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SENATE

MONDAY, March 13, 2000

The Senate met at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Robert C. Jubelirer) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain of the Senate, Reverend Dr. S. RONALD PARKS, of Calvary United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us join in the spirit of prayer.

Our common God and Creator, who provides abundantly for us from the richness of Your grace and the bounty of Your love, we pause before You at the beginning of a new week to seek Your guidance and invoke Your blessing upon us as we contemplate the issues and decisions that require our attention.

As servants of Your will and stewards of Your world, we know that our wisdom is laced with ignorance, our compassion is riddled with egoism, and our good intentions often fall prey to uncertainty and conflict. In humility and silence we claim the imperfections that have tainted our work and turn to You to renew our hope and recommit ourselves to the offices we are privileged to hold.

Grant that we, in all our deliberations and debates, may be faithful representatives of Your divine vision, a vision in which the welfare of our neighbors is preserved, the gifts of all people are celebrated, and the future of our Commonwealth is ensured. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Dr. Parks, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of March 8, 2000.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS 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 CONSTABLES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

March 9, 2000

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, Craig Westover, 104 Fourteenth Street, Franklin 16323, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James C. Withers, Meadville, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

March 9, 2000

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 W. Cloninger, V.M.D., 169 Dennis Alan Circle, P.O. Box 490, Centre Hall 16828, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve until March 16, 2002 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald N. Stuber, V.M.D., Hummelstown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

March 10, 2000

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 K. Bloom, 435 Wood Crest Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2005 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolution numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

March 8, 2000

Senators WAGNER, LAVALLE, COSTA, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, EARLL, STOUT, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, MUSTO, KASUNIC, TILGHMAN, PUNT, THOMPSON, MELLOW and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SR 142**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to repeal certain fuel oxygenate content requirements in the Clean Air Act and to encourage reliance instead upon clean-burning, nonoxygenate fuel formulations that meet the air quality standards established in the Clean Air Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 8, 2000.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator BODACK. Mr. President, at this time I ask for legislative leaves for Senator Schwartz and Senator Williams, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stout.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Bodack requests legislative leaves for Senator Schwartz and Senator Williams, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stout. Without objection the leaves will be granted.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**WEEKLY ADJOURNMENT**

Senator LOEPER offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, March 13, 2000

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, March 20, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, March 20, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-50**

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

**NAY-0**

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT J.  
THOMPSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Thompson.

Senator THOMPSON. Mr. President, over there in the upper lefthand corner of the front of the Chamber is a beautiful Violet Oakley painting of General Washington leading volunteers into Brandywine through the city of Philadelphia. The Battle of Brandywine was the largest land battle in the history of the war for independence, and also was the battle where Americans suffered the largest number of casualties of any battle.

Today in the visitors' gallery we have another group of volunteers from the fourth grade class of Exton Elementary School. Their mission is to save that hallowed ground where the Battle of Brandywine was fought, and they are here today to deliver a petition which was signed by their classmates and other young people from the Chester and Delaware County area on Washington's birthday as a tribute to General Washington. They are here to deliver it to the General Assembly to ask for their help in protecting the unscathed acreage where the battle was actually fought.

This is not the first time that students from Exton Elementary School have been involved in this type of activity. Last year, fourth and fifth graders from Exton Elementary School, as well as Sugartown Elementary School in Chester County, went to Washington and testified before the House Interior Committee in favor of the Patriots' Bill, which eventually led to setting

aside Federal funds for the Paoli Massacre Grounds, which have also been preserved. The students actually raised funds to be used for the purchase of that ground.

The students are Jonathan Yu, Nicole Miller, Chris Schneck, and Lindsay Michke, and also with them are their fourth grade teachers, Tammy Taylor and Kathy Massey. Leading the contingent today is a person who needs no introduction, President George Washington, and his aide-de-camp, Tom Stolfi.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would all the patriots who are here from Senator Thompson's district please rise so we may give you an extraordinarily warm welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Thank you, General Washington, for all the good work you do.

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR JACK WAGNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I am delighted to have here today in the Senate gallery Mrs. Rebecca Kronk, a certified registered nurse practitioner from Robinson Township, along with her husband, Morgan, and their three daughters, Morgan, Kelly, and Candace, and their son, Ben.

Mrs. Kronk and her family are visiting Harrisburg today in support of House Bill No. 50, a bill which expands the nurse practitioner's role to improve health care in the Commonwealth. I ask that the Senate give them its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Wagner who are here kindly rise so we may give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN N. WOZNIAK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, I, too, have some nurse practitioners here, but these are students who took a day off from the rigors of their education to come and learn a little bit about how a bill becomes a law. They came over to my office today, and we gave them a quick tour of the House--they just broke over there--and now the Senate. They are fine students from St. Francis School. They told me that the market is very good for nurse practitioners in America today and they start at a very significant salary.

So I want to commend them on their efforts to come down here to lobby for House Bill No. 50, and for the knowledge they might gain in spending the day in Harrisburg and obviously for them to do well in school and to make all of us proud.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Wozniak kindly rise so we may welcome you appropriately to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR JOE CONTI AND SENATOR ROBERT M. TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Conti.

Senator CONTI. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of Senator Tomlinson and myself to welcome a group here from Bucks County. With us today we have Mark Freeman and a group of parents with their children who are schooled at home. These folks are from Upper Southampton and Levittown and other parts of Bucks County. I ask the Senate to give them its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Conti and Senator Tomlinson kindly rise so we may welcome you to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

(Applause.)

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR CHARLES W. DENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Dent.

Senator DENT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to honor my student intern today. Andy Wright, from Muhlenberg College, is an extraordinary intern, and I am delighted to have him here today and working in my office. Andy, stand up and take a bow.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would Senator Dent's guest please rise. Andy, welcome to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

(Applause.)

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

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet during today's Session to consider certain nominations.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, since last week one of our Members has become a new father once again. Mr. President, I know it was a day-by-day situation last week, but on Thursday, March 9, Charles John Dent was born into the world. I think it would be most appropriate to congratulate his dad.

Charles John, or Jack, as he will be called, was 8 pounds, 5 ounces, 22 inches long. Pam and Charlie are doing very well with their new arrival, along with their other two children, and I ask that the Members of the Senate congratulate Senator Dent.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would all Members of the Senate welcome appropriately this future Penn Stater.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Not only a future Penn Stater, but somebody who considered his father's schedule when he decided to appear in this world.

**RECESS**

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I ask for a recess of the Senate, first for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to take place immediately in the Rules room at the rear of the Senate Chamber. It should be a brief meeting, and then to be followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room on the first floor, with an expectation of returning to the floor at approximately 3:45 p.m.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, Senate Democrats, likewise, will caucus in our caucus room at the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to begin immediately upon recess in the Rules room to the rear of the Senate Chamber, immediately followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses in their respective caucus rooms, the Senate will stand in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**CALENDAR****THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 712** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILL AMENDED**

**SB 768 (Pr. No. 829)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), entitled Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for notice of taxes; and making an editorial change.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator GREENLEAF offered the following amendment No. A0620:

Amend Sec. 2, page 2, lines 29 and 30, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 2. This act shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000.

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 at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair notes the presence on the floor of Senator Stout, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

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

**SB 1023, SB 1032, SB 1223, HB 1423, HB 1424 and HB 1717** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE  
AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 7 (Pr. No. 1709)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 28, HB 96, SB 146 and HB 393** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 715 (Pr. No. 1707)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for additional publication in legal journals.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 1162** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILL REREFERRED**

**SB 1212 (Pr. No. 1535)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for small business compliance assistance, for definitions, for duties of participating agencies, for implementation of duties, for reports and for evaluation; and making an appropriation.

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

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 1221 (Pr. No. 1545)** — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the State Veterans' Commission.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**SB 1225 (Pr. No. 1558)** — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Agriculture, to remove the use restriction and reversionary covenant on the real estate conveyed to East Allen Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps, situate in East Allen Township, Northampton County.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1243 and HB 1443** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 132, AMENDED

Senator LOEPER, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 132**, entitled:

A Resolution requesting the Department of Labor and Industry, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner, to conduct a study of feasibility of municipalities adopting and implementing ordinances to identify high-rise buildings, college dormitories and other buildings of public access housing individuals that lack fire protection systems, to require the installation of such systems, and to make a report to the Senate.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator WAUGH offered the following amendment No. A0593:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of line 1 and "with the Pennsylvania Fire Commissioner," in line 2 and inserting: Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

Amend First Resolve Clause, page 3, lines 5 through 7, by striking out "Department of Labor and Industry, in" in line 5, all of line 6 and "requested," in line 7 and inserting: Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is directed

Amend Third Resolve Clause, page 3, lines 21 through 23, by striking out "Department of Labor and Industry, in" in line 21, all of line 22 and "requested to" in line 23 and inserting: committee

Amend Fourth Resolve Clause, page 3, lines 27 and 28, by striking out "Secretary of Labor and Industry and the" in line 27 and all of line 28 and inserting: committee.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, this amendment would change the verbiage of Senate Resolution No. 132, which I introduced several weeks ago. Originally, Senate Resolution No. 132 would have asked the Department of Labor and Industry, in cooperation with the State Fire Commissioner, to conduct a study to identify the need for fire protection systems in high-rise buildings and other buildings where people are housed across the State. After consultation with the Department of Labor and Industry and some discussion with the Fire Commissioner's office, it was determined that maybe the best way to conduct this study, or the best place to ask for this study to be conducted, I should say, would be through our Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. And in fact, after some consideration and discussion with other Members here, it was determined that that is probably exactly what we should do, so this amendment would strike the request regarding the Committee on Labor and Industry and the Fire Commissioner's office and insert a request that the study be performed by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will go over as amended.

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

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

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

March 2, 2000

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 my nomination dated December 20, 1999 for the appointment of Annette Steele (Public Member), 2029 Bonita Court, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve until June 9, 2002 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Georgia L. King, Greencastle, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**CORONER, BUTLER COUNTY**

March 6, 2000

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 my nomination dated March 3, 2000 for the appointment of Valerie Smith, 7723 Farndale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Coroner, in and for the County of Butler, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice William F. Young, Jr., resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Senator SALVATORE. Mr. President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

**MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND  
DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION**

November 23, 1999

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, David C. Kradel, 1178 Fox Hill Road, State College 16803, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years and until his

successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF COSMETOLOGY**

December 22, 1999

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, Dianna J. Orndorff, 278 Frogtown Road, York 17331, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Henry A. Hillegass, Bedford, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA  
NATIONAL GUARD**

February 7, 2000

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, Colonel Herbert H. Hurst, Jr., 12103 Plantation Boulevard, Goshen, Kentucky 40026, for appointment as Brigadier General, Director of Operations, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA  
NATIONAL GUARD**

February 7, 2000

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, Colonel Steven C. Speer, 6150 Springford Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Brigadier General, Commander, 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MAJOR GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA  
NATIONAL GUARD**

November 29, 1999

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, Brigadier General James F. Barnette, 201 Walnut Drive, Queenstown, Maryland 21658, for appointment as Major General, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, for assignment as Assistant Adjutant General/Commander HQ Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF PODIATRY**

January 20, 2000

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, S. Ronald Miller, D.P.M., 14 Courtleigh Place, Reading 19606, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, 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 Stanley E. Boc, D.P.M., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE UNION COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

February 22, 2000

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, Catherine V. Ernst (Republican), 426 Pheasant Ridge Road, Lewisburg 17837, Union County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Union County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carlos A. Colon, Lewisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE**

Senator SALVATORE. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators TILGHMAN, HOLL, ARMSTRONG, LEMMOND, BELL, SLOCUM, HELFRICK, RHOADES, GERLACH, CONTI, MURPHY, THOMPSON, WHITE and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 145**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 2000 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

Senators SCHWARTZ and MELLOW, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 146**, entitled:

A Resolution supporting the Census in Schools program.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

**CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wayne E. Smith by Senator Belan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Romanishan and to Judy Kovacs by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Melodic Tones by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kropf by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Helwig, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Benfer, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Feudale, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood J. Mericle and to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Kacyon by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lease and to Michael Robert Dickel by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gresick by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Max Rosenn by Senators Lemmond, Mellow, and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard A. Himler by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Nutbrown, Rosemary Pipkin Jackson and to David N. Mulgrave by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Agnes Granahan Jordan and to Kevin Shea by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher J. Patton and to Christopher Edward Sloane by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joe Foose by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Dr. Charles R. Meile, Jr., by Senator Williams.

**POSTHUMOUS CITATION**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following citation, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Edward E. Hinchey was extended to the family by Senator Salvatore.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

**SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA****COMMITTEE MEETINGS****TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000**

9:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bill No. 1316; House Bill No. 728; and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 295, 506, 565, 688 and 1219; and House Bill No. 1601)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bill No. 1244; and House Bill No. 1370)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
10:45 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bill No. 1117; and House Bills No. 1087 and 1356)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1259 and 1302; and House Bills No. 368, 945 and 1588)	Room 8E-B East Wing

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000**

9:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1295)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000**

9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing on House Bill No. 1953, the Agricultural Technology Assistance Fund, providing state grants and loans to support farmers with financial assistance and updated technology for irrigation and water conservation projects)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2000**

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 537, 594, 599, 1284 and 1285)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000**

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on testimony regarding Senate Bill No. 1098)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000**

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 535, 704, 1022, 1282 and 1305; and House Bill No. 1856)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 4:13 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.