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SENATE

MONDAY, July 1, 2024

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

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator ELISABETH J. BAKER:

Please join me in prayer.

Almighty and gracious God, from You comes every good and perfect gift. We ask to have our hearts and minds filled with wisdom, compassion, a sense of justice, and fiscal prudence. We are blessed to have gathered in this Senate Chamber men and women of remarkable ability and diversity to make crucial decisions in concert with the oath we have taken. We are blessed to serve in a Commonwealth established on the great principle of religious freedom and tolerance. We hope that our deliberations will keep sight of the needs and interests of all who require assistance, who seek opportunity, who contribute to better and safer communities, and who are committed to strengthening and supporting families. For this, and all other blessings we have been granted, we give thanks as we strive to do our best. In the spirit of grace and goodness, and in Your Name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Baker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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:

June 30, 2024

Senators STEFANO and LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 1278**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, repealing provisions relating to COVID-19 enforcement officer disability benefits; and providing for COVID-19 emergency responder and law enforcement officer death benefits.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 30, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 30, 2024

Senators FARRY, SANTARSIERO, COLLETT, MARTIN, COSTA, PENNYCUICK and ROBINSON presented to the Chair **SR 312**, entitled:

A Resolution designating August 4, 2024, as "BAPS Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 30, 2024.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, HUGHES, SCHWANK, L. WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD, COSTA, BREWSTER, VOGEL, SAVAL, STREET and DILLON presented to the Chair **SR 313**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of June 2024 as "Migraine and Headache Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, June 30, 2024.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

June 30, 2024

HB 350 and **1441** -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1993 and **2403** -- Committee on Health and Human Services.

HB 2028 and **2185** -- Committee on Education.

HB 2106, **2107** and **2108** -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.

HB 2132 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 2216 and **2308** -- Committee on State Government.

HB 2265 -- Committee on Local Government.

HB 2266 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 2328 -- Committee on Appropriations.
HB 2413 -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

2023 ADMINISTRATION OF
VOTER REGISTRATION IN PENNSYLVANIA
ANNUAL REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of State
302 North Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

June 30, 2024

To the General Assembly
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

As Secretary of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to report on the administration of voter registration in Pennsylvania for calendar year 2023.

The administration of voter registration in Pennsylvania is a joint effort between county and state officials. In 2023, the Department of State worked with the state's 67 county election boards and voter registration commissions to provide voter registration opportunities to eligible residents of Pennsylvania and to enhance our efforts to ensure the accuracy of voter rolls. This partnership between state and county officials promotes civic participation while maintaining the integrity of our elections.

To achieve these dual complementary purposes, the Department supports counties in a variety of ways, including providing voter education materials, making available official voter registration application forms both in print and online in multiple languages, and distributing data to counties identifying voters who may have moved and voters who are deceased. The Department also continues its collaboration with various state agencies designated under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), and those designated under Executive Order 2022-03 as Voter Registration Distribution Agencies, to administer voter registration programs. The Commonwealth's implementation of automatic voter registration processes through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation continues this work of providing greater access to qualified electors through a method that keeps Pennsylvania's records secure, verified, and up to date.

The Department remains committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under both the NVRA and Pennsylvania's voter registration law. Under my leadership, the Department will continue to promote voter registration and civic engagement through its outreach efforts across the Commonwealth, and we will continue to provide the tools counties need to maintain the accuracy and integrity of their voter rolls.

If you have questions about this report, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs at (717) 787-6458.

Sincerely,

Al Schmidt
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Brown, Senator Coleman, and Senator Mastriano.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Miller and Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Comitta, Senator Santarsiero, and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests legislative leaves for Senator Brown, Senator Coleman, and Senator Mastriano.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Miller and Senator Hughes, and legislative leaves for Senator Comitta, Senator Santarsiero, and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 1255 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 1255 (Pr. No. 1790) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 7 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1255 (Pr. No. 1790) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 31, 2018 (P.L.123, No.25), known as the Outpatient Psychiatric Oversight Act, further providing for definitions.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

The SECRETARY. Permission has been granted for the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to add House Bill No. 1820 to its agenda when the committee meets during Session today off the floor in the Rules room. The committee will meet to consider Senate Bill No. 25, House Bill No. 2200, and House Bill No. 1820.

RECESS

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Education, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Transportation, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, all of which will be held in the Rules room. Following those committee meetings, the Senate Republicans will recess for caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meetings that were just referenced by the Majority Leader, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber for a caucus as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a series of committee meetings to be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, beginning with the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Appropriations, followed by the Committee on Education, followed by the Committee on Judiciary, followed by the Committee on Transportation, followed by the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT 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 LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Miller and Senator Brown have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Martin.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILL LAID ON THE TABLE**

SB 67 (Pr. No. 1686) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission; in game or wildlife protection, further providing for report to commission officer and for surrender of carcass to commission officer; in hunting and furtaking, repealing provisions relating to hunting on Sunday prohibited, providing for hunting on Sunday and further providing for the offense of trespass on private property while hunting and for hunting on Sunday without written permission; and, in special licenses and permits, providing for agriculture access permit list.

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

SB 67 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 67, Printer's No. 1686, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED****BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

HB 327 and **SB 365** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER AND LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 375 (Pr. No. 905) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, repealing provisions relating to CPR instruction; and, in school health services, repealing provisions relating to automatic external defibrillators and providing for AED and CPR instruction and procedure, establishing the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program and providing for availability and specifications of automated external defibrillators.

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

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9, the bill was laid on the table.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 522 (Pr. No. 494) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for volunteer firefighters; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for license costs and fees.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator Brooks.

Senator BROOKS. Madam President, I would like to submit comments for the record on Senate Bill No. 522.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Mercer, Senator BROOKS:)

Madam President, Senate Bill No. 522 offers reduced hunting and fishing licenses for volunteer firefighters in our Commonwealth. Currently, resident adult hunting licenses cost \$20.97, and fishing licenses cost \$27.97. This legislation would reduce the cost of each to \$1 for those who have been a volunteer firefighter for at least the previous 12 months in the Commonwealth. This is a small but meaningful way to show our appreciation to these brave men and women who volunteer their time and risk their lives to make our communities a safer place. In the 1970s, Pennsylvania had as many as 300,000 volunteer firefighters. There currently are only approximately 38,000 volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth. This is not a complete answer to help address the dwindling amount of volunteer firefighters, but one more way we can show our token of appreciation. I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cappelletti, Coleman, Collett, Culver, Dillon, DiSanto, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Muth, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey

Comitta Kane Rothman Yaw
Costa Kearney

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 766, SB 795, SB 812, HB 816, SB 976, HB 1032 and SB 1058 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

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

SB 1087 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1087, Printer's No. 1438, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1129 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1183 (Pr. No. 1572) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A4706 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A4706:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "definitions":
; and, in requirements and prohibitions, providing for entities with gov-
ernment partnerships

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 13 and 14:
Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 307. Entities with government partnerships.

An entity that has partnerships, collaborations or research contracts
with Commonwealth entities, agencies or officials shall provide public
records in accordance with this act. The public records shall include in-
formation about donors to the entity or its affiliates.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "2" and inserting:
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On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MUTH. Madam President, my amendment would add
a section to Chapter 3 of the Right-to-Know Law to include any
entity that has partnerships, collaborations, or research contracts
with Commonwealth entities, agencies, or officials in the provi-
sions of the law. The amendment also indicates that public rec-
ords will also include information about any donors to those en-
tities or their affiliates. Madam President, there are too many
organizations in our Commonwealth that have significant influ-
ence and access in this building and to our General Assembly
Members and the administration. If these entities are providing
funding and assistance to our elected leaders of our State, the pub-
lic deserves to know who is funding their operations. I ask my
colleagues for an affirmative vote on this amendment. Thank you.

MUTH AMENDMENT A4706 TABLED

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman moves that
the amendment be laid upon the table. That motion is not debat-
able.

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

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-22

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

Comitta Hughes Saval Williams, Lindsey
Costa Kane

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Amendment A4706 will be
laid upon the table.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Madam President, I request a temporary
Capitol leave for Senator Robinson.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Pittman requests a
temporary Capitol leave for Senator Robinson. Without objec-
tion, the leave will be granted.

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

MUTH AMENDMENT A5383 OFFERED

Senator MUTH offered the following amendment No. A5383:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting after "definitions":
; and, in requirements and prohibitions, providing for State funding re-
cipients and regulated entities

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 13 and 14:
Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 307. State funding recipients and regulated entities.

An entity that receives taxpayer funding in the form of grants, ap-
propriations or loans, or is regulated by a Commonwealth agency or local
agency shall provide public records in accordance with this act.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "2" and inserting:
3

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

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

Senator MUTH. Madam President, my amendment would add
a section to Chapter 3 of the Right-to-Know Law to include any
entity that receives taxpayer funding in the form of grants, appro-
priations, or loans in the provisions of the law. It would also in-
clude any entity that is regulated by a Commonwealth agency or
a local agency in the provisions of the Right-to-Know Law. Any
entity that benefits from taxpayer funding or State oversight
should be included in our transparency laws. It is also imperative
that if we are going to require transparency by the Pennsylvania
School Boards Association, which is the initial underlying bill we
are voting on, that we also require that all schools across the Com-
monwealth, as well as other entities regulated by the Common-
wealth, follow the Right-to-Know Law. I ask my colleagues for
an affirmative vote on this amendment.

Thank you, Madam President.

MUTH AMENDMENT A5383 TABLED

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

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

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

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

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

YEA-28

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

NAY-22

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

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Amendment A5383 will be laid upon the table.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
It was agreed to.

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator PHILLIPS-HILL. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1183, legislation that seeks parity and fairness with all entities that participate in the Public School Employees' Retirement System, also known as PSERS. Since 1939, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association has participated in PSERS after a Commonwealth Department of Justice determination made the entity eligible. For 85 years, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association has been the only nongovernmental nonprofit entity that is a participant of PSERS. Staff at this nonprofit currently participate in the same retirement system that our public school educators and administrators enjoy. Additionally, taxpayers also subsidize the association's Social Security reimbursement out of our State budget's line item for school employees' Social Security. However, unlike public school educators and administrators, this association is not subject to the State's Right-to-Know Law. The State does not afford any other private nonprofit membership association the option to participate on the public education pension system or pay a portion of its Social Security. There

are membership associations that serve public employees and officials, from county commissioners to borough council members and township supervisors. However, there is no association that is a participant of SERS or PSERS or funds Social Security reimbursement from the State, which makes them an outlier. We have an opportunity to rectify this disparity through Senate Bill No. 1183. If an entity receives public benefits by way of a pension paid for with taxpayer dollars, in addition to reimbursement through our education funding with Social Security reimbursement, much like our public schools, then the entity should be bound by the same transparency and same good governance requirements that come with these programs. I respectfully ask my colleagues for their support of Senate Bill No. 1183.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator L. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I rise to submit remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator L. WILLIAMS:)

Madam President, I want to start by acknowledging the hard and often thankless work of local school board directors. The Senate has taken many votes that only make their job harder, and I am glad school board members have an organization like the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to support them. That said, my values around transparency are clear. Senator Phillips-Hill and I are co-primes on legislation to increase government accountability and transparency in Pennsylvania. I post my own expenses online and voted to subject the State-related universities to Right-to-Know. I believe that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association has a strong argument that they are not a State-affiliated entity, but without more information--for me, it remains a slightly gray area. When in doubt, I am always going to be in favor for more transparency and accountability. Especially considering the recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision on the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, I will be a "yes" on Senate Bill No. 1183 today.

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-28

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

NAY-22

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

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 1201 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1228 (Pr. No. 1651) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees, further providing for automatic certification.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

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

SB 1232 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1477 (Pr. No. 1663) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in general provisions,

providing for certain transmittals and submissions to governmental bodies.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1664 and **HB 1889** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2096 (Pr. No. 2677) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in surplus lines, providing for surplus lines fees and further providing for monthly reports.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 2161, HB 2182 and HB 2301 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 117, SB 349, HB 491, SB 580, HB 897, SB 988, SB 1026, SB 1118, SB 1171, SB 1208, SB 1230, SB 1242, SB 1251, SB 1271 and SB 1274 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1619 (Pr. No. 2226) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for double utility poles.

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 1730 (Pr. No. 2066) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in application of the act and penalties, further providing for exclusions.

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

June 10, 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, Jennifer Kauf, 799 Branch Road, Woodbury 16695, Bedford County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, 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 Brian Reed, Manheim, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 10, 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, James Hershey, 135 Forest Lane, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until May 30, 2028, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Kopp, Middletown, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

June 14, 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, Debra L. Bogen, M.D., 2719 North Second Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Health, to serve until January 19, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Levine, Middletown, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

June 10, 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, Christa Barfield, 36 East Pastorius Street, Philadelphia 19144, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Mazza, North East, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BARTOLOTTA. Madam President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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JOSH SHAPIRO Governor

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

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

YEA-50

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cappelletti, Coleman, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Culver, Dillon, DiSanto, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Gebhard, Haywood, Hughes, Hutchinson, Kane, Kearney, Langerholc, Laughlin, Martin, Mastriano, Miller, Muth, Pennycuick, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Rothman, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw.

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

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:

SECRETARY OF HEALTH

June 14, 2024

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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-42

Table with 4 columns of names: Argall, Aument, Baker, Bartolotta, Boscola, Brewster, Brooks, Brown, Cappelletti, Collett, Comitta, Costa, Culver, Dillon, Dush, Farry, Flynn, Fontana, Haywood, Hughes, Kane, Kearney, Langerholc, Martin, Miller, Muth, Phillips-Hill, Pittman, Regan, Robinson, Santarsiero, Saval, Schwank, Stefano, Street, Tartaglione, Vogel, Ward, Judy, Ward, Kim, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Lindsey, Yaw

NAY-8

Table with 4 columns of names: Coleman, DiSanto, Gebhard, Hutchinson, Laughlin, Mastriano, Pennycuik, Rothman

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 366 (Pr. No. 1745) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for payments on account of pupils enrolled in career and technical curriculums.

SB 698 (Pr. No. 761) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for license requirements.

SB 1080 (Pr. No. 1396) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, in death and fetal death registration, providing for pronouncement of death by a practical nurse.

SB 1160 (Pr. No. 1524) (Rereported)

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

SB 1177 (Pr. No. 1550) (Rereported)

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

SB 1207 (Pr. No. 1771) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school safety and security, establishing the Cell Phone Lockable Bag Pilot Program.

SB 1269 (Pr. No. 1749) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Agriculture Innovation Grant Program and the Agriculture Innovation Board.

HB 829 (Pr. No. 3426) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania liquor stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania liquor stores; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for interlocking business prohibited and for relating to liquor and alcohol (not including manufacturers), for extension of licensed service area and issuance of off-premises catering permits, for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for interlocking business prohibited relating to malt and brewed beverages (including manufacturers) and for Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board, repealing provisions relating to surrender of club licenses for benefit of licensees and further providing for surrender of restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor license for benefit of licensee, for Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program Board, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, for hours of operation relative to manufacturers, importing distributors and distributors, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees and for premises to be vacated by patrons; and, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited distilleries and distilleries and providing for Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

Senator STEFANO, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 25 (Pr. No. 1797) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for the Rural Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner Health Care Access Program.

HB 1820 (Pr. No. 2446)

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for definitions, for practice without license prohibited, for eligibility requirements for examination, for limited licenses, for requirements of a school of cosmetology, for practice in licensed salons only, for booth rental prohibited, for fees, for applicability, for duration and renewal of licenses and for penalties.

HB 2200 (Pr. No. 2889)

An Act amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and duties, providing for criminal history background checks.

Senator ARGALL, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bill:

HB 1553 (Pr. No. 2761)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, providing for suicide prevention hotline telephone number on student identification card; and, in school safety and security, further providing for school safety and security coordinator.

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

HB 115 (Pr. No. 958)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, further providing for payments to family and funeral directors.

HB 416 (Pr. No. 2929)

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

HB 1466 (Pr. No. 1650)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for a cause of action on protected public expression and for immunity for protected public expression; and imposing a duty upon the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

HB 1700 (Pr. No. 2231)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for endangerment of public safety official.

HB 1716 (Pr. No. 2230)

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in entities generally, further providing for requirements for names generally and providing for registration of name of domestic nonfiling association; in entity transactions, further providing for nature of transactions and for approval by limited liability company; in foreign associations, further providing for foreign registration statement; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for certain specifically authorized debt terms; in officers, directors and shareholders, further providing for derivative action; in foreign business corporations, further providing for application of article; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in corporate powers, duties and safeguards, further providing for certain specifically authorized debt terms; in officers, directors and members, further providing for derivative action; in general partnerships, further providing for contents of partnership agreement; in limited partnerships, further providing for contents of partnership agreement and for derivative action; and, in limited liability companies, further providing for contents of operating agreement and for derivative action.

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

HB 1338 (Pr. No. 1614)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for the offense of off-road vehicles in urban municipalities.

HB 2266 (Pr. No. 3438)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing for racing on highways; in enforcement, further providing for disposition of impounded vehicles, combinations and loads; in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for subsequent convictions of certain offenses; imposing penalties; and making editorial changes.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 25, HB 115, HB 416, HB 1338, HB 1466, HB 1553, HB 1700, HB 1716, HB 1820, HB 2200 and HB 2266.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills Rules Committee
No. 25 and 219; and House Bills No. 816, 1086, Conference Room
1446, 1466, 1716, 1820, 1853, 2200 and 2233)

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS Rules Committee
(to consider Senate Bills No. 1000 and 1173; Conference Room
House Bill No. 613; and certain Executive
Nominations)

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

10:30 A.M. EDUCATION (public hearing on combatting Hearing Room 1
anti-Semitism on Pennsylvania college North Office
campuses)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, I rise because today marks 6,567 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. Madam President, we are here today in Harrisburg the day after our constitutionally mandated deadline to pass our Commonwealth's budget. At midnight last night, we should have sent a package of bills to the Governor's desk for him to sign, providing a roadmap for our Commonwealth and how we invest and fund our priorities for the coming year. And I have heard it all before. Members are here fighting for their priorities and the things important to their constituents, and no one is willing to compromise their morals or ethics for this budget. I get that, Madam President. We all have things we want to see included in the final budget package. Most important to me is getting our minimum wage law updated for the first time in nearly 18 years.

We are just days away from the 18th anniversary of Governor Rendell signing my bill, Senate Bill No. 1090, at Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia, which was the last time our Commonwealth acted to raise our own minimum wage. And to be blunt, Madam President, I am so tired of coming into this Chamber and pleading for humility and help from my colleagues. It is as clear as ever that our minimum-wage and low-wage earners need help, Madam President. That is why I introduced Senate Bill No. 1186, because I see our minimum-wage and low-wage earners struggling and cannot sit idly by as their struggles compound and they fall farther behind. We have the chance to change their lives, Madam President. We can show the single mother working two minimum-wage jobs, or the senior working a low-wage job just to afford their medicine, that we see their struggles and are stepping up to help them. Our minimum-wage earners are not looking for handouts, Madam President, they just need our help to get their chance to thrive. As we finalize the package of bills that will make up the '24-'25 budget, I am asking my colleagues that we include a minimum wage raise in there. Let us do the right thing, Madam President. Thank you.

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Madam President, I will be brief, but I would like to recognize that today on this date in history I married my lovely wife, Cortney, and just wanted to wish her a

very happy anniversary and tell her that I love her very much, and that is all. Thank you.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 149**, **SB 464** and **SB 645** with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1173**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 149, SB 464 and SB 645.

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, July 2, 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 6:22 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.