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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, April 23, 2002

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Robert J. Thompson) in the Chair.

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend RICHARD D. SWEENEY, of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, we gather in this place looking for You to heal our hurts and to offer us counsel. We are members of the human family. We belong to the crowd, and yet each one of us is alone. Every distinct story is a part of the puzzle. We are the poor and the rich, we are the hungry and the satisfied, sometimes we weep and sometimes we laugh, but the pieces of our lives never seem to fit together, and we await Your restoring and uniting word, and it comes, O God, just not in the way we expect it to come. Here You challenge us, there You comfort us. We mourn and You comfort us. We jest and You cut short our easy laughter. Your word comes to humble us with mercy and judgment.

O God, we are members of one human family. We are all Your children and so we are sisters and brothers. Give us ears to hear Your comfort and Your challenge. Bring to all of us a healing that is deeper than the comforts we seek. Guide us to work against oppression and poverty, against ignorance and disease, to work together and to overcome our illusions of success and security and power. Heal us, O God, by the power of truth spoken in love, for we yearn that our world would be made whole.

We pray for our Commonwealth, for its leaders and its citizens. We pray for our nation. We pray that You would bless with Your presence and Your guidance and Your mercy all whom You have ordained to lead us.

I pray, O God, for any Member of this Senate who may be suffering this day in body or in spirit. May Your spirit of healing descend upon them. Encourage and strengthen all in the task that is theirs. Give us each the heartfelt desire to follow our calling with integrity. Make us one in common purpose and resolve to seek justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with You. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Reverend Sweeney, who is the guest today of Senator Mowery.

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of April 22, 2002.

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.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE**

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

**SB 1413 (Pr. No. 1920)**

An Act amending the act of June 10, 1982 (P.L.454, No.133), entitled "An act protecting agricultural operations from nuisance suits and ordinances under certain circumstances," further providing for limitation on local ordinances.

**HB 2398 (Pr. No. 3649)**

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), known as the Job Enhancement Act, further providing for small business definitions and loan eligibility and terms.

**BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

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Senators ARMSTRONG, FUMO, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, D. WHITE, MUSTO, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, LEMMOND, WENGER, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, SCHWARTZ, KITCHEN and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 1414, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1971 (P.L.206, No.34), known as the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act, further providing for exemption schedules.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 23, 2002.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, KUKOVICH, KITCHEN, WAGNER, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, MUSTO, LOGAN, LAVALLE, MELLOW, BELL, KASUNIC and ORIE presented to the Chair SB 1415, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for statute of limitations for certain offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 23, 2002.

**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. 198 and certain nominations.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I ask for a legislative leave for Senator Bell, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Dent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Brightbill requests a legislative leave for Senator Bell, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Dent. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

**CALENDAR**

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 209  
CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER, ADOPTED**

Senator BRIGHTBILL, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, as a Special Order of Business, Senate Resolution No. 209, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the contributions of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Conti.

Senator CONTI. Mr. President, I rise today to seek support for Senate Resolution No. 209. This is a resolution that will recognize the contributions of the Blue Star Mothers of America.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOE CONTI  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

Senator CONTI. Mr. President, I am very proud to have with us today constituents of mine, Jean Campbell, and Susan Naill, who is the National First Vice-President of the Blue Star Mothers of America. They are with us in the gallery and I wish you would lead us in a warm welcome for my guests, and also I urge the support of this very important resolution to recognize the wonderful work of this group.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the guests of Senator Conti rise so we may give them our usual warm welcome.  
(Applause.)

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-50**

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

**NAY-0**

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

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the presence on the floor of Senator Dent and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
GUESTS OF SENATOR M.J. WHITE  
AND SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Venango, Senator M.J. White.

Senator M.J. WHITE. Mr. President, I rise to introduce some students from the former Soviet Union who are here visiting the Senate with their coordinator, Liz Morris, who I believe is in the gallery. These young ladies are serving as Senate Pages today and are on the Senate floor. They are the guests of both Senator Robbins and me, and we are really delighted to have them here.

This is a program that brings over young people and introduces them to the United States, to our system of government, to our people. They reside with families in our district and attend our area high schools. With us today are Lilit Khachatryan, who is at Slippery Rock High School; Irene Karpova, who is at Greenville High School; Victoria Kopchak, from Grove City High School; and Sasha Zhuravleva, of Greenville High School. I ask the Senate to welcome the young ladies, as well as Liz Morris, their advisor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would our guests please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR JACK WAGNER  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a constituent of mine, Roberta Bell, who resides in a senior highrise in Allentown, a neighborhood in the city of Pittsburgh in the 18th ward. Roberta is a veteran of the United States Army, where she honorably served from 1969 to 1972. She devotes most of her time going through neighborhoods making sure that curb sites, businesses, and modes of transportation meet the Americans with Disabilities Act, and if they do not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, in other words, bringing up substandard situations that exist.

Roberta loves to travel, swim at the YWCA, and looks forward to participating in the National Veterans' Wheelchair Games in Cleveland, Ohio, in July of this year. She does a great job of being an advocate of veterans' issues and issues representing those who are disabled.

Mr. President, I ask for our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Let us give the guest of Senator Wagner the Senate's usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair offers congratulations to you for the excellent job that you are doing.

### RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, at this time I request a quick caucus. Once again, we hope to adopt the procedure that we used yesterday, where we had a quick caucus over here while the Senate stood at ease, and then we will continue with the rest of the day's activity. We expect that it will not be a long day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the purpose of a Republican caucus, without objection, the Senate will stand in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

## CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1358** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

### BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 219 (Pr. No. 1510)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for powers and duties of victim advocate, for preparole notification to victim and for petitions to deny parole upon expiration of minimum sentence.

Upon motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

**HB 235 (Pr. No. 3239)** -- 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 unauthorized publication of name or likeness; and establishing a right of action.

Upon motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 247** and **HB 411** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 462 (Pr. No. 1928)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the regulation of viatical settlements and for powers and duties of the Insurance Department.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Mowery.

Senator MOWERY. Mr. President, I would like to share with the Chair and my colleagues some background on Senate Bill No. 462 and ask for their support of this very important and necessary consumer measure.

In the early 1980s, a secondary market for life insurance emerged. Third parties, called viatical settlement providers, began purchasing life insurance policies from terminally ill individuals for a percentage of the face value of the policy. This transaction is extremely attractive to both parties. The terminally ill individual receives cash, allowing him to enhance his quality of life and meet increasing medical bills. The viatical settlement provider, by assuming the responsibility for the payment of the policy premium until the insured's death, receives the policy's full payout when the insured dies. Often the viatical settlement provider realizes very high returns on this investment.

In recent years, this industry has expanded to purchase policies from otherwise healthy individuals, usually seniors. This purchase is described as a senior or life settlement, and is attractive to individuals holding term life policies, because it allows them to realize some financial benefit from years of paying premiums.

While legitimate business transactions in many respects, viatical settlements have had a rather checkered past, and the potential for abuse still exists due to lack of regulation. Currently, Pennsylvania, which is considered to be one of the stricter insurance regulators, fails to regulate this sale at all. As a result, I urge your support of Senate Bill No. 462, which would help to protect some of the more vulnerable segments of our Commonwealth, the ill and the elderly. Senate Bill No. 462 gives

the Insurance Department oversight over the growing industry and requires all viatical settlement providers and brokers doing business in Pennsylvania to become licensed. In addition, the department is given the authority to approve or disapprove a viatical settlement contract, and all provider licensees are required to develop antifraud plans. The legislation also requires extensive disclosures to those considering the sale of their life insurance policies so that they may better understand the transaction and the possible alternatives.

I have worked extensively with various interest groups to refine this legislation and enhance the consumer protection provisions. In addition, Insurance Commissioner Diane Koken chaired the working group on this very issue with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and has added a broad depth of knowledge and insight to these efforts. It is important to remember that this industry is rapidly expanding in Pennsylvania, and we need to be proactive. We need to provide clear and strict guidelines for these transactions, so that the interests of our citizens are protected. This is truly a consumer protection measure I believe we can all be very proud of, and I ask for your support.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator D. White.

Senator D. WHITE. Mr. President, I, too, rise in support of Senate Bill No. 462 and want to thank Senator Mowery for his leadership on this legislation. After 23 years in the insurance business, one of the most heavily regulated industries in the country, I feel that viatical settlement providers do perform an important service to those sometimes in desperate need, but at the same time, because of the fact that potential abuse is a concern, there needs to be fundamental regulation in the areas of licensure and total disclosure for the sake of consumer awareness and safety. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to pass Senate Bill No. 462 with expediency.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,  
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

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Mowery	Tartaglione
Bell	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bodack	Holl	Musto	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	O'Pake	Wagner
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Orie	Waugh

Conti	Kasunic	Piccola	Wenger
Corman	Kitchen	Punt	White, Donald
Costa	Kukovich	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Dent	LaValle	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Lemmond	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Logan	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Madigan	Stack	
Gerlach	Mellow	Stout	

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 824 and SB 1319 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1367 (Pr. No. 1827) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for qualifications of directors.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?  
Senator M.J. WHITE offered the following amendment No. A1839:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 5722), page 1, line 15, by inserting after "corporation": organized primarily for recreational or youth development and delinquency prevention purposes for the benefit of individuals 18 years of age or younger

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 BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1458 and HB 2070 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1060, SB 1118, SB 1164, SB 1225, HB 1237, SB 1321, HB 1459 and HB 1933 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 2305 (Pr. No. 3615)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for elected officers.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

## RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, at this point I ask for a brief recess, first for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will be held immediately, after which there will be a Republican caucus, which will begin within 5 or 10 minutes from now in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Brightbill requests that the Senate recess for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a Republican caucus.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, will the Majority Leader consent to a brief interrogation.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I will.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, after the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and the caucus, does the gentleman anticipate any more roll-call votes on the floor?

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, we do not. We do anticipate that we are going to start tomorrow at 11 a.m., but we do not expect any more roll-call votes today.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, there will be no need for the Democrats to caucus.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will stand in recess for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations and a Republican caucus.

## AFTER RECESS

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

## RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

**SR 198 (Pr. No. 1888)**

A Resolution designating April 25, 2002, as "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

April 18, 2002

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 11, 2002, for the appointment of Michelle Bonsick, 1114 Quincy Circle, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Blake Maria Yohe, York, resigned.

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

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

April 18, 2002

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 11, 2002, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Albert E. Myers, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

April 18, 2002

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 20, 2002, for the appointment of Wha Lee, 820 Clifton Heights Road #3, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of South

Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cora I. Grove, Greencastle, resigned.

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

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

#### DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 17, 2002

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 April 5, 2002, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, as District Justice, in and for the County of Blair, Magisterial District 24-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice John B. Greene, resigned.

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

Mark S. Schweiker  
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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

#### **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:

#### **MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

February 27, 2002

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, Edith Isacke, 516 27th Avenue, Altoona 16601, Blair County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 10, 2007, or until her successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

#### **MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

March 19, 2002

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 O. Pinkerton, 124 Timberlane Drive, Pittsburgh 15229, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

#### **MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

March 28, 2002

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, Bart Burne, Ed.D., 37 Old Mill Road, Laflin 18702, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

#### **MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING**

March 19, 2002

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, Sonya M. Wilt, Ph.D., 262 Leech Road, Greenville 16125, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech, Language and Hearing, 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.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

#### **MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

March 19, 2002

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 D. Evans (Public Member), 1078 Squire Cheyney Drive, West Chester 19382, Chester County,

Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, 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.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

**DISTRICT JUSTICE**

April 1, 2002

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, Elissa M. Lang, 106 Church Lane, Pittsburgh, 15238, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, as District Justice, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice John T. Bender, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

**DISTRICT JUSTICE**

April 11, 2002

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, Douglas W. Reed, 5827 Alder Street, Pittsburgh 15232, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, as District Justice, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-29, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice Guido A. DeAngelis, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker  
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 PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be laid on the table.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
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 Dr. Sabih I. Hayek by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to WQLN-TV 54 of Erie by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ruth Koffler, Louella Kessler, Eleanor Bobb, Laura Loss and to Dr. Jessica Sledge Kozloff by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce Gearhart by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jenkins by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward Mengak, Joseph McKeown and to Angelo Magli by Senators Lemmond and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Marie Sheasley and to the Arnold Lions Club by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Detweiler by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Koszarsky, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Saxon, John Paul Lednak and to Sean Quinn by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Henry A. Giuliani, Robert Emmett Wildes, Benjamin Hummel, Irving Kaufer, Edward J. Kalinowski, John Grencavage, George M. Sarnecki, Joseph G. Elias and to Joseph Bartz by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Darcie Faye Bell by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Fine Line Homes, Inc., of Harrisburg by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert J. Williams by Senators Piccola and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ruth R. Goepfert by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua C. Deane and to Michael R. Sims by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James J. Cunningham by Senators Stout and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Hanover Area Family YMCA by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karp, Mr. and Mrs. David Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt C. Berringer, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Plowcha, Fred Sgarlata, Scott Salser, Marge Popp, Tina Kolessar, Linda Graves, Sandra Dudash, Gertrude DeRubis, Phyllis Antonelli, James Einsporn, Stanley Bern, Janice Yeager, Carl Vietto, Mary Beth Sweeney and to Becky Stiffler by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Suburban One League of Chalfont by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. McBride and to Jordan Grados by Senator Wozniak.

**CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION**

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jack Ryan Ronald Shockley-Ward by Senator A.H. Williams.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

**SB 1413 and HB 2398.**

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 11:36 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.