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Patrick M. Browne, Secretar Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Petitioner V. Senate of PA, Joseph Pittma Majority Leader; Kim Ward, President Pro Tempore of th Senate; Senate Intergovernr Operations Committee, Jarra Coleman, Chair; and Max Bartlebaugh, Sergeant of Arr of the Pennsylvania Senate, Respondents	r e mental ett ms			
	C	ASE INFORMATION		
Initiating Document:	Petition for Review			
Case Status:	Closed			
Case Processing Status:	December 2, 2024	Completed		
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		480 MD 2024 Similar Issue(s)	Related	
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BRIEFING SCHEDULE					
None			None		
		DOCKET ENTRY			
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October 7, 2024	Browne, Patrick M.		Petitioner		
October 8, 2024	Notice Exited				
	Commonwealth Court Filing Office				
October 8, 2024	Amended - Petition for Review				
	Howell, Thomas Paul	Browne, Patrick M.	Petitioner		
October 8, 2024	Application for Emergency Relief				
	Howell, Thomas Paul	Browne, Patrick M.	Petitioner		
Document Name:	Petitioner's Application for Emerger	ncy Expedited Special and Summary R	Relief		
October 9, 2024	Entry of Appearance				
	Voss, Joshua John	Senate of Pennsylvania	Respondent		
	Voss, Joshua John	Pittman, Joseph	Respondent		
	Voss, Joshua John	Ward, Kim	Respondent		
	Voss, Joshua John	Coleman, Jarrett	Respondent		
	Voss, Joshua John	Senate Intergovernmental Operation	n Respondent		
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Document Name:	Attys. Haverstick, McIntosh and Vo	ss for Respondents			

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October 9, 2024	Order Filed			10/09/2024
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		rgency Expedited Relief is Due Oct		
Comment:		e Senate of PA, Joseph Pittma		
	-	Senate Intergovernmental Operat of Arms of the Pennsylvania \$		
		to Petitioner's Application for	,	
	-	p.m. on October 11, 2024. The		-
		ppellate court electronic filing system		
		ve a copy of this Order by elect	ronic mail on Respondent	s in care of counsel
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October 9, 2024	Entry of Appearance			
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October 9, 2024	Entry of Appearance			
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October 9, 2024	Entry of Appearance	5		
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October 10, 2024	Status Conference Scheduled	1		10/10/2024
	Per Curiam October 11, 2024, 3:00pm, via	Talanhana		
	-	i joint status conference is herel	by scheduled for Friday	October 11 2024 a
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		ly filed proof of service thereof.		
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	Voss, Joshua John	Ward, Kim	Respondent	
	Voss, Joshua John	Coleman, Jarrett	Respondent	
	Voss, Joshua John	Senate Intergovernmental Operatio	n Respondent	
Document Name:	Senate Respondents' Answer to Ap	plication for Emergency Relief and C	ross Application for S	ummary
October 11, 2024	Answer to Application for Emergence	cy Relief		
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Document Name:	Respondent Bartlebaugh's Answer	to Application for Emergency Relief a	nd Cross Application	for
Comment:	Summary Relief			
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	Per Curiam			
Document Name:	Answers to Cross Applications for S	Summary Relief due Oct. 14, 2024, 12	2:00pm	
	to Senate of PA, Joseph Pittm Senate Intergovernmental Ope Respondents) Cross-Application of the Pennsylvania Senate (CS 2024. In addition, Petitioner sha separate Cross-Application for S The answers or other responses filing system). Senate Respondents are directed to	M. Browne (Petitioner) shall file a an, Majority Leader; Kim Ward, erations Committee, Jarrett Co for Summary Relief, to which Ma A Respondent) joins, no later tha all file and serve an answer or ummary Relief no later than 12:0 s shall be filed by PAC-File (the p serve a copy of this Order on Petitic	President Pro Tem pleman, Chair's ax Bartlebaugh, Ch an 12:00 p.m. on I other response to 00 p.m. on Monday Pennsylvania appe	core of the Senate (collectively, Senat ief Sergeant-at-Arm Monday, October 14 CSA Respondent 7, October 14, 2024
October 14, 2024	Answer Filed			
Document Name:	Howell, Thomas Paul Answer to Senate Resps. Cross-Ap	Browne, Patrick M. p for Summary Rel	Petitioner	
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October 15, 2024	Order Denying Application fo Wolf, Matthew S.	r Emergency Relief		10/15/2024
	NOW, this 15th day of Octob Browne's, Secretary, Pennsy "Application for Emergency E	mergency Expedited Special and Su er, 2024, upon consideration of Pate vlvania Department of Revenue (Sec Expedited Special and Summary Re ents' answer thereto, Secretary Brow	rick M. cretary Browne) lief" (Emergency	
1 Through the Emergency Application, Secretary Browne seeks relief in the form of a writ prohibiting the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate from taking custody or otherwise compelling his physical movement and a judgment declaring that the Senate of Pennsylvania is without authority to compel him to disclose certain information requested in a July 10, 2024 Subpoena issued by the Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee. See Emergency Application at 7. 2 Emergency relief is not warranted as the case is not ripe for determination. See Camiel v. Select Committee on State Contract Practices of the House of Representatives, 324 A.2d 862, 870 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1974). In Camiel, a select committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives issued a subpoena duces tecum to Peter J. Camiel, who challenged the subpoena on the grounds that it was so broad and indefinite that it violated his constitutional rights. We explained that while Camiel had "raised real issues which may some day have to be decided by the courts this case does not yet present a justiciable issue and therefore is not ripe for a decision on the merits. The case was not ripe because "there ha[d] been no confrontation." Id. at 866; see also Co 290 A.3d 335, 349 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2023), vacated on other grounds, 310 A.3d 229 (Pa. 2024) will not decide issues raised by a legislative subpoena that are capable of being resolved by and compromise or change of heart."). As in Camiel, there has been no confrontation, and matter is therefore not yet justiciable. Accordingly, we withhold from "ruling on the merits of any manner." Camiel, 324 A.2d at 870. Secretary Browne may "commence an action af issues are struck, if he so desires." Id.				nority by the Select (Pa. bunds while case e merits." Id. at 86 also Costa v. War a. 2024) ("[This] Cou solved by negotiatio solved by negotiatio ation, and the instar merits of the case
October 16, 2024 Document Name:	Notice of Appeal to PA Supre Howell, Thomas Paul 83 MAP 2024	eme Court Filed Browne, Patrick M.	Petitioner	
October 16, 2024	Filed - Other Howell, Thomas Paul	Browne, Patrick M.	Petitioner	
Document Name:	83 MAP 2024-Jurisdictional	Statement.		
October 23, 2024	Transcript Filed Court Reporter			
Document Name:	Proceedings of 10/11/24.			
December 2, 2024	Praecipe for Discontinuance Howell, Thomas Paul	Browne, Patrick M.	Petitioner	
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