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SENATE

MONDAY, May 6, 2024

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend WILLIAM F. WIEGMAN, JR., of the Fraternal Order of Police Pennsylvania State Lodge, Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Good afternoon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Senate and, in particular, my home Senator Frank Farry for allowing me to this gracious invitation as Chaplain of the Pennsylvania Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police to offer the opening prayer of this Session to the Pennsylvania Senate. It makes me particularly proud and honored today, especially as we commemorate Police Memorial Day here in Pennsylvania. I am truly, truly humbled for this privilege.

So, let us pray.

Father, the Almighty, gracious as You are, as we gather here, please give us Your blessing on all of us assembled here in this hallowed Chamber. We begin on this wonderful and glorious day in prayer to You. We pray for You to help our elected officials of the Senate to make their decisions in a fair and just manner. Father, give these men and women of our Senate the guidance and the ability in these proceedings to work, representing all the citizens of Pennsylvania. The Lord give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety when they render their decisions. Father, at the conclusion of this day, bless the work that was done. Let those who have done this work be a true representation of the citizens of Pennsylvania. Watch over them as they return home to their loved ones in a safe manner. Let this all be done in Your holy Name, we ask. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Chief Wiegman, who is the guest today of Senator Farry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 20, 2023, of Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Stonesifer, Sinking Spring, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 15, 2023, of Amanda Warren (Public Member), 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frank Buzydlowski, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Danville State Hospital, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rae Kurland, Danville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 15, 2023, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Catherine Spayd, Duncansville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 4, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve until November 16, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marilyn Painter, Pittsburgh, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frances Stence, Chambersburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas White, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2024 [sic], of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steve Nevada, Orrtanna, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 15, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Randall Derr, Lititz, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated

November 20, 2023, of Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Craig Lutz, Wernersville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Beverly Kuzmission, Reading, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Scott D. Harron, 6354 Tulipwood Lane, Jamesville, New York 19078, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Mark Goodwill, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Lynn Lee, 35 Gelding Lane, Horsham 19044, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as

NGAP Assistant, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice National Guard Bureau Assignment.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Brian Lehew, 107 Lilly Lane, Centre Hall 16828, Centre County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Michael Regan, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Jaime E. Ramirez, 533 Pusey Mill Road, Lincoln University 19352, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Director of Joint Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General Terrence Koudelka, retired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Traci Wallace, 9015 Golden Leaf Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as NGAP Assistant, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice National Guard Bureau Assignment.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Frank McGovern IV, 1112 Foss Avenue, Drexel Hill 19026, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice vacant position.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Francis Montgomery, 338 West Orange Street, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as Land Component Commander, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General John Pippy, promoted.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Colonel Shawn Way [sic], 318 Muffley Hollow Road, Apollo 15613, Westmoreland County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General, LINE, with assignment as #2 Assistant Division Commander, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Brigadier General [data missing] Heasley, mandatory removal date.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MAJOR GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

May 3, 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, Brigadier General John Pippy, 7018 Weeping Willow Drive, Moon Township 15108, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General, LINE, with assignment as Commander, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, to serve until terminated, vice Major General Mark McCormack, reassignment.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

Please note that the letter dated May 3, 2024, for the recall of the nomination dated November 20, 2024, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steve Nevada, Orrtanna, resigned, should be corrected to read:

I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steve Nevada, Orrtanna, resigned.

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

May 3, 2024

Senators MASTRIANO, PENNYCUICK and VOGEL presented to the Chair **SB 1193**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, further providing for definitions, for volunteer service credit program, for service record, for certification and for duties of State Fire Commissioner.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 3, 2024.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

May 6, 2024

Senators REGAN, FARRY, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, HUGHES, ROTHMAN, ROBINSON, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, VOGEL, COMITTA, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON, MASTRIANO, COSTA, BAKER, BROWN, J. WARD and MILLER presented to the Chair **SR 288**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2024, as "National Police Week" and designating May 6, 2024, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 6, 2024.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

**REMARKS ON VOTE
PURSUANT TO SENATE RULE 20**

Senate of Pennsylvania
Senator Anthony H. Williams
Senate Box 203008
The State Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3008

May 1, 2024

Michael Gerdes
Secretary and Parliamentarian of the Senate
462 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Gerdes,

Pursuant to Rule 20, I write to request that the record from Senate Session on May 1, 2024, be adjusted to reflect my intended vote on final passage for SB 1109, PN 1461. As I was on legislative leave during this vote, my vote was incorrectly recorded as a "aye" when it should have been recorded as a "nay."

A copy of this request has also been transmitted to the President Pro Tempore's office. I asked that this letter be part of the Senate Journal for May 1, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS
State Senator – 8th District

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Coleman and Senator Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator Dush.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Santarsiero, and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Coleman and Senator Brooks, and a legislative leave for Senator Dush.

Senator Tartaglione requests legislative leaves for Senator Brewster, Senator Santarsiero, and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator COSTA, 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, May 6, 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, June 3, 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, May 20, 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 May 20, 2024, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 3, 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	Langerholz	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	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
Comitta	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
CAMERA C. BARTOLOTTA
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Mr. President, today I am extremely proud to have as my guests the Peters Township High School Dance Team from the 46th Senatorial District. It is not often that I am given the opportunity to host a group 2 years in a row, but I am not surprised with this dance team. These young ladies very much left a lasting impression last year when they came to Harrisburg after winning their second national dance championship. Peters Township High School Dance Team competes each year

at the Universal Dance Association's dance competition at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida. This annual UDA competition--for more than 40 years--is considered a prestigious dance competition for elite dancers and brings the top-seasoned dancers from around the country to compete. This year, the team competed in the small hip-hop category along with 43 other dance teams. Only 13 teams advanced to the final, and impressively, these ladies secured their 3rd back-to-back national championship title. It is also worth noting that they participated in the national game day category, taking home a fourth-place finish. It is my absolute honor to introduce this amazing, talented group who earned the privilege to sit on the Senate floor today. I would like to welcome team members Maria Antonio, Anna Radnor, Courtney Shilling, Gabriella Englesberg, Cailee Morgan, Emma Bell, Madeline Zagorski, Samantha Perich, Samantha Baumgarten, Helena Darby, Eva Cibrone, Regan Joyce. And behind every successful team, you will find the strong leadership of coaches who truly understand the importance of hard work, mentorship, and good sportsmanship: Coach Dominique Shuster and Barb Deliere. You are a testament to that type of leadership, and I am sure you have left a lasting impact on the lives of these young ladies and their families. It is unfortunate that those who I just mentioned were not able to join us today, as well as dancer Ashlyn Morgan. Keep an eye out for all of these young ladies here because I know they will have a very bright future ahead of them. Their mission is teamwork and encouraging others, even other teams at the competition for several years. I am so proud to have you here on the Senate floor and thank you for being part of the 46th Senatorial District, and Mr. President and my Senate colleagues, please join me in giving them a warm and well-deserved Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Bartolotta please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JUDY SCHWANK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, good afternoon, everyone. I am joined today by over 130 students and their advisors from the Muhlenberg Junior High and High School aevidium club, who are visiting us today in support of student mental health awareness. Their slogan is, "I've got your back." This morning, the individual students eloquently spoke about the importance of, and their struggles with, mental health. They came to support legislation, which is sponsored by myself and Senator Kane, that would allow students to have three excused mental health days to regroup and refresh and come back to school energized as ever. I would like to extend my sincere admiration and gratitude for these young advocates. I know they have bright futures ahead of them. Their words were powerful this morning. I wish everybody could have heard them. So, if our guests will please rise, all those white shirts up there, Mr. President; stand up guys. I would ask my colleagues to join me in offering our students a traditional warm welcome and let them know we have your backs. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate give its usual warm welcome.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

GUESTS OF SENATOR FRANK FARRY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Farry.

Senator FARRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce our guest Chaplain today, Chief William Wiegman, Jr. He is joined by his wife, Joan; his son, William III, who I may note serves as the director of fire services for Montgomery Township; his daughter-in-law, Amanda; his grandson, William IV, who is joining him on the floor here today; and Elizabeth. Chief Wiegman has served as the Chaplain of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police since August of 2022. He previously served as the president of the Bucks County FOP Lodge 53 for 8 years. Chief Wiegman served the residents of Bucks County as a police officer for Lower Southampton Township for many years and ultimately retired with the rank of chief. He is currently a professor at La Salle University. Also joining us today are representatives of the State FOP, including President Joe Regan. I want to thank Chief Wiegman and all of our law enforcement officers for the sacrifices they make day in and day out, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to keep our families and communities safe. Later today will be the annual police memorial held here in the Rotunda to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. As Chief Wiegman is joined by his family here, I think I would be remiss in not recognizing the sacrifices that their loved ones make when these men and women put the badge on and step out the door for their shifts. The sacrifices are great, both in terms of stress and time commitments. So, we also want to thank the families of our law enforcement officers for standing by their loved ones and the jobs that they do. Mr. President, I ask that the Senate give a warm welcome to our guest Chaplain, Chief William Wiegman, Jr., and his family members who are here, as well as the representatives of the Pennsylvania Lodge of the State FOP.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Farry please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce my guest, Mr. Arsenial T. Runion, the chief executive officer of the East Liberty Family Health Care Center. East Liberty Family Health Care Center is a federally qualified health center that focuses on providing care to those who are uninsured, underinsured, and underserved in the East Liberty, Lincoln-Lemington, and Wilksburg neighborhoods of Pittsburgh. ELFHCC was founded in 1982 and has been providing quality whole-person healthcare for all people, without regard to ability to pay, for over 40 years now. They provide a full array of medical services,

including behavioral health and social services, dental care, lab services, medical care, pediatrics, pharmacy, prenatal care and obstetrics, and support groups for their patients. I have been fortunate to witness the work of the East Liberty Family Health Care Center during my time in office, and to partner with them at numerous health fairs and wellness events for the community. I have also worked with them to secure funding to renovate and move into a new facility in East Liberty as their incredible work has far outgrown their old office. Mr. Runion is a recent addition to the East Liberty Family Health Care Center, having joined their team just 8 months ago, but I know that his passion for service and health equity make him an excellent addition to their team. I look forward to working with him and the center on future projects and continued efforts to ensure that the residents of Pittsburgh receive the services and healthcare that they deserve. I ask that the Senate give my guest, Mr. Arsenial Runion, our usual warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Lindsey Williams please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL R. REGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome my guests, the State champions from St. Theresa's School Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. The Saints recently won the 71st annual Harrisburg Diocese Championship in the PA CYO basketball championships. At States, the team won their first-round game in an overtime thriller against Our Lady of Mount Carmel of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, allowing them to advance to the program's fifth PA State final four appearance in the last seven seasons. In a spirited semifinal game, St. Theresa weathered an early storm and held off multiple runs by St. Clare/St. Paul from the Diocese of Scranton in the second half to advance to the fourth PA State championship game appearance in the school's 75-year history. In what will be remembered as the CYO game for the ages, a true contest of champions, St. Theresa battled Blessed Sacrament from the Diocese of Erie in a championship game rematch from 2023. It was a back-and-forth contest from start to finish. St. Theresa overcame a six-point deficit in the second half to win the school's second PA State CYO championship with a score of 47-41. The team finished the regular season and post-season with an impressive record of 26-1 overall. With this year's win, the St. Theresa's varsity boys' program has now won two PA State championships in three appearances over the last six seasons in 2018 and 2024. The members of this fabulous team are: Tommy Jones, Michael Williams, Mason Noecker, Torin Lang, Jalyn Bratcher, Luke Bowser, Aidan Fournier, Nike Craig, Jack Czarnecki, Manny Gassis, Liam Bauer, Josh Williams, Charlie Melchionni--I am sorry if I mispronounced that Charlie--Alex Czarnecki. They are led by Head Coach Jason Grace and his assistants, Scott Rider, Adam Boussatta, and Sam Bates. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give a warm Senate welcome to the St. Theresa Saints, the 2024 Pennsylvania CYO State champions.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Regan please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the FIRST Tech Challenge team, known as the Javengers, from Mechanicsburg in my district today. The team serves multiple purposes: to advance their own knowledge, to advocate for STEM education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to further develop a hub of competition for those interested. They work throughout the year to build, program, and continuously improve their robot, engaging in difficult tasks and challenges to demonstrate mastery.

Recently, these skills earned them a win in the robot game at the Pennsylvania State competition. They also won the Connect Award, which is given to teams that connect with engineers in their local community to increase impact. They met with 37 engineers and had more than 2,000 community members this year. The Javengers did not stop there, though. Just 2 weeks ago, the team attended the FIRST Tech Challenge world championships in Houston, Texas. The team placed 11th in their division and was awarded 3rd place in the previously mentioned Connect Award.

The Javengers have displayed skill and passion in their pursuits. They have done a great deal to promote STEM opportunities and encourage others to participate. The standard they have set is remarkable, and the example they provided will inspire many future leaders in STEM. I am honored to represent such a talented, dedicated group. Please join me in thanking them for taking their time to join us today and providing our guests a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Rothman please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROSEMARY BROWN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Monroe, Senator Brown.

Senator BROWN. Mr. President, I would like to welcome a very special guest of mine who has joined us today, Mark Entwisle, from Archbald, Lackawanna County; and Ryan Schofield, who is from Scranton in Senator Marty Flynn's district as well. I have met a lot of wonderful people today who are here in the Capitol to advocate for Alzheimer's Association PA Advocacy Day. My constituent, Mr. Entwisle, has lost his maternal grandmother, unfortunately, in 1998, and his mother in 2018 to Alzheimer's. He has been involved as a volunteer since 2012 with the Alzheimer's Association in multiple roles, such as Walk to End Alzheimer's committee member, an Alzheimer's Impact Movement advocate, an AIM ambassador to Congressman Cartwright in the Eighth [Congressional] District, and recently became an Alzheimer's awareness champion.

Mr. Ryan Schofield was with me at the Monroe County Walk to End Alzheimer's last fall and lives in Clarks Summit, not too far outside of my district. These advocates, and most importantly, all those who are impacted by Alzheimer's, dementia, and related

diseases are why I have introduced Senate Bill No. 840, legislation to transform our approach to Alzheimer's and dementia care in Pennsylvania. Together we can make a difference. Please join me in giving Mark and Ryan, who are seated here in the gallery, a warm Senate welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Brown please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR ELDER A. VOGEL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, Beaver County continues to be in the spotlight as another State title has been brought home. This time, the Blackhawk High School Girls' Basketball Team after they recently clinched the PIAA Class 4A championship in a 56-44 victory against Scranton Prep School in Hershey. This State title was the first for Blackhawk's first-year head coach, Greg Huston, and the team's fifth overall title. Previously they won back-to-back championships in 2014 and 2015.

Not only were they able to achieve this victory, but the Pennsylvania Sports Writers All-State Girls' Basketball team named senior guard Alena Fusetti as their first team selection and sophomore forward Aubree Hupp to their second team. Coach Greg Huston was also awarded the Class 4A Coach of the Year. He came to the Cougars after 8 seasons as coach at Beaver Area High School, where his record was 235 wins and 104 losses. Greg led Blackhawk to a 27-3 record this season. In 1999, Greg also helped Blackhawk win the boys' basketball State championship during his junior year in high school. I want to congratulate these young ladies and coach Huston, who are seated in the gallery, on this incredible accomplishment and for making Beaver County proud. I ask my colleagues to give the State champions our usual Senate warm welcome.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Vogel please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege today to introduce the women of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Delta Sigma Theta is a Greek letter sorority founded January 13, 1913, on the campus of Howard University. It is an organization dedicated to service and with a motto that "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom." I am proud to recognize these ladies today and have the Senate join us. And, I have to say on a special point of pride, my daughter is the president of the West Point chapter of Delta Sigma Theta [applause], and so I am pleased and proud to have the ladies here. I think before we ask them to rise, I think my colleague Chairman Hughes wants to join me in remarks.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, what is up you all [laughing]? I am sorry, Mr. President, that is not in decorum--okay, I apologize for that--but I would be totally remiss if I did not acknowledge the 200 and some-odd-thousand sisters of my wife, a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Thank you very much for the warm welcome. You can never miss a Delta anywhere. You can never miss one anywhere.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for the second time, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I just want to ask the Senate to join me in welcoming my sisters in crimson and cream, as I am a Kappa, to this esteemed body.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Street please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, the Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for caucus.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Santarsiero has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Tartaglione requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Schwank. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 67, SB 346, SB 365, SB 667 and SB 916 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 973 (Pr. No. 1515) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Anthony Williams has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator COLLETT. Madam President, I rise to share my strong support for Senate Bill No. 973. My district in Montgomery County is home to one of the largest Korean American populations in the Commonwealth. Since entering office, I have had the privilege of meeting with many Korean Armed Forces veterans who fought valiantly alongside the United States during the Vietnam War. During these conversations, we spoke about the barriers these veterans, now naturalized citizens of the United States, are facing, specifically that they are ineligible for the benefits and rights American-born veterans are afforded. It is imperative that our Commonwealth finally recognize the significant efforts and sacrifice that our military allies have contributed to our safety and security through more than just our words, but with meaningful action. I would like to recognize and thank my constituent, Master Bong Pil Yang, a local business owner and community leader who has tirelessly advocated for Korean-born Vietnam veterans in Montgomery County. Thanks to his advocacy and thanks to the countless veterans who have shared their stories, we are one step closer to ensuring these brave citizens receive the benefits and accolades they so deserve. I urge my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Madam President, I also rise to support this legislation. I want to thank the maker of the bill. This is an issue I have worked on in the past. There are many Pennsylvanians who do not realize that our Korean allied forces worked and fought side by side with Americans in the war. Many of them died, fought, bled with their American allies, and then after the war returned here. This acknowledgment of their service means so much to these folks who are now parts of our community, many of them now living as American citizens, but their service was as allied forces. The recognition will mean so much to them and to their families, their children, and certainly for people who have literally fought and been wounded and stood side by side and sometimes saved American lives. They deserve this honor. So, I thank the maker of the bill and urge an affirmative vote.

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

Senator PENNYCUICK. Madam President, the United States military is the greatest fighting force this planet has ever known. One of the most distinguishing factors that sets our military apart from our adversaries is our incredible network of worldwide alliances. These are allies who have and will continue to fight bravely alongside American forces. I was privileged to serve with many from different nations during my tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. But Madam President, I can think of no greater example of American allies serving an indispensable role alongside American forces as the Republic of Korea's Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. The South Koreans sent an estimated 350,000 soldiers to Vietnam and played vital combat and support roles in the American mission in Vietnam. After the war, many of these Korean Vietnam veterans immigrated to the United States. There are now over 3,000 naturalized Korean American citizens living in our country who served in the Vietnam War. Hundreds of those now call Pennsylvania home. They are American citizens who have made their lives and homes in this country and are entitled to the same level of respect as their U.S. military counterparts. I believe now is the time to recognize the sacrifices they readily made for our country. Senate Bill No. 973 is modeled after the recently enacted Federal Korean American Vietnam Allies Long Overdue for Relief Act, or VALOR Act. This measure will provide the same Pennsylvania rights and benefits as their American military veteran counterparts. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, any costs will be minimal and absorbed in their current workload and budget. Through the passage of this measure, we can show support for our American allies who put their lives on the line and fought side by side with our soldiers in Vietnam and who now call our country home.

Thank you, Madam President, and I urge an affirmative vote.

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 Brooks.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Regan and Senator Brooks. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	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
Comitta	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.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1058 and **SB 1087** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS AMENDED

SB 1132 (Pr. No. 1470) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

FARRY AMENDMENT A4289 AGREED TO

Senator FARRY offered the following amendment No. A4289:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 10, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 1709(a)(2)(ii) and (7) of the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting after line 19:

(2) * * *

(ii) The township may appropriate up to one-half, but not to exceed one mill, of the revenue generated from a tax under this clause for the purpose of paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of fire suppression employees of the township or a fire company serving the township. For any calendar year, the board of commissioners may waive the appropriation limitation under this subparagraph by resolution.

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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

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

SB 1133 (Pr. No. 1471) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

FARRY AMENDMENT A4236 AGREED TO

Senator FARRY offered the following amendment No. A4236:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 10, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 3205(a)(4) and (8) of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 17 and 18:

(4) An annual tax not exceeding three mills to purchase and maintain fire apparatus and a suitable place to house fire apparatus, to make appropriations to fire companies located inside and outside the township, to make appropriations for the training of fire company personnel and for fire training schools or centers and to contract with adjacent municipal corporations or volunteer fire companies therein for fire protection.

(i) The township may appropriate up to one-half, but not to exceed one mill, of the revenue generated from a tax under this clause for the purpose of paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of fire suppression employees of the township or a fire company serving the township. For any calendar year, the board of supervisors may waive the appropriation limitation under this subparagraph by resolution.

(ii) If an annual tax is proposed to be set at a level higher than three mills, the question shall be submitted to the voters of the township.

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

It was agreed to.

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

SB 1134 (Pr. No. 1472) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

FARRY AMENDMENT A4288 AGREED TO

Senator FARRY offered the following amendment No. A4288:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 1302(a)(6) and (9) of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 1 and 2:

(6) For the purchase of fire engines, fire apparatus and fire hose for the use of the borough or for assisting any fire company in the borough in the purchase, renewal or repair of any of its fire engines, fire apparatus or fire hose, for the purposes of making appropriations to fire companies both within and without the borough and of contracting with adjacent municipalities or volunteer fire companies in adjacent municipalities for fire protection, for the training of fire personnel and payments to fire training schools and centers or for the purchase of land upon which to erect a firehouse, or for the erection and maintenance of a firehouse or fire training school and center, not exceeding three mills. The following shall apply:

(i) The borough may appropriate up to one-half, but not to exceed one mill, of the revenue generated from a tax under this paragraph for the purpose of paying salaries, benefits or other compensation of fire suppression employees of the borough or a fire company serving the borough. For any calendar year, the council may waive the appropriation limitation under this subparagraph by resolution.

(ii) If an annual tax for the purposes specified in this paragraph is proposed to be set at a level higher than three mills, the question shall be submitted to the voters of the borough, and the county board of elections shall frame the question in accordance with the election laws of this Commonwealth for submission to the voters of the borough.

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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1139 (Pr. No. 1473) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator MASTRIANO. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1139. Pennsylvania is blessed with about 700,000 veterans, one of the highest veterans population in the entire nation, and we all grieve when a veteran passes away. This legislation is designed to help the surviving family members in the midst of their sadness and sorrow. It would ensure that family members of the deceased service members are notified of their veterans' burial benefits. The bill would require licensed funeral directors, funeral entities, and cemetery companies to provide notification to the counties of the deceased service person within 3 days to ensure that they receive the benefits deserved. It would also require the entities to provide the families of the deceased veteran with the contact information of their county veterans affairs director. Fostering this simple, commonsense communication between surviving family members, funeral directors, and county directors of veterans affairs will not only help ensure family

members get access to the veteran's records and benefits, but it ensures also that they will get the proper sendoff that they deserve. I thank Representative Craig Staats for his efforts on this issue in the House, and ultimately, look forward to getting this issue across the goal line for our veterans.

Thank you, Madam President. I ask for an affirmative vote.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	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
Comitta	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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1419 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 77, SB 99, SB 219 and SB 250 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 269 (Pr. No. 1575) -- 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 tax credit and tax benefit administration, further providing for definitions; providing for volunteer certified emergency medical technician tax credit; and imposing duties on the Department of Revenue.

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 Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 454, SB 501, SB 525, SB 577, SB 645, HB 775 and SB 800 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1017 (Pr. No. 1268) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in responsible utility customer protection, further providing for declaration of policy, for definitions, for cash deposits and household information requirements, for payment arrangements, for termination of utility service, for reconnection of service, for public utility duties, for reporting of recipients of public assistance, for liens by city natural gas distribution operations, for reporting to General Assembly and Governor and for nonapplicability and repealing provisions relating to expiration.

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 1021 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Schwank has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1102 (Pr. No. 1564) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169, No.14), known as the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act, providing for training for long-term care, for criteria for nurse aides and for limitation on department.

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 1104 (Pr. No. 1565) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for credit for employment at congregate care facility.

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 1108, SB 1149 and HB 1567 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SENATE AT EASE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request that the Senate be at ease until 3:34 p.m., at which time I anticipate us reconvening to recess for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, could the Democratic Members of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations come up around my desk?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Yes.

[The Senate was at ease.]

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, we are going to go to petitions and remonstrances.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, today I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 282, which recognizes May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Madam President, according to the CDC, more than 1 in 5 American adults live with mental illness. This includes an estimated 1.8 million Pennsylvanians with mental health conditions. The youth figures are just as striking. One out of every 5 teenagers in our country is currently dealing with a seriously debilitating mental illness or has suffered from one in the past. It is important to understand the scale of this issue, because study after study shows that mental health is equally important as physical health in our overall well-being. In fact, our collective mental health is one of the most pervasive and challenging issues we as lawmakers must grapple with. Mental health plays a massive role in other problems such as gun violence, childhood learning gaps, workforce shortages, you name it. And when we think about these ongoing dilemmas, improving mental health of our citizens needs to be at the top of the list for solutions.

As for myself, I would be lying if I told you that I have never felt anxious, overwhelmed, or depressed before. I felt those feelings in abundance through alcohol addiction, my accident, and

the loss of friends and family. The truth is, I would not be here today without the support of my family and friends and dedicated professionals who helped me open up about my mental health and address it. That is a fact. From the bottom of my heart, I encourage my colleagues to extend support to those dealing with mental health—whether it is family, neighbors, or even yourself—this month and beyond. Accessing mental health services is not weak. It is the strongest thing you can do. I know there is a saying: it is okay to not be okay. And that is true. Just because you are not doing well mentally does not mean you need to mask your emotions and pretend everything is fine, so long as you accept that sometimes you need help and address the underlying challenges you are facing.

I urge my colleagues to promote mental health for all our Commonwealth residents by advancing policy that provides resources, education, treatment, and insurance coverage for mental health. And if anyone out there is struggling with thoughts of suicide or self-harm, please reach out to someone or call 988, the national Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Thank you, Madam President. Let us normalize mental health conversations. Let us expand access to mental health treatment, and let us support our neighbors who are experiencing mental health challenges.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,511 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Our Commonwealth's low-wage and minimum-wage earners have been left behind by inflation and rising costs while our legislature has toiled and delayed and allowed our minimum wage to stagnate at \$7.25. Our minimum-wage earners deserve better, Madam President.

Madam President, it was July 9, 2006, the last time we took bold and meaningful action for our minimum-wage earners. I will never forget an encounter I had after we passed Senate Bill No. 1090. I was leaving the hotel in Harrisburg and going back home to my district, and I was stopped and thanked by countless workers as I left. It truly never hit me what we have done to raise the minimum wage until that moment, because the gentleman said to me: Senator, do you know what you did? You almost gave my family a 50 percent raise in my salary.

When we negotiated Senate Bill No. 1090, we had the data on what it would mean for the economy. We knew we would raise the minimum wage for 438,000 people across the Commonwealth, but what I lost in the process was the humanity. We made sure families would be able to earn a wage that helped put food on the table. We made sure workers could do their full-time job and not have to work two or three additional jobs to keep a roof over their head. We changed countless of Pennsylvanians' lives just with the stroke of a pen. It can be so easy in this building, Madam President, to lose the humanity of the situation. But right now, Madam President, Pennsylvanians are struggling. Pennsylvanians are living in State-sanctioned poverty. Pennsylvanians need help. That is why I will never give up our fight for our workers. I know how much this can and will mean for hardworking Pennsylvanians. I have seen the relief and excitement in workers who are finally going to have a little bit more in their paycheck every week. I know this fight is a fight worth being in. I will never

apologize for being pro-worker, and I will never stop advocating for our minimum-wage earners.

Thank you, Madam President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

Senator J. WARD. Madam President, today I join my colleague Senator Collett to rise as proud nurses to recognize Nurses Week in Pennsylvania and honor all the dedicated nurses practicing within our Commonwealth and providing critical care to individuals spanning all generations. Throughout the month of May, Pennsylvania's nurses will receive much-deserved recognition through Senate resolutions celebrating Nurses Week during May 6 through 12, School Nurse Day on May 8, and Skilled Nursing Care Week during May 12 through 18. As a registered nurse, I know firsthand the impact that the quality care nurses provide can have on patients and their families. Nursing is a challenging and rewarding profession that combines a love of caring for others with an understanding of health, illness, and human behavior. Registered nurses are Pennsylvania's largest segment of healthcare providers. Today there are more than 242,000 registered nurses within the Commonwealth. During these challenging times, when a critical shortage of nurses is impacting healthcare across our State and our nation, I ask you to reflect on the impact nurses across all disciplines make within our Commonwealth through the lives they touch each and every day. In gratitude for their enduring dedication to professional excellence and devotion to patients under their care, let us take time to personally acknowledge and thank nurses for their important role in sustaining healthy individuals and communities throughout Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator COLLETT. Madam President, I rise today to offer remarks in support of Senate resolutions declaring May 6 through 12 as Nurses Week in Pennsylvania, May 8 as School Nurse Day, and May 12 through 18 as Skilled Nursing Care Week in Pennsylvania, respectively. As the two nurses currently serving in the Senate, Senator Judy Ward and I are proud to be able to speak on behalf of the more than 220,000 practicing nurses across the Commonwealth who give so much to protect the health and safety of their patients. I am thankful for Senator Judy Ward's partnership and collaboration on these resolutions. As you heard, Nurses Week, culminating on Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12, is a time when we can all reflect on the significant contribution nurses make to us personally and within our communities, as well as their many contributions throughout history. The COVID-19 pandemic made it clearer than ever how deeply important nurses are to the healthcare profession and community health, and these professionals deserve our respect and gratitude for all they do each and every day. School Nurse Day celebrates the crucial and often overlooked work our school nurses do to

keep our students and school staff healthy. In addition to their role as comforter and caregiver, school nurses are on the frontlines of health education, infection control, and school safety. And a special shout out to Nurse Lori at my son's school who also has the job of trying to diagnose his mystery illnesses, when really, I think he is just looking for ginger ale.

Finally, Skilled Nursing Care Week celebrates the dedicated healthcare professionals who care for at-risk populations residing in long-term care facilities. This year, the theme of Skilled Nursing Care Week is "Radiant Memories," which honors the lasting legacy skilled nursing care centers have on the residents and staff. As nurses, Senator Judy Ward and I know exactly how critical each and every nurse is to a patient's care. Regardless of the setting, nurses come in to work to fight off disease, heal injuries, and most importantly, to ensure that everyone in their care is safe and healthy. We are proud to take this moment of reflection to celebrate the contribution of nurses across Pennsylvania for all that they do to keep our Commonwealth thriving. I hope that we will all take this time to thank a nurse in our lives for the important role that they play in keeping Pennsylvanians healthy, whether that be in our communities, at a school, a hospital, a skilled nursing care facility, or any other setting.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Regan.

Senator REGAN. Madam President, today, May 6, 2024, is a somber day at the Capitol as we mark Police Officers' Memorial Day in Pennsylvania ahead of National Police Week beginning on Sunday, May 12. I have introduced a resolution recognizing these two significant designations in our Commonwealth, but more importantly, to honor six law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. These brave souls, each with their own unique story and journey, made the ultimate sacrifice.

Oakdale Borough Police Patrolman Charles G. Stipetich made the ultimate sacrifice on July 3, 2022, when he was shot and killed by a road rage driver in Blawnox. Brackenridge Borough Police Chief Justin McIntire made the ultimate sacrifice on January 2, 2023, when he was shot and killed during a foot pursuit by a wanted subject. McKeesport Police Officer Sean Sluganski made the ultimate sacrifice on February 6, 2023, when he was shot and killed while responding to a domestic situation in McKeesport. Temple University Police Sergeant Christopher Fitzgerald made the ultimate sacrifice on February 18, 2023, when he was shot and killed while struggling with a subject in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania State Trooper Jacques Rougeau, Jr., made the ultimate sacrifice on June 17, 2023, when he was shot and killed by a wanted man in Walker Township. And Philadelphia Police Sergeant Richard Carrero Mendez made the ultimate sacrifice on October 12, 2023, when he was shot and killed at the Philadelphia International Airport while approaching a subject breaking into a vehicle.

These fine officers did not hesitate when called to serve their communities and our Commonwealth. These brave guardians of our safety did not hesitate in the face of danger. They did not hesitate to do what was necessary to protect those around them. Today, as we pause to honor their memory, I urge each of you to reflect on the profound impact of their sacrifice and the families they left behind. It takes a unique individual to put the needs and safety of others first, despite the dangers they face, which seem

to increase daily. And I know firsthand the sacrifices that are made by each officer and their family every single day, but especially when a senseless act by a criminal means their end of watch. Tonight, the Fraternal Order of Police will hold their annual Fallen Heroes Memorial at the Capitol Rotunda to honor the loss of these six officers who are a reminder that the men and women of law enforcement bravely serve to protect us all, regardless of the potential consequences to themselves, and they deserve our unwavering admiration and respect. So, I express my sincerest gratitude to the officers we honor today, as well as their families, and I give thanks to all who have lost their lives in the line of duty and those who continue to serve and protect.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator CAPPELLETTI. Madam President, I rise today to speak on Senate Resolution No. 285 and Senate Resolution No. 286. The month of May is annually designated as Jewish American Heritage Month by the President, and we believe the Commonwealth should join this effort to celebrate the history of Jewish traditions, culture, and the contributions of Jewish Americans, which is why I have introduced these resolutions with my colleagues Senator Schwank and Senator Santarsiero. Jewish American Heritage Month gives us an important opportunity to learn more about the contributions that Jewish Americans have made to our communities, our Commonwealth, and our country. Senate Resolution No. 286 recognizes this week, May 5 through May 11, as Jewish Day Schools Week in Pennsylvania. Jewish day schools play an integral role in the Jewish community by offering a supportive atmosphere where children are nurtured in an environment that promotes Jewish values and a quality education. Pennsylvania is currently home to over 400,000 Jewish residents and a historically high number of 32 Jewish day schools.

These resolutions celebrate the continued vitality of the Jewish American community here in Pennsylvania and across the nation. As anti-Semitic activity continues seemingly unabated, these designations are an opportunity for Pennsylvanians of every faith to learn about and celebrate the inspiring history of Jewish people and Jewish culture. Learning more about the different types of communities that reside here in Pennsylvania helps to promote peaceful living, a shared respect, and an understanding that no matter who we are or what background we have, we all deserve a safe, healthy, and happy place to live and raise our families. I hope my colleagues will join me in this effort to promote awareness of and appreciation for the experience of Jewish Americans here in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Brooks has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will be held immediately in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator PITTMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

SB 37 (Pr. No. 1583) (Amended) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for learners' permits and for examination of applicant for driver's license; in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive mobile device; in miscellaneous provisions relating to serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle; in enforcement, providing for data collection and reporting relating to traffic stops; and imposing penalties.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AND REREFERRED

Senator PITTMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

SB 269 (Pr. No. 1584) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for imposition of tax; in gross receipts tax, further providing for imposition of tax, providing for transfers to Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund and further providing for establishment of revenue-neutral reconciliation; in tax credit and tax benefit administration, further providing for definitions; providing for volunteer certified emergency medical technician tax credit; imposing duties on the Department of Revenue; eliminating the tax imposed upon each dollar of the gross receipts received from the sales of electric energy; providing for the benefit of consumers and for a civil penalty; and making a repeal.

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

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator PITTMAN, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

SR 252 (Pr. No. 1456)

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.

The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

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

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 20, 2023, of Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David Stonesifer, Sinking Spring, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 15, 2023, of Amanda Warren (Public Member), 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frank Buzydlowski, Philadelphia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 26, 2024, and corrected on March 13, 2024, of Rodney R. Akers, Esquire, 4307 Dakota Street, Pittsburgh 15213, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Gray, Hatboro, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Danville State Hospital, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rae Kurland, Danville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 26, 2024, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gregory Black, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

April 25, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 16, 2024, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until June 23, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Walter Eisenhauer, Jersey Shore, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 17, 2024, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term

of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ann Michele Coughlin, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 17, 2024, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kristin Malady, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 16, 2024, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months [sic], vice Bridget Vincent, Huntingdon Valley, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 11, 2024, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as member of the State Registration Board For Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve until June 8, 2026, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jonathan Tabas, Lansdale, deceased.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 15, 2023, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Catherine Spayd, Duncansville, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 15, 2023 of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Small, Wyomissing, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

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

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 4, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks (Public Member), 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve until November 16, 2024, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marilyn Painter, Pittsburgh, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated

November 20, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frances Stence, Chambersburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Elise Claire Schell, 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas White, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Amanda Warren, 213 Locust Street, Unit 301, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until January 16, 2029, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steve Nevada, Orrtanna, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated December 15, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Randall Derr, Lititz, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

April 22, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 26, 2024, of Elise Claire Schell (Public Member), 1500 North Sixth Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Meredith Odato Graham, McMurray, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Moriah Hathaway, 2501 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Craig Lutz, Wernersville, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 3, 2024

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated November 20, 2023, of Thomas J. Yablonski, Jr., 3115 Wayland Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until January 21, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Beverly Kuzmission, Reading, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator BARTOLOTTA, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

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

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I move that the nomination just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The nomination will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Motion was made by Senator BARTOLOTTA,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering a nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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	Laughlin	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
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw

NAY-0

A constitutional two-thirds majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1084; and House Bill No. 660)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:30 P.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 795; and House Bill No. 1097)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 269, 739, 920, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1017, 1165 and 1173)	Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

9:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 1026)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
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BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair wishes to announce the following bill was signed by the President (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the presence of the Senate:

HB 358.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 7, 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 4:01 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.