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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, March 13, 2001

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend STANLEY JOHNSON, of Liberty Baptist Church, Blanchard, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray together.

Our gracious God and loving Father, we come together at this moment in silence, and we ask for Your presence among us. We have received so many blessings from Your hand that our hearts are grateful. We thank You for this great nation that You have blessed through the years, and those blessings have come because, indeed, in God we trust.

And we thank You, Lord, for this beautiful State of Pennsylvania. We are thankful for the cultural diversity and opportunities in the cities and for the awesome beauty and serenity of the mountains and its wildlife. It is in pondering the beauty of Your creation that we are convinced of Your mighty power.

We come into Your presence this day, Father, seeking Your blessings upon this assembly. We know, Lord, that You have given special abilities to each man and woman in this place, abilities that enable them to fulfill their duties here. May they use them to honor You in all they do and say, and as Your holy word tells us, trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all their ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths.

May You help each individual to seek Your wisdom and guidance as they tackle the difficult issues that face this State. And as disagreements may come, may each remember to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

And now, may the peace of God that transcends all our understanding guard our hearts and minds as we say the prayer that You have taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Johnson, who is the guest today of Senator Corman.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of March 12, 2001.

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

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**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.**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

March 13, 2001

Senators WAUGH, WENGER, O'PAKE, JUBELIRER, HELFRICK, BOSCOLA, MOWERY, TILGHMAN, LAVALLE, ARMSTRONG, TOMLINSON, CORMAN, MURPHY, WAGNER, M. WHITE, COSTA, THOMPSON, MADIGAN, GREENLEAF, FUMO, DENT, LEMMOND, SCHWARTZ, LOGAN, WOZNIAK, MUSTO and BRIGHTBILL presented to the Chair **SR 36**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 19, 2001, as "Pennsylvania Horticultural Week."

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 13, 2001.

**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 Senate Resolution No. 33 and certain executive nominations.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator WAUGH, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bills:

**SB 363 (Pr. No. 376)**

An Act amending the act of June 10, 1931 (P.L.492, No.156), entitled "An act relating to the trespassing of live stock on improved lands; providing for the taking up, impounding and sale thereof; imposing duties on and fixing the fees of constables, justices of the peace, and viewers appointed in connection therewith; prescribing the procedure for repossession by the owner thereof; providing for the fixing and taxing of costs, including attorneys' fees; and repealing inconsistent legislation," further defining "live stock" to include goats.

**SB 549 (Pr. No. 569)**

An Act amending the act of December 12, 1994 (P.L.888, No.128), known as the Anaerobic Manure Digesters Act, further providing for the title, for legislative intent, for definitions, for development costs, for administration, for building and for funding.

**HB 101 (Pr. No. 1069) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further defining "agricultural conservation easement" and "agricultural production"; defining "parcel"; further providing for agricultural security areas and for purchase of agricultural conservation easements; providing for a supplemental agricultural conservation easement purchase program; and making a repeal.

Senator MURPHY, from the Committee on Aging and Youth, reported the following bill:

**SB 65 (Pr. No. 680) (Amended)**

An Act providing for home and community-based care services to certain individuals; and providing for responsibilities of the Department of Aging and the Department of Public Welfare.

Senator GERLACH, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

**SB 379 (Pr. No. 392)**

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing residency requirements for elective office and for vacancy appointments.

**SB 597 (Pr. No. 634)**

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for authority to sell or lease real property.

**HB 168 (Pr. No. 435)**

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, providing for a basic education program for tax collectors.

**HB 169 (Pr. No. 1034) (Amended)**

An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to adopt a program of training, examination and continuing education of elected auditors.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

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

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator BRIGHTBILL asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator HELFRICK and Senator PUNT, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**CALENDAR**

**SB 253 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER**

**SB 253 (Pr. No. 312)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator BRIGHTBILL, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 253 (Pr. No. 312)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for extending the statute of limitations for attempt to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

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-46**

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Mowery	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	Musto	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Piccola	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Robbins	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Dent	Lemmond	Schwartz	Williams
Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Fumo	Madigan	Stout	
Gerlach	Mellow	Tartaglione	

**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  
GUEST OF SENATOR NOAH W. WENGER  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WENGER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce a young man from my district who is my shadow today and is following me around to see what happens here at the State Capitol on a Tuesday. He is seated in the gallery. His name is Christopher Beiler and he lives in Akron. He is a junior at Ephrata High School. He is on the school football team, student council, and he helps with the children's ministry at his respective church. He plans to go to college after graduation from high school and major in political science.

Christopher is in the gallery, and I would appreciate the Senate extending a welcome to Christopher on his visit to the State Capitol.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate please acknowledge his presence.

(Applause.)

**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, each year Berks Community Television has a fundraising event. It is an auction, and one of the prizes they auction off is a day in the Capitol. The young lady who is my guest here today outbid everybody else for that honor --I am being facetious--and it was supposed to include a tour and lunch. She got cheated out of lunch because the Reading Area Community College and the other community colleges were doing their legislative session, but she is here in the gallery and I would like the Senate to extend its usual warm welcome. She is a principal at Caernarvon Elementary School, and it is an honor to introduce Sharon McGrath-Pauluk, one of my constituents who is here to shadow me and to learn what this is really all about.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Senate welcome Principal McGrath-Pauluk.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman representing Lock Haven, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I have stood here many times before and extolled the virtues of my alma mater and the athletic prowess at Penn State University, but, as you mentioned, I also have the great honor to represent another outstanding university in my district, Lock Haven University, and they also have an outstanding athletic department. Just as a kind of side

note, I was surprised that the Senator who preceded me in this seat was here today, and I told him I had some guests on the floor, the ladies' field hockey team, and he said, they are back again? That is how many times they have won the national title. He had the honor to introduce them in the past, but today it is an honor for me to introduce to the Senate the 2000 Lock Haven University Lady Eagles National Championship Field Hockey Team.

This fall they captured their fifth NCAA Division II national title, and their seventh national title overall when they defeated Bentley College by a score of 2 to 0 in the NCAA Division II National Championship back in November of 2000. This was the first national championship for head coach Pat Rudy, who is here on the floor with us, and the first for the squad, some are on the floor and some in the gallery, since 1995. The team finished their season with an outstanding record of 21 wins and 2 losses.

Mr. President, it is an honor for me to introduce this team. On the floor is Pat Rudy, the head coach, if I could ask her to stand; the student assistant coach, Cindy Brownell; and a couple of the players, Tara Beach and Michelle Hickey. I will submit the rest of the names for the record, but they are all in the gallery here, and if the Senate would give its usual warm welcome and congratulations, I would appreciate it.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Lady Eagles and Coach Rudy please stand.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Coach Rudy. It certainly is an accomplishment to win a fifth national championship. So, congratulations to each of you.

*(The following roster of names was submitted at the request of the gentleman from Centre, Senator CORMAN:)*

Lady Eagles: Tara Beach (team captain), Kate Laughlin, Ododo Omo-Osagie, Angelique Conlin, Amy Hale, Liz Marionni, Marcy Frymoyer, Valerie George, Crystal Medina, Beth Bollinger, Katie Cornax, Megan Dwyer, Megan Neagele, Michelle Hickey (team captain), Sarah Gibbens, Sara Segerlin, Kasey Rizzetto, Carrie Witheral, Gretchen Baker, Shanna Vitale, Ellide Provenzano, Lisa Dummeyer, Stephanie Lowe, Erika Grap, Marci Yousaitis, Laura Dalrymple, Jen DeNault, Betheny Zancan, Jocelyn Held, Sara Daley, Shannon Spease, Janelle Ebaugh, and Bridget Cook.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT M.  
TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I would like to welcome the Junior Honor Society from New Armstrong Middle School, along with their chaperones, Deborah Amoroso, Joyce Dworsky, and Angela Felt. They are here today observing the activities of the Senate, and they had a wonderful opportunity to go over to the Pennsylvania Museum and are now visiting and touring the Capitol. Would the Senate give them its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guests please rise so the Senate may welcome you.

(Applause.)

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator BRIGHTBILL.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus, which we expect to last about an hour or an hour and a half.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, there is no need for the Democrats to caucus, so we will await the return of the Republicans.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a Republican caucus to begin immediately following this announcement, with the intention of returning at approximately 3:00 or 3:30, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 32** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

**BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 33 (Pr. No. 655)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act reenacting and amending the act of December 20, 1996 (P.L.1504, No.195), known as the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, providing for a report to the General Assembly; and eliminating the expiration date of the act.

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-46**

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Mowery	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	Musto	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Piccola	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Robbins	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Dent	Lemmond	Schwartz	Williams

Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Fumo	Madigan	Stout	
Gerlach	Mellow	Tartaglione	

**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.

**SB 215 (Pr. No. 656)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, relating to associations; making revisions, corrections and additions; and making repeals.

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-46**

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Mowery	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	Musto	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Piccola	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Robbins	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Dent	Lemmond	Schwartz	Williams
Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Fumo	Madigan	Stout	
Gerlach	Mellow	Tartaglione	

**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.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 216 and SB 238** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 330** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

**PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 628, SB 629, SB 630, SB 631, SB 632 and SB 633** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 3, SB 223, SB 290, SB 419 and SB 634** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

**REQUEST FOR RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate, after the Secretary's announcement, for purposes of, first, a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, and then a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs in the Rules room.

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

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs to meet in the Rules room imminently to consider Senate Resolutions No. 34 and 36.

**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations as well as a meeting of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, without objection, the Senate stands in short recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

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

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

Senator ROBBINS, 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:

**SECRETARY OF BANKING**

January 12, 2001

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, James B. Kauffman, Jr., 1914 New Dawn Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Banking, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice the Honorable David E. Zuern, Fairview, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF  
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 16, 2001

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, Samuel J. Patterson, 110 Leighton Drive, Bryn Mawr 19010, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wendell R. Whitlock, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

January 3, 2001

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 W. Trimpey, R.D. 2, Box 83, Pittsfield 16340, Warren County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Conservation Commission, to serve until November 7, 2004, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF HAMBURG CENTER**

February 6, 2001

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 J. Bastek, 3100 Laurel Run Avenue, Reading 19605, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

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

December 12, 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, Christine J. Toretti, 2428 Oak Drive, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2002 and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF  
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

January 10, 2001

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, Mark A. Holman, 9208 Belwood Court, Alexandria, Virginia 22309, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF  
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 12, 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, David L. Johnson, 3000 Harmosa Lane, Havertown 19083-1125, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 31, 2001

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, Norman P. Hetrick, Esquire, 4485 Nantucket Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2003 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable David E. Zuern, Fairview, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 6, 2001

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 P. Kameen, 636 Main Street, Forest City 18421, Susquehanna County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2006 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice David L. Tressler, Sr., Clarks Summit, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

December 13, 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, Thomas R. Czarniecki, D.O., 4101 Ridgeview Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

February 15, 2001

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, Camilla L. Collova, 1007 Meadow Hill Drive, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

January 24, 2001

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, Barbara J. French, 905 E. South Street, Corry 16407, Erie County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Jane Fuller, Union City, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WARREN STATE HOSPITAL**

December 12, 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, Andrea M. Wagner, 80 Cobham Park Road, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2006, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Martha E. Pfusich, Erie, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF WHITE HAVEN CENTER**

January 4, 2001

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 R. Gallagher, 1213 Burton Street, Freeland 18224, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harold C. Snowdon, Jr., Shavertown, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

January 24, 2001

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, Louis Brova (Democrat), 11 Dague Hollow Road, Scenery Hill 15360, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald M. Barshick, Washington, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE**

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

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

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

Senator ROBBINS, 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 PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,  
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

February 16, 2001

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 February 12, 2001 for the appointment of Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic 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 Benjamin Calesnick, M.D., Springfield, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

February 27, 2001

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 January 19, 2001 for the appointment of Henry Hart, III, Esquire, 7100 McCallum Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice The Honorable Edmund S. Pawelec, mandatory retirement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

February 12, 2001

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 February 9, 2001 for the appointment of Doris M. Leisch, Esquire, 3437 West Penn Street, Philadelphia 19129, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice The Honorable James A. Lineberger, mandatory retirement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
NORRISTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

February 15, 2001

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 January 30, 2001 for the appointment of Jessica Dimuzio, V.M.D., 2630 Hillcrest Avenue, Norristown 19401, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Judith A. Swanson, Pottstown, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF PSYCHOLOGY

March 7, 2001

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 January 3, 2001 for the appointment of Annette Steele, 2029 Bonita Court, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve until September 23, 2001 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Maurice Prout, Ph.D., Wayne, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE YORK COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

February 20, 2001

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 12, 2000, for the appointment of Earl L. Williams, Jr.,

(Republican), 130 North Findlay Street, York 17402, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gene S. Abel, York, 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 ROBBINS. Mr. President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM  
COMMITTEES**

Senator BRIGHTBILL, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

**SR 33 (Pr. No. 643)**

A Resolution designating the month of March 2001 as "Mental Retardation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Senator WAUGH, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following resolutions:

**SR 34 (Pr. No. 653)**

A Resolution proclaiming April 2, 2001, as "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Day" and congratulating Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members for their contribution to this Commonwealth and to this Commonwealth's agricultural industry.

**SR 36 (Pr. No. 660)**

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 19, 2001, as "Pennsylvania Horticultural Week."

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

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SB 77 (Pr. No. 683) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for the composition and duties of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the composition of the Juvenile Advisory Committee.



**SB 147 (Pr. No. 152)**

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the unauthorized taking of newspapers from municipal recycling containers placed for collection.

**SB 259 (Pr. No. 262)**

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1995 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1009, No.14), known as the DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders Act, further providing for the definition of "other specified offense" to include the offense of burglary.

**SB 380 (Pr. No. 393)**

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for rights of victims.

**SB 413 (Pr. No. 421)**

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for Drug Education and Demand Reduction Fund; and imposing assessments.

**SB 415 (Pr. No. 423)**

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extending the period of limitation in certain offenses when deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence establishes the identity of a defendant.

**SB 421 (Pr. No. 429)**

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the right of action regarding profits received as a result of the commission of a crime.

**CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS**

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Bradley Newhard by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James I. Smith III by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Halbert E. Fillinger, Jr., by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Albert Ferens and to James R. Wass by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of the Borough of Waymart by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Heim and to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Everett by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy McCauley by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mattes by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Linda Falcone by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William F. Ariail by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Clearfield Chapter of the American Red Cross by Senator Wozniak.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

Senator EARLL. 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 65, SB 77, SB 147, SB 259, SB 363, SB 379, SB 380, SB 413, SB 415, SB 421, SB 549, SB 597, HB 101, HB 168 and HB 169.**

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

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, today I speak not only for those I represent but for all Pennsylvanians, because sinkholes affect everybody, and if you do not believe me or care to pay attention, I guarantee those of you who travel the Schuylkill Expressway, you will be reminded of my remarks today as you sit in a massive traffic jam, a traffic jam due to construction to repair sinkholes that emerged near the King of Prussia interchange. If you do not travel the Schuylkill, you might say, well, it does not matter, but you are still affected, taxpayers are still affected because the sinkholes in King of Prussia meant an extra \$4 million to road improvement projects there. That is taxpayers' dollars. Every single taxpayer in Pennsylvania will pay to help fill these sinkholes.

The situation is so severe a PennDOT engineer predicted that another \$2 million will be needed to fix the problem, for a total of \$6 million. If it is not completely fixed, the engineer stated, and I quote, "If we do not fix this, our road will fail and people could be swallowed up," unquote. So we will turn to PennDOT to come up with the money to fix the problem. They, in turn, ultimately get their money from the taxpayer. Now, let us say that it is a waterway that is disrupted by a sinkhole. The remedy is financed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. They, in turn, get the money ultimately from the taxpayer.

Now, let us say this taxpayer who helps fund our Commonwealth wakes up one day and finds a sinkhole in their backyard, and this is happening in the communities that I represent, Mr. President. Where do my constituents, your constituents, where can they go for some financial relief if a sinkhole threatens their homesteads? Unfortunately, we have nowhere for the average citizen to turn to if they are faced with the problem of a sinkhole emerging and threatening their personal property.

That is why, Mr. President, I am introducing a pair of bills intended to help those who have had their property damaged or destroyed by sinkholes. The first of the two bills would amend the Insurance Company Law of 1921 by requiring stock fire insurance companies to provide coverage for sinkhole damages, just like we provide the ability for those who live in a flood zone the opportunity to purchase flood insurance. Our Commonwealth should provide insurance for those who live on top of limestone or in an area prone to sinkholes. It makes sense.

The second bill is an act that would establish a statewide sinkhole damage assistance program that would provide grants and loans for those affected by sinkholes. The taxpayer whose taxes are being swallowed up to fund departments that repair sinkholes need our help to repair sinkholes that could potentially swallow up their homes along with all of their dreams and hard work that went into establishing their homesteads to begin with. Mr. President, as our Majority Leader can attest, this issue is not new, so please join me in supporting these bills.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LOGAN. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about an issue that is very near to my heart and something I feel very strongly about. It is our volunteer firefighters and ambulance service personnel across the Commonwealth and the lack of consistent funding that the Commonwealth has provided these folks.

Throughout life, we encounter people who volunteer for many things - parents who volunteer to serve on the PTAs, people who volunteer at local soup kitchens, people who volunteer at local animal shelters. I hold all of these people in high esteem for what they do, Mr. President, but among these volunteers there is a special group of men and women I admire not only for what they do but for what they are: heroes. Each and every volunteer firefighter and ambulance service person is a hero because they put the lives of their neighbors, their friends, even strangers before their own. For them volunteering is a way of life that demands long hours, hazardous duty, time away from family and regular jobs for training and preparing, and financial investment.

Mr. President, Pennsylvania relies heavily on these volunteers, with nearly all of Pennsylvania's estimated 2,400 volunteer fire companies staffed by approximately 78,000 volunteers. Mr. President, 78,000 volunteers. They volunteer knowing that their own lives are often in jeopardy, yet they never flinch or hesitate.

Mr. President, as legislators we took an oath to do our best to help the people of Pennsylvania, and when it comes to saving homes and lives, we can do that in two ways. We can help people directly through legislation requiring such things as safer building codes, or we can help the people who help them. I strongly believe we should do both. Mr. President, I was extremely pleased that last year the legislature passed a bill making millions of dollars of grant money available to eligible volunteer fire and ambulance companies across the Commonwealth. While I was thrilled to see this funding made available to such worthy groups, I was at the same time disheartened to know that this was a one-time State grant, and to date it remains a one-time State grant.

Mr. President, I believe these funds should be made available each and every year. Therefore, I have introduced Senate Bill No. 409, which would ensure that volunteer fire and ambulance companies receive money each and every year, not just in an election year. My legislation guarantees \$15,000 to volunteer fire companies and \$2,500 to volunteer ambulance services. I will continue to fight for every man and woman who devotes an enormous amount of time and energy to helping others, and I ask that my colleagues join me. We should not let their work go unnoticed and unappreciated, and there are many others who agree with me.

Mr. President, on Friday, Senator Wagner, Senator Costa, and over 100 fire chiefs from southwestern Pennsylvania joined me at a press conference to support Senate Bill No. 409. This bill is important to so many people in our towns because these volunteers, the 78,000 men and women, are the dads, the sisters, the sons, the wives of our communities. Volunteer firefighters and ambulance services provide such a vital service to our communities that I think we all, including the people here in this Chamber, take their services for granted. A 1996 study by the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute showed volunteer firefighters saved taxpayers \$4.5 billion in salary and benefits alone, and those numbers are from a 5-year-old study, Mr. President. So while these men and women save each and every one of us money, their companies often struggle financially themselves. One piece of fire equipment, one fire truck, Mr. President, can cost \$750,000. One ambulance can cost up to a quarter of a million dollars. You take that times the number of companies I mentioned previously, that is almost \$2 billion just in fire equipment, and that is not including operating costs.

An article written in 1994 showed that it cost approximately \$4,000 to equip and outfit one single volunteer fire person, \$4,000. Mr. President, we have 78,000 of them, so the cost of Senate Bill No. 409 is a drop in the bucket compared to what volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel save Pennsylvania taxpayers.

Mr. President, the work of these volunteers is often thankless, but their community benefits are priceless. The State should be assisting volunteer fire companies and ambulance services every year because they assist others every day and every night without question, without fail, regardless of holidays, regardless of the weather, often missing family moments and events to help neighbors or fellow community members in trouble, and sometimes they pay the ultimate price for their willingness to volunteer. I am sorry to say that, on average, 10 volunteer firefighters in this Commonwealth die each year. Volunteers. Our volunteer firefighters and ambulance services are heroes in the truest sense of the word. It is their selfless acts and sacrifices that ensure that Pennsylvania communities are safe places.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 409, and let us give something back to those who give so much to us.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR****NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT 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 PENNSYLVANIA  
GAME COMMISSION**

March 13, 2001

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, Elisabeth Baker (District 7), P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve until June 9, 2006, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George J. Venesky, Mountaintop, commission revoked.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**VICTIM ADVOCATE**

March 13, 2001

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, Mary A. Achilles, 4155 Mountain View Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as Victim Advocate, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

**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:

March 13, 2001

Senators CORMAN, HUGHES, CONTI, EARLL, MELLOW, O'PAKE, PUNT, STACK, STOUT, TOMLINSON, WAGNER, M. WHITE and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 591**, entitled:

An Act providing for treatment of psychological problems in health care facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 13, 2001.

Senators EARLL, COSTA, LAVALLE and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 611**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information relating to prospective child-care personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 13, 2001.

Senators EARLL, COSTA, LAVALLE and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 612**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the dissemination of criminal history record information to noncriminal justice agencies and individuals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 13, 2001.

Senators STACK, LOGAN, COSTA and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 613**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further providing for eligibility for the pharmaceutical assistance program for the elderly.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 13, 2001.

Senators MELLOW, O'PAKE, WAGNER, BODACK, COSTA, BOSCOLA, MUSTO, SCHWARTZ and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 615**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restraint systems and points for violations.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 13, 2001.

Senators WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, O'PAKE, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 620**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for space on form for contributions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 13, 2001.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, WOZNIAC and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 621**, entitled:

An Act establishing a sinkhole damage assistance program; providing for grants and loans; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 13, 2001.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, WOZNIAC and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 622**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, requiring stock fire insurance companies to provide coverage for sinkhole damage.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 13, 2001.

Senators PICCOLA, TOMLINSON, EARLL, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, TILGHMAN, HELFRICK, CONTI, COSTA, PUNT, WAUGH, BELL, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, WENGER, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, HOLL, RHOADES, THOMPSON, MOWERY, GERLACH, LEMMOND and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 624**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for an exclusion relating to veterans' organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 13, 2001.

Senators PICCOLA, TOMLINSON, EARLL, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, TILGHMAN, HELFRICK, CONTI, COSTA, PUNT, WAUGH, BELL, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, WENGER, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, HOLL, RHOADES, THOMPSON, MOWERY, GERLACH and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 625**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, providing for an exemption relating to veterans' organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 13, 2001.

Senators BELL, FUMO, TOMLINSON and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 626**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 8, 1907 (P.L.496, No.322), entitled "An act to establish a Board of Commissioners of Navigation for the river Delaware and its navigable tributaries; regulating their jurisdiction over ships, vessels, and boats, and wharves, piers, bulkheads, docks, slips, and basins; and exempting cities of the first class from certain of its provisions; and making an appropriation therefor," further providing for the commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 13, 2001.

Senators BELL, FUMO, TOMLINSON and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 627**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to An Act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates and fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 13, 2001.

Senators BELL, FUMO, TOMLINSON and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 635**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 29, 1803 (P.L.542, No.156), entitled "An act to establish a Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotages, and for other purposes therein mentioned," further providing for pilots.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 13, 2001.

Senators SCHWARTZ, LAVALLE, TARTAGLIONE, MELLOW, WOZNIAK, STACK, MUSTO, BODACK, WAGNER, RHOADES and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 636**, entitled:

An Act mandating health insurance coverage for cancer prevention and early detection programs; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 13, 2001.

Senators FUMO, HUGHES, O'PAKE, CONTI, STOUT, THOMPSON, COSTA, DENT, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, LOGAN, LAVALLE, SCHWARTZ, STACK and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 638**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the sale or transfer of unused net loss deductions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 13, 2001.

Senators MOWERY, HUGHES, TOMLINSON, TILGHMAN, M. WHITE, WAUGH, HELFRICK, GREENLEAF, PUNT, BODACK, BOSCOLA, GERLACH, BELL, LEMMOND, COSTA, EARLL, LOGAN, RHOADES, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, JUBELIRER, MADIGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, KUKOVICH, STACK and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 640**, entitled:

An Act establishing a nursing loan forgiveness and scholarship program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 13, 2001.

Senators THOMPSON, TARTAGLIONE, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, HOLL, ROBBINS, PUNT, M. WHITE, EARLL and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 641**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting employment of certain individuals as law enforcement officers; requiring suspension of law enforcement officers charged with certain crimes; and establishing dismissal procedures for law enforcement officers convicted of certain crimes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 13, 2001.

Senators CONTI, GERLACH, KUKOVICH, MUSTO and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 642**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, adding a definition; and providing for the valuation of land used for wildlife preservation.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 13, 2001.

Senators CONTI, HELFRICK, GERLACH, KUKOVICH, RHOADES, MOWERY, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 643**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the incurring of additional indebtedness, with approval of the electors, of \$500,000,000 to provide additional funds for the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 13, 2001.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

##### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001

10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 243 and 372)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bills No. 500, 501, 502, 504, 506 and 507)	Majority Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 2, 49 and 616; and any other business that may come before the committee)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 206, 286, 370, 371 and 400)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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##### THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2001

10:00 A.M.	JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ELECTION ISSUES (public hearing to receive testimony pursuant to House Resolution No. 14)	Majority Caucus Rm.
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##### MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2001

10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to receive testimony relating to Senate Bill No. 589, which provides for postconviction DNA testing)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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### ADJOURNMENT

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator BRIGHTBILL.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 3:52 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.