

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Legislative Journal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

SESSION OF 2024 208TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 30

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, July 3, 2024

The Senate met at 10 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Hon. MICHAEL GERDES, Secretary of the Senate:

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, please guide the Members of this body as they perform the duties of their office. Instill in them Your wisdom, Your perseverance, and Your grace. We ask that You inspire in them a spirit of cooperation so that they may find common ground on the important tasks they face this week and every week. Thank You for the privilege to serve, for the blessings of good health, and for all of Your blessings. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

July 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 April 22, 2024, of Justin Bechtel, 201 Pine Street, Sunbury 17801, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh 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, Jr., Hatboro, whose term expired.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY

July 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 May 17, 2024, 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 Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2027, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ava Willis, King of Prussia, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

July 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 May 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 Transportation Commission, to serve until June 18, 2025, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frank Paczewski, Dallas, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 82**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

SENATE BILLS RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 688, SB 916 and SB 1144**, 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 bills will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 1280 (Pr. No. 1785)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for the Pennsylvania Child Learning Investment Tax Credit Program.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Coleman and Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Boscola, Senator Muth, and Senator Tartaglione, and legislative leaves for Senator Comitta and Senator Anthony Williams.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Aument requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Coleman and Senator Regan, and a legislative leave for Senator Martin.

Senator Costa requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Boscola, Senator Muth, and Senator Tartaglione, and legislative leaves for Senator Comitta and Senator Anthony Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal of the Session of May 6, 2024, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of May 6, 2024.

Senator AUMENT. Madam President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

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

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholc	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Laughlin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Martin	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			

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will briefly be at ease.
[The Senate was at ease]

HOUSE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule 13(c)(2)(i), **SB 82** will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

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 Health and Human Services, both to be held in the Rules room immediately. Following those two committee meetings, the Senate Republican Majority will caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber at the conclusion of the two meetings that were scheduled.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Health and Human Services, both of which will be held off the floor in the Rules room immediately, 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. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request that Senator Mastriano's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests that Senator Mastriano's leave be changed from a personal leave to a legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Saval. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Coleman, Senator Boscola, Senator Muth, and Senator Comitta have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 613 (Pr. No. 3479) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for funding for certain State-aided universities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and for a certain State-aided university for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for costs basis, for frequency of payments and for recordkeeping requirements; imposing a duty on the Auditor General; providing for financial statements, for the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund and for restrictions; and making appropriations.

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

POINT OF ORDER

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

Senator YAW. Mr. President, I rise to seek a ruling from the Chair pursuant to Rule 20. Mr. President, House Bill No. 613 will appropriate funds for certain State-related entities within the Commonwealth, including the Pennsylvania College of Technology. I currently serve as chairman of the board of the college, and as such, this bill will provide funding to a business with which I am affiliated, although I will receive no direct, personal, or pecuniary benefit from this bill. Am I excused from voting under these circumstances?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Yaw requests a ruling of the Chair pursuant to Rule 20(c), whether the Member has a direct personal, private, or pecuniary interest in this bill. The Senate will be at ease while the Chair considers this matter.

[The Senate was at ease.]

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman for his inquiry about a conflict of interest in the factual situation just given. The Chair would rule that there is no conflict of interest and that, in accordance with Senate Rule 20, the Senator must vote on House Bill No. 613 for the following reasons. First, the Chair finds that the Senator is a member of a class of individuals who may or may not be affected by any actions on House Bill No. 613. And second, the Chair does not find that any votes the Senator may cast would be particularly personal to the Senator or privately affect the Senator alone. Therefore, it is the ruling of the Chair that you must vote on House Bill No. 613.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-44

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

NAY-6

Coleman	Gebhard	Mastriano	Ward, Judy
DiSanto	Hutchinson		

A constitutional two-thirds majority of 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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 25 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 67 (Pr. No. 1802) -- 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator VOGEL. Mr. President, I rise today in opposition to Senate Bill No. 27 [67]. I was on the Committee on Game and Fisheries back in 2019 when this bill was first introduced, and it came out of committee with no debate, and although we agreed back then to 3 Sundays, it always was in the back of my mind that that was not going to be the end. As the old saying goes, you give somebody an inch, they take a mile. That has become the case with this situation. Right now, it is not 3 Sundays to 5 Sundays, or 3 Sundays to 7 Sundays, it is 3 Sundays to 52 Sundays. Right now, 52 is the cap. Technically, the Game Commission has the ability and authority to have Sunday hunting 52 Sundays a year. And that causes a lot of problems for a lot of people, especially me, and also the other people who want to recreate across Pennsylvania. Because how are we going to let the Pennsylvania people know that the second and third and fourth Sundays in May, possibly, are going to be Sundays they cannot go to the State

forest, to State game lands, because there will probably be turkey hunting? And how are they going to know that come September, when the Game Commission is going to probably take September to January and have every Sunday hunting because there will be deer hunting, archery hunting, bear hunting, elk hunting, more deer hunting, muzzleloader hunting, and then you get into January, and you have goose hunting. I just see this as a real problem. And how you are going to let people know--that they want to go in the fall to enjoy the leaves, and they possibly cannot do that because there will be Sunday hunting, and they will be affected by this.

I also want to say that it affects the landowners as well. Last fall, just an example, 7 o'clock on Sunday night, a truck comes pulling down the road, my wife is trying to pull out our driveway, he cuts across in front of my wife's truck, stops, jumps out of his truck, and asks her if he could go hunting tomorrow morning in the woods across the road from our house. That, I believe, is just ridiculous. We also had a hunter, 2 years ago, come pounding on my door on a Sunday morning, 6 o'clock, wanting to go hunting in the piece of woods down behind my house. These are situations that myself and other landowners deal with constantly. And while I do agree with the underlying bill and the need for farmers to be able to have crop damage concerns and trespassing concerns, I do believe that this is something that we do not need, and I would ask for a negative vote on Senate Bill No. 67. Thank you.

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

Senator BREWSTER. Mr. Chairman [sic], I rise to support the bill, and I acknowledge my good friend's comments with regard to some of the concerns, but I think we have to recognize a couple of things, actually several things. One, neighboring States, Ohio in particular, have Sunday hunting. I have a camp up in Clarion County, right next to Forest and Jefferson, and I can remember the thousands of hunters would come over from other States, and just the revenue alone for those counties who wait for these hunting seasons is very important to those areas. I would harken back to the original bill of 3 Sundays, the Game Commission reported zero, zero complaints. And I realize that I do not speak for the farmers, I am a member of the Farm Bureau myself, and I know we worked hard with the Farm Bureau and other stakeholders to make sure we covered every issue. If you own private property, you do not have to permit Sunday hunting on your property. I know farmers are permitted Monday through Saturday, but on Sunday they say no. And the law specifically deals with that issue, because sometimes folks encroach on areas where they are not supposed to be, okay? The idea that there might be 52 Sundays is not exactly accurate. There are, I believe, 14 Sundays that are appropriate because those are the only hunting seasons. If there is deer season, bear season, small game, archery, muzzleloader, if you add them up, I think it is a total of 14 Sundays. So, it is not every Sunday of the year. And equally important is the fact that the Game Commission has not committed that they are going to use all the Sundays. This simply gives them the ability to use Sundays if they think it is appropriate to be competitive with other States, if it gives them the opportunity to get young children out with their grandparents or their parents; college students, who typically cannot go out during the regular seasons. And as you go back, the first Sunday that it was law, I went up to my camp, I was the only one in my camp who went, and I ran

into other hunters, and it was not an overwhelming number. I mean, in fact, frankly, one of my colleagues we talked about, well, I go to church. Well, for me, the best time to hunt is those last 3 hours, so I can go to church and still hunt. So, the notion that these things are somehow not available are simply not true. And, frankly, I have a farmer right next to my property--3,000 acres; I think he is the second or third largest producer of potatoes in the northeast, okay--and he welcomes hunters because of the crop damage. And not every farmer feels that way, but I think if you digest the information that we have, the stakeholders who we have engaged in this process, the Game Commission who really will be regulating the Sundays; it is not statutory. In other words, it does not say that if you vote on Senate Bill No. 67 today, it does not mean that there is going to be hunting on every Sunday, okay? It just simply gives your Game Commission and their board, who you all confirmed; you confirmed the Game Commission members. You can lobby your local district board member to not have a particular Sunday. So, there are all sorts of ways to maneuver through the process and make a convoluted issue like this turn out to be something special.

So, I would just end by saying, up until this point in time, there have been no complaints from private property owners, and I would make this comment, and I say this in a compassionate way, in 55 years of hunting, I have never seen a walker or a jogger on game lands. The game lands are paid for by hunting licenses, by men and women and children who utilize the natural resource. Pennsylvania is a destination point for tourism, fishing, and hunting. This is something that we should try to make the best of what we have without encroaching on others who may have a different view. So, this is not about we being better than they. This is about taking a Blue Law that is, what, how many years old, and saying this is something we now think we can do and manage our way through it. So, I would encourage a positive vote from my colleagues.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, it is hard to follow the last two gentlemen for being far more experts in this issue than I am. And I am grateful for both the Minority chair and the chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs for their input into this legislation. And I understand we cannot all agree on everything, but I do want to talk about some of the things that are in this bill now that we have amended--the hunting for crop damage solutions, part of the AG Freedom Package. This began with conversations with the members of the ag community about crop damage, crop damage from our wildlife, specifically deer. We have reported--the last study from the USDA showed that, nationally, more than a billion dollars annually in crop damage, which causes the increase in prices of our food. In Pennsylvania alone, close to \$50 million in damages, in crop damages. So, looking for a solution on, how can we unite hunters and farmers to do something to mitigate the crop damage?

Senate Bill No. 67 addresses both the needs of farmers and hunters through commonsense regulatory reform. You know, it streamlines the process and the protocol for harvesting of deer on your property, saving farmers time and resources during critical production periods when every second counts. It increases communications between the hunting and farming communities by

linking hunters seeking private land access with farmers searching for additional means of managing their deer populations. And it strengthens the trespass penalties to help align Pennsylvania law with trespass laws in surrounding States--that was mentioned in the previous speaker's comments--and it ensures that agricultural representation on the Game Commission Board, ensuring that farmers who manage over 7 million acres of land in this State, compared to the 1.5 million acres of game land, and I believe that deer are harvested probably at that same ratio. That agricultural and the farming community needs a seat at the table in discussing wildlife management.

Mr. President, this bill protects private property rights, it stiffens penalties for individuals who break trespassing laws, including prohibiting them from hunting in Pennsylvania, and it brings together farmers looking for assistance to mitigate that crop damage and hunters looking for more opportunities through the creation of an ag access list. Senate Bill No. 67 fosters collaboration and understanding between farmers and Game Commission by requiring one regional member of the Game Commission Board be filled by someone with a background in agriculture who is also knowledgeable in wildlife and conservation. And lastly, Senate Bill No. 67 gives the Game Commission the authority to regulate Sunday hunting with more freedom, giving current hunters and the next generation of hunters more opportunities to get into the woods while protecting private property rights. This legislation brings two groups--two very important groups to me--sportsmen and farmers, together, united for a common goal. And I believe this bill demonstrates that all voices have been heard. Today, we have a bill before us that increases both freedom and opportunity and protects that great heritage of hunting in our State and our most important industry, farming. I ask my fellow colleagues for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 67.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to this bill. Although there are many things in here that will actually help out my farmers, I have got a concern that affects everyone within my district. The number of people who own properties and have had situations similar to that described by the Senator from Beaver County is just amazing in my district. And it was said before that, there have been no complaints. I get plenty of complaints, including from my mother--we have got over 100 acres that people want to hunt on, and they come up and start knocking on our doors at the early hours of the morning. The frustration for me--and by the way, with some of our predator hunting, like with coyotes and stuff--it is 52 weeks out of the year.

It is difficult for me--well, actually, for me, it is impossible to vote for this simply because I am losing so much land from private ownership into the hands of DCNR, into the hands of the Game Commission. The Game Commission says, well, we only get to pay \$400 an acre. They have got ways around it, and they have been using those ways. I have townships that cannot afford to put a roof over their equipment because, like with Heath Township--my numbers are from 2016, but I know it has not gotten any better--\$18,500 and change is what they get from tax revenue. You cannot put a roof over the equipment that they get; beg, borrow from other counties and other municipal governments just to get the equipment. This is an untenable situation for so many

people in my district. The Game Commission has made, and we have made through these pieces of legislation, decisions that have caused three of my family-owned businesses that center around the hunting industry, they are gone, and they directly attribute it to the change in the first day of hunting season and to the Sunday hunting.

Mr. President, I have to be a "no." And just for the sake of the people who I have in my district, I mean, we are losing people left and right, we are losing land left and right. And, you know, for all the amount of land that DCNR and others want to acquire, we are not getting a commensurate number of people coming in to enjoy that. So, you know, I have got the north central region of Pennsylvania--which I have most of it in my district--we have got great conservationists up there. We recycle more tons of material than any of the other five DEP districts. I am only one Senator. Other areas have a dozen or more, and yet we recycle more tons of material. I have great conservationists. I have people who care about our environment, but you are driving them out with this vote. Mr. President, for the sake of my municipal governments and others in my district, I encourage Members to vote "no." Thank you.

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

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, this is a good example of how the debate on a bill can really help to enlighten the situation, perhaps more, and provide more information perhaps we could have used prior to this vote. I rise to oppose this vote. I am not against hunting, and I actually supported the original Sunday hunting bill that Senator Vogel talked about. As a former county agricultural agent, I am well aware of the damage that is created by wildlife, particularly for horticultural crops, but agronomic crops, too. Talk to your sweetcorn farmers and ask them about the devastation that a deer herd can do in just one evening. It is significant, and I believe that those folks need relief. But the problem that I see with this legislation is that when we combine two bills--the original bill, which was Senate Bill No. 67, which was the hunting bill by Senator Laughlin, the Sunday hunting bill, and then the other bill, whose number I do not have at the tip of my tongue, which was Senator Vogel's and Senator Rothman's bill, which addressed some of the issues relative to the crop damage, the incursions, the trespassing, which I felt was an excellent bill and one that I could totally support and I supported in committee--my problem with this bill is by combining these two, we are making a problem for ourselves in terms of the Sunday hunting issue.

As Senator Vogel mentioned, this could be possibly 52 Sundays. Now, I recognize there are specific hunting seasons, but who is to say those are not going to change as a result of decisions that the Game Commission makes? I think the bill just misses the mark by not being more specific in the number of Sundays that would be available. We do not have to go from 3 to 14. We can, you know, we need some time to be able to determine specifically what Sundays would be appropriate. That is what I would support. And while we have said that we have heard from a lot of different audiences, the one that I did not hear spoken about, very much at least, were those people who ride horses on trails, those individuals who would like to hike or enjoy our Penn's Woods on Sundays as well, just like hunters, you know, who feel that they do not have enough days. There are a lot of people who say: I am

working six days a week; I want one day a week when I can go out and enjoy nature just as my fellow citizens do. So, I would suggest a "no" vote on this legislation because it is not specific enough. We need to determine the number of Sundays that would be available for hunting. We can get both of those things done. But this legislation, pardon me, misses the mark. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Laughlin.

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, I would like to clarify a few things before I get into my prepared remarks. There is nothing preventing anyone in this State from riding a horse on every day of the week, including Saturday, Sunday, holidays, literally every day there is. And you can also hike on all those days; you can also watch football on all those days; you can also go fishing on all those days; you can also go to the casino on all those days; or stop at the liquor store on all those days. So, when I hear arguments about limiting people's freedom, it really gets my blood pressure up because other than this, the only thing you cannot do in this State on any Sunday is buy a car, which that is probably going to change, too.

So, I rise today to discuss a matter of significant importance to a million Pennsylvanians: the ability to hunt on Sunday. Act 107 of 2019 began the process to end the Sunday hunting prohibition, which is one of the last vestiges of Pennsylvania's antiquated Blue Laws that literally date back to when Pennsylvania was a colony. So, Act 107 of 2019, that was co-primed with my friend Senator Brewster--thank you--allowed hunting on just 3 Sundays: one during rifle deer season, one during deer archery season, and one that was a floater to be chosen by the Game Commission. Senate Bill No. 67--a number that we pick to remind everyone that we can hunt 6 days but not 7--will end the Sunday hunting prohibition, a change that I firmly believe is not just beneficial, but necessary for the people in our Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania has a rich tradition of hunting that spans generations, deeply intertwined with our State's culture and history. Hunting is more than a pastime, it is a vital part of our identity, our economy, and our way of life. It promotes conservation, provides sustenance, and fosters a profound connection to nature. However, under the current law, our sportsmen and women are restricted from pursuing this cherished activity on Sundays. This restriction does not reflect the realities of modern life and imposes unnecessary limitations on our citizens. In today's world, many Pennsylvanians lead busy lives juggling work, family, and other commitments. For many, Sunday is the only day available to hunt. These individuals include not only seasoned hunters, but also newcomers who we are trying to attract into this sport and teach them. By maintaining the prohibition on Sunday hunting, we are effectively excluding them from participating fully in the activity that means so much to them and their families.

So, let me share with you a few key points on why lifting this prohibition is vital. Many Pennsylvanians work Monday through Saturday or have various obligations throughout the week. For our sportsmen and women, Sunday may be the only day that they can engage in hunting. By allowing hunting on Sundays, we are offering a much-needed opportunity for them to partake in this activity, helping balance their professional and personal lives with their passion for the outdoors. The hunting industry is a crucial part of our State's economy. It supports jobs, generates revenue, and sustains businesses in many of these rural counties.

From sporting goods stores to rural diners, allowing hunting on Sundays would boost local economies, particularly in the rural areas where such activities have such a significant economic impact. Responsible hunting plays a critical role in wildlife management and conservation efforts. It helps maintain healthy wildlife populations and funds conservation programs through hunting licenses and fees. By increasing the days available for hunting, we can better manage wildlife populations and enhance conservation efforts. Most of our neighboring States already allow Sunday hunting without any negative repercussions. Pennsylvania is one of the last States to maintain this prohibition, and by aligning with our neighbors, we ensure that our hunters are not crossing State lines just to hunt on Sundays, keeping their spending and participation within our State. Hunting is a tradition that is passed down through families, a bonding experience between generations, and by lifting this restriction, we are not only preserving this tradition, but also ensuring that it can be fully enjoyed and passed on to our future generations. The introduction of 3 Sundays to hunt under Act 107 of 2019 led to an increase in hunting license sales--literally the first increase in about 35 years--and I anticipate that lifting the Sunday hunting prohibition fully will similarly boost hunting license sales and participation.

So, I extend my gratitude to all the stakeholders and staff who dedicated countless hours and meetings to strengthen the ties between our hunting and our agricultural communities. This bill could probably be called a farm bill more than a hunting bill. Without this compromise, necessary agriculture reforms and Sunday hunting would not be before us today, where we have an opportunity to show how compromise moves things forward. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 67 represents an opportunity to modernize our laws to reflect contemporary lifestyles and needs. It respects the tradition of hunting while providing greater access for all Pennsylvanians who wish to participate. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to stand with our hunters, our economy, and our way of life. So, let us remove this outdated prohibition and provide our citizens with the opportunity to hunt on Sundays. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote. Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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-33

Argall	Collett	Kane	Robinson
Aument	Costa	Langerholc	Rothman
Baker	Dillon	Laughlin	Stefano
Bartolotta	DiSanto	Miller	Street
Boscola	Farry	Pennycuick	Tartaglione
Brewster	Flynn	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Brown	Fontana	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Cappelletti	Gebhard	Regan	Yaw
Coleman			

NAY-17

Brooks	Hughes	Mastriano	Schwank
Comitta	Hutchinson	Muth	Vogel
Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero	Ward, Judy
Dush	Martin	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Haywood			

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.

SB 219 (Pr. No. 188) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 13, 1988 (P.L.1190, No.146), known as the First and Second Class County Property Tax Relief Act, further providing for short title, for definitions, for deferral or exemption authority and for retroactive application.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Dush.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Dush. Without objection, the leave 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-46

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

NAY-4

Coleman	DiSanto	Hutchinson	Mastriano
---------	---------	------------	-----------

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

HB 327, SB 365, SB 366, SB 698, SB 766, SB 795, SB 812, SB 976, HB 1032, SB 1058, SB 1087 and SB 1160 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Brewster. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1207 (Pr. No. 1803) -- 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 school safety and security, establishing the Cell Phone Lockable Bag Pilot Program.

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

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-45

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

NAY-5

Table with 4 columns of names: Cappelletti, Haywood, Muth, Saval, Williams, Lindsey

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 1232, SB 1269 and HB 1446 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

HB 1466 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1619 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1664 (Pr. No. 3478) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for payment choice and for electronic notice of insurance practices; and imposing penalties.

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

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Vogel.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Vogel. Without objection, the leave 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-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

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1700 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1716 (Pr. No. 2230) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

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 1820, HB 1853, HB 1889, HB 2161 and HB 2182 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 2200 (Pr. No. 2889) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in supporting House Bill No. 2200, which serves as my companion bill to Senate Bill No. 1165, which passed our Chamber with broad bipartisan support earlier this June. Many of you can recall that I previously introduced legislation that became Act 68 of 2021, authorizing Pennsylvania's entry into the Nurse Compact Licensure [Nurse Licensure Compact]. Unfortunately, following that, it was discovered that Pennsylvania lacked the necessary background check procedures to fully implement the Nurse Licensure Compact and future healthcare compacts. After 2 years of collaboration and stakeholder engagement--more than 2 years--involving the State Police, the Pennsylvania Department of State, the FBI, the U.S. Department of Justice, we now have the approved background check and fingerprinting procedures included in this bill. These procedures will facilitate the implementation of the pending healthcare compacts and any future compacts this General Assembly may consider. So, I do want to extend my gratitude to my fellow chair and sponsor, Chairman Burns, my fellow Chairman Stefano, and Chairman Metzgar for acknowledging the importance of this legislation. This legislation was 3 years, 3 years in the making. And I have to do a shout-out to Governor Shapiro, because the minute he became Governor, he prioritized this issue and worked across agencies to push it forward. Our nurses and healthcare workers, whether in Pennsylvania or in compact States, have waited long enough. Let us send this to the Governor's desk. I know he will sign it. Thank you.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 117, SB 349 and SB 580 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 897 (Pr. No. 3424) -- 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 transfers of credits between institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions and for duties of public institutions of higher education, providing for guaranteed admission and for reports to General Assembly and further providing for duties of department and for applicability.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 1274 (Pr. No. 1773) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2004 (P.L.492, No.57), known as the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act, further providing for title of act, for definitions, for office responsibilities, for State registration required, for State registration and for provisional registration.

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Gebhard.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

HB 1466 CALLED UP

HB 1466 (Pr. No. 1650) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 4 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PITTMAN.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1466 (Pr. No. 1650) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BAKER AMENDMENT A5420 AGREED TO

Senator BAKER offered the following amendment No. A5420:

Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 23 and 24:
Section 5. In applying and construing this act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

Section 6. This act applies to a civil action commenced or a cause of action asserted in a civil action on or after the effective date of this section.

Amend Bill, page 11, line 24, by striking out "5" and inserting:

7

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.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 82 (Pr. No. 1798) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses, for health certificates for importation and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments; and, in enforcement and penalties, further providing for rules and regulations.

SB 916 (Pr. No. 1786) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate and for use of farm vehicle plates, providing for Pennsylvania Sportsman plate and establishing the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.

SB 1144 (Pr. No. 1806) (Rereported) (*Concurrence*)

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8404, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 56 over the Stony Creek River, City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the PFC Dr. Alex W. Barber Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 42031, located on that portion of U.S. Route 219 over Pentz Run on the border of Sandy Township and the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, as the Trooper First Class Brad Wilson Honorary Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 5796, carrying State Route 4001 over U.S. Route 22 in Allegheny Township, Blair County, as the LCPL Ralph J. Fabbri USMC Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 31 from the intersection with First Street to the intersection with Yoder Avenue in the Borough of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, as the Mayor Gerald D. Lucia Memorial Highway; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8569, carrying State Route 1021 over Glendale Lake in White Township, Cambria County, as the CPL Reid Rex Ross 3 BN 26 Marine Reg. Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 57664, on Pennsylvania Route 924 over the railroad, located in Gilberton Borough, Schuylkill County, as the Walter Skubel Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 28762, on State Route 3011 over the Monocacy Creek, located in Bethlehem City, Northampton County, as the Raphael Rivera Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 29525, located on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 233 over Sherman Creek in Tyrone Township, Perry County, as the Lance Corporal Jason Frye Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52686, carrying Pennsylvania Route 441 over U.S. Route 30 in Columbia Borough, Lancaster County, as the Major General Edward C. Shannon Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 5802, carrying Logan Boulevard over Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Altoona, Blair County, as the CPL Patrick C. Farrell and PVT James J. Farrell Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 5879, carrying State Route 4027 (South Eagle Valley Road) over Bald Eagle Creek in Snyder

Township, Blair County, as the SGM Charles B. Mills, Sr. Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 18728, carrying Pennsylvania Route 829 over the Juniata River in Union Township, Huntingdon County, as the PFC Charles Shore Greenland Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 18843, carrying State Route 3006 (Logging Road 31011) over Great Trough Creek in Wood Township, Huntingdon County, as the PFC Wasco (Spider) Pawuk Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 31529, carrying State Route 1007 over the Stonycreek River in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, as the Corporal Carl Lynn Walker Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 7027, carrying Pennsylvania Route 413 over U.S. Route 1 in Middletown Township, Bucks County, as the Lance Corporal John F. Muffler Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of U.S. Route 222 from the interchange with U.S. Route 30 in Manheim Township to the interchange with Interstate 76, also known as the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in East Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Senator Noah W. Wenger Memorial Highway; designating the westbound bridge carrying Interstate 90 over Six Mile Creek in Harborcreek Township, Erie County, as the Cpl. Jarrid L. King Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 31447, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over the Stonycreek River in Quemahoning Township, Somerset County, as the Captain Leroy Freeman Berkebile Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8414, carrying Pennsylvania Route 56 over Walters Avenue in Richland Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Wallace Rice Memorial Bridge; designating the bridges, identified as Southern Beltway 258 and Southern Beltway 259, in Cecil Township, Washington County, as the Lance Corporal Robert Alan "Bucky" McPherson Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 22612, located on Pennsylvania Route 72 in Swatara Township, Lebanon County, over the Swatara Creek as the Senator David J. Arnold, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 5059, carrying State Route 2021 over Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Reading, Berks County, as the PFC Lawrence J. Deisher Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 6917, carrying State Route 4202 over Pennsylvania Route 611 in Doylestown Township, Bucks County, as the Donald E. Parlee Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of State Route 2017, also known as Lisburn Road, from Segment 90/Offset 300 to Segment 90/Offset 2200 in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County, as the Sgt. Josue "Rocky" Saez, Jr., Memorial Road; designating the portion of State Route 1016, also known as Holme Avenue, from the intersection with Winchester Avenue to the intersection with Holme Circle, in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, as the Sergeant Timothy Simpson Memorial Road; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8345, on that portion of U.S. Route 22 over Howells Run in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the Michael G. Tsikalas Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8344, carrying U.S. Route 22 over Pennsylvania Route 160, also known as New Germany Road, in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the Charles J. Vizzini Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 3795, carrying Pennsylvania Route 251 over Interstate 376 in Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the Private Mahlon R. Evans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 57032, carrying Pennsylvania Route 351 over the Beaver River between Koppel Borough and North Sewickley Township, Beaver County, as the Sgt. Skip Haswell Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge carrying the Pennsylvania Turnpike Mainline Eastbound over the Beaver River at mile marker 13.2 in Beaver County as the Colonel Joseph H. Thompson Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge carrying the Pennsylvania Turnpike Mainline Westbound over the Beaver River at mile marker 13.2 in Beaver County as the Colonel Matthew S. Quay Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 68136, carrying State Route 4028 over Mill Creek in Hamburg Borough, Berks County, as the Sergeant Jackie Seltzer Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52786, carrying Pennsylvania Route 213 over the Neshaminy Creek in Lower Southampton Township, Bucks County, as the Ensign Sarah Mitchell Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 47666, carrying U.S. Route 219 over the West Branch Susquehanna River in Susquehanna Township, Cambria County, as the Staff Sergeant Peter P. Abromovich Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 48914, carrying Gallitzin Road, State Route 53, over Norfolk Southern Railroad, located in Gallitzin Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal James R. Beck USMC Memorial Bridge; designating a

bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52761, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Clearfield Creek in Gallitzin Township, Cambria County, as the Private Philip A. Watt Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8645, carrying Galleria Drive (State Route 3031) over U.S. Route 219 in Richland Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Paul O. Malzi and PFC Harry R. Malzi Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 9755, carrying State Route 3027 over the Moshannon Creek in Rush Township, Centre County, as the Osceola Mills World War II Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11380, carrying U.S. Route 219 over the West Branch Susquehanna River in Burnside Borough, Clearfield County, as the Sarah "Marie" Blose Rorabaugh Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11226, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over the Clearfield Creek in Bigler Township, Clearfield County, as the Sergeant John Harold Branic Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 13685, carrying Army Heritage Drive over Interstate 81 in Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, as the Major General Harold "Harry" Greene Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 56021, carrying Pennsylvania Route 997 over Conodoguinet Creek in Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, as the Pvt. Clyde C. McVitty Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 18248, carrying State Route 2003 over Dunkard Creek in Mt. Morris, Perry Township, Greene County, as the H. Ronald Hoskinson Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52783, carrying Pennsylvania Route 913 over Shoup Run in Coalmont Borough, Huntingdon County, as the Private Samuel H. Thompson Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 68411, carrying Jacksonville Road (State Route 3016) over Two Lick Creek in Homer City, Indiana County, as the Staff Sergeant William Stivison Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 67935, carrying State Route 1015 over the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River in Allegheny Township, Somerset County, as the Staff Sergeant William Will Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 31544, carrying State Route 1016 over the Dark Shade Creek in Shade Township, Somerset County, as the Seaman First Class Raymond Kozik Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 31426, carrying East Campus Avenue over U.S. Route 219 in Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, as the Kenneth J. Newcomer Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 31696, carrying State Route 3011 over the Casselman River in Black Township, Somerset County, as the S2 Earl J. Peters Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 36247, carrying Pennsylvania Route 711 over Loyalhanna Creek in Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, as the Staff Sergeant Alvin P. Carey and Private John C. Ewing Medal of Honor Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 54167, carrying U.S. Route 30 over Paradise Creek between Paradise Township and Jackson Township, York County, as the Private Edward J. Stambaugh Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of U.S. Route 522 from the intersection with Main Street to the intersection with Town Hill Street in Shade Gap Borough, Huntingdon County, as the Special Agent Terry R. Anderson Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 2008 from the intersection with State Route 2009 to the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 56 in West Wheatfield Township and East Wheatfield Township, Indiana County, as the Robindale Memorial Highway; designating the interchange of Interstate 380 with Pennsylvania Route 940 in Tobyhanna Township, Monroe County, as the William F. Quinn Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8574, carrying State Route 1021 over Clearfield Creek in White Township, Cambria County, as the Sergeant Charles Owen Jenkins, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, carrying the Pennsylvania Turnpike 576 Southern Beltway Eastbound and Westbound over Pennsylvania Route 980 at mile marker S-12.35, as the Terry D. Tackett Jr. Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 56737, carrying Pennsylvania Route 74 over the Little Conewago Creek in Dover Township, York County, as the Corporal William E. Heilman Memorial Bridge; and making repeals.

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 82 (Pr. No. 1798) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in short title and definitions, further providing for definitions; in licenses, tags and kennels, further providing for transfer of dog licenses or tags and other licensing requirements, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for revocation or refusal of kennel licenses, for health certificates for importation and for service dogs and dogs used by municipal or State Police departments; and, in enforcement and penalties, further providing for rules and regulations.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 82?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 82.

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

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

YEA-49

Argall	Culver	Kearney	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Langerholz	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			

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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 916 (Pr. No. 1786) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate and for use of farm vehicle

plates, providing for Pennsylvania Sportsman plate and establishing the Youth Hunting and Fishing Restricted Account.

On the question,
Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 916?

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

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 916.

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

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

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, I rise to ask for support for Senate Bill No. 916. This bill addresses three particular areas and encompasses three particular bills that will support farmers, veterans, and hunters. First, it will include Senate Bill No. 95, which will allow Pennsylvania's farming community to deliver agricultural goods to residents under the same vehicle registration as delivering goods to a business. This is an issue that was first brought to my attention at a legislative farm tour back in my home district, in the 35th Senatorial District. And what we learned was that farm vehicles were required to have two different types of designations to deliver both to a business as well as to a residence. This will streamline the process and allow delivery simply under one specific registration. I would like to thank Tommy Nagle, as well as Marty Yahner, for their help in advocating for this very important issue and ask for an affirmative vote with respect to that.

Secondly, this addresses our veteran community, and I have had the opportunity to conduct in my district various illegible license plate events where a license plate--you probably see them as you travel the roadways here in the Commonwealth--there are several license plates throughout the Commonwealth that you cannot read that have peeled and faded, and we have been able to offer an illegible license plate event where it is signed off and the license plate is replaced for free. What this bill will do is it will ensure that Pennsylvanians who have a military-style plate shall receive that replacement cost-free as well as a regular license plate.

And finally, this creates a new Pennsylvania Sportsman's license plate, which is encompassed by Senate Bill No. 916. And that will create a new designation, a new type of plate, which a portion of the proceeds will go towards advocating and promoting youth hunting and fishing. I am proud to stand and ask for support for Senate Bill No. 916, which supports these three very important areas in our Commonwealth and ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

YEA-49

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

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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1144 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator BROOKS, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reported the following bills:

HB 850 (Pr. No. 3485) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for waiver to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products.

HB 1633 (Pr. No. 3486) (Amended)

An Act prohibiting the enforcement of certain noncompete covenants entered into by health care practitioners and employers and providing for a study by the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The bills were as follows:

SB 1280, HB 850, HB 1633 and HB 2084 [Removing **HB 2084** from the Committee on Health and Human Services].

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

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1242 and 1274; and House Bill No. 1540)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider House Bill No. 1993)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 298; and certain Executive Nominations)	Rules Committee Conference Room
Off the Floor	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bill No. 2216)	Rules Committee Conference Room

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,569 days since our Commonwealth's legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. It is day three, Mr. President. Pennsylvanians across our Commonwealth are looking to Harrisburg, seeing inaction, and losing faith in our ability to get things done. And why would they not, Mr. President? We have so many commonsense pieces of legislation just waiting away in committee, waiting for a vote, bills like expanding OSHA to public sector workers; prohibiting annual or lifetime limits on health insurance policies; closing the Delaware loop-hole; and what I think is most important, raising our outdated and embarrassing low minimum wage. Mr. President, we have the opportunity to do amazing things in this legislative body. We can make workplaces safer; we can make sure health insurance appropriately covers Pennsylvanians; and we can ensure no Pennsylvanian is subject to our embarrassing, low, poverty-level minimum wage. Our workers deserve better, Mr. President. When I think about our minimum-wage earners who earn just \$15,080 a year working full time, it breaks my heart. How can we continue to allow our minimum-wage and low-wage earners to be subjected to a wage that is nearly impossible to subsist on?

Mr. President, I think we can too often get lost in the numbers and not truly appreciate how low minimum wage actually is. My colleagues have heard me call our minimum wage an embarrassment and unconscionable, and those are true, but they have also heard me call it a poverty-level wage, and that is not just true, it is verifiable data. The Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines for 2024 find that a single adult household poverty-level wage is just 1 cent above our minimum wage. We are legalizing poverty with our current minimum wage, Mr. President. We can and must do better during this budget season. When I introduced Senate Bill No. 1186, I recognized the

challenges and pain our low-wage and minimum-wage earners faced on a daily basis. I knew the surest way to support them and raise them out of poverty was to ensure that they are compensated fairly for their work. But let me be clear, raising the minimum wage is not just a number on a paycheck, it is about dignity, respect, and justice for our workers. It is about giving every Pennsylvanian the opportunity to thrive, not just survive. Our Commonwealth's strength lies in its people, and it is our duty to ensure each and every one of them has the opportunity to be the best versions of themselves. Let us finally raise the minimum wage, Mr. President. Thank you.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, very briefly. Earlier today, my colleagues--thank you for joining me in supporting Senate Bill No. 216, an important piece of legislation with regard to longtime owner-occupied folks in the city of Pittsburgh. I will introduce the balance of my remarks for the record.

Thank you, sir.

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

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA:)

Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation, which has been in the works for a very long time. I will go into detail about this bill in a moment, but the gist is very simple: the people who built our communities belong in our communities.

Back in March of 2023, I joined Mayor Ed Gainey and County Executive Innamorato to champion Senate Bill No. 219, legislation that will allow Pittsburgh the option of enacting a Longtime Owner Occupant Program (LOOP) to help homeowners better manage property taxes in neighborhoods experiencing rapid change due to economic growth. As Pittsburgh experiences an improved economy, increased investment, and positive development in many of its neighborhoods, longtime residents have been, and will continue to be, put at risk of being forced out of their homes due to rapid increases in property assessments and taxes. Pittsburgh is full of working families who spent their entire careers investing in their homes and building vibrant communities, attending church services, volunteering, playing softball, and cheering for their favorite teams. But now, as these workers face retirement and their dollars do not stretch quite as far as they used to, many of our seniors and longtime occupants struggle to keep pace with the rising property taxes in the neighborhoods they have called home for decades.

Rising living costs and constantly increasing tax burdens in areas where real property values have risen markedly because of development activities are pushing longtime residents out of the homes they have worked their entire lives to own and age in. LOOP will allow for Pittsburgh to design a property tax relief plan based on years of home ownership and increases in property taxes due to property value increases. The city would be permitted to exempt or defer the property tax increases of longtime owner occupants in the neighborhoods most impacted by development. Through Senate Bill No. 219, the city of Pittsburgh is seeking amendments to the First and Second Class County Property Tax Relief Act to provide the same abilities to cities of the second class in order to allow longtime owner-occupants of residences to remain in peaceful possession of their homes. We know that providing relief from these property tax increases will help stabilize property tax bills, home ownership, and communities as they continue to change rapidly. We have the opportunity today to help keep families and seniors in their homes, to protect their investments, and to celebrate the communities people have spent their lives fostering. I urge a "yes" vote on this bill. Thank you.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 82, SB 916 and HB 816.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the following bill was signed by the President pro tempore (Senator Kim L. Ward) in the presence of the Senate:

HB 2233.

RECESS

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

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Friday, July 5, 2024, at 4 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 12:55 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

[Session for July 5, 2024, was cancelled. The Senate was recessed until Monday, July 8, 2024, at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.]