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SENATE

MONDAY, April 24, 2006

The Senate met at 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Very Reverend JAMES M. LYONS, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us bring ourselves before the Almighty God.

God of all truth and justice, we come before You as Your children, yearning to do Your will. You are the truth we seek in our deliberations. Yours is the justice that forms the basis of our laws. Guide the discussions that occur in this Senate Chamber. May the hearts and minds of these Members always be open to Your inspiration, so that the results of their labor may have Your blessing.

May these Senators always remember who they are and the important position they hold in our State government. May they remember, too, that You, as loving Creator, are their source and destiny. We ask these blessings in Your holy name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Lyons, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of April 19, 2006.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the

Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

April 21, 2006

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, Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, [data missing] as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gayle Cotchen, Gibsonia, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE
HARNESS RACING COMMISSION**

April 21, 2006

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.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Harness Racing Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard J. Bolte, Sr., Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

April 19, 2006

HB 755 -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 20, 2006

Senators WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, LOGAN, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, STACK, ORIE, LAVALLE, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, COSTA and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1180**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 30, 2002 (P.L.2088, No.236), entitled "An act providing for the designation and use of certain State office buildings; and making a repeal," designating the North Office Building as the Secretary C. Delores Tucker Office Building.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 20, 2006.

Senators MELLOW, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, COSTA, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, LOGAN, STACK, STOUT, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, FUMO, HUGHES, RHOADES, RAFFERTY, BROWNE and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1192**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for legislative findings and intent, for definitions, for children's health care, for outreach and for payor of last resort and insurance coverage; providing for Federal waivers; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 20, 2006.

Senators M. WHITE, MUSTO, CORMAN, D. WHITE, WENGER, SCARNATI, BROWNE, PICCOLA, WOZNIAK, ROBBINS, LAVALLE, GORDNER, STOUT, PIPPY, EARLL, BRIGHTBILL, KASUNIC, MELLOW, ARMSTRONG, MADIGAN, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, PUNT and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 1201**, entitled:

An Act coordinating plans to reduce mercury emissions from new and existing stationary sources in this Commonwealth; imposing duties on the Department of Environmental Protection; and limiting certain powers of the Environmental Quality Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 20, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 19, 2006

Senators WAUGH, WENGER, BRIGHTBILL, FERLO, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, FONTANA, STACK, GORDNER, ROBBINS, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, CONTI,

TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, LOGAN, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, STOUT, PIPPY, EARLL, C. WILLIAMS, MELLOW, COSTA, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, PICCOLA, MUSTO, PILEGGI, D. WHITE, RHOADES, REGOLA, LEMMOND, SCARNATI and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SR 277**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 7, 2006, as "Vietnam Veteran Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 19, 2006.

April 20, 2006

Senators MUSTO, M. WHITE, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, STOUT, FONTANA, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, BRIGHTBILL, ERICKSON, RHOADES, D. WHITE, PILEGGI, LOGAN, ORIE, LEMMOND, C. WILLIAMS, PIPPY, CONTI, LAVALLE, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, EARLL, COSTA and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SR 259**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 7 through 13, 2006, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 20, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson, and temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Rhoades and Senator Don White.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill requests a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson, and temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Rhoades and Senator Don White.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Fumo and Senator Anthony Williams, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Washington.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests legislative leaves for Senator Fumo and Senator Anthony Williams, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Washington.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**WEEKLY RECESS**

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

In the Senate, April 24, 2006

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on

Monday, May 1, 2006, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 1, 2006, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Wenger
Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Wonderling
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wozniak
Fontana	Musto	Stout	
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Madam President, it is my privilege to introduce Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman for 2006, Angela Yen of State College. Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman is a statewide scholarship program that recognizes excellence among high school senior girls. College scholarships and cash scholarships totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars are awarded annually through this local State competition. In November, Angela Yen was selected Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman for 2006. She is an articulate, talented, and highly intelligent young woman who lives with her parents, John and Michelle Yen, in State College. She attends State College Area High School, where she is currently enrolled in eight advanced courses, five of which are AP classes. Miss Yen is the co-president of her high school Key Club, and is concertmaster of her school's three orchestras, as well as a concertmaster of Central Pennsylvania's Youth Orchestra. She is also the secretary of her high school student government, senior section editor for the Little Lion Yearbook, and the event leader for the science Olympiad. In her spare time, and I cannot imagine there is any after that list, she attended the Governor's School for Sciences last summer, where she was chosen as salutatorian by the other

students. With all this, it is no surprise that she is a National Merit semifinalist and an AP scholar, with distinction.

Please join me in welcoming to the Pennsylvania State Senate Miss Angela Yen, Pennsylvania's Outstanding Young Woman for 2006.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Angela Yen will now address us.

Miss YEN. Thank you, and good afternoon. As you said, my name is Angela Yen, and I have the honor of speaking to you today on behalf of the Pennsylvania Outstanding Young Woman program, also known as OYW. It is a fantastic scholarship program dedicated to encouraging excellence in academics, physical fitness, communications, and performing arts. When I was younger, I idolized the OYW finalists, and was always anxious to watch the program. My favorite part was always the talent of the finalists. In fact, even this year, I found myself in awe of the talents of my fellow finalists. When my friend Anna sang a soulful jazz tune, my heart broke, and when my friend Larissa pounded out an exhilarating piece by Rachmaninoff on the piano, my adrenalin started running with excitement.

Every year the OYW program reminded me, and continues to remind me, how important the arts are. I recently received an e-mail from my friend Margaret, informing me that a nearby school district was seriously considering cutting their music program due to budget cuts. As a violinist who started out in my school's fifth grade orchestra, I was shocked. Imagine the sounds of the orchestra tuning up each morning, gone. The awe-inspiring half-time show by the marching band during homecoming football games, gone. The singing valentines and the Christmas carols that fill the classrooms with festivity and laughter, all gone. These changes would be devastating for the entire school community.

Then I thought even more about what music has personally meant to my life. High school can be an intimidating place for wandering teenagers. It is easy to get lost in the day-to-day shuffle. Music has been a safe haven, a community within a community for me and many others. The hallway outside the band and orchestra room is always completely filled with people sitting, chatting, eating, doing homework, helping each other, rehearsing together, forming lifelong bonds. Of course, what brings this community together is the music itself. We all share a nearly indescribable love and passion for music. It allows each of us to express ourselves without words, and as one of my conductors once said, music is the most powerful language in the world because it is the only one that everyone can understand.

For me, as for many others, hours fly by when I practice. Black dots on a page translate into dynamics, emotions, characters, even stories. When I play my violin, life just seems to make a little more sense. Music fills a void in my life, and countless other children and teenagers find comfort in music as well. Albert Einstein once said, "If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music."

Of course, this brings us to another aspect of the importance of music in schools. Study after study has shown that music is an integral part of a child's education. Music education has been proven to provide a host of benefits, including higher standardized test scores, lower substance abuse, better grades in

all subjects, more motivation, higher self-esteem, more success in college, and even better emotional health.

But while all these benefits are real, important, and valid reasons for keeping music in our schools, they are just facts, statistics. Why should you really save music? To save our future. Think of your children, your neighbor's children, the children of the families you represent. Think of their smiles, their confidence, their friendships, their successes, their pride, and their happiness, all gained through music. These things are priceless, and yet, ironically, you have the power and the funding to make sure that they are never lost.

For the Albert Einsteins, the John Williams, and the Yo-Yo Mas of the next generation, for the little girls who watch the OYW talent in awe, like I used to, for your children, for our future, please make sure that music programs are properly supported and funded by our government now and for decades to come.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Angela. Would you please introduce our other guests from OYW.

Miss YEN. My mother is here with me today, Taiyu Yen, as well as two of my chaperones, Luci Adams and Linn Ripka, and Linn's son, Evan.

The PRESIDENT. Welcome. Thank you, Angela.

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT C. WONDERLING PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Wonderling.

Senator WONDERLING. Madam President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to recognize an intern, a young gentleman who has been working in our Easton office in Northampton County, Alexander Yankus. He is a senior at Lafayette College studying government and law, and we expect him to have a bright future in that arena and in the arena of ideas and public affairs. He has been working on a number of research projects for us in our Easton office, and I ask that we afford Alex a hearty warm welcome this afternoon.

Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Alex, please rise so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. I also have guests today. They are the 2006 4-H young people from the Capitol Days Planning Committee. So I would like them to rise, Amy Murphy, Travis Reynolds, Kris Willis, Joelle Palumbo, Christina Van Schoick, and Elissa Kline.

Please rise so we can welcome the 4-H Club.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Washington has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess for the purpose of a Republican caucus, which will begin immediately. I expect that we will be back in approximately an hour, and I believe it will be a short day.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I ask the Democrats to report to our caucus room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, there will be a recess of approximately 1 hour. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL AMENDED

HB 121 (Pr. No. 3878) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege; providing for passing and overtaking streetcars and for snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicles; and further providing for ignition interlock.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BRIGHTBILL offered the following amendment No. A7430:

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 3805), page 3, line 19, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(h.1) Mobile installation services.--

(1) Approved service

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 3805), page 3, line 23, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

Commonwealth.

(2) Mobile installation of ignition interlock systems shall be held to the same security and procedural standards as provided in specifications of the department.

(3) Approved service providers of mobile installation of ignition interlock systems shall not permit the program participant or any unauthorized personnel to witness the installation of the ignition interlock system.

(4) Regular maintenance of ignition interlocks after

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Rhoades has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave will be cancelled. Also, Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his legislative leave will be cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED****BILL AMENDED**

HB 601 (Pr. No. 3819) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege and for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MELLOW offered the following amendment No. A7357:

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 1547), page 2, line 28, by inserting after "DISMISSED": or withdrawn

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 631 (Pr. No. 1677) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the imposition of the death sentence in cases of mental retardation.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 691, HB 750, SB 1000, SB 1050 and HB 2443 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

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

HB 15 (Pr. No. 3876) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund, for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance and for penalties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Anthony Williams has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED****BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

HB 218 (Pr. No. 3877) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 2000 (P.L.318, No.32), known as the Downtown Location Law, further providing for definitions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1069 (Pr. No. 1714) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Innocence Commission of Pennsylvania; providing for its duties; and providing for the powers and duties of the Joint State Government Commission.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

SB 1114 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 137 (Pr. No. 2311) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for lighted lamp requirements for motorcycles and for restrictions on highway and bridge use.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 214 (Pr. No. 206) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for municipal police serving process and enforcing orders.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 249 and **SB 1046** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1153 (Pr. No. 1680) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 24, 1931 (P.L.48, No.40), entitled "An act requiring the recording of certain written agreements pertaining to real property, and prescribing the effect thereof as to subsequent purchasers, mortgagees, and judgment creditors of the parties thereto," providing for the requirements for valid recording of documents.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1834 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 273, ADOPTED

Senator BRIGHTBILL, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 273**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2006 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 273, designating May as "Community Action Month." Community action refers to the 43 community action agencies serving all 67 counties, offering a broad range of services and assistance to low-income individuals, helping them to move out of poverty and into self-sufficiency. These agencies address a multitude of the most pressing needs facing families, including food assistance, emergency and affordable housing, home weatherization, literacy and education, job training and

placement, transportation, day care, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and personal and family development.

As always, I would like to commend the work of Ron Errett and the Mercer County Community Action Agency, with whom I have worked for years. I ask my colleagues to not only vote in favor of this resolution, but to take time out of their schedule in May to pay tribute to their local community action agency.

Madam President, I ask for an affirmative vote on the resolution.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Don White has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, WENGER, ROBBINS, BOSCOLA, STACK, MELLOW, EARLL, O'PAKE, WONDERLING, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, ERICKSON, COSTA, LOGAN, M.J WHITE, CONTI, MUSTO, ORIE, GREENLEAF, STOUT, FONTANA, D. WHITE, RAFFERTY, RHOADES, BROWNE, BRIGHTBILL, PIPPY, LaVALLE, LEMMOND, ARMSTRONG and REGOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 283**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Pennsylvania's Senior citizens by declaring the month of May 2006 as "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, beginning in 1963 with President John F. Kennedy, Presidents of the United States have designated the month of May as "Older Americans Month. Senior citizens are the pillars upon which American families have been built. Older Americans Month is celebrated throughout our nation with seminars, festivals, fairs, and other activities which highlight the interest and accomplishments of our nation's senior citizens.

Madam President, senior citizens strengthen and preserve the communities in our State and throughout the nation. Because of changing societies, we find individuals living longer and continuing to contribute to society longer. Many seniors are family caretakers, many are volunteers serving others, many have returned to the workforce, and some of the lucky ones find themselves enjoying their golden years in retirement. We owe Pennsylvania's senior citizens a debt of gratitude for their service and commitment to our great Commonwealth.

I would like to thank my colleagues for supporting this resolution, declaring May 2006 as "Older Americans Month in Pennsylvania."

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

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

Senators ROBBINS, D. WHITE, FONTANA, WAUGH, ARMSTRONG, BOSCOLA, FERLO, FUMO, KITCHEN, LOGAN, PICCOLA, STACK, STOUT, WENGER, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING REGOLA, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BRIGHTBILL, BROWNE, LEMMOND, SCARNATI, PIPPY, CONTI and COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 284**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 14 through 20, 2006, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; designating May 14, 2006, as "Military EMS Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania; and designating May 20, 2006, as "EMS Personnel Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, earlier today I was privileged to join Senator Don White and Senator Fontana in a press conference honoring approximately 250 emergency medical service providers for their assistance in the recovery efforts with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I am offering this resolution as a further tribute to all EMS personnel for all the work they do day in and day out for the citizens of the Commonwealth. This resolution designates the week of May 14 through 20 as "EMS Week." A cosponsor memo went out this morning. However, if anyone wishes to cosponsor this resolution, they may do so at the Secretary's desk.

Madam President, I ask for an affirmative vote on the resolution.

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

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

Senator PUNT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 285**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 24 through 30, 2006, as "Medical Laboratory Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators FERLO, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, LOGAN, BRIGHTBILL, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, EARLL, C. WILLIAMS, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, WAUGH, WASHINGTON, CONTI, COSTA, WENGER, PILEGGI, D. WHITE, WONDERLING, LEMMOND and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 286**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 30 through November 5, 2006, as "Historic Preservation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators EARLL, JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, ERICKSON, PICCOLA, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, ARMSTRONG, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, M.J. WHITE, D. WHITE, FERLO, WAUGH, LEMMOND, BROWNE and REGOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 287**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 30 through May 6, 2006, as "National Charter Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, FERLO, D. WHITE, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, WENGER, GREENLEAF, LOGAN, RHOADES, M.J. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, BRIGHTBILL, ORIE, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, COSTA, EARLL, LaVALLE, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, CONTI, MUSTO, WAUGH, LEMMOND and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 288**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 23 through 29, 2006, as "National Volunteer Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Madam President, Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." April 23 through April 29, 2006, is "National Volunteers Week," a time to thank one of America's and Pennsylvania's most valuable assets, our volunteers. Earlier today, Senator Don White and I had the pleasure of participating in EMS week festivities as the administration and the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness recognized some 250 volunteers who helped those in need in the gulf coast following Hurricane Katrina. They are the volunteers to whom we need to give a lot of credit. They give of themselves to help those who are less fortunate. Volunteers inspire the people they help, and inspire others to serve. Our country and our Commonwealth would not be the same without them. Volunteers deliver hot meals, teach others to read, lend a helping hand after a disaster, build new homes, visit those in nursing homes or hospitals, serve as a Big Brother or Big Sister, and participate in fundraising efforts. The opportunities are endless, and the rewards even greater.

I thank those Senators who joined me in cosponsoring this resolution honoring volunteers, and urge its unanimous consent.

Thank you.

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

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

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, BRIGHTBILL, JUBELIRER, MELLOW, FUMO, ORIE, REGOLA, CONTI, WONDERLING, WOZNIAK, RHOADES, PILEGGI, ROBBINS, GORDNER, BOSCOLA, D. WHITE, FERLO, GREENLEAF, CORMAN, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, ARMSTRONG, M.J. WHITE, EARLL, ERICKSON, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, LEMMOND, PUNT, WENGER, MADIGAN, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, O'PAKE, COSTA, MUSTO, PIPPY TOMLINSON, LOGAN, LaVALLE, PICCOLA, VANCE, STOUT, HUGHES and A. WILLIAMS., by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 289**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 14 through 20, 2006, as "National Police Week" and May 1, 2006, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, on behalf of Senator Stack and myself, I offer the following resolution, and I ask my colleagues for a unanimous vote. Once again, next Monday, May 1, we will be celebrating "Police Officers Memorial Day in Pennsylvania," and along with Senator Stack I will be representing the Senate at the memorial service in Harrisburg. Some 696 police officers have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the performance of duty in protecting us, the citizens of Pennsylvania. They are the first line of defense in protecting the rule of law and ensuring the quality of life that we have come to expect in Pennsylvania, protecting us, our families, and our businesses.

This Monday, seven individuals will be remembered for giving their lives in the performance of duty. Five police officers were killed in the line of duty. They are Edward Schroeder, York County Sheriff's Department; Jesse Sollman, Easton Police Department; Paris Williams, Philadelphia Police Department; Brian Steven Gregg, Newtown Borough Police Department; and Joseph R. Pokorny, Pennsylvania State Police. In addition, Madam President, two officers will be remembered for giving their lives in the military while in service in Iraq. They are Gennaro Pellegrini, Jr., of the Philadelphia Police Department, and Daniel R. Lightner, Jr., of the Pennsylvania State Police.

I ask God to keep their families strong through this difficult time. I ask that all of us join in prayer that the Almighty will keep all those who serve us in law enforcement in His care and protection, and a hearty thank you to the men and women who serve us in the various police departments and law enforcement agencies throughout this Commonwealth for working hard to protect us, and to grant us the quality of life that we so yearn for.

Madam President, I thank you for the opportunity to speak, and I ask my colleagues to please adopt the resolution for the police officers.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, first of all, I am pleased to join with Senator Rafferty on this resolution to honor our fallen heroes. According to the State F.O.P., 696 police officers have been killed in the line of duty in Pennsylvania, and as Senator Rafferty just told us, last year 5 officers were killed in the line of duty, and also in 2005, we lost 2 officers who were serving our country in Iraq. All were dedicated officers who lived to serve their communities. Our Commonwealth is diminished by their loss. In honor of their sacrifice, it is incumbent upon every legislator to fight for the needs of our police officers. We must do everything to shield them from violence. We must do everything in our power to help them provide for their families, and when the worst happens, we must do everything in our power to care for the families of fallen officers.

Madam President, I am proud to say that this body recently passed legislation that toughened the penalties for the disarming of law enforcement officers. I also encourage my colleagues to take up a piece of legislation that would toughen penalties for those who harm our law enforcement officers. Senator Rafferty has introduced Faulkner's Law, which honors Daniel Faulkner, a Philadelphia police officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1981. Let us join together to pass that piece of legislation so that we can stand up for the men and women who help keep us safe every day.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you.

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

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

Senators MELLOW, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, WENGER, BRIGHTBILL, STOUT, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, EARLL, LaVALLE, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, GORDNER, COSTA, MUSTO, ERICKSON, PICCOLA, CONTI, ORIE, LOGAN, PIPPY, HUGHES, D. WHITE, M.J. WHITE, RHOADES, WONDERLING, LEMMOND, SCARNATI and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 290**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2006 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators RHOADES, M.J. WHITE, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, MADIGAN, KASUNIC, FONTANA, FERLO, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, PILEGGI, EARLL, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, PUNT, WENGER, COSTA, O'PAKE, BRIGHTBILL, ERICKSON, SCARNATI, LOGAN, WAUGH, LEMMOND, D. WHITE, CONTI, LaVALLE, WASHINGTON, STACK, BROWNE, ORIE, WONDERLING and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 291**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2006 as "Watershed Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Honorable Thomas Alexander Ehrgood, Reverend Richard Dean Niewoehner and to the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Elizabethtown by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew J. Wambach and to Trevor Thomas by Senator Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard Leroy McCool by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Iroquois School District of Erie by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Robert Pawloski by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Richard Malin and to Marc H. Maset by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Troy J. Wasserleben by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samira Mustafa and to the Reverend Jocelyn Kahn Hart by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jim Karwoski and to the Hopewell High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team of Aliquippa by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to W. Thomas Morris, Wirerope Works, Inc., of Williamsport and to Lodge No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons, of Williamsport, by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samantha Stanton, Ashley Regan, Krystin Lynn Smith, Laura L. Goodfield, Lara Granahan, Megan Mizanty, Stephanie Marmo and to Erica Joyce by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ronald A. McIntyre, Jr., Anthony M. George and to Reverend Monsignor Felix A. Losito by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew James Wilhelm by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Kenno by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chadds Ford Township Municipal Building by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Wirth by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick A. Wentzel and to Eureka Lodge No. 302, Free and Accepted Masons, of Mechanicsburg, by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. John Stahlman, Timothy Robert Forrester and to Velma McPherson by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rachel A. Opp by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Sweeney, Matthew R. Anderson and to Daniel L. Meloro by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Malcom and Janet Gross, Ann Lalik, Marilyn R. Hazelton, Stephen J. Williams, Allentown Art Museum Auxiliary and to the Lehigh Cement Company of Allentown by Senators Wonderling, Browne, and Rhoades.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 121 (Pr. No. 3939) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege; providing for passing and overtaking streetcars and for snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicles; and further providing for ignition interlock.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Wonderling.

Senator WONDERLING. Madam President, I rise just briefly to ask for an affirmative vote on House Bill No. 121. On first reading and at first blush, this looks like an innocuous bit of legislation that has come over from the House relative to language dealing with street cars, vehicles, et cetera. I want to pause for a moment because oftentimes in this body and the General Assembly, we deal in the obtuse and obscure, and the legislative mumbo-jumbo can get rather technical, but amended into this bill is something that is personal, and that is an amendment that, hopefully, will put all of us on notice as motorists during the winter season as to our responsibility to clear our vehicles of snow and ice. Indeed, Madam President, as we enjoy the bloom of spring, and hope does spring eternal, this language, which has been championed for many years by my colleague, Senator Boscola, really came to the forefront in a very tragic way on Christmas Day last year, when a vehicle that had a very large chunk of ice, about the size of a large desk and the force of one ton, came flying at a vehicle that was driven by Mr. Frank Lambert. He was accompanied by his wife, Chris, and their son, Matt. At that very instant on Christmas Day, Frank's wife, Chris, was taken from us because of the fact that snow and debris were falling off a vehicle. Since that awful tragedy, the Lambert family, principally Mr. Frank Lambert and his son, Matt, in their minds, have made the language that is embodied in House Bill

No. 121 a statement and a lasting memory to Chris. The Lamberts joined us last week, and I believe Frank and Matt are in the gallery today on the occasion of passing House Bill No. 121.

I do want to comment on the language specifically, which we did amend last Friday, and I think it is limited, extremely limited to the matter at hand, putting all of us as motorists on guard during inclement weather that we do have to take responsibility for cleaning our vehicles. I want to stress, though, that the language in House Bill No. 121 is limited as it relates specifically to the type of tragedy that befell the Lambert family last Christmas.

Madam President, I want to again recognize and thank my colleague, Senator Boscola, who has been a champion of this measure and this language for many years. Therefore, Madam President, I ask for an affirmative vote on House Bill No. 121.

Thank you.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, I rise in support of House Bill No. 121. This bill is intended to address a very tragic situation that occurred just this past winter. House Bill No. 121 includes a provision that states that if snow or ice falls or is dislodged from a vehicle causing death or serious bodily injury, the operator of that vehicle is subject to a fine. I have introduced this legislation for the past several years, and I have been advocating constantly for this. I get e-mails and letters from individuals, constituents who say they routinely are on the highways of Pennsylvania, and when snow or ice comes off a moving vehicle, accidents occur, windshields are broken. Then, last Christmas, 51-year-old Christine Lambert of Northampton County was killed while traveling home with her family after visiting relatives. They were in their SUV when an 8-inch chunk of ice fell from a passing truck. It was like an icy missile coming through the windshield that killed Christine, and her husband and son suffered minor injuries.

Madam President, in this legislation we are trying to prevent this type of accident and tragedy from ever occurring again. Every winter, Pennsylvanians are killed or seriously injured as a result of ice and snow flying off of vehicles. Last winter, and also some previous winters, as I travel to Harrisburg routinely, I am constantly aware of ice and snow flying off moving vehicles. In one incident, a chunk of ice fell off a moving vehicle, a truck, and it struck the bottom of my car and the windshield. I actually swerved to avoid the ice coming off that vehicle. I was fortunate that nobody was behind me or beside me, because I would have rammed into another car. That is what happens when you have snow and ice flying off vehicles, you try to avoid it. Fortunately, I was not injured, but I believe that this has happened to many of us in this room today and many of our constituents, and I do believe this type of accident can be prevented. This is what House Bill No. 121 is intended to do. When it becomes law, it will encourage motorists to remove snow and ice before operating their vehicles. I know it sounds like common sense, Madam President, but we are all responsible for the safety of our highways. New Jersey recently enacted a similar law.

I would like to thank Senator Wonderling, Senator Madigan, and Senator O'Pake, who helped me with my amendment for

moving this legislation along. I think all of my colleagues were motivated by a sincere sense of compassion for the impact that this terrible tragedy had on Christine Lambert, her family, and friends. A family's life has been changed forever and, as we know, this tragedy could have been prevented. I ask for an affirmative vote on House Bill No. 121.

Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Conti.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Piccola requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Conti. Without objection, the leave is granted.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

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Armstrong	Gordner	Musto	Tomlinson
Boscola	Greenleaf	O'Pake	Vance
Brightbill	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Jubelirer	Pippy	Waugh
Conti	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Corman	Kitchen	Rafferty	Williams, Anthony H.
Costa	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Lemmond	Rhoades	Wonderling
Ferlo	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Fontana	Madigan	Stout	
Fumo	Mellow	Tartaglione	

NAY-7

Earll	Piccola	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Orie	Robbins	Wenger	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT C.
WONDERLING PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. Will Frank and Matt Lambert please rise. (Applause.)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator HUGHES. Madam President, just as a reminder for any Member who may have let the information slip from their radar screen, several weeks ago the House of Representatives

here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by a very substantial vote margin, passed a bill to increase the minimum wage. I believe it is House Bill No. 257. It raises the minimum wage to \$6.25 an hour, and then on July 1, 2007, it raises the minimum wage to \$7.15 an hour. The House acted, based on the Governor's request and based on the 84 percent plurality of the people of Pennsylvania who want to see an increase in the minimum wage. The Governor spoke on the issue in his Budget Address, the House acted after many ups and downs, yet in the Senate we still wait and wait and wait, and more folks continue to drop deeper into poverty while we wait for action.

I was at a gas station on Friday, Madam President. The attendant who pumped my gas, I was in Montgomery County, and I noticed that he had no regular gas, he had no regular gas, sold out of regular gas, regular gas was unavailable. All he had was the more expensive gas. It is interesting to note that the gas that runs out is the cheapest gas, and the only thing that a customer can buy is the most expensive gas. He said that day he had two calls, and this was about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to increase the price of gas. In the morning the gas was about \$2.82 a gallon, and by the afternoon it was \$2.97 per gallon, and it has gone up since then. In one day, two calls, and it was so frustrating for him and the workers there and the guy who is responsible for making the change in the gas prices on the big signs at the gas station, that he got frustrated and mad. That is what we are confronted with. A rip-off of the highest level in our gas prices, the cost of living going up, skyrocketing, and no action to increase the incomes of low-wage workers here in Pennsylvania. The Governor has acted, the House of Representatives has acted, but the Senate fails to move.

On this day, this first Monday after the celebration of the Easter season, the first Monday we are in Session, we are reminded again that there is no action, no relief, no help, no support for extra dollars in the pockets of Pennsylvania's workers, especially those workers who are on the lowest rung of the economic ladder. They are being failed, Madam President, and they are being failed by this body. I cannot leave today without making note of that, Madam President.

Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Hughes, for your petition on minimum wage.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. There will now be a recess for a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations in the Rules room. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator WENGER, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

SB 255 (Pr. No. 1737) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for county advisory committees in first and second class counties; abolishing county boards of assistance; and making conforming amendments.

SB 261 (Pr. No. 265) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of June 27, 1996 (P.L.403, No.58), known as the Community and Economic Development Enhancement Act, providing for a Deputy Secretary for Local Government Services in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

SB 809 (Pr. No. 1020) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for the duties of township supervisors.

SB 810 (Pr. No. 1021) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further regulating duties of Department of Community and Economic Development.

HB 1580 (Pr. No. 3765) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the regulation of Cervidae livestock operations.

HB 2380 (Pr. No. 3942) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 7, 2005 (P.L. , No.1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2005, adding appropriations to the Attorney General for reimbursement to counties for expenses for full-time district attorneys and to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for transfer to the United States Merchant Marine World War II Veterans' Bonus Fund; further providing for appropriations for additional Pennsylvania State Police troopers; increasing the State appropriation to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for the Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; further providing for lapsing of unused funds; and providing for lapsing of certain Department of Revenue funds.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

April 24, 2006

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, Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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, vice Sharon E. Guise, Dover, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 24, 2006

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.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, [data missing] as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Northampton, Magisterial District 03-2-08, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice Elmo Frey, Jr., resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 24, 2006

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, Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-10, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice Thomas Brletic, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006

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| 9:30 A.M. | COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 1992; budget hearing with Dept. of Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Yablonsky; and a presentation on Small Business Development Centers) | Room 8E-B
East Wing |
| 10:00 A.M. | ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Mercury Emission Reduction ; and to consider Senate Resolution No. 259) | Hearing Rm.
1, North
Office Bldg. |

Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINA- TIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 713 and 881; Senate Resolution No. 266; and certain executive nominations)	Rules Com. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMER- GENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 270, 271, 272 and 277)	Rules Com. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006

9:00 A.M.	FINANCE (informational hearing on Senate Bill No. 930)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PRO- FESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 931 and 959; and House Bill No. 617)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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10:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bills No. 348 and 1559)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Mercury Emission Reduction)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.