senators L. WILLIAMS, MUTH, KANE, FONTANA, SAVAL, SCHWANK, BREWSTER and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 27**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, providing for cyber charter school moratorium.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 28, 2024.

Senators ROBINSON, COLLETT, KANE, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, COSTA, COMITTA, SCHWANK, LAUGHLIN, BREWSTER, SANTARSIERO, FARRY, STREET, FLYNN, CAPPELLETTI and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 580**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Program and the Family and Medical Leave Fund; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; creating a right of action; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 28, 2024.

Senators BROWN, MASTRIANO, MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, LANGERHOLC, PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, PHILLIPS-HILL, GEBHARD, DUSH, KANE and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 1108**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran recognition, providing for K9 Veterans Day.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 28, 2024.

Senators BROOKS, ROBINSON, MILLER, LAUGHLIN and BROWN presented to the Chair **SB 1109**, 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 compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 28, 2024.

Senators STEFANO, BREWSTER, VOGEL, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUTCHINSON, GEBHARD, PENNYCUICK and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1113**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 28, 2024.

Senators MUTH, BREWSTER, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, SCHWANK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1115**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in utilization, providing for combustible gas detectors; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 28, 2024.

Senators FLYNN, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, BOSCOLA, ROTHMAN and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 1116**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for homicide by vehicle while driving under influence.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 28, 2024.

Senators BROWN, PENNYCUICK, KEARNEY, J. WARD, VOGEL, CULVER, BROOKS and MILLER presented to the Chair **SB 1132**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in finance and taxation, further providing for tax levies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 28, 2024.

Senators BROWN, PENNYCUICK, KEARNEY, J. WARD, VOGEL, CULVER and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 1133**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in taxation and finance, further providing for township and special tax levies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 28, 2024.

Senators BROWN, PENNYCUICK, KEARNEY, J. WARD, VOGEL, CULVER and BROOKS presented to the Chair **SB 1134**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxation and finance, further providing for tax levy.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 28, 2024.

April 2, 2024

Senators STEFANO, CULVER, PENNYCUICK, J. WARD, SCHWANK, AUMENT, MILLER and BROWN presented to the Chair **SB 1110**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Child-Care Workforce Commission; and providing for duties of the Child-Care Workforce Commission, for public portal and Internet website of the Child-Care Workforce Commission and for annual child-care workforce report.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 2, 2024.

Senators J. WARD, LAUGHLIN and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1117**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in temporary health care services agencies, further providing for definitions, for registration generally and for conditions of registration.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 2, 2024.

Senators STEFANO, COSTA, FLYNN, COMITTA, CAPPELLETTI, DILLON, KEARNEY and A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1118**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in magisterial district judges, further providing for adjudication alternative program; in licensing of drivers, further providing for drivers required to be licensed, for suspension of operating privilege, for suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation and for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, providing for driving while operating privilege is suspended for certain other offenses, for relief from administrative suspension and for relief from administrative suspension participation requirements; in fees, further providing for reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle registration; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 2, 2024.

Senators MASTRIANO, BROWN, COSTA, MILLER, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 1139**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military Affairs, providing for burial benefits.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 2, 2024.

April 3, 2024

Senators BROWN, HUTCHINSON, DUSH, KEARNEY and COMITTA presented to the Chair **SB 1119**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, in election of officers and vacancies in office, further providing for vacancies in general.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 3, 2024.

April 4, 2024

Senators KANE, TARTAGLIONE, SAVAL, FONTANA, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY, DILLON, COSTA, SCHWANK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1124**, entitled:

An Act providing for the registration of labor brokers; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and the Secretary of Labor and Industry; establishing the Labor Broker Registration Account; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 4, 2024.

Senators KANE, FONTANA, LAUGHLIN, KEARNEY and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SB 1128**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, further providing for duties of electric distribution companies.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 4, 2024.

Senators FLYNN, ROTHMAN, FONTANA, COSTA, CULVER and COLEMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1129**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer to vehicle salvage dealer and for transfer to scrap metal processor.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 4, 2024.

April 5, 2024

Senators COMMITTA, COLLETT, HUGHES, SANTARSIERO, CAPPELLETTI, SAVAL, COSTA, KEARNEY and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 15**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for definitions, for fees and for disposition of fees, fines and civil penalties, providing for disposition of auction proceeds from CO2 Budget Trading Program, for clean air fund accounts, for the Energy Communities Trust Fund and for Environmental Justice Communities Trust Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 5, 2024.

Senators LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, PENNYCUICK, PHILLIPS-HILL, BARTOLOTTA, CULVER, J. WARD, COSTA, MILLER, CAPPELLETTI and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 912**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, in Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, further providing for fees and charges.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 5, 2024.

Senators LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, VOGEL, CULVER, DUSH, J. WARD, COSTA, BROWN and MILLER presented to the Chair **SB 916**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for Pennsylvania Sportsman plate and establishing the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 5, 2024.

Senators ROBINSON, KEARNEY, FLYNN, KANE, PENNYCUICK, LAUGHLIN and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1121**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Pennsylvania Ireland Trade Commission and the Pennsylvania Ireland Trade Commission Account; imposing duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 5, 2024.

Senators HUGHES, STREET, COLLETT, FONTANA, SAVAL, HAYWOOD, COSTA, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 1122**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public indecency, further providing for prostitution and related offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2024.

Senators COLEMAN, BREWSTER and MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 1123**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for facilitating access for streamlining telecommunications and establishing the Facilitating Access for Streamlining Telecommunications (FAST) Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, April 5, 2024.

Senators DiSANTO, LAUGHLIN, ROTHMAN, SAVAL, KEARNEY, COLEMAN, HUTCHINSON and DILLON presented to the Chair **SB 1126**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in subdivision and land development, further providing for grant of power and for contents of subdivision and land development ordinance; and, in zoning, further providing for ordinance provisions, providing for accessory dwelling units and further providing for zoning purposes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, April 5, 2024.

Senators MUTH, BROOKS, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, BARTOLOTTA, DILLON, KEARNEY, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI, MILLER, COMMITTA, HUTCHINSON, COSTA, DUSH and L. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1130**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 5, 2024.

Senators COMMITTA, HUTCHINSON, DUSH, BROWN and KEARNEY presented to the Chair **SB 1131**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in vacancies in office, further providing for filling vacancies in elective borough offices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2024.

Senators COLEMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC, ROTHMAN, MARTIN, J. WARD and HUTCHINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1135**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensured)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for expungement of disciplinary actions regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 5, 2024.

Senators BROWN, COLLETT, LANGERHOLC, CULVER, BREWSTER, STREET, CAPPELLETTI and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1136**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for dental examinations and dental hygiene services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 5, 2024.

Senators SAVAL, SCHWANK, COSTA, KEARNEY, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, STREET, CAPPELLETTI, COMMITTA, BARTOLOTTA, KANE and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 1137**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dockets, indices and other records, providing for limited access to eviction information.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 5, 2024.

Senators COLEMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, DUSH, CULVER, BREWSTER and ROTHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1140**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, providing for fiber optic broadband line railroad crossing.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, April 5, 2024.

Senators MASTRIANO, ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, ARGALL, MILLER and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 1141**, entitled:

An Act providing for divestiture by the State Treasurer, the State Employees' Retirement System, the Public School Employees'

Retirement System and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System of investments in assets relating to China.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 5, 2024.

Senators FARRY, FONTANA, PENNYCUICK, DILLON, SANTARSIERO, MILLER, LAUGHLIN and REGAN presented to the Chair **SB 1142**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revenues, further providing for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution; adding provisions relating to local gaming terminals by providing for general provisions, for application and licensure, for operation, for enforcement and for revenue; imposing the local gaming terminal tax; establishing the Local Gaming Fund; providing for ethics; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc.; in Commonwealth services, establishing the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Programs Fund; prescribing penalties; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 5, 2024.

Senators FLYNN, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, COSTA, HUGHES, DILLON and KANE presented to the Chair **SB 1143**, 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 classes of income; and providing for 529 savings account employer contribution tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 5, 2024.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 1144**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8404, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 56 over the Stony Creek River, City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the PFC Dr. Alex W. Barber Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 5, 2024.

Senators PENNYCUICK, MASTRIANO, ROBINSON, LAUGHLIN, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, BREWSTER, BAKER, VOGEL, J. WARD, DILLON and FARRY presented to the Chair **SB 1145**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for prohibiting claim sharks.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 5, 2024.

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:

March 22, 2024

Senators MUTH, MARTIN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, KEARNEY, BREWSTER, BAKER, DILLON, COSTA and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SR 247**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2024 as "National Athletic Training Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 22, 2024.

Senators ROBINSON, MASTRIANO, ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROOKS, CULVER, TARTAGLIONE, LAUGHLIN, BARTOLOTTA, PENNYCUICK, MARTIN, HUGHES, BROWN, COSTA, ARGALL and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SR 248**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing April 15, 2024, as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" and the month of April 2024 as the "Month of the Military Child" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 22, 2024.

March 25, 2024

Senator MARTIN presented to the Chair **SR 252**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 25, 2024.

March 28, 2024

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA, KANE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 249**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 18, 2024, as "National Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 28, 2024.

Senators BROWN, KEARNEY, CULVER, COMITTA, BROOKS, KANE, MARTIN, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, PHILLIPS-HILL, DUSH, COSTA, DILLON, CAPPELLETTI, FARRY, ROBINSON, LAUGHLIN, J. WARD, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON, SCHWANK and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 250**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 8 through 14, 2024, as "Local Government Week" and April 10, 2024, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 28, 2024.

April 5, 2024

Senators COMITTA, FONTANA, KANE, BREWSTER, STREET and CAPPELLETTI presented to the Chair **SR 253**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 2 through 8, 2024, as "International Dark Sky Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators KEARNEY, KANE, SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, SCHWANK, COSTA and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 254**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania to promote public awareness of the Sikh faith, recognize the important contributions of the Sikh community and combat anti-Sikh bigotry.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, KANE, MARTIN, FONTANA, STREET, HUGHES, PHILLIPS-HILL, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, COMITTA, HAYWOOD, DILLON, DUSH, BREWSTER, COSTA, SCHWANK and SAVAL presented to the Chair **SR 255**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BARTOLOTTA, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, COLLETT, COMITTA, L. WILLIAMS, MUTH, BOSCOLA, HAYWOOD, STREET, FONTANA, KANE, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, SAVAL, CULVER, COSTA, BREWSTER and DILLON presented to the Chair **SR 256**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators DUSH, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUTCHINSON, J. WARD and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 257**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2024 as "Faith Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators ROTHMAN, J. WARD and MARTIN presented to the Chair **SR 258**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to pursue legislative remedies to allow individuals 18, 19 and 20 years of age with a Commercial Driver's License to participate in interstate commerce activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 5, 2024.

Senators CULVER, HUGHES, PENNYCUICK, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, TARTAGLIONE, BROWN, L. WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD, BREWSTER, COMITTA, KANE, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, COSTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, J. WARD and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 259**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2024 as "Pennsylvania Donate Life Month."

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators ROBINSON, PENNYCUICK, MASTRIANO, AUMENT, ROTHMAN, DUSH, YAW, TARTAGLIONE, REGAN, BARTOLOTTA, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, FARRY, LANGERHOLC, BROWN, KANE, HUTCHINSON, VOGEL, BROOKS, HUGHES, FLYNN, COMITTA, COSTA, SCHWANK, PHILLIPS-HILL, BREWSTER, DILLON, J. WARD and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 260**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2024 as "Military Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senator STEFANO presented to the Chair **SR 261**, entitled:
A Resolution recognizing April 6 through 12, 2024, as the "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, KANE and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SR 262**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 1 through 7, 2024, as "Public Health Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 5, 2024.

Senators MASTRIANO and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SR 263**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to select Pennsylvania as the new State partner with the Kingdom of Sweden under the State Partnership Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 5, 2024.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

April 4, 2024

HB 843 and **1885** -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1201 -- Committee on Communications and Technology.

HB 1399 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

HB 1434, **1553** and **1665** -- Committee on Education.

HB 1446 and **1748** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

HB 1543 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 1745 -- Committee on Finance.

HB 1762 -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 1820 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 1843 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1956 -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

April 5, 2024

HB 287, **1601** and **1678** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 502 and **1875** -- Committee on Education.

HB 974 and **1030** -- Committee on State Government.

HB 1443 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 1538 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

HB 1549 and **1646** -- Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

HB 1818 and **1819** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 1869 and **1889** -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2023 FISCAL YEAR PROCUREMENT DEPUTATE Q2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of General Services
5th Floor, North Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

March 28, 2024

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Good afternoon all,

The attached Procurement Quarterly Legislative Report for Q2 FY2023 has been approved by Deputy Secretary Esposito for distribution to the members of the General Assembly.

Please let me know if you have any questions relating to this report.

Thank you,
Eryn Spangler
Legislative Director

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:

Mr. Luke Brubaker as a member of the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Mr. Thaddeus M. Taylor as a member of the Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the Majority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. Paul Puleo as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mrs. Carissa Itle Westrick as a member of the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Brown, and legislative leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Yaw.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Saval, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Brown, and legislative leaves for Senator Brooks and Senator Yaw.

Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Saval, and legislative leaves for Senator Brewster and Senator Hughes.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator PITTMAN asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator LAUGHLIN, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator COSTA asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator COMMITTA, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate April 8, 2024

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, April 29, 2024, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, April 15, 2024, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of April 15, 2024, it reconvene the week of Monday, April 29, 2024, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
CHRISTINE M. TARTAGLIONE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, it is with great honor and excitement that I am able to introduce a group of students from Liguori Academy in the Second Senatorial District. I had the pleasure to spend some time today with these students, and not too long ago, I also had the chance to visit Liguori and discuss the role of the legislature and the work we do here as elected officials in addition to the challenges and triumphs that life can have. They all have a bright future ahead of them, and I think, Madam President, Pennsylvania is in good hands with future leaders like the students in the gallery right now. So, please join me in giving the students and teachers from the Liguori Academy a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Senate please give a warm Senate welcome to Senator Tartaglione's guests.

[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL, JR.,
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VOGEL. Madam President, today we celebrate an incredible double accomplishment by Aliquippa High School. Traveling all the way from Beaver County, we welcome to the Senate the Aliquippa High School Boys' Football Team seated in the gallery, which in December capped off an undefeated season with a 60-14 victory over Dallas in the PIAA Class 4A final. The State title was the fifth overall and the second in 3 years for Aliquippa. The year before, they came within one game of an undefeated season, losing in the State final. Not only that, but the

Aliquippa boys' basketball team, made up of players from the football team, won their State championship as well this last month with a 74-52 victory over Holy Cross. Four of the Aliquippa's five basketball starters, and almost everybody on the bench, also played football. The hard work, dedication, and commitment to teamwork demonstrated by Aliquippa is truly impressive. Led by football coaches Mike Warfield and Vashawn Patrick, and basketball coach Nick Lackovich, these young men brought pride to the entire community and created memories that will last a lifetime. Please welcome the State champion Aliquippa High School Boys' Football and Basketball Teams to the Pennsylvania Senate.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the Senate please rise and give a warm Senate welcome to Senator Vogel's guests. Will the guests please rise.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE LANGERHOLC PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Langerholc.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam President, I rise today to introduce and thank our guest Chaplain, Pastor Randy Landman, from Mount Hope Community Church in South Fork. Pastor Landman is a native of Uniontown, graduating in 1977 from Laurel Highlands, went on to earn a degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1981, and then in 1984 from Asbury Theological Seminary. Pastor Landman was appointed a pastor of the Jeannette Free Methodist Church in Harrison City until he departed Pennsylvania to become a pastor in Los Angeles, California. He returned to Pennsylvania and led the Sampson Union Church in Charleroi. He has continued to serve multiple congregations across western Pennsylvania. He currently serves as a pastor at the Mount Hope Community Church in South Fork. He is very active in the community, including with the Forest Hills School District, where he leads a "See You at the Pole" service, where students gather to pray for their school and for each other. And on a personal note, he provided much comfort to my wife and I during the passing of my wife's father, and we thank him for that comfort. He and his wife, Dawn, have three daughters: Mollie, Malorie, and Mylie. Pastor Landman is joined today by his wife, Dawn; daughter, Mylie; his brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Susann; as well as Joann Bobincheck, a family friend, and they are seated in the gallery. Again, Mr. President, I wish to introduce our guest Chaplain, Pastor Randy Landman, and ask for our customary warm Senate welcome.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Langerholc please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND SENATOR PATRICK J. STEFANO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the State championship Belle Vernon football team. Right out of the gate, junior Anthony Crews returned the opening kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown, and then a few plays later raced another 62 yards on a reverse to put the Leopards up 14-0. Senior captain Quinton Martin added his touch with 2 scores during the game, which helped secure the Belle Vernon Leopards' 38-7 victory over the District 11 champions, Northwest[ern] Lehigh. That is a team effort that brought this team to where it is today. And according to Martin, the victory was a little sweeter this year because the team knew it would be hard to repeat back-to-back State championship wins, especially with a loss of 14 seniors from the previous year. But he knew they could do it because of how hard they trained and how they came together throughout the year. The team operated like a family. They worked together on and off the field and showed up for each other every day, day in and day out. And most importantly, they were unselfish. Despite a few setbacks with a few nonconference games early in the season, coach Humbert said that he knew the team had the talent to win, but the timing needed to be just right with the development of the offensive line. When you stick with integrity and work and train like these young men did all year long, there is a calm in the moment when you truly come together as a team, and you know you are just going to do it, and they did it. They are the two-time PIAA Class AAA State champions. The team's perseverance is represented in their collective willpower, mindset, passion, love, and respect for one another. These characteristics are not only what made these young men champions, but they are qualities that will make them succeed in life. The actions of these players on and off the field lifted our spirits and brought excitement and hope to our communities. Congratulations, we are all so proud of your personal and collective accomplishments and ability to overcome, and we all wish you much success, and let us make it a three-peat.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I echo the President pro tempore's sentiments in congratulating the Belle Vernon Area High School Football Team on another State championship. They are no strangers to the championship stage, and their hard work, discipline, and determination are evident. Undoubtedly, their triumph is a culmination of extensive practice, resilience, and sacrifices not only from the players themselves but also from their families and the dedicated coaches who have steadfastly supported them. This group is an excellent representation of the grit and fortitude that thrives throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. Again, I congratulate the Belle Vernon Leopards on another State championship and wish them continued success in the coming seasons.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the guests of Senator Kim Ward and Senator Stefano please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

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

**GUEST OF SENATOR RYAN P. AUMENT
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest for the day, Kylie Holl. After graduating from Palmyra Area Senior High School in June of 2022 with honors in environmental science, Kylie went on to become a student at Elizabethtown College, where she is slated to graduate in May of 2026 with a bachelor of arts individualized major in environmental law. She is actively involved in her community and campus. She currently serves as a Girl Scout troop co-leader for an on-campus Brownie troop, where she helps to devise badge work and service projects for the troop to complete. Previously, she was ambassador-level Scout for 13 years and earned her Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards by completing independent service projects.

Continuing her theme of giving back to her community, Kylie is also involved with Circle K, Elizabethtown College, as a club editor. She participated in various service projects that help the community and served as a delegate at the district convention last spring. Kylie works at ZooAmerica North American Wildlife Park in Hershey. She helps with the ticket sales and guest services and educates guests on the animal species that inhabit the park. Please join me in welcoming my guest, Kylie Holl, to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the guest of Senator Aument please rise and be welcomed by the Pennsylvania Senate.
[Applause.]

**GUESTS OF SENATOR
CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, today we have a very special guest joining us from the 46th Senatorial District, Miss Rain Day 2023, Abby Ray; her parents, Jason and Natalie; brother, Owen; and pageant director, Jeanine Henry, who are seated in the gallery, join us today. The annual Rain Day is a popular Greene County summer event. Its history can be traced back to the late 1800s, when a local farmer began keeping written record that it always rains on July 29. The event has bragging distinction of being the only pageant in the world where it is considered a success if it rains. This beloved tradition has been celebrated for over 150 years, and it expanded in 1979 to include the Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant, which is held the Sunday before the festivities.

What was once a small celebration has grown over these many years to become a community fair with contests, arts and crafts, live entertainment, lots of food, and lots of homemade goods.

Girls ages 14 to 18 are encouraged to participate in the Rain Day pageant, which include 4 areas of competition: personal interview, sportswear, evening gown, and talent. The winner of the Miss Rain Day title receives a scholarship and is recognized throughout her reign at local community events--see what we did there, her "reign." This past year's winner, Abby Ray, not only took home the Rain Day title, but also received the top award in the personal interview and evening gown categories.

As Miss Rain Day, Abby's community service initiative is "Let's Get Turnt Up," bringing awareness to the hard-of-hearing community of which she belongs. As someone diagnosed with hearing loss in her left ear, she wants to work with organizations throughout the county to assist people with hearing disabilities and bring awareness to the HOH community. Abby does a great job balancing her pageant responsibilities and her schoolwork. She is in her sophomore year at Carmichaels High School and is an active member in the National Honor Society, Spanish club, marching and concert band, and proudly serves as the captain of the junior varsity cheer team.

Outside of school, Abby dances at For the Love of Dance, where she studies contemporary dance, jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop. She also is an assistant dance teacher, where she helps teach beginner and intermediate dancers. She is also a member on her competitive dance team. When she is not competing, Abby enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and watching her younger brother, Owen, play baseball. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to host Abby today and get to know her. It is clear to me why she was chosen to represent the Miss Rain Day Pageant organization. Her motivation and her enthusiasm to succeed are truly contagious, and I look forward to seeing Abby compete in June at the upcoming Miss Pennsylvania Teen Pageant. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering a very warm Senate welcome to Miss Rain Day 2023, Abby Ray.

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

[Applause.]

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 819 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 819 (Pr. No. 928) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 819 (Pr. No. 928) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, providing for offenses relating to critical infrastructure facilities; and imposing penalties.

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

SB 831 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 831 (Pr. No. 1434) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PHILLIPS-HILL, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 831 (Pr. No. 1434) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the injection of carbon dioxide into an underground reservoir for the purpose of carbon sequestration, for the ownership of pore space in strata below surface lands and waters of the Commonwealth, for conveyance of the surface ownership of real property; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; and establishing the Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Fund.

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

RECESS

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, a meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, followed by a Senate Republican caucus.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus at the conclusion of the meetings of the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Appropriations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For purposes of two committee meetings to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, beginning with the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Judiciary, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 269 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 346 (Pr. No. 461) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 346 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 346, Printer's No. 461, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 365 (Pr. No. 975) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 365 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 365, Printer's No. 975, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 832, SB 1058, SB 1120 and HB 1246 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Yaw has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1295 (Pr. No. 1597) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1661 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 67 (Pr. No. 1437) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, repealing provisions relating to hunting on Sunday prohibited, providing for hunting on Sunday and further providing for the offense of trespass on private property while hunting and for hunting on Sunday without written permission.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 99 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 148 (Pr. No. 122) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for volunteer firefighter tax credit.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 219, SB 250 and SB 363 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 416 (Pr. No. 364) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 454 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 479 (Pr. No. 510) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to retirement for State employees and officers, further providing for definitions.

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 501 and SB 577 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 659 (Pr. No. 1439) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for definitions, providing for elective tax imposed at pass-through entity level and further providing for taxability of partners and for income of a Pennsylvania S corporation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 663 (Pr. No. 2229) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for residence and right to free school privileges.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 801 (Pr. No. 1359) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, further providing for teacher support in the structured literacy program; and providing for evidence-based reading instruction.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1014, SB 1017 and SB 1021 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1051 (Pr. No. 1346) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in procedure and administration, further providing for review by board and providing for settlement conference process.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 1056 (Pr. No. 1364) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in Treasury Department, further providing for investment of moneys.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1087 (Pr. No. 1438) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission; in game or wildlife protection, further providing for report to commission officer and for surrender of carcass to commission officer; in hunting and furtaking, further providing for the offense of trespass on private property while hunting; and, in special licenses and permits, providing for agriculture access permit list.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1409 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 667 (Pr. No. 1279) (Rereported)

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 games of chance, providing for payment; and abrogating a regulation.

SB 819 (Pr. No. 928) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, providing for offenses relating to critical infrastructure facilities; and imposing penalties.

SB 831 (Pr. No. 1434) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the injection of carbon dioxide into an underground reservoir for the purpose of carbon sequestration, for the ownership of pore space in strata below surface lands and waters of the Commonwealth, for conveyance of the surface ownership of real property; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; and establishing the Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Fund.

SB 975 (Pr. No. 1228) (Rereported)

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

SB 1018 (Pr. No. 1275) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in practice and procedure, providing for child victims and witnesses.

SB 1101 (Pr. No. 1427) (Rereported)

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

HB 917 (Pr. No. 2302) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adopting the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act.

HB 1795 (Pr. No. 2211) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389), known as The Clinical Laboratory Act, further providing for definitions and for exemptions.

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

BILLS AMENDED

SB 831 (Pr. No. 1434) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the injection of carbon dioxide into an underground reservoir for the purpose of carbon sequestration, for the ownership of pore space in strata below surface lands and waters of the Commonwealth, for conveyance of the surface ownership of real property; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; and establishing the Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Fund.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A3729 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A3729:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:
"Commission." The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.
Amend Bill, page 14, by inserting between lines 17 and 18:
(iii) Staffing of the department and commission required in section 12.
Amend Bill, page 15, by inserting between lines 21 and 22:

(d) Staffing.--The cost of staffing by the department required for performance of the duties of the department under subsection (c) is a department expense associated with the respective duty for permissible use of the fund under subsection (c).

Amend Bill, page 15, line 22, by striking out "(d)" and inserting:

(e)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 24, by striking out "(e)" and inserting:

(f)

Amend Bill, page 15, line 26, by striking out "(f)" and inserting:

(g)

Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 26 and 27:

Section 12. Department staff and pipeline inspection staff.

(a) Department staff.--Within three months of the effective date of this section, the department shall dedicate 100 employees to administering the duties and responsibilities imposed on the department by this act. The department may not designate current employees to meet the requirements of dedicating and maintaining 100 employees under this subsection.

(b) Pipeline inspection staff.--

(1) Within three months of the effective date of this section, the department shall be required to dedicate at least 50 additional pipeline inspectors to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed on the department under this act. The department may not designate current employees to meet the requirements of dedicating and maintaining the additional pipeline inspectors under this paragraph.

(2) Within three months of the effective date of this section, the commission shall be required to dedicate at least 50 additional pipeline inspectors to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed on the department under this act. The commission may not designate current employees to meet the requirements of dedicating and maintaining the additional pipeline inspectors under this paragraph.

Amend Bill, page 18, line 27, by striking out "12" and inserting:

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Muth.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, in its current form, Senate Bill No. 831 lacks the public protections for landowners as well as community members and our environment. Mr. President, my amendment would simply require that both the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission have adequate staffing to carry out the provisions of this legislation and to inspect and enforce regulations along the various pipelines across our Commonwealth, both currently built and those needed to be built to implement carbon capture sequestration and transport. My amendment would require that within 3 months of the effective date of this Act, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection would dedicate 100 employees to administering the duties and responsibilities imposed on the DEP by this legislation. It would also require that the Pennsylvania DEP and the Pennsylvania PUC each dedicate at least 50 additional pipeline inspectors to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by Senate Bill No. 831. My amendment also states that the department may not designate current DEP employees to meet this requirement and actually hire the new staff needed to actually oversee these projects. It also indicates that the PUC may not designate current employees to dedicate and to maintain 50 additional pipeline inspectors.

Mr. President, the Federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, also known as PHMSA, indicates that Pennsylvania already has more than 93,500 miles of underground pipelines throughout our Commonwealth, and that is before we even start to talk about carbon capture and storage or the

development of hydrogen hubs and related infrastructure in our Commonwealth. Any further pursuit of carbon capture and storage in our State would most certainly require a significant and costly investment in newly constructed pipelines to transport this captured carbon. We cannot pursue a program like this without adequate staff to inspect and ensure the safety of these pipelines in our backyards, near our schools, and everywhere else across this Commonwealth. In conversations with the PUC, they indicated that they currently have 19 pipeline inspectors on staff and have 6 vacancies, and remember, that is just for the existing pipeline infrastructure. The DEP indicated that they have 24 water quality specialists on staff who are tasked with inspections of service-related items associated with oil and gas development and 37 oil and gas inspector positions, 5 of which are vacant. Mr. President, if we are going to require any additional responsibilities or establish new programs under the Department of Environmental Protection or the PUC, we need to address the staffing complement, and my amendment would do just that. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, may we be at ease briefly?

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will briefly be at ease.

[The Senate was at ease.]

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A3729 TABLED

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move the amendment be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman moves that the amendment be laid upon the table. That motion is not debatable.

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

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

YEA-27

Argall	Culver	Martin	Rothman
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Pennycuick	Vogel
Bartolotta	Farry	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brown	Hutchinson	Regan	Yaw
Coleman	Langerhole	Robinson	

NAY-21

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Amendment A3729 will be laid on the table.

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

YAW AMENDMENT A3920 ADOPTED

Senator YAW offered the following amendment No. A3920:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 26 through 28, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 7, line 19, by striking out "division" and inserting: department

Amend Bill, page 8, line 6, by inserting after "carbon": dioxide

Amend Bill, page 14, line 5, by striking out "fees" and inserting: fee

Amend Bill, page 14, line 20, by striking out "fees" and inserting: the fee set

Amend Bill, page 14, lines 22 through 30; page 15, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(c) Deposit.--The fee imposed by the department under this section shall be deposited as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of the fee shall be deposited into the fund.

(2) Fifty percent of the fee shall be deposited into the restricted account within the fund established under section 10(a)(2).

Amend Bill, page 15, lines 10 through 30; page 16, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(a) Establishment.--

(1) The Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Fund is established as a separate fund within the State Treasury.

(2) A restricted account is established within the fund for the purpose provided under subsection (c)(2).

(b) Administration.--The department shall administer the fund.

(c) Use of fund and restricted account.--

(1) The fund shall be used only for defraying the department's expenses associated with:

(i) Processing permit applications.

(ii) Regulating storage facilities during construction, operational and preclosure phases.

(iii) Making storage amount determinations.

(2) The restricted account shall be used only for defraying the costs associated with long-term monitoring and management of a closed storage facility following the issuance of the certificate of project completion under section 11.

(d) Interest.--

(1) Interest earned by the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

(2) Interest earned by the restricted account shall be deposited into the restricted account.

(e) Transfer.--Money in the fund may not be transferred to the General Fund or another fund.

(f) Appropriation.--Money in the fund and restricted account shall be annually appropriated by the General Assembly.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, this amendment actually just changes the form of a fund. There is a restricted fund for fees generated by the storage operator and the money is put in a restricted account when the Treasurer's Office, and the original bill indicated that part of the money was to be kept in an escrow account under the control of the storage operator. And what this bill does is, it takes the money in the Treasurer's Office and puts it in a restricted account in that office which is under the control of

DEP, and I ask my colleagues for support for its immediate adoption.

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

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

YEA-27

Argall	Culver	Martin	Rothman
Aument	DiSanto	Mastriano	Stefano
Baker	Dush	Pennycuick	Vogel
Bartolotta	Farry	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brown	Hutchinson	Regan	Yaw
Coleman	Langerholc	Robinson	

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

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.

HB 917 (Pr. No. 2302) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adopting the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act.

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

BAKER AMENDMENT A3885 AGREED TO

Senator BAKER offered the following amendment No. A3885:

Amend Bill, page 11, line 16, by striking out "and" and inserting a comma

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, the amendment is technical in nature, and I believe it is agreed to. Thank you.

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

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1101 (Pr. No. 1427) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

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

NAY-0

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

SB 920 (Pr. No. 1512) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L. 1471, No. 165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for definitions; providing for sexual assault evidence tracking system; further providing for rights of sexual assault victims and for report by Pennsylvania State Police; and providing for waiver for victim.

SB 1127 (Pr. No. 1513) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to criminal proceedings, providing for citizenship status of criminal defendants.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator CULVER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 920 and SB 1127.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1132, 1133 and 1134; and House Bill No. 1477)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1092)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 973, 1139 and 1145; and Senate Resolution No. 263)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 279, 916, 998 and 1144)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 497; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

9:30 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider House Bills No. 775, 1207 and 1567)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 761 and 1109)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Pennycuik.

Senator PENNYCUICK. Mr. President, April is the Month of the Military Child in Pennsylvania, where we support the more than 32,000 children with parents in the military. This month is very personal to me and many of my colleagues. When we don the uniform, it is not just us who serves, our families serve as well. As a retired lieutenant colonel and a mother of four, I know

firsthand the challenges these children face. Seventeen moves across the United States and the world, 15 different schools from K through 12, Military children only know one constant, and that is change. They can relocate, say goodbye to friends, adapt to new schools, and, of course, cope with their parents' multiple deployments.

I have watched my own children navigate the complexities of military family life. Sometimes good and sometimes bad. Sometimes it is: I do not know what my address is, just look in my backpack because we will be moving soon. And other times it is: if the gentleman at the door is in a battle uniform, mom is only hurt; if the gentleman at the door is in his Class A, she is dead. The words of a 6-year-old. Now I watch my children navigate these complexities as they balance raising their own families while they are in the military.

So, today, I encourage you to keep these families in your prayers and your thoughts as we wear purple this month to support their journey. Beyond the recognition, we must advocate for policies and programs that directly address the unique challenges faced by children of military members. And I would like to take a moment to remember the children whose parents are currently deployed with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Enhancing educational opportunities, ensuring access to consistent mental health support, and fostering community connections are the utmost of importance. So let us commit to supporting these children, not just in April, but throughout the year.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of Senator Tartaglione, and offer her remarks and it will introduce for the records indicating that we are now at 6,483 days since our Commonwealth last increased the minimum wage. I ask that they be included in the record.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. 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 6,483 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Every time this Chamber returns to Session without addressing the moral failure of almost 17 years and 9 months of inaction on our minimum wage, we inch closer and closer to 18 years.

Mr. President, Governor Rendell signed Senate Bill No. 1090 in the summer of 2006, the last piece of legislation to be signed into law in Pennsylvania addressing the minimum wage and providing relief to our Commonwealth's lowest earners. That means, come the general election this November, Senate Bill No. 1090 will be 18 years old. Children in our schools across Pennsylvania have literally never seen our legislature make meaningful minimum wage reforms.

Let that sink in, Mr. President. There are graduating students of the class of '24 who have lived in a world with a minimum wage in the low \$7 range. I know I, and I assume my colleagues, are often asked to talk to students about the world, their lives ahead, and how we as elected officials are helping make the Commonwealth a better place than we found it. I am certain no one ever walks into a room full of students and touts how great of a life they can have working a job where they earn the minimum wage, or even a wage remotely close to it.

Just today, Mr. President, I welcomed students from the Liguori Academy and introduced them on the Senate floor. I have spent time getting to know these students and their teachers, and there is something that weighs heavy on my heart. These kids have never seen a Commonwealth where we appropriately value a human's work. Let us be clear, Mr. President. Our minimum wage is immoral. It is immoral to think a human being is worth just \$7.25 an hour for their work. We have a chance, Mr. President, to change that right now. We can, and we must, take time this budget season to appropriately address our minimum wage. Our workers deserve better, Mr. President. Our future workers deserve better, Mr. President. Pennsylvania deserves better.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Stefano.

Senator STEFANO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the week of April 6 through 12, 2024, as the Week of the Young Child in Pennsylvania. This week is about acknowledging the importance of early childhood care and education and celebrating the incredible potential that lies within every young child. The first few years of a child's life are crucial for their cognitive, emotional, and social development. Ensuring that an adequate support system surrounds young minds so they can learn their foundational skills they need to survive and succeed is vital, and we as legislators should keep this at the forefront of our minds.

In recognition of this week, we acknowledge the significant role that parents, caregivers, and educators play in supporting the growth and development of children. Investing in high-quality early childhood education and development is paramount to a continued investment in our Commonwealth's future. During this week, we honor the lively spirit and vibrant energy of every young child. As we recognize their newfound curiosity and creativity, we are reminded that we must empower their support system to ensure that each child has boundless opportunities available to them in the future. As we celebrate the Week of the Young Child, I ask that we recommit ourselves this week and every week to supporting young children and the parents, caregivers, and educators who work tirelessly to advocate for them, so that every child in Pennsylvania can grow to their full potential.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ROBINSON. Mr. President, I rise along with Senator Mastriano and Senator Rothman, some of my fellow military service veterans, to recognize Senate Resolution No. 248, which proclaims April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child in Pennsylvania. The resolution honors and supports an estimated 37,000 Pennsylvania children who have at least one parent currently serving this great nation as a member of any branch of the U.S. armed services. These tens of thousands of children and their families, and many more before them, assist and sacrifice in their parents' service in securing and maintaining our freedoms. Additionally, more than 2 million children nationwide experienced the deployment of one or both parents during the Global War on Terrorism. These frequent moves, parental deployments, and reassignments often cause challenges and disruption in the education, living arrangements, and supportive networks of these children. With an estimated 80 percent of Pennsylvania children in military families being school-aged, it is imperative that we provide every resource they need to adjust to constantly evolving situations. Just 2 years ago, I was thrilled to have one of my first legislative initiatives get signed into law with my friend Senator Stefano, via

Act 69, which provides Purple Star recognition to schools that go above and beyond to ensure military students are well acclimated into their new environments. This is just one example of how we can support all of those military children throughout the Commonwealth.

I also encourage my colleagues and constituents to "Purple Up!" on April 15, which is next Monday. This is a day to wear purple, which symbolizes sacrifice in all colors represented in each branch of our U.S. Armed Forces. Coming from a military family myself and having served with brave men and women who had young children at home as we served in Iraq and Afghanistan, I know firsthand the sacrifices a family makes. Thank you, Senator Rothman and Senator Mastriano, for your collaboration with me on Senate Resolution No. 248, and I thank my Senate colleagues for honoring April as the Month of the Military Child.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, just moments ago, we voted unanimously in support of Senate Bill No. 1101. It was birthed after a roundtable in Mercer County with Senator Michele Brooks, with fire chiefs in her district. The chiefs made it clear that the current process to become Firefighter 1 certified is just too difficult and unwieldy. Firefighter 1 is divided into 4 modules, which takes about 188 hours, 188 hours to complete. It is not an easy process to go through, particularly when the firefighter must travel great distances to take the training and the tests. What makes it difficult is after 188 hours of training, mostly volunteer fire individuals take a cumulative test, a comprehensive exam on all 188 hours of the 4 modules they traveled through. Our legislation, which passed unanimously just moments ago, will enable the firefighter to opt to take a test after each module rather than waiting for the complete 188 hours to be behind him or her. This change does not lessen the rigorous process or standards, it just makes the process more flexible and user-friendly. We are thankful for the support of the State Fire Commissioner's Office on this and thankful for our volunteer firemen and women out there who run into the jaws of danger and put their lives at risk to make our community safer.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, this morning, as chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, we held a service in honor of our Vietnam Veterans Day in Pennsylvania. I have a lot to say about our Vietnam veterans and what they have been through. They faced circumstances abroad and at home that few veterans had to face. My message today can be summed up simply with: I am sorry and thank you. That is it. As to the I am sorry part, it is about how our heroes during the Vietnam era were treated when they came back home, when they came back to the United States from country, especially those landing in airports such as in San Francisco when they were greeted by being spat upon and called names. I cannot imagine after serving a year or more in theater, losing friends, slugging it through the Mekong Delta or the mountains with the Hmong warriors around the border area of Laos and Cambodia, to be treated in such a way after such intense combat. They were

yelled at often when they came home, heckled, and spat upon. Only a generation early, with their parents, the World War II veterans returned home to ticker-tape parades and thank you's, truly a hero's welcome. That is something our Vietnam-era veterans did not receive. They served our country with distinction and honor and answered the call when the country reached out to them, did their duties, sacrificed so much, and came home to rejection. They deserve our country's admiration, respect, appreciation, as well as gratitude.

For me, I remember, of course, the retreat from Saigon in 1975; the sadness and horror of the thousands of Vietnamese who had supported our mission for over a decade, trying to get out of the country, knowing that their lives would be ended once the communists took over; the disgrace of our helicopters being crashed on decks of carriers filled with the South Vietnamese family members and the tens of thousands of boat people that fled. My own dad, during that period, was in the Navy--he served over 20 years in the Navy--and I remember one day he stopped coming home from work in his Navy uniform in the States. And I asked him, I said: dad, why do you not wear your uniform anymore? I was always so proud to see my dad in his Navy uniform. And he said his base commander issued orders that when they leave work that they no longer wear their uniform because they may be attacked or assaulted or abused. And as a little kid, I remember thinking, I just cannot imagine that in our country that a veteran, a hero, will be treated that way. It just puzzled me. The Vietnam veterans did not deserve to be treated this way. It was heartbreaking to watch it and to see it or learn of it. They did not deserve to have their sacrifices scorned nor their service called into question. I still hope the apology has meaning to them so many years later. They did not deserve to be treated that way. And I recognize, as chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, I recognize and thank them for their service and recognize them for the heroes that they are.

As to the thank you: thank you, Vietnam-era veterans, for your service, your sacrifice, answering your nation's call, traveling across the globe to fight an enemy you did not choose. Thank you for being a Vietnam-era veteran. I want you to know that you have been vindicated by history, and I encourage you to be proud of the uniform you wear and the service that you have performed on behalf of a grateful nation. I say thank you on behalf of every man and woman who has served in our U.S. Armed Forces after you. You paved the way for us so that my generation did not have to experience the hate, the scorn, the derision. When I went off to war in 1990 to liberate Kuwait with about a million others, we came home and were treated like heroes. That is thanks to the Vietnam-era veterans. So, thank you. Thank you for paving the way with the Veterans Affairs Administration [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs] and your struggles for justice with Agent Orange so that future generations would have a faster response other than being told we cannot help you; we do not know what your problem is. Thank you for answering the call and being steadfast so my generation did not have to endure that. In closing, it was recently brought to my attention that the General Assembly has placed into law a Persian Gulf War Day--that is fantastic, 1990-1991--as well as a Global War on Terror Day. But March 29, honoring our Vietnam-era veterans is not officially on our books in the Commonwealth. As such, we will be introducing legislation in short order to continue to honor our heroes from the Vietnam

War. I look forward to working with my colleagues in this Chamber to advance this proposal. Vietnam-era veterans, thank you for your service. We honor and respect you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brown has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Mr. President, I rise to recognize last week, April 1 through April 7, as National Public Health Week. I introduced Senate Resolution No. 262 to distinguish Public Health Week here in Pennsylvania. Our Commonwealth is home to nearly 13 million people. And as a result, we are also home to numerous public health organizations and advocates who work tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of our residents. I am sure you can think of many organizations that serve your district's health, whether it be the health departments, nonprofits, healthcare systems, and other community organizations. Public health seeps into every single facet within our daily lives. And the social determinants of health is the delicate well-being of our citizens, our loved ones, and our communities. Improving public health means that every community has access to the holistic range of needs that all human beings have.

Additionally, recognizing this week is even more important as recent legislative and judicial attacks on Americans' rights to receive and provide health care have threatened the well-being of our communities. Stripping people of their access and right to reproductive health care is detrimental to our society's well-being. We have heard countless stories of people who have been put in life-threatening situations because of their State's restrictions on abortion care. Politicians and judges do not belong in the doctor's offices. Here in Pennsylvania, we recognize that public health is a priority, and everyone deserves to have their health needs satisfied. This must include access to the full spectrum of reproductive health care.

In this legislative Session, I have cosponsored nearly a dozen health reform bills. One of them, Senate Bill No. 52, prohibits lifetime limits on health insurance policies that target individuals with chronic medical conditions. Another bill, Senate Bill No. 546, prohibits for-profit hospitals from taking advantage of hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians, eventually leaving them without health care. Additionally, Senator Schwank and I have introduced the Healthy Start Act, Senate Bill No. 573, legislation to accommodate pregnant individuals who are incarcerated to be placed in a community-based setting and ultimately ensure that birthing parents and newborns are kept together. These bills, along with so many other policy proposals we have introduced in the Senate, will make a meaningful difference in the health of our constituents' lives, setting Pennsylvania up for a healthier tomorrow. I hope this Chamber will join me in recognizing the importance of National Public Health Week and dedicate ourselves to ensuring all of our constituents have access to high-quality health care and services in our Commonwealth, as well as the

healthy and safe homes, schools, and community spaces that they deserve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Saval has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 45, SB 55, SB 115 and SB 740.

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 Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:43 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.