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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1997

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mark S. Schweiker) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Pastor ROZ MASON, of Three Springs United Methodist Church, Three Springs, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Holy One, God of our yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows, we pause in this moment of time to focus on You as we begin the business of this day. We thank You for Your faithfulness to us and to our ancestors, and we seek Your guidance for this Senate, that Your righteousness, Your justice, and Your truth may prevail.

We thank You, too, for all who are called to serve here, and we ask that You bless this body with wisdom, with courage, and with moral strength for the deliberations of this day.

We thank You again for our State, for our Governor, for all elected officials, for Commonwealth employees, for the people and the land. And we ask that You bring us healing, joy, and peace in our life together.

Today we ask a special healing blessing for Your servant, Bruce. Inspire this body, Eternal Spirit, that new possibilities may be envisioned and established for a bright tomorrow.

O God, grant us the gift of grace for our dealings with each other, a spirit of charity for those in need, and a profound sense of humility before You, that we may live in Your divine will now and forever. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Mason, who is the guest today of Senator Jubelirer.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of May 6, 1997.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding Session, when, on motion of Senator LOEPER, further reading was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS BY AMENDING SAID AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate by amending said amendments to **HB 854**.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV, section 5, this bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in resolution from the Senate, entitled:

Weekly adjournment.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

May 7, 1997

Senators PICCOLA, HECKLER, GREENLEAF, WENGER, BELL, THOMPSON, HART, ROBBINS, MOWERY, GERLACH, LEMMOND, EARLL, SLOCUM, TOMLINSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 969**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Special Independent Prosecutor's Panel and providing for its powers and duties; and providing for special investigative counsel and for independent counsel.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 7, 1997.

Senators MADIGAN, MUSTO, SALVATORE, WAGNER, HELFRICK, STAPLETON, SLOCUM, WENGER, LEMMOND, GERLACH, STOUT, BRIGHTBILL, HOLL, RHOADES, AFFLERBACH, SCHWARTZ, WHITE and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 970**, entitled:

An Act providing for the removal of waste illegally deposited on or adjacent to State forests, for the closure of disposal sites, for the prevention of unauthorized waste disposal on State forests and for grant programs; and establishing the Forest Lands Beautification Restricted Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 7, 1997.

Senators MOWERY, RHOADES, JUBELIRER, PICCOLA, HELFRICK, EARLL, THOMPSON, HART and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 999**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of charter schools; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Education; establishing a State Charter School Appeal Board; providing for payments to charter schools; and requiring certain reports and recommendations.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, May 7, 1997.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 418 (Pr. No. 433)

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for willful failure to pay support orders; and further providing for revocation and suspension of drivers' licenses.

HB 87 (Pr. No. 1772) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for presigned waiver of extradition; and further providing for post conviction relief.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for today's Session on behalf of Senator Helfrick.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Loeper requests a legislative leave for Senator Helfrick. Without objection, that leave is granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests a legislative leave for Senator Williams. Without objection, that leave is granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

SB 213 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER

SB 213 (Pr. No. 1027) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator LOEPER, as a Special Order of Business.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 213 (Pr. No. 1027) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a covered bridge on which SR 3021 crosses over Tom's Creek in Adams County as the G. Donald McLaughlin Memorial Covered Bridge.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Kasunic.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Kasunic. Without objection, that leave is granted.

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-50

Afferbach	Hart	Mellow	Stout
Armstrong	Heckler	Mowery	Tartaglione
Belan	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Earll	La Valle	Salvatore	Williams
Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Gerlach	Loeper	Slocum	
Greenleaf	Madigan	Stapleton	

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR NOAH W. WENGER
AND SENATOR DAVID J. BRIGHTBILL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WENGER. Mr. President, the Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon Power Reader Program finalists are visiting the Capitol today. In the gallery are students from my district, from Doe Run Elementary School and from Cocalico Middle School. The gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill, also

has students in the group from Myerstown Elementary School. The Power Reader Program encourages students to expand and improve their reading skills.

Senator Brightbill and I are very pleased to have the finalists from this fine program with us today and to welcome them to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would our young guests please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Wenger and Senator Brightbill for extending the invitation to our young guests.

GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, one of our guest Pages today was a gold medal winner in this year's State wrestling competition in Hershey. He won the 125-pound championship, the gold. He is only a junior, and he will be back again next year. I do not know how he can top that, but I would like the Senate to extend its welcome to Mr. Kevin Maier, who is a junior at Reading High School. We are proud of him in Reading, and we look forward to great things from him in the future.

The PRESIDENT. Would the gold medal winner, Mr. Kevin Maier, please stand.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. We wish you continued success.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the following committees to meet during today's Session: the Committee on Public Health and Welfare in the Rules room to consider Senate Bill No. 421; the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing in the Rules room to consider House Bill No. 329; and the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to consider Senate Bills No. 184, 968, House Bill No. 854, and certain nominations.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 90, HB 132, HB 133, HB 148, SB 219 and SB 251 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 640 (Pr. No. 1061) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prisoner litigation, for limitation on remedies, for prospective relief, for time limits on settlements and for payment of damages.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 672 and SB 726 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 77, SB 91, SB 95 and SB 114 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 182 (Pr. No. 948) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), entitled Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, providing protection for dog purchaser; imposing duties on the Attorney General; and providing for records and for penalties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 211 and SB 254 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 415 (Pr. No. 430) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 25, 1986 (P.L.89, No.33), entitled "An act amending the act of March 23, 1972 (P.L.136, No.52), entitled 'An act relating to the practice of psychology, providing for licensing of psychologists, making certain acts illegal and providing penalties,....,' further providing for the implementation of the required transition period for prospective psychologists.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 428, HB 479, SB 506, SB 509, SB 510 and SB 512 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kasunic has returned to the floor, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 529 (Pr. No. 558) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for arson and related offenses.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 538, SB 539, SB 540, SB 541, SB 542, SB 631, SB 669, SB 861, SB 862, SB 864 and SB 965 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 1054 (Pr. No. 1471) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, providing for sharing of confidential information.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1055 (Pr. No. 1527) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, providing for risk-based capital requirements.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 640 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 640, Printer's No. 1061, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I ask for a brief recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, to take place in the Rules room at the rear of the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, this Senate stands in brief recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 184 (Pr. No. 1060) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act redesignating the Pullman Viaduct (SR 3001) in Butler County as the Picklegate Crossing, and redesignating the Fifth Street Bridge (SR 0065) in Ellwood City, Lawrence County, as the Lincoln High School and Veterans Memorial Bridge.

SB 968 (Pr. No. 1077)

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1968 (P.L.1158, No.365), entitled "An act creating and establishing the Legislative Data Processing Committee: providing for its membership, prescribing its powers, functions and duties; and making an appropriation," providing for the members of the Legislative Data Processing Committee and for access to legislative information within computer information systems by persons outside the General Assembly.

HB 854 (Pr. No. 1753) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1997-1998.

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

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

HB 854 (Pr. No. 1753) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1997-1998.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 854?

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 854.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-50

Afflerbach	Hart	Mellow	Stout
Armstrong	Heckler	Mowery	Tartaglione
Belan	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Earl	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak

Gerlach
Greenleaf

Loeper
Madigan

Slocum
Stapleton

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR VINCENT J. FUMO
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, I would like to ask the Senate to give a warm welcome to the eighth grade students of St. Peter's School and their teacher, Mrs. Martha Levy, who are with us in the gallery.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, I want the Senate to note that they all have on their khakis, blazers and ties, and not all of them are Republicans.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you for pointing that out, Senator Fumo.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator SALVATORE,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS
LICENSURE BOARD**

January 29, 1997

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, Ann Shepard Houston, 141 Jefferson Street, Bala Cynwyd 19004, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William Wallace, Bethlehem, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

January 28, 1997

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, Robert M. Frankel, 6641 Reynolds Street, Pittsburgh 15206, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 1999 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S
TRUST FUND BOARD**

January 28, 1997

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, Margaret A. Tyndall, Ph.D., 1498 Sturdy Oak Drive, Pittsburgh 15220, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

January 28, 1997

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, Robyn S. Walsh, 1425 Gwynedale Way, Lansdale 19446, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

March 21, 1997

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, Charles A. Gomulka, 3160 McCully Road, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Julia A. Ansill, California, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 28, 1997

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, John K. Thornburgh, 2538 Lindenwood Drive, Wexford 15090, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph M. Nespoli, Berwick, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

January 28, 1997

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, Oliver C. Bullock, D.O., 1641 Mayland Street, Philadelphia 19138, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Morris A. Fishman, D.O., Wynnewood, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

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

YEA-50

Afflerbach	Hart	Mellow	Stout
Armstrong	Heckler	Mowery	Tartaglione
Belan	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Earll	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Gerlach	Loeper	Slocum	
Greenleaf	Madigan	Stapleton	

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator SALVATORE. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, MUSTO, TILGHMAN, BRIGHTBILL, SCHWARTZ, KITCHEN, STAPLETON, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, BELAN, KASUNIC, WOZNIAK, KUKOVICH, COSTA and STOUT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 45**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the public and civic leaders of this Commonwealth to encourage youth service.

Which was read, considered and adopted.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered and adopted:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cory Ramos by Senator Belan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward Yarov by Senator Bodack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Penn Hills Senior Service Center by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carroll's Florist and Greenhouses of Darby by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rebekah Hosler, Leslie Keller, Ellen Klinger, Jamie Long, Jessica Rosevear, Trisha Shellenberger and to Deborah Sollenberger by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chartiers Valley Varsity Boys Basketball Team by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pitts Eugene Rosenberger by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon, LVA, by Senators Wenger and Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dave Hrovat by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Keith Wayne Reed, Sr., by Senator Williams.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator WAGNER. 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.

The bills were as follows:

SB 418, SB 968 and HB 87.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, before we continue with the order of business of Petitions and Remonstrances, I would request at this time that all Members of the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing report to the Rules room for an off-the-floor meeting of that committee.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Members of the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing make their way to the meeting site.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, the Senate has just adopted a resolution calling on school and other elected officials throughout Pennsylvania to do something about what we talked about last week. As you recall, last week in Philadelphia, the cradle of liberty, the Presidents' Summit for America's Future was held. I participated as a delegate, along with several hundreds of others. This was a unique gathering. Not only four of our present and former chief executives but thousands of community leaders very active in volunteer movements throughout this country were present. We convened to define and address the needs and means for encouraging the healthy and positive development of America's youth and America's communities and America's neighborhoods.

On Monday as a follow-up in Reading, I convened a mini-summit of 45 leaders - religious leaders, community leaders, volunteer, and business leaders - and it was a very impressive meeting. The main message of both events is very clear: We need to involve our youngsters, our students, in productive activities that benefit them and their communities.

I am aware of a very good example of this at Reading Senior High School in Reading, Berks County. Over 300 students each year earn scholastic credits in return for their efforts in school as peer mediators, as tutors to younger students, as mentors for special needs youngsters, for helping with nonschool programs such as Meals on Wheels, and many other unselfish projects in and out of school. School administrators, community leaders, and the students themselves all attest to the positive results of this program in fostering a sense of community. I am sure that happens in many of our school districts throughout Pennsylvania but not in all of them. We need more such programs of volunteer service, service learning, if you will, in our schools across the Commonwealth. We need to foster and encourage them where they do not exist and we need to initiate them in other places.

The resolution I am introducing today recognizes that service to others is an important function of citizenship and of individual growth. We all journey through this life but once. We will all be judged by how we helped those in need. It is up to us now to carry the torch of volunteer service that was lit last week in Philadelphia to every school and every neighborhood in Pennsylvania.

I thank all of my colleagues for the unanimous vote in support of this resolution, and I would urge that we make this known and do our part to encourage the young people of today to realize that there is more to life than earning a paycheck, that we have to give back to our community and help those who are less fortunate and who need our volunteer commitment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would provide a note of appreciation for your interest and leadership in this area.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Senator ULIANA, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bill:

HB 329 (Pr. No. 1754) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No. 230), known as the Second Class County Code, requiring a jointly appointed tax collector for a certain home rule municipality and school district in counties of the second class; further providing for the membership of boards of managers for monuments and memorials to war veterans; and providing for charters in second class counties.

Senator MOWERY, from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reported the following bill:

SB 421 (Pr. No. 1078) (Amended)

An Act repealing certain mandates imposed on counties; and discharging certain liabilities of counties.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to.

The bill was as follows:

SB 421.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 329 (Pr. No. 1754) – The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No. 230), known as the Second Class County Code, requiring a jointly appointed tax collector for a certain home rule municipality and school district in counties of the second class; further providing for the membership of boards of managers for monuments and memorials to war veterans; and providing for charters in second class counties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS REREFERRED

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 421 and Senate Bill No. 968, which were just read for the first time, along with House Bill No. 329 that was read for the second time, be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT. Senate Bill No. 421, Senate Bill No. 968, and House Bill No. 329 will be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, May 12, 1997, at 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 12:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.