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HIGH HOPES

In a rare instance of a bill getting voted down on the floor, the Pennsylvania Senate rejected SB49, a bill from Senator **Dan Laughlin**, which would have established a Cannabis Control Board to regulate all of Pennsylvania's current cannabis industries. Despite having bipartisan support over the past several months as the bill was workshopped in committee, multiple Democratic co-sponsors and a cohort of Republicans voted against the bill on final passage. It failed with 27 votes against 23 votes in favor. Hopes for a Cannabis Control Board remain as the Senate immediately voted to reconsider the bill, which passed 29-21.

DAWN OF A NEW WAGE?

Yesterday, members of the Pennsylvania Democratic Senate filed a discharge petition in an attempt to force a vote on raising the minimum wage. According to the rules, lawmakers must now bring up the discharge petition for a vote within 10 session days. The minimum wage in Pennsylvania is \$7.25/hour, which is lower than all neighboring states. The bill in question would raise the wage to \$11/hour next year, \$13/hour the year after, and \$15/hour by 2029.

NOT THEIR FUR-ST DAY ON THE JOB

This Tuesday service dogs, therapy cats, patrol horses, and police K-9s took over the capitol to celebrate Working Animals Appreciation Day. Though cute, they are highly trained professionals who help fight crime, assist with everyday tasks, and provide emotional support when needed most. Hosted by State Senator **Doug Mastriano**, the event showcased live demonstrations of the K-9 units and a variety of advocacy opportunities for service animal rights. *This event showed everyone that some of the hardest workers in our Commonwealth walk on four legs!*

SLOW COUNT

California's gubernatorial primary was called this past Tuesday, one week after election day. The race to succeed **Gavin Newsom** will be between Democrat **Xavier Becerra**, the country's former health secretary under the Biden Administration, and Republican **Steve Hilton**, a Trump-backed former U.K. political advisor. Becerra is campaigning to continue the liberal policies that have long

defined California, while Hilton presents himself as an *Arnold Schwarzenegger*-style candidate seeking to shift the state's politics to the right.

WINGS TO GO

Walmart has announced that they are expanding their drone delivery program, Wing, to seven new areas, including Philadelphia. By 2027, customers can place orders for drone delivery if they are within 6–8 miles of a participating store and the order weighs 2.1 pounds or less. The order will be loaded up by Walmart employees, flown by drone at around 60MPH, then lowered down to the customer's desired delivery spot. *Your move Bezos...*



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Rod Wilt***
- Former State Representative **Frank Farina**
- **Tracy Pawelski**, Principal Consultant, Tracy Pawelski, LLC
- **Lydia Messner**, Constituent Services Specialist, Office of Senator Martin
- **Dr. Mehmet Oz**, Administrator, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **Keith Kepler**



Committee Meetings

- (S) Labor and Industry – 11:30AM - Public hearing on nursing workforce shortages and the role of private universities in developing a talent pipeline



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