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### SENATE

TUESDAY, January 7, 2003

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This is the constitutional day and hour for the convening of this 187th Regular Session of the General Assembly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Mary Jo White) called the Senate to order at 12 m., Eastern Standard Time.

#### **PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Rabbi AMMOS CHORNY, of Temple Agudath Achim, Altoona, offered the following prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, we thank You for Your presence with us today, and come to You asking for Your divine guidance and protection as we open a new Session of our State Senate. Let each one of us never forget the tremendous costs of time, talent, sweat and blood those who came before us paid, to ensure that we can assemble in this glorious hall in freedom and democracy. Your wisdom has provided us with new leaders to steer the course to progress with complete understanding of their mission and their awesome responsibility.

As we address You in prayer this day, we ask that Your steady hand be upon each and every one of these distinguished men and women as they assume their duties. May You grant them discernment and understanding, so they can carry out their charge fairly and securely. It is not easy to legislate, to command authority, and to lead others to a bright future. May we, as citizens, remember that we can make their job easier and more tolerable as You grant to each of us the proper maturity and the attitude to be understanding and obedient.

You have appointed these representatives, the choicest among us, so they can look after those who need the most, and by their example inspire others to do the same.

Heavenly Father, we have the confidence in our representatives as we have in our great nation, and especially in You, as we boldly request Your blessings and inspiration for this assembly, trusting in You and trusting that they will be granted today and always. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Rabbi Chorny, who is the guest today of Senator Jubelirer.

### PRESENTATION OF ELECTION RETURNS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Madam President, I have the honor to present the Secretary of the Commonwealth, C. Michael Weaver.

Secretary WEAVER. Madam President, I have the honor to present the returns and statements of campaign expense compliance for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senator in the General Assembly for the election held November 5, 2002.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks Secretary Weaver.

### ELECTION RETURNS FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LAID ON TABLE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The returns for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor will lie upon the table.

### **ELECTION RETURNS OF SENATORS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The returns of the Senators will be read by the Clerk.

The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

Philadelphia	SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT Christine M. Tartaglione (Dem) Gary Adam Feldman (Rep) Traci Confer (Grn)	39,785 9,787 532
Philadelphia Montgomery	FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Allyson Y. Schwartz (Dem) Ron Holt (Rep)	70,679 15,231
Bucks	SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Robert Tommy Tomlinson (Rep) Peter H. Kostmayer (Dem)	42,532 38,385
Philadelphia Delaware	EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Anthony H. Williams (Dem) John P. McKelligott (Rep)	46,583 12,460
Bucks	TENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Joe Conti (Rep) Ronald H. Elgart (Dem)	49,407 30,901
Montgomery	TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Stewart J. Greenleaf (Rep) Howard P. Rovner (Dem)	56,858 28,206
F Luzerne	OURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Raphael J. Musto (Dem)	40,442
Lehigh	SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Charles W. Dent (Rep) Richard J. Orloski (Dem)	40,320 21,571

EIO Northampton	GHTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Lisa Boscola (Dem) Nick Sabatine (Rep)	39,312 24,353	
TV Luzerne Monroe	WENTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Charles D. Lemmond, Jr. (Rep) John Petrizzo (Dem)	43,467 18,998	
TWE! Lackawanna	NTY-SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT Robert J. Mellow (Dem) Frank Scavo (Rep)	50,274 22,451	
TWE! Montgomery	NTY-FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Rob Wonderling (Rep) Jim Maza (Dem)	39,464 32,215	
TWF Delaware	ENTY-SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Edwin G. Erickson (Rep) Sean Crumlish (Dem)	52,908 30,643	
York	NTY-EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Mike Waugh (Rep)	46,560	
Ti Blair	HIRTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Robert C. Jubelirer (Rep) Stacey R. Brumbaugh (Dem)	47,715 17,578	
THIR Fayette	TY-SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT Richard A. Kasunic (Dem)	41,686	
THIR Centre	TY-FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Jacob D. Corman, III (Rep/Dem) Daniel W. Tuel (Lib)	57,472 4,620	
THI Lancaster	RTY-SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Noah W. Wenger (Rep) Laurellynn T. Petolicchio (Cst)	52,158 2,994	
THIF Allegheny	RTY-EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Jim Ferlo (Dem) Ted Tomson (Rep)	38,886 21,000	
F Allegheny	ORTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Jane C. Orie (Rep) Dan Demarco (Dem)	57,310 23,642	
FOR Allegheny	TY-SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT Jack Wagner (Dem) Thomas Stepnick (Rep)	44,249 16,952	
FOR' Montgomery	TY-FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT John C. Rafferty, Jr., (Rep) Rick Jacobs (Dem)	42,558 29,368	
FOI Washington	RTY-SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT J. Barry Stout (Rep/Dem)	58,973	
FOR Lebanon	TY-EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT David J. Brightbill (Rep) Ed Arnold (Dem)	52,341 22,952	
Mercer F	IFTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT Bob Robbins (Rep) Kyle Klaric (Dem)	42,728 21,894	
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Whereupon, the following named persons were declared duly elected Senators in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Second District-Christine M. Tartaglione Fourth District-Allyson Y. Schwartz Sixth District-Robert Tommy Tomlinson Eighth District-Anthony H. Williams Tenth District-Joe Conti Twelfth District-Stewart J. Greenleaf Fourteenth District-Raphael J. Musto Sixteenth District-Charlie W. Dent Eighteenth District-Lisa Boscola Twentieth District-Charles D. Lemmond, Jr. Twenty-second District-Robert J. Mellow Twenty-fourth District-Rob Wonderling Twenty-sixth District-Edwin B. Erickson Twenty-eighth District-Mike Waugh Thirtieth District-Robert C. Jubelirer Thirty-second District-Richard A. Kasunic Thirty-fourth District-Jake Corman Thirty-sixth District-Noah W. Wenger Thirty-eighth District-Jim Ferlo Fortieth District-Jane C. Orie Forty-second District-Jack Wagner Forty-fourth District-John C. Rafferty, Jr. Forty-sixth District-J. Barry Stout Forty-eighth District-David J. Brightbill Fiftieth District-Bob Robbins

### STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For the record, the Chair has been informed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth that all Senators-elect have filed in his office the accounts and affidavits required by the Election Code.

Before proceeding to the administration of the oaths of office, the Chair would request the cooperation of news photographers and others who would like to take photographs or videotapes during the swearing-in. During each of the actual ceremonies, there will be no picture-taking. Those Senators who are sworn in are asked to please, at the conclusion of the actual administration of the oath of office, stay at the bar for a few minutes for the convenience of any person who desires to take pictures. The rest of us will then stand at ease for a few minutes.

## ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO REPUBLICAN SENATORS-ELECT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next order of business will be the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected Senators. It is an honor and privilege to have with us today from the Supreme Court the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Ralph J. Cappy. Chief Justice Cappy has kindly consented to administer the oaths of office to our Senators-elect in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania

We will now proceed to the administration of the oath of office for the Republican Senators-elect by Chief Justice Cappy.

Will the Republican Senators-elect please present themselves in front of the rostrum and bring with you the Bibles which have been placed on your desks.

Will everyone please rise.

I have the honor of presenting Chief Justice Cappy, who will now administer the oath of office to the Republican Senators-elect.

Chief Justice Cappy.

Mr. Chief Justice CAPPY. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Before beginning, I would like to thank the President of the Senate for inviting me to preside and officiate at this very august event. I would like to, on behalf of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, congratulate all of you and your colleagues who did not have to stand for election this round for the fine service you are rendering the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. You are all to be congratulated.

With that, if you would kindly place your left hand on your Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Please be seated while photographs are taken. The Senators will please remain at the bar.

(The Senate was at ease.)

### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO DEMOCRATIC SENATORS-ELECT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next order of business will be the administration of the oath of office to the Democratic Senators-elect by Chief Justice Cappy. Will the Democratic Senators-elect please present themselves in front of the rostrum and bring with you the Bibles which have been placed on your desks.

Will everyone please rise.

I have the honor of again presenting Chief Justice Cappy who will administer the oath of office to the Democratic Senators-elect.

Chief Justice Cappy.

Mr. Chief Justice CAPPY. Madam President, again, my compliments and congratulations.

Would you place your left hand on your Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Please be seated while photographs are taken. The Senate will briefly stand at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

#### **GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

#### RESIGNATION OF SENATOR TIMOTHY F. MURPHY

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA Senate Box 203037 Room 170 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

November 27, 2002

Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer Lieutenant Governor 292 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Lieutenant Governor Jubelirer:

With my election to the 18th district to the United States House of Representatives I will be resigning my position as Pennsylvania State Senator for the 37th District effective noon on January 7, 2003.

It has been an honor and privilege serving the people of the Commonwealth in the Senate.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY F. MURPHY State Senator 37th Senatorial District

#### **QUORUM PRESENT**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Clerk will now call the roll to determine if a quorum is present. Will the Senators please answer "present" when your name is called.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Senators were present:

Second District-Christine M. Tartaglione Third District-Shirley M. Kitchen Fourth District-Allyson Y. Schwartz Fifth District-Mike Stack Sixth District-Robert M. Tomlinson Eighth District—Anthony H. Williams Ninth District-Dominic F. Pileggi Tenth District-Joe Conti Eleventh District-Michael A. O'Pake Twelfth District-Stewart J. Greenleaf Fourteenth District-Raphael J. Musto Fifteenth District-Jeffrey E. Piccola Sixteenth District-Charles W. Dent Seventeenth District-Constance H. Williams Eighteenth District-Lisa M. Boscola Twentieth District-Charles D. Lemmond Twenty-first District-Mary Jo White Twenty-second District-Robert J. Mellow Twenty-third District-Roger A. Madigan Twenty-fourth District-Robert C. Wonderling Twenty-fifth District-Joseph B. Scarnati, III Twenty-sixth District-Edwin B. Erickson Twenty-eighth District-Michael L. Waugh Twenty-ninth District-James J. Rhoades Thirtieth District-Robert C. Jubelirer Thirty-second District-Richard A. Kasunic Thirty-third District-Terry L. Punt Thirty-fourth District-Jake Corman Thirty-sixth District-Noah W. Wenger

Thirty-eighth District—James Ferlo
Thirty-ninth District—Allen G. Kukovich
Fortieth District—Jane C. Orie
Forty-first District—Don White
Forty-second District—Jack Wagner
Forty-third District—Jay Costa, Jr.
Forty-fourth District—John C. Rafferty, Jr.
Forty-fifth District—Sean F. Logan
Forty-sixth District—J. Barry Stout
Forty-seventh District—Gerald J. LaValle
Forty-eighth District—David J. Brightbill
Forty-ninth District—Jane M. Earll
Fiftieth District—Robert E. Robbins

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Forty-two Senators having answered to their names, a quorum is present.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WELCOMED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In addition to friends and well-wishers, the Senate is joined today by several dignitaries. I would like to recognize them at this time and ask them to please stand. Please hold your applause until we have concluded.

With us today is the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, Mike Fisher; Lieutenant Governor-elect Catherine Baker Knoll; the Mayor of Philadelphia, the Honorable John Street; Senator J. Doyle Corman, Senator Hardy Williams, Senator Joe Loeper, and we are also joined by members of the Governor's cabinet and senior staff, as well as several State commissioners, and I will ask them to rise at this time and be recognized.

(Applause.)

### STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Before taking up the next order of business dealing with the election of the President pro tempore and several officers of the Senate, the Chair would like to continue the practice started a few Sessions ago, that if there is only one candidate for each of the several offices, the Chair will dispense with the calling of the roll and ask for a voice vote on the nominations. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none.

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next order of business before the Senate is the election of a President pro tempore of the Senate for the 2003 Session. This is in accordance with Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, 2 years ago when I was honored to nominate our President pro tempore, I anticipated that we would be facing certain challenges, but today, looking back, I see that the challenges we thought were looming on our horizon were in fact pretty ordinary.

It is fair to say that we foresaw Commonwealth revenues would not continue as strong as they had been in the second half of the 1990s. This, in fact, was a topic of debate in this very Sen-

ate Chamber. Certainly, no one could foresee the events of September 11, 2001, or the way in which they would impact our Commonwealth, exacerbating difficulties across the economy, health care, and State finance, shifting public concerns and priorities. Nor could anyone foresee the unique impact that the terroristic attacks would have upon this Chamber and the person we selected to be our President pro tempore. Fortunately, while we were making an important decision in what we believed would not be anything but ordinary times, we did not select an ordinary individual.

In the Pennsylvania Senate, the position of President pro tempore involves far more than the task of presiding in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor. What we value most are not duties listed in the Pennsylvania Constitution. We asked for principled leadership, wise counsel, the ability to smooth difficulties and differences, to avoid deadlock, and help in keeping in perspective what is the most important part of our work.

In the last Session, our President pro tempore was called upon to not only lead this institution, but also to be the first Senator to fulfill the constitutional obligation of being both President pro tempore and Lieutenant Governor.

I am proud to nominate Robert C. Jubelirer, an extraordinary individual. His zeal is not just for this institution but for the rule of law and for an honest and open process in making and implementing the toughest of all decisions on what the right thing is to do for today and, importantly, for the future, to strike a balance and to be fair to all concerned. Bob Jubelirer now stands just 11 months short of the all-time Pennsylvania record for length of service of a President pro tempore. I believe his longevity is most related to one important aspect of his being: He literally charges every issue, every day, and takes on these responsibilities as if that day's decisions are the most important. He earns the job every day by working and staying the best steward ever of these awesome responsibilities.

We, along with our President pro tempore, are going to face difficult challenges, and while the issues may sound the same, the problems will grow far more complex. Prepackaged answers and standard approaches will leave us short. Some tough votes lie ahead in this Chamber, and we are facing unchartered waters. We need an experienced President pro tempore we can trust and respect. Bob Jubelirer is that leader, and thus I am again honored to nominate him to be our President pro tempore.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I join with my good friend Senator Brightbill in seconding the nomination for the office of President pro tempore of Senator and Lieutenant Governor Robert Jubelirer.

Madam President, there are two people in this Chamber, two people who are seated in this Capitol today who know what the awesome responsibilities are of serving as President pro tempore. Senator Jubelirer, as just stated by Senator Brightbill, in 11 months will have the opportunity of being the longest serving President pro tempore in the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For a short period of time, Madam President, I also had the opportunity of serving as the President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate, and I realized then what an awesome responsibility it was to be considered by the Membership of the

Senate and then to have the opportunity to serve. Because in doing so, you have to be able to separate your partisan differences with the other side of the aisle from your responsibilities as an elected official of the 50 Members of the Senate to be able to do things in a very fair and very objective manner.

Madam President, we also have some other things that are going to be of great concern over the next several months, issues that must be addressed, and I think President pro tempore Bob Jubelirer, with his experience in the legislative branch as a State Senator, and his experience in the executive branch as Lieutenant Governor, can give us the right kind of leadership by using his experience. We have an ongoing problem with the medical malpractice crisis in Pennsylvania, and over the next several months that must be addressed by the General Assembly. We have been trying to resolve the issue dealing with the reform of Pennsylvania property taxes, and that is something else we have been talking about for a long period of time, and it has to be resolved. There is no question about declining revenues that Pennsylvania has been facing over the last several years and, unfortunately, for the fiscal year that will end on June 30, that will be the same experience. We will have a declining revenue, and we will have to have a lot of experienced individuals trying to draft the proper type of budget so that the people of Pennsylvania will not have to be faced with additional taxation. There is no other individual I can think of to give us that great leadership, because of his experience both in the legislative and executive branches, than Senator Jubelirer.

Today is a very historic day, because a Lieutenant Governor and a Pennsylvania Senator, both being the same person, is being sworn in as the President pro tempore. But I think it is far more historic, Madam President, because the individual who will administer the oath of office to Senator Jubelirer, Lieutenant Governor Jubelirer, is his lovely wife, Renee. What better experience can you have than to be able to hold the highest office of the Pennsylvania Senate, the third-highest office in the State with regard to the Constitution, and have your lovely wife swear you in to that office?

So I would like to congratulate Senator Jubelirer. He is a person of tremendous motivation and will do an excellent job. And I would like to congratulate his lovely wife, Judge Renee Cohn, who will swear him in today and who also is equal to the task and is doing an excellent job. I am honored and privileged to be able to second the nomination of Robert Jubelirer as President pro tempore.

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, Senator Brightbill mentioned the fact that Senator Jubelirer will be breaking the record for service as President pro tempore, and for those of you who may not be aware of it, the gentleman who currently holds the record, a predecessor of mine from Dauphin County, had to live to be 89 years old in order to set the record. So if Senator Jubelirer achieves that, he will shatter the record. And for that reason and others, Madam President, I am pleased to rise to second his nomination as President pro tempore.

I certainly echo the remarks of both Senator Brightbill and Senator Mellow in their nominating and seconding remarks. On a more personal level, however, I would like to just add a few more comments. Senator Jubelirer is now, with the retirement of some of our senior Members, the most senior Member of the Republican Caucus, and we are very, very pleased, proud, and fortunate to have him as not only our leader but as our advisor and our friend.

Senator Jubelirer, despite his high office, is very approachable. He is always available for friendly advice and friendly comments. He will give you good advice when you ask for it, and sometimes he gives you good advice when you do not ask for it, so listen to him. But you always need it, I can assure you of that, if you do get that kind of advice. He is a friend of this Senator, and I know that he is a friend of every Member of this Senate.

For those reasons, Madam President, and all the reasons previously stated, I am very proud and pleased to second the nomination of the gentleman from Blair.

#### NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks the gentleman. Are there any other nominations or seconds? If not, the Chair will now declare the nominations for President pro tempore closed.

The candidate for the office of President pro tempore is the Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer of Blair County. All those in favor of the Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer for President pro tempore will please signify by saying "aye"; those opposed, "no."

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair declares Senator Robert C. Jubelirer unanimously elected President pro tempore. (Applause.)

# COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT TO THE ROSTRUM

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the following committee to escort the President pro tempore-elect to the rostrum for the administration of the oath of office: the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf; the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman; and the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow. The committee will proceed with the performance of their duties.

(Whereupon, the President pro tempore-elect was escorted to the rostrum of the Senate.)

### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is a distinct honor and privilege to have another jurist with us today to administer the oath of office to our newly elected officers. She is Renee L. Cohn, Commonwealth Court Judge for Pennsylvania, and the very proud wife of Senator Jubelirer.

The oath of office will now be administered to Senator Jubelirer by Judge Cohn.

Please rise.

Judge COHN. Mr. Chief Justice, honored guests, I am so honored and excited to be here today. Congratulations to all of the reelected and newly elected Senators, your family and friends. We have people here from across the Commonwealth to celebrate this occasion. It is truly a significant moment in the history of our Commonwealth.

Place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I, Robert C. Jubelirer, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations. (Applause.)

### REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the President pro tempore of the Senate, Senator Robert C. Jubelirer.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This is a little different. Thank you all very much. Before I make a few remarks, I would like to introduce my wonderful family who is here, as well as the best friends that anybody could ever ask for. You have already met my wife, Renee Cohn, who swore me in, and it was quite an emotional moment. I now understand how Matt Ryan feels every time he takes the oath of office and his wife swears him in.

I would like to introduce, and I have them here just the way they are, my daughter, Laurie, and her husband, Chuck, and the two people who call me the name I love the best, "Poppy," Sam and Rebecca Langman.

(Applause.)

My son Jeff and his friend, Dr. Tracey Friedman, who are here today.

(Applause.)

My mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dr. Sam and Trudy Levine, who are here.

(Applause.)

My cousin, Tat Granata, who is here and representing the Brett family.

(Applause.)

My extended family, Henry and Maxine Weinberg, and Mark and Ellen Weinberg, who are here. I thank Rabbi Chorny and his wife, Mrs. Aviva Chorny, and their children who are in the gallery. I have to correct the record, Agudath Achim Synagog is in Altoona and not Hollidaysburg, but that is okay, it is in Blair County.

To all my friends who came down from my district and elsewhere, as I said, no one could be blessed with finer friends. And I did miss Gideon and Jonathan, and they are on the list. I will never hear the end of this, particularly from Jonathan. Gideon and Jonathan Cohn, my two stepsons who are here. Michael, we remember you. He is in school, while Jonathan got out of school today. Gideon is a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania.

(Applause.)

You were on the list right after your grandparents.

Taking the oath of office is always a special moment, but this one, you see, is very special. I have many times placed my hand

on the Bible and repeated the words "responsibility" and" fidelity," but I must confess, this is the first time I ever wanted to hug and kiss a judge so much after I took the oath of office. You see, the first time I took the oath of office as Senator was on January 7, 28 years ago, in 1975. That would have been my father's 75th birthday. This would have been his 103rd. And this day still holds the same feelings of awe, honor, and responsibility. It was a year ago on January 7 again, 2002, just 1 year ago, that my wife, Judge Renee Cohn, took the oath of office as a Commonwealth Court Judge.

I want to welcome all our special guests, all of you, family, friends, State and local officials, community and political leaders, who join us in this celebration of democracy. Again, thank you, Rabbi Chorny, for beginning this day and this Session with your thoughtful and inspirational prayer. We are deeply honored to have the newly installed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable Ralph Cappy, a very good friend, I might add, administering the oath to all of the Members. I had the privilege, with Renee, of attending his ceremony this past Friday. This underlines a positive reality, that though the branches of State government are separate in function, there are substantial bridges of respect crossing the divide.

Thank you, Senator Brightbill, thank you, Chip, thank you, Bob, thank you, Jeff, for your kind and reflective words of nomination. They touched me very deeply. For those joining us and for those watching these proceedings, you are provided a glimpse of the quality of leadership in this Senate, the appreciation of the abilities and the accomplishments on both sides and the shared commitment to building a better Pennsylvania.

Back in November, during one of our lengthy Sessions, and we had a few of them, and if you stayed up and watched, you understand, I received a sustained applause by announcing that I was submitting my remarks for the record rather than delivering them. As tempting as it might be to once again get such applause, there are some points I really would like to make, acknowledging the leadership in this Senate, the support we received from those who gather for this ceremonial day, and the significant work before us. The Session begins with new Members, a new administration, but quite familiar issues. Three individuals take the oath of office for the very, very first time - Senator Rafferty, Senator Wonderling, and Senator Ferlo - and we are looking forward to their service. We will have another new Member later this spring when a special election will determine a replacement for Senator Tim Murphy, whose resignation takes effect today. Four other Members - Senator Orie, Senator Erickson, Senator C. Williams, and Senator Pileggi - begin their first full 2-year Sessions. This is a bittersweet reminder that we have had veteran Senators possessing an incredible amount of experience and historical perspective depart in recent years, but they have fortuitously been succeeded by individuals of ability and determination in their own right.

We come off a Session which was marked by substantial successes. It is indisputable that Governor Mark Schweiker seized the opportunity to advance an agenda. The ending scorecard of achievements is wider and deeper than anyone speculated at the start. I realize that later today we will hear the Governor's summation of our progress, but we take this moment to applaud his commitment and his contribution for the past 8 years and his

essential leadership over the past 15 months. Governor Schweiker, we thank you. And we should acknowledge the many contributions and the excellent work of his executive staff and his cabinet. I said a long time ago when this administration took office, they had a superb cabinet, dedicated people, and they still do, and I am sure Governor Rendell will work to do the same.

As we run down the list of achievements, we see that most incorporate ideas from both sides, and many reflect collaborative advocacy. As a learned man put it, wisdom is knowing what to do next, virtue is doing it right. When they run the roll call on the character of our deliberations, wisdom and virtue are decidedly present. As Senator Brightbill observed, we could not have anticipated the tragic events of September 11 or the implications it would have on security, on the economy, and on our institutions. The fallout still clouds our situation and shadows our prospects. Our beloved Pennsylvania faces challenges, to be sure, but as we survey the States, our situation is far from the most dire. The change of administrations is not marred by acrimony. The advent of a new administration ensures new ideas, new priorities, and new approaches. That adds a dimension to the ambitious agenda of reform and progress that has been a staple of this Senate for so very long.

So, my friends, we begin with optimism, not because we have become pollyanna-like in our perspectives, but because of the ability, commitment, energy, and determination represented in this Chamber by some of the most outstanding people I have ever had the privilege to work with on both sides of the aisle. Because of our experience, because of the problems we confront during the next 2 years, there will be proposals, not just to change laws or reverse regulations, but to amend the State Constitution. Amending the State Constitution takes action by the General Assembly, assent by the voters, and affirmation by the courts that it was all done correctly. It is never a casual process, but with the consequences of doing so in these times, these are matters for great care and the most thoughtful deliberation. Cross issues such as education, quality health care insurance, and property tax relief, the problems and concerns are so well-known, that the discussion is filled with formula objections, criticisms, and responses. Yet it seems the increasing complexity of the problems is matched by the growing yearning for the simple one-step, no-muss solution. Such silver bullets disappeared when the Lone Ranger went off the air. Our challenge is to find alternatives where the returns clearly outweigh the risk. I read about a septic service company who had printed on the back of their trucks, "satisfaction is guaranteed or your merchandise is cheerfully refunded." Well, we cannot on this January 7, this historic day for me, offer guarantees on the outcomes of our work and debate. What we can guarantee is our diligence, our intelligence, and our honesty and effort in solving problems, in defusing crises, and instigating much needed economic improvement. With so many issues before us, with so many points of view being aggressively pushed, we must restore the window that allows our citizens to see who is seeking to influence decisionmaking, how much they are spending, and where they are directing their efforts. We must reestablish a comprehensive, sensible, and sustainable system of lobbyist disclosure. Each branch of State government has a hand in making this work, and each will, in my judgment, contribute

as it must. I believe it will not be long before the Senate takes the first significant action in that regard.

I am so very grateful for the opportunity that this position affords, for the trust and confidence you have shared, and for all the effort that each Member puts forth to make the Senate an arena for ideas, for debate, and ultimately for necessary action on behalf of families and communities across our wonderful Commonwealth. I believe that I express the sentiment of each Member by saying that we intend to make 2003 a year of productive action and constructive results for Pennsylvania's future, and as I look around, our future is here. I look at my two little ones and wonder what their future will be like in the next 10, 15, 20, 30 years. As you look around at your children and your grandchildren, you know that we have the power to make a difference, that we have the ability to work together with each other, the House of Representatives, and with the newly-elected Governor, who I believe is committed to do the same thing. And when we do that, I think we can say to ourselves that when we had the power, we used it in a good and just manner and we did make a difference.

My friends, I am grateful to certainly the Members of this Senate for expressing their support and confidence in me, and I want to wish each and every one of you and to your families and your loved ones a happy and healthy new year. God bless you all.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

### DISTINGUISHED GUEST WELCOMED TO THE SENATE

Senator SCHWARTZ. Madam President, we also have former Senator Mike Bortner with us.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator Schwartz has called to the attention of the Chair, thank you Senator, that we are also joined by Senator Mike Bortner. Welcome, Senator Bortner. (Applause.)

### ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next order of business before the Senate is the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Lemmond.

Senator LEMMOND. Madam President and my fellow Members of the Senate, I am again personally delighted, professionally honored to nominate Mark R. Corrigan to be the Secretary-Parliamentarian of our Senate. Mr. Corrigan is the longest serving Secretary-Parliamentarian in the history of our body. I think we all agree here that performance builds reputation. His performance in office has built a solid reputation for excellence, for integrity, and for dedication. His duties are many. Most see him on the dais, where he is recognized as the master of parliamentary rules. He is a lawyer Parliamentarian who practices civility. He knows what he is about, and he is totally in control in advising that what we do is by the rules. He prepares our Calendar. preceded each day by witty, pithy, insightful comments, often worthy of inclusion in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, unless he has borrowed those witty, pithy comments from Bartlett's Familiar Quotations.

He can substitute as Chaplain of the day on a moment's notice. He presides over our bill room, certifies our documents, supervises our Sergeant-at-Arms, Official Reporter's Office, our Pages, and our library. He does all of these duties very well. He makes them look easy, and he makes us look good. Quite simply, he is the best in the business, and I am delighted to nominate Mark R. Corrigan to be our Secretary-Parliamentarian.

Thank you.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I rise today on behalf of the Democratic Caucus to second the nomination of Mark R. Corrigan as Secretary of the Senate. There are many changes in the world around us and right here in Harrisburg. A new year dawns, a new legislative Session begins, and a new administration is about to take office. Still, as the saying goes, the more things change, the more they remain the same.

Mark Corrigan has been Secretary of the Senate since June 30, 1981, and he has served all of us with distinction, dedication, and unfailing professionalism. It has been my pleasure to second Mark's nomination throughout the past decade, and I incorporate by reference, to save time, all of the nice things I said about Mark every 2 years for the last 10. It is a privilege I eagerly anticipate, because each time I recognize that I am an active participant in extending the longest running Senate Secretary tenure in modern history.

There are many details that fall under his watch. Yet attention to detail has been Mark's forte over the past two decades. Therefore, his olympian term of service is no act of fate. To paraphrase an old advertising campaign, he has kept his job the old fashioned way, he has earned it.

As Senate Democratic Whip, I am once again proud to second the nomination of the Honorable Mark R. Corrigan as Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

#### NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other nominations or seconds? If not, the Chair will now declare the nominations for the Secretary of the Senate closed. The candidate for the office of Secretary of the Senate is Mark R. Corrigan of Dauphin County. Those in favor of Mark Corrigan for the office of Secretary please say "aye"; those opposed, "no."

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair declares Mark R. Corrigan unanimously elected Secretary of the Senate.

(Applause.)

### ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next order of business before the Senate is the election of the Chief Clerk of the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Wenger.

Senator WENGER. Madam President, I rise on this very special day to offer the nomination of Mr. W. Russell Faber as Chief

Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania. Russ Faber has been a committed public servant for over 22 years. In 1981, Russ was confirmed as both the youngest and the first ever CPA to serve as Chief Clerk of the Senate. Russ served as Chief Clerk of the Senate until 1986, when he entered the private sector for a period of time. Returning to public life in 1989, Russ was named director of the House Bipartisan Management Committee, a position he held until 1993. That same year Russ returned to the Senate to resume the position of Chief Clerk, a position he has held from that time. Although Russ' resume reads the part of a very qualified individual, anyone who has dealt with Russ Faber knows that Russ brings more to the position of Chief Clerk than experience, he brings integrity. Having served on the Legislative Audit Advisory Committee with Russ Faber for numerous years, I can personally attest to his professionalism in bringing both accountability and responsibility to the reviewed institutions.

As the Chief Clerk of the Senate, Russ makes every effort to provide straightforward assistance to all Senators and staff, regardless of party affiliation. Always willing to serve, Russ Faber continues to earn the respect of all those who deal with him as our Chief Clerk.

Madam President, it is for these express reasons that it gives me great pleasure to nominate W. Russell Faber as the Chief Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator WAGNER. Madam President, it is an honor on behalf of the Democratic Caucus to rise and second the nomination of Senator Wenger for Mr. Russ Faber as the Chief Clerk of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Faber has acted in a very professional, competent way, and a very bipartisan way as the Chief Clerk in the past, and it is an honor to second the nomination. There is one outstanding issue that can be resolved later. I am not certain that Mr. Faber is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan or a Philadelphia Eagles fan.

Thank you, Madam President.

#### NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other nominations or seconds? Seeing none, the Chair declares the nominations for Chief Clerk of the Senate closed. The candidate for the office of Chief Clerk is W. Russell Faber of Dauphin County. All those in favor of that nomination signify by saying "aye"; opposed, "no."

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair declares W. Russell Faber unanimously elected Chief Clerk of the Senate.

(Applause.)

### OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE SECRETARY-ELECT AND THE CHIEF CLERK-ELECT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Secretary-elect and the Chief Clerk-elect will approach the rostrum in order that the oath of office may be administered.

Once again, I will call on Judge Cohn to administer the oath of office to our newly elected officers.

Please stand.

Judge COHN. Place your left hands on your Bibles, please raise your right hands and repeat after me:

I, (Mark R. Corrigan and W. Russell Faber), do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Congratulations.

(Applause.)

#### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BRIGHTBILL and MELLOW, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 1, entitled:

A Resolution providing for broadcasting of Senate floor activity.

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

Senators BRIGHTBILL and MELLOW, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 2, entitled:

A Resolution providing for the adoption of Financial Operating Rules of the Senate.

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

Senators BRIGHTBILL and MELLOW, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 3, entitled:

A Resolution adopting the Rules of the Senate relating to the practice of lobbying.

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 4, entitled:

A Resolution providing for the Rules of the Senate for the 187th and 188th Regular Session.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERSHIP

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair has been informed by the Majority Caucus that they have elected as Majority Leader, Senator Brightbill of Lebanon County; as Whip, Senator Piccola of Dauphin County; as Caucus Chairman, Senator Wenger of Lancaster County; as Appropriations Chairman, Senator Thompson of Chester County; as Caucus Secretary, Senator Robbins of Mercer County; as Policy Committee Chairman, Senator Conti of Bucks County; as Caucus Administrator, Senator M.J. White of Venango County.

The Chair has also been informed by the Minority Caucus that they have elected the following: as Minority Leader, Senator Mellow of Lackawanna County; as Whip, Senator O'Pake of Berks County; as Caucus Chairman, Senator Wagner of Allegheny County; as Appropriations Chairman, Senator Fumo of Philadelphia County; as Caucus Secretary, Senator Musto of Luzerne County; as Policy Committee Chairman, Senator Kasunic of Fayette County; and as Caucus Administrator, Senator Stout of Washington County.

#### STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are now ready to notify the House that the Senate is organized.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION

#### NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE

Senator ROBBINS, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, That a committee of three Senators be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized in Regular Session and ready to proceed to business.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE HOUSE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the resolution just adopted, the Chair wishes to announce the following committee to notify the House that the Senate is organized: the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Conti, as chairman; the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Orie; the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

That committee will leave immediately to discharge its duties.

### SENATE RESOLUTION

### NOTIFICATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

Senator DENT, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, That a committee of three Senators be appointed to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and inform him that the Senate is convened and organized in Regular Session and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make.

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the resolution just adopted, the Chair wishes to announce the following committee to notify the Governor that the Senate is organized: the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson, as chairman; the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Erickson; and the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Ferlo.

That committee will leave immediately to discharge its duties.

#### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

### THANKS OF SENATE TENDERED TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE RALPH J. CAPPY FOR ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS

Senators GREENLEAF and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Senate is hereby tendered to The Honorable Ralph J. Cappy, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, for his services in qualifying the newly-elected and re-elected Senators.

### THANKS OF SENATE TENDERED TO THE HONORABLE RENEE L. COHN FOR ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Senator DENT, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Senate is hereby tendered to The Honorable Renee L. Cohn, Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, for her services in qualifying the President Pro Tempore and Officers of the Senate.

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECESS ADJOURNMENT

Senator BRIGHTBILL offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2003, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the Senate and House of Representatives adjourns the week of January 21st, they reconvene on Monday, January 27, 2003.

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

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

#### **JOINT SESSION**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows:

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Office of the Governor Harrisburg

December 24, 2002

To the Honorable, the Senate of Pennsylvania of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

If it meets with the approval of the General Assembly, I would like to address the members in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at a time convenient to the General Assembly upon the completion of your swearing in activities.

MARK S. SCHWEIKER Governor

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION JOINT SESSION

Senator WONDERLING, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and computing the official returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, in the several counties of the Commonwealth; to hear an address by his Excellency, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and to elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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

# SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED COMMITTEE TO ESCORT THE GOVERNOR

Senator CORMAN, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House of Representatives, to escort his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

## TELLER TO COMPUTE AND COUNT VOTE FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Senator RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, That the gentleman from Luzerne County, Senator Lemmond, be appointed Teller on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of witnessing the opening, computing, and counting of the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INAUGURAL COMMITTEE

Senator WAUGH, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, Senate Resolution No. 6, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 7, 2003

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of committees to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor-elect.

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

#### **HOUSE MESSAGE**

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Joint Session.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time has come in our order of business to assemble in the House of Representatives for a Joint Session. The Chair requests that all guests remain seated until the Members of the Senate leave for the House. This will eliminate considerable confusion and facilitate our move to the House of Representatives. The Chair thanks our guests.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT THE GOVERNOR TO THE HALL OF THE HOUSE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President pro tempore has appointed the following Senators to act as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Governor to the Joint Session, and they are as follows: The gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson, chairman; the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Conti; and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator A.H. Williams. The committee will leave immediately to discharge its duties.

#### RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Members of the Senate will please form a line in the center aisle immediately behind the Sergeant-at-Arms and the House committee in order that we may proceed to the Joint Session.

The Chair now declares a recess of the Senate for 1 hour.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

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

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

December 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, Kevin R. Foley, 9 Briar Lane, Mountain Top 18707, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

December 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, Elizabeth A. Kroutch (public), 326 Lamppost Lane, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve until June 8, 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Norman D. King, Conneaut Lake, deceased.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

December 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, Benjamin F. Ellis, Jr., 6702 Wayne Avenue, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until August 8, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

December 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, Carlos Graupera, 438 South Duke Street, Lancaster 17602, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until August 8, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sarah F. Philaw, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

December 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, Annetta S. Kraus, 116 West Possum Hollow Road, Wallingford 19086, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until August 8, 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

December 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, Harvey Portner, 1308 Willow Avenue, Elkins Park 19027, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until August 8, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Gail Harrity, 406 Rex Avenue, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Coun-

cil on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2004, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kenneth Hill, Wayne, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

December 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, J. Omar Landis, 516 Laurel Avenue, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

December 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, Allen H. Shissler, 2600 Roundtop Road, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

December 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, Ralph M. Stewart, Box 37, Armagh 15920, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Robert A. Ball, 172 Crossing Ridge Trail, Cranberry Township 16066, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John K. Thornburgh, Wexford, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Cheri B. Bomar, 921 Lindfield Drive, South Park 15129, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Annette D. Ganassi, Allison Park, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Thomas J. Uram, 105 Fairway Landings Drive, Southpointe, Canonsburg 15317, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Julia Ansill, California, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Aaron A. Walton, 4283 Forest Glen Drive, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education,

to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 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, Margaret Briggs-Kenney, 332 East Meehan Avenue, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2007, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice James P. Gallagher, Ph.D., Philadelphia, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 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, Colleen A. Sheehan, 805 Brower Road, Wayne 19087, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2007, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Edward Donley, Allentown, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 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, C. Michael Blackwood, 211 Oak Leaf Drive, Mars 16046, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robyn Walsh, North Wales, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

## MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 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, Phil Dymond, 1302 Ridgeview Drive, Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey D'Ambrosio, Chester Springs, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Sheryl M. Delozier, 1520 Chatham Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Patricia K. Poprik, Doylestown, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Daniel P. Elby, 3535 Pebble Ridge Drive, York 17402, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker

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

December 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, 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, 2006, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, R. Benjamin Wiley, 3570 Tanager Drive, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

## MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

December 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, Arthur J. Rooney, Esquire, 1300 Inverness Avenue, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

December 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, Jill E. Rangos, Esquire, 333 Trinity Lane, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of

Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable David S. Cercone, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

#### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

December 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, Christine A. Ward, Esquire, 723 Copeland Street, Pittsburgh 15232, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Paul R. Zavarella, deceased.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

#### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

December 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, David N. Wecht, Esquire, 119 Westland Drive, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable H. Patrick McFalls, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BUCKS COUNTY

December 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, Mitchell S. Goldberg, Esquire, 534 Southridge Circle, Yardley 19067, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Cynthia M. Rufe, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, CAMERON/ELK COUNTIES

December 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, Richard Alan Masson, Esquire, 614 Center Street, St. Marys 15857, Elk County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron/Elk Counties, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Vernon D. Roof, deceased.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Lori A. Dumas, Esquire, 7740-C Stenton Avenue #103, Philadelphia 19118, 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 2004, vice The Honorable Lynn B. Hamlin, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Jeffrey P. Minehart, Esquire, 8622 Evergreen Place, Philadelphia 19118, 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 2004, vice The Honorable Legrome D. Davis, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

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

December 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, Bradley K. Moss, Esquire, 2219 Mt. Vernon Street, Philadelphia 19130, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Arthur S. Kafrissen, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### JUDGE, TRAFFIC COURT OF PHILADELPHIA

December 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, Domenic C. Reda. Jr., 1934 South Hollywood Street, Philadelphia 19145, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Traffic Court of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Francis J. Little, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

December 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, David M. Sanko, 2436 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, to serve until May 21, 2003, and until his successor has been appointed and qualified, vice John E. Jones, III, Esquire, Pottsville, resigned.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD

December 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, Beverly R. Minor, 1531 Route 136, Washington 15301, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Milk Marketing Board to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

December 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, Tracye E. Johnson, 1207 Walnut Street, Harrisburg 17103, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve until June 2, 2004, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rizale Buchanan, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

December 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, Robin M. Deardorff, 664 Lower Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills 16875, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jerry Johnson, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

Mark S. Schweiker Governor

### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

December 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, Janet Summers, OD, 613 13th Street, Oak Mont [sic] 15139, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four 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 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

December 30, 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, David P. Holveck, 200 Great Valley Parkway, Malvern 19355, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Mark S. Schweiker

### CORRECTION TO NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

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

January 6, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Please note the nomination dated December 27, 2002, for the appointment of B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, <u>Thirty-first</u> Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

#### **HOUSE MESSAGES**

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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

Recess adjournment.
Inaugural Committee.

TELLER'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE OPENING, COUNTING, AND PUBLISHING OF VOTES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND THE ELECTION OF A DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Lemmond.

Senator LEMMOND. Madam President, the President and Members of the Senate and the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives met in the Hall of the House of Representatives on this date, and the President of the Senate, Robert C. Jubelirer, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, did then and there proceed to open, count, and publish the official returns of the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on the fifth day of November, anno domini two thousand and two, in the city of Philadelphia and several counties of the Commonwealth.

Also, Madam President, I report that during the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives, Robert W. Zech was elected as director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and the oath of office was administered to Robert W. Zech.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks the gentleman for a job well done.

### DISTINGUISHED GUEST PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair notes the presence on the floor of Senator Salvatore, and welcomes him to the Senate.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

To:

The Honorable Mark R. Corrigan

Secretary of the Senate

From:

Senator ROBERT C. JUBELIRER

President Pro Tempore

Subject:

Standing Committees of the Senate

Appointments - 2003-2004 Sessions

DATE:

January 7, 2003

Pursuant to Rule XV, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint the following Senators to the Standing Committees of the Senate for the 2003-2004 Sessions of the Senate. The appointment of Minority members is based on the recommendation of the Minority Leader and the naming of Minority chairmen by designation of the Minority Leader.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA SESSIONS OF 2003-2004

#### **AGING AND YOUTH**

Orie, Chairman Scarnati, Vice Chairman

Mowery Erickson Pileggi Wonderling Kukovich\* Schwartz

Stack
C. Williams
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Waugh, Chairman Wenger, Vice Chairman

Madigan Punt Robbins D. White O'Pake\*
Kitchen

Logan Wozniak Jubelirer, ex-officio

### APPROPRIATIONS

Thompson, Chairman Tomlinson, Vice Chairman

Greenleaf Corman Rhoades Scarnati Wenger Огіе Brightbill Erickson Madigan Fumo\* M.J. White Boscola Dent Costa Waugh Hughes

Mellow
Musto
O'Pake
Stout
Wagner
Jubelirer
ex-officio

#### BANKING AND INSURANCE

Armstrong, Chairman Conti, Vice Chairman Greenleaf Corman Stack
Helfrick D. White Tartaglione
Wenger Wagner\* A. Williams
Mowery Schwartz Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Corman, Chairman Rafferty, Vice Chairman

Mowery Wonderling Fumo
M.J. White C. Williams\* Wozniak
Orie Boscola Jubelirer,
ex-officio

#### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Punt, Chairman
D. White, Vice Chairman

Helfrick Rafferty Musto
Robbins LaValle\* Wozniak
Pileggi Kukovich Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Tomlinson, Chairman M.J. White, Vice Chairman

Greenleaf Erickson Kasunic
Piccola Wonderling Kukovich
Dent Boscola\* LaValle
Corman Fumo Jubelirer
ex-officio

#### **EDUCATION**

Rhoades, Chairman Mowery, Vice Chairman

Tomlinson Pileggi C. Williams
Piccola Schwartz\* LaValle
Earll Hughes Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY**

M. J. White, Chairman Erickson, Vice Chairman

Greenleaf D. White A. Williams
Helfrick Musto\* Wozniak
Rhoades Stout Jubelirer,
ex-officio

# FINANCE Earll, Chairman Wonderling, Vice Chairman

Armstrong Corman A. Williams
Lemmond Wozniak\* C. Williams
Dent Logan Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### GAME AND FISHERIES

Helfrick, Chairman Madigan, Vice Chairman

Brightbill Wonderling Fumo
Lemmond Ferlo\* Wozniak
Robbins Boscola Jubelirer,
ex-officio

#### JUDICIARY

Greenleaf, Chairman Lemmond, Vice Chairman

Helfrick Orie Kukovich
Piccola Rafferty O'Pake
M.J. White Costa\* Schwartz
Earll Boscola Jubelirer,
ex-officio

#### LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Scarnati, Chairman Armstrong, Vice Chairman

Wenger Thompson LaValle
Madigan Tartaglione\* Logan
Piccola Kasunic Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### LAW AND JUSTICE

Conti, Chairman Corman, Vice Chairman

Rhoades Rafferty Stack
Thompson Logan\* Tartaglione
Scarnati Kukovich Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Erickson, Chairman Robbins, Vice Chairman

Thompson Rafferty Logan
Waugh Stack\* A. Williams
Wonderling Ferlo Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Mowery, Chairman Orie, Vice Chairman

M.J. White Erickson Kitchen
Waugh Hughes\* Schwartz
Scarnati Costa Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Brightbill, Chairman Piccola, Vice Chairman

Wenger Thompson Kasunic
Armstrong Conti Musto
Lemmond Mellow\* Wagner
Robbins O'Pake Jubelirer
Mowery Fumo ex-officio

### STATE GOVERNMENT

Lemmond, Chairman Pileggi, Vice Chairman

Wenger Conti Logan
Punt A. Williams\* Tartaglione
Thompson Ferlo Jubelirer.
ex-officio

### TRANSPORTATION

Madigan, Chairman Punt, Vice Chairman Rhoades D. White LaValle
Armstrong Pileggi Kasunic
Tomlinson Stout\* Tartaglione
Earll Costa Jubelirer,
ex-officio

#### URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

Dent, Chairman Waugh, Vice Chairman

Piccola Pileggi Fumo
Earll Kitchen\* Stack
Conti Ferlo Jubelirer,
ex-officio

### VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

D. White, Chairman Dent, Vice Chairman

Robbins Tomlinson Stack
Lemmond Kitchen\* Wagner
Punt Hughes Jubelirer,
ex-officio

\*Minority Chairperson

#### **GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

#### THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY 408 Old Main University Park, PA 16802

December 2, 2002

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan Secretary Senate of Pennsylvania Senate Post Office 462 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Penn State's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

Sincerely,

KENNETH S. BABE Corporate Controller

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

### ANNUAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Department of Health Post Office Box 90 Harrisburg, PA 17108

December 16, 2002

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan Secretary, Senate of Pennsylvania 462 Capitol Building Senate Box 203053 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-2020

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am pleased to submit the Department of Health's annual Quality Assurance Report covering the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. I hope you find it informative.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deborah Griffiths, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 783-3985.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. ZIMMERMAN, JR. Secretary

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVATION CORPS

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
Room 1700, Labor and Industry Building
Seventh and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120

December 9, 2002

Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary of the Senate and Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

#### Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) annual report for fiscal year 2001-02, the Corps' eighteenth year of operation.

Last year, 472 young men and women were given the opportunity to gain self-confidence and improve their employability as members of the PCC. More than 90 corpsmembers completed courses at vocational-technical schools, community colleges and other educational institutions; 36 were offered GED-preparation classes; and 10 took part in mentoring with local businesses and individuals. About one-third of all corpsmembers moved directly into jobs upon leaving the Corps.

During the fiscal year, the PCC completed 50 projects in 26 counties. Corpsmembers constructed or renovated 13 cabins, 12 pavilions and 53 support buildings; improved or developed 155 miles of trails and 124 acres of wildlife habitat; helped preserve 45 historic buildings and 19,000 historical artifacts; and planted more than 36,000 seedlings and trees—to name just a few of their accomplishments.

In summary, FY 01-02 reflected a tradition of challenges, opportunities and accomplishments, all of which are documented in the pages that follow.

Sincerely,

JOHNNY J. BUTLER Secretary The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

#### 2001 ABORTION STATISTICS REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Health
Post Office Box 90
Harrisburg, PA 17108

January 2, 2003

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan Secretary, Senate of Pennsylvania 462 Capitol Building Senate Box 203053 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-2020

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am submitting the report of the "2001 Abortion Statistics" as required under the Abortion Control Act of 1982 as amended by Act 31 of 1988.

Copies of this report have been delivered to the members of both the House Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, as well as to select General Assembly leadership. Additional copies of the report have been submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk in the House and the Office of the Secretary in the Senate for your membership.

Please contact Deborah M. Griffiths, Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, at 783-3985 if you have any questions regarding this report or other Department of Health issues.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. ZIMMERMAN, JR. Secretary

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

### ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

December 31, 2002

Mark Corrigan Secretary\Parliamentarian Senate of Pennsylvania 462 Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

On behalf of the Department of Agriculture, I am pleased to provide your office a report summarizing the activity under the State Food Purchase Program for the year ended June 30, 2002. This report is in accordance with Section 7(b) of the State Food Purchase Program Act (62 P.S. Section 4047(b)), and its attendant regulations.

The program, which is administered by the Bureau of Food Distribution, Department of Agriculture, provides cash grants to each of the state's 67 counties for the purchase of food for distribution to needy individuals based on the county's weighted percentage of the state's total employment, Medical Assistance Eligibles, and Non-Public Assistance Food Stamp Eligibles.

The report includes:

- -- Exhibit "A" Allocation and Expenditure of Funds
- -- Exhibit "B" Participation Report
- -- Exhibit "C" Variety, Pounds and Cost of Food Purchased

Also provided are the minutes of the March 13, 2002 and September 18, 2002 meetings of the Emergency Food Assistance Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

It is hoped you are enjoying a happy holiday season. With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

SAMUEL E. HAYES, JR. Secretary

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This report will be filed in the Library.

### APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Mr. Michael J. Washo as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council.

#### **CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS**

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hirschmann and to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bard by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keiser, William H. Kilpatrick and to John T. Baker by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Grace Blakely, Becca Rees, Samantha Rothenberger, Courtney Reed, Ashley Reed, Susan Pollack, Roderick E. Weaver, Wyomissing High School Girls' Cross Country Team and to the Wyomissing High School Girls' Tennis Team by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dennis F. Steadman, Zachary Albert Gottschling, Timothy Andrew Nemec and to Alexander Lucas Paci by Senator Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bonnie L. Frownfelter, Loretta Gelbaugh, Robert B. Donaldson, Larry Johnson, Sandra M. Balsbaugh, Tom Bonsall, Nathanial S. Stehley and to Nicholas Paul Stumpf by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew J. Schiavoni, Bertha Mamula and to Turner Dairy Farms of Pittsburgh by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Larry P. Williams and to Ryan Morris Halpin by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John M. Saraceno, Mike Gausling and to Liberty Property Trust of Bethlehem by Senators Dent and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lydia Seeley, Bertha McGinnes, Michael Zebert and to Boy Scout Troop 342 of Upper Providence by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bradford Beck by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gerlad L. Leiby by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Absalom Jones Foundation and to the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Prough, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman and to Mr. and Mrs. Warner Grissinger by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Kathryn Dostal by Senators Jubelirer and Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Means, Daniel Nathan John and to Alan Shuda Colvin by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bishop Ernest Carl Morris, Sr., and to Elizabeth Coaxum Hall by Senators Kitchen and Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Douglas McAfee by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ed Piroli and to Hopewell High School Football Team by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smurkowski, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Williams, Keith J. Murray, Honorable Harold A. Thomson, Jr., Edith Mae Beckendorf, Mildred Skinner, Honorable Joseph W. Ricciardi and to Jeffrey Allen Pace by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Bacco, Mike Komondor, Scott Feyes, Kimberly Lang and to George Burkhardt by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Van G. Lundy, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Nancarrow, Mr. and Mrs. James Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn L. Seibert and to Mr. and Mrs. George Stack by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy J. Read, Robert S. Zimmerman, Jr., John S. Schreckengaust, Jerry L. Rothenberger, Dorothy D. Ramp-Page, Bruce Holbrook and to the Camp Hill High School Football Team by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Zimmerman by Senators Mowery and Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Iacurci, Troy Manufacturing, Inc., of Hazleton, International Paper of Hazleton and to George Weston Bakeries of Hazleton by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane Robson by Senators Musto and Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ann Marie Bursis, Robert L. Dunkel, Jr., Greater Reading 10th Annual Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and to the Sovereign Center of Reading by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dennis and Kathy Crawford, Bernie Leonard, James M. Cole, Christopher J. De Cree, Lawrence M. Clutter, Jordan J. Greene, Brian D. Ackerman, Dr. Patricia Green, North Allegheny High School Marching Band of Wexford, St. Alphonsus Varsity Soccer Team of Wexford and to the Peebles District Volunteer Fire Company of Pittsburgh by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy C. Smith and to Martin Forrest by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Fendt, Francis D. O'Brien and to Jason M. Silva by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dalton E. Paul by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andrews, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Myers, Mr. and Mrs. George Gately, Joseph Michael McDemus, John H. Kern, Paul Anthony Shealer, Steven C. Werley, Reverend Ignatius Szal, Rose Flamini and to Thomas C. Klein, Jr., by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sean Andrew Genis, Leslie Ream, Lynne M. McCreary, David Mark McClelland, Armstrong Cable Services and to the Farrell Area High School Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Clarence Bish, Barbara Ellis Pisarchick and to Ronald L. Symington by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shirley A. Dixon, Jacqueline H. Henderson, Mattie B. Sullivan and to Rennie Cohen by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the 2002-2003 Contemporary Government Class at Roxborough High School of Philadelphia and to the Polish American Congress by Senator Stack

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cora B. Dunkle by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Grugan, Jeffrey Gurtizen, Michael Kraemer, Brian Devlin, Robert Clauhs, Stephen Powers, Nicholas Manieri, Alexander Reed, Joseph Piskai, Andrew Clauhs, Benjamin A. Bryer, Brian McFadden, Frederick Eissler, Larry Galbraith, Michael Biscombe, Gertrude Martin Baldwin, Mark Gregory Britcher, D. Patrick Capella, Hugh J. Murray, Sr., and to the Air Force Junior ROTC of Coatesville Area High School by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul Grafinger by Senator Thompson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend James Shannon, Michael Grozio and to the Bensalem High School Marching Band by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Theresa Dorothy Callis by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Benjamin L. May, Richard R. Filling, Alvie H. Fetzer, Jr., Dr. Mara Rekis Anderson, Eli W. Steiner and to Philip J. High by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cowan, Alexander Kaczor and to Dustin Ferris by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dick Nugent by Senator A.H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Helsel, Mr. and Mrs. David Maldet, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Finney, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Werner and to Mr. and Mrs. Laird M. Rager by Senator Wozniak.

#### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mabel Jones Daniels and to the family of the late Mattie Rebecca Harper by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jack E. Kuhn by Senator Jubelirer.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Joseph Swider, to the family of the late Jennie Swider, to the family of the late Harry C. Zubik and to the family of the late Rudolph S. Lamagna by Senator Orie.

#### **POSTHUMOUS CITATION**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following citation, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Wilbur M. Whitney was extended to the family by Senator C. Williams.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators HUGHES, MELLOW, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, KUKOVICH, D. WHITE, DENT, LEMMOND, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY and KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 5, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 19 through 25, 2003, as "Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week."

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at 10:15 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 2:54 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.