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SENATE

MONDAY, May 21, 2007

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rabbi MICHAEL BERNSTEIN, of Beth Am Israel, Penn Valley, offered the following prayer:

Good afternoon. I am very thankful for this opportunity to address this Chamber in prayer this afternoon, and particularly to Senator Connie Williams for inviting me. I know that in this Chamber, God is called upon by many names, and there are even more ways that we find inspiration for our commitment to do good. This Tuesday night, Jewish communities throughout the world will be observing the Pilgrimage Festival of Shavuot, celebrating the moment of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, a moment that in our tradition lasts not for a moment but has a ripple through all moments of history and is a call for us to do justly, to answer the call to justice.

The men and women of this Chamber answer that call every day, seeking to bring about tikkun olam, the repair of the world, through the promotion of just laws and uplifting discourse. May there be in this Chamber the will and the determination to act in the model of the sage Ben Zoma, who said that true wisdom is learning from every person, true strength is overcoming one's own self-interest, and that one is truly honored when that person shows honor and respect to each human being. May everyone in this Chamber know that every human being is of infinite worth and see in each face the image of holiness, so that we may work to bring about a world that is no longer dominated by images of horror and destruction, so that we may know that every human life is valuable, so that we may not see images that teach us to devalue human life. Instead, we will act in a way that is a testament to the very best that we are capable of, and in the spirit of the blessing of peace that will be read throughout Jewish communities this Saturday on the Sabbath.

(Translation from Hebrew.)

May each of us find blessing in our own source of strength and inspiration. May our paths be illuminated by the light of compassion. May the face of every Member of this Chamber be lifted to answer the call to justice in wholeness and peace.

Let us say Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Bernstein, who is the guest today of Senator Connie Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 8, 2007

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, Frederick C. Sheeler, 605 Seidels Run, Leesport 19533, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Rentschler, Hamburg, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

May 8, 2007

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Ellen Hoffecker (Public Member), 81 Johns Drive, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Esther Richwine, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF POLK CENTER

May 8, 2007

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, Vickie L. Garfield, 2383 Cherrytree Road, Titusville 16354, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK CENTER

May 8, 2007

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, Gary R. Hutchison, 106 Dogwood Drive, Franklin 16323, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' CHILDREN

May 8, 2007

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

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Brigadier General Jerry G. Beck, Jr., 20 Egret Circle, Denver 17517, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dean Steinhart, Mount Joy, deceased.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' CHILDREN

May 8, 2007

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, The Honorable Paul W. Semmel, 4525 Spring Hill Drive, Schnecksville 18078, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third

Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Brantley, Ed.D, West Chester, resigned.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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, Colena Arlene Johnson-Kemp, DVM, MS, 382 Summerfield Court, Ambler 19002, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mark Guise, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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, Rosanne M. Palermo, D.M.D., M.A.G.D., 1506 Summer Drive, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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, Eric B. Springman, PhD, 2310 Sienna Drive, East Norriton 19401, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Hai-Lung Dai, Wayne, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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, Tracy A. Steen, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 19104, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Patricia Bricklin, Ph.D., Wayne, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, DELAWARE COUNTY

May 9, 2007

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, Frank W. Daly, Esquire, 207 West Street, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Harry J. Bradley, mandatory retirement.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

May 9, 2007

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, Suzanne Hendricks, 2140 Starr Road, Quakertown 18951, Bucks County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Kerr, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

May 14, 2007

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 Baldwin, 2009 McClintock Road, White Oak 15131, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

May 14, 2007

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, George Demetriades, Sr., 50 Villas Crossing Road, Tamaqua 18252, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

May 14, 2007

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, Reverend George R. Gunn, Jr., P.O. Box 89, Gwynedd Valley 19437, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

May 14, 2007

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, Lynn Fields Harris, 5818 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 19144, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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

May 14, 2007

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Douglas P. Harbach, 52 Wagner Road, Chambersburg 17201, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial

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District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Glen Grell, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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

May 14, 2007

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, Dr. Elnetta Griffin Jones, 366 Hostetter Avenue, Shippensburg 17257, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Allan W. Holman, New Bloomfield, whose term expired.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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

May 14, 2007

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, William Piper, 350 Barnstable Road, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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

May 14, 2007

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, Kenneth Shoemaker, 7 Derbyshire Drive, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

May 14, 2007

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 Lawrence, Magisterial District 53-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice J.V. Lamb, resigned.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA

May 18, 2007

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 Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable M. Diane Koken, Lancaster, resigned.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 21, 2007

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, Ivan L. Torres, Ed.D. 1722 Parkside Drive South, Wyomissing 19610, Berks County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS 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 TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 8, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 12, 2007, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Rentschler, Hamburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

May 8, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 1, 2007, for the appointment of Mary Ellen Hoffecker (Public Member), 81 Johns Drive, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirtyfirst Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Esther Richwine, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' CHILDREN

May 8, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees for Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Brantley, Ed.D., West Chester, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Hai-Lung, Dai, Wayne, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Patricia Bricklin, Ph.D., Wayne, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, 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 Mark Guise, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

To the Honorable, the Senate

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated **LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL — SENATE**

April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, 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 Roseanne Palermo, Erie, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. DELAWARE COUNTY

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senato-rial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Harry J. Bradley, mandatory retirement.

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

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

May 9, 2007

To the Honorable, the Senate

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Kerr, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, DELAWARE COUNTY

May 18, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 9, 2007, for the appointment of Frank W. Daly, Esquire, 207 West Street, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Harry J. Bradley, mandatory retirement.

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

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROBATION

May 21, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 20, 2007, for the appointment of Deon E. Roth, 46 Karen Court, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Probation, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and gualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Robert Galardy, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 21, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 6, 2007, for the appointment of Ivan L. Torres, Ed.D. 1722 Parkside Drive South, Wyomissing 19610, Berks County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and gualified.

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

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

CORRECTIONS TO 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 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 14, 2007

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

Please note the nomination dated May 7, 2007, for the appointment of Jamie L. Sheller, Esquire, 42 Old Gulph Road, Wynnewood 19096, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John P. Kameen, Forest City, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Jamie L. Sheller, Esquire, <u>920 Morris Avenue, Bryn Mawr 19010</u>, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John P. Kameen, Forest City, whose term expired.

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

May 9, 2007

To the Honorable, the Senate

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Please note the nomination dated May 1, 2007, for the appointment of Eli Silberman, Scott Road, P.O. Box 156, Unionville 19375, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Laurence Harmelin, Esquire, West Chester, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Eli Silberman, Scott Road, P.O. Box 156, Unionville 19375, Chester County, <u>Nineteenth</u> Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Laurence Harmelin, Esquire, West Chester, whose term expired.

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:

May 9, 2007

Senators RHOADES, BROWNE, ORIE, COSTA, MUSTO, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, EARLL, REGOLA, WOZNIAK, GORDNER, McILHINNEY, KASUNIC, MELLOW, LAVALLE and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SB 849, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for retroactive denial of reimbursement of payments to health care providers by insurers.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, HUGHES and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 850, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a temporary suspension of the death penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 9, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, ORIE, LOGAN, RAFFERTY, MELLOW, WONDERLING, LAVALLE, BROWNE, STOUT, REGOLA and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 851, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information about sex offenders made available on the Internet.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 9, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, FUMO, LAVALLE, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, FERLO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 852**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for definitions, for applications for dog licenses, for kennels, for requirements for kennels, for out-of-State dealer license, for bills of sale, for revocation, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses, for transportation of dogs, for health certificates for importation, for inspections of premises and dogs, for additional duties of department, for seizure and detention of dogs and for interference with police officer or State dog warden; providing for authority to seize dogs in distress; further providing for enforcement, for rules and regulations and for violations; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 9, 2007.

Senator BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 853, entitled: An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for additional notification requirements relating to annuity contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 9, 2007.

Senators ORIE, SCARNATI, WAUGH, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, PIPPY and EICHELBERGER presented to the Chair SB 854, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restricted activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 9, 2007.

May 10, 2007

Senators C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, McILHINNEY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 211, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, providing for methods of dispensing drugs and enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 10, 2007.

Senators ARMSTRONG, MUSTO, MELLOW, FONTANA, CORMAN, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER, FUMO, GORDNER, O'PAKE, WONDERLING, ROBBINS, VANCE, SCARNATI, D. WHITE, PILEGGI, BROWNE, BAKER and REGOLA presented to the Chair SB 826, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for actuarial cost method.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 10, 2007.

May 11, 2007

Senators WAUGH, PUNT, STOUT, MCILHINNEY, MADIGAN, ORIE, CORMAN, ROBBINS, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, RHOADES, FOLMER, BROWNE, ARMSTRONG, BOSCOLA, EICHELBERGER and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 690**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program for the stewardship of agricultural lands and riparian corridors; creating opportunities for private investment in best management practices and riparian corridors; establishing a sponsorship program; authorizing the transferability of the tax credits; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Revenue and the State Conservation Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 11, 2007.

Senators ORIE, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, PICCOLA, GORDNER, COSTA, FOLMER, EARLL, D. WHITE, ARMSTRONG and BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 856, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restrictions on contributions.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, May 11, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, EARLL, MUSTO, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, FONTANA and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 862, entitled:

An Act providing for prison population reduction by granting certain nonviolent offenders a merit time allowance and presumptive release at the discretion of the Department of Corrections.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 11, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, GORDNER, PUNT, LAVALLE, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, BRUBAKER, EARLL, M. WHITE, WONDERLING, STOUT, McILHINNEY, D. WHITE, BROWNE, BAKER and REGOLA presented to the Chair SB 864, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for definitions and for payments on account of pupils enrolled in vocational curriculums.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, May 11, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, FONTANA, MUSTO, FERLO, PILEGGI, ROBBINS, COSTA, EARLL and WONDERLING presented to the Chair SB 866, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for transfer of records.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, May 11, 2007.

May 18, 2007

Senators ORIE, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, STACK, BOSCOLA, COSTA, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, WASHINGTON, PIPPY, O'PAKE, MELLOW, MUSTO and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 847**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, further providing for definitions and for newborn screening and follow-up program; providing for a list of diseases and conditions; further providing for procurement of specimens by health care providers and for regulations; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, May 18, 2007.

Senators REGOLA, STOUT, RHOADES, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 867**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for securing loads and logs in vehicles; and providing requirements for transporting loose material.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 18, 2007.

Senators VANCE, M. WHITE, WAUGH, FUMO, GREENLEAF, MADIGAN and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 868**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 10, 1975 (P.L.383, No.110), known as the Physical Therapy Practice Act, further providing for physical therapist assistants.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 18, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, COSTA, TOMLINSON and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 869**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for a graduation rate formula.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, May 18, 2007.

Senators LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, ORIE, FONTANA and FERLO presented to the Chair SB 871, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emission inspections.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 18, 2007.

Senators LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, ORIE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, O'PAKE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 872**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for emission inspections.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 18, 2007.

Senators LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, LOGAN, ORIE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, O'PAKE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 873**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing a sales tax exemption for the cost of parts and labor necessary for a motor vehicle to comply with emissions inspection standards.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 18, 2007.

Senators LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, LOGAN, ORIE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, WONDERLING, O'PAKE, ROBBINS and STACK presented to the Chair SB 874, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing a sales tax exemption for vehicle emissions diagnostic equipment.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 18, 2007.

Senators LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, LOGAN, ORIE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, FERLO and STACK presented to the Chair SB 875, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for emissions inspection fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 18, 2007.

Senators BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, KITCHEN, LOGAN, MUSTO, ORIE, PIPPY, PUNT, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, SCARNATI, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, WONDERLING and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair SB 876, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sexual abuse of children.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 18, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, LAVALLE, COSTA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair SB 878, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for limiting number of retail licenses issued in each county.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, May 18, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, FUMO, BOSCOLA, COSTA, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, MUSTO, ERICKSON, FOLMER, GORDNER, LOGAN, ORIE, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, ROBBINS, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 879, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for vouchers for licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 18, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, FUMO, BOSCOLA, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, GORDNER, LAVALLE, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, ROBBINS, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 880**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for vouchers for licenses and permits.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 18, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, FUMO, BOSCOLA, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, LAVALLE, LOGAN, MUSTO, ORIE, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 881, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for classes of licenses and for license costs and fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 18, 2007.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair SB 882, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Allentown Commercial Industrial Authority, or their assigns, certain lands situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 18, 2007.

May 21, 2007

Senators ROBBINS, ORIE, COSTA, MADIGAN, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FONTANA, EARLL, KASUNIC, PUNT, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, D. WHITE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair SB 817, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, providing for disclosure of prior use for the manufacture of certain controlled substances. Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, May 21, 2007.

Senators EARLL, ERICKSON, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, BROWNE, CORMAN, COSTA, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, MUSTO, ORIE, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, ROBBINS, M. WHITE, DINNIMAN, WONDERLING, BAKER, MELLOW, WAUGH, MADIGAN, VANCE, D. WHITE, PICCOLA, KITCHEN, HUGHES, TOMLINSON, McILHINNEY, EICHELBERGER, C. WILLIAMS, PIPPY, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair SB 877, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, adding definitions; and further providing for prepayment for contracted medical services and for established drug regimens.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, May 21, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, ORIE, ERICKSON, MADIGAN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, FUMO, KASUNIC, WONDERLING, COSTA, BAKER, REGOLA, LOGAN, C. WILLIAMS, ARMSTRONG and STACK presented to the Chair SB 883, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, barring the presence of sexual offenders in protected areas.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 21, 2007.

Senators McILHINNEY, RAFFERTY, FERLO, ROBBINS, COSTA, O'PAKE and ORIE presented to the Chair SB 886, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, further prohibiting certain acts.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 21, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, ROBBINS, TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, COSTA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, GREENLEAF, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, ARMSTRONG, KITCHEN, STACK and REGOLA presented to the Chair SB 887, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special plates for recipients of the Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 21, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, ROBBINS, FERLO, COSTA, WAUGH, STOUT, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, KASUNIC, OPAKE and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 888**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in hunting and furtaking licenses, for license costs and fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 21, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, PILEGGI, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, FERLO, ERICKSON, COSTA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, C. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, EARLL, McILHINNEY, O'PAKE, FOLMER, KITCHEN, STACK, VANCE and BAKER presented to the Chair SB 889, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for liability for support and extending liability for child support beyond the death of the obligor.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 21, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, VANCE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, COSTA, ORIE, MELLOW, WAUGH, STOUT, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, RHOADES, ROBBINS, C. WILLIAMS, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, MCILHINNEY, O'PAKE, BROWNE and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 890, 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 coverage for mammographic examinations and ultrasound screenings of the breast.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 21, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, BOSCOLA, FERLO, WONDERLING, EARLL and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 891**. entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions; and providing for certified registered nurse anesthetist qualifications.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 21, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, COSTA, ORIE, RAFFERTY and RHOADES presented to the Chair SB 893, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, authorizing a benefit for health care costs incurred by retired employees under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 21, 2007.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS OF PHILADELPHIA

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS Acting for the City of Philadelphia, Trustee 21 South 12th Street Philadelphia, PA 19107-3607

April 16, 2007

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan Secretary of the Senate Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 462 Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am pleased to enclose herewith the One Hundred Thirty-Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of City Trusts acting for the City of Philadelphia, Trustee.

Sincerely,

MARLENE BRENNER Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:

Senator Gordner as a member of the Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board.

Senator Greenleaf as a member of the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Craig A. Cassey as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator BROWNE, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

SB 413 (Pr. No. 460)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for assessment of signs and sign structures; and making related repeals.

SB 826 (Pr. No. 1009)

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for actuarial cost method.

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

SB 8 (Pr. No. 896) (Rereported)

An Act establishing the Medical Safety Automation Account; and providing grants to implement medical safety automation systems.

SB 100 (Pr. No. 1037) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the regulation of home improvement contracts and for the registration of certain contractors; prohibiting certain acts; and providing for penalties. SB 116 (Pr. No. 1038) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for selection of prospective jurors.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Punt.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Punt.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Dinniman.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Dinniman.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator COSTA asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator WASHINGTON, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate May 21, 2007

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 4, 2007, 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 House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, June 4, 2007, 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 PILEGGI and were as follows, viz:

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Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Pippy	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Rafferty	Williams, Anthony H.
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Constance
Earli	Logan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wozniak

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A majority of 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 CONSTANCE WILLIAMS** PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Connie Williams.

Senator C. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I have the privilege today of introducing some of the outstanding students from Upper Merion Area School District who are here with the Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology, and in the East Wing rotunda they have some of the incredible projects they have been working on all year in their classrooms of the future. I was delighted to look at their projects a few minutes ago, and I would like to recognize them today. From Roberts Elementary School, grade two, with their teacher Shannon Lotz, are Krishna Tikkani, Rachel Holman, Sierra Reddi, Tess Selman, David Marques, and Marissa Garcia.

Representing Roberts Elementary School, grade four, with librarian Maggie Caverly, who is also the school librarian of the year for the 17th Senatorial District, are Zachary Lane, Brendan Miller, Charlie Biegalski, Marcie McLaughlin, Katie Schauble, and Grayson Uckele.

From Upper Merion Area High School, with their teacher Peter Vreeland, are Jackie Ehmer and Gabriella Totokotsopoulos.

I would like the Senate to please recognize them and give them a big round of applause for coming today.

The PRESIDENT. Would all of our students from Roberts Elementary School, Maggie Paverly with the Library Association, Peter Vreeland, and the Upper Merion Area High School students all please rise so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR MIKE FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FOLMER. Madam President, I am pleased to have with me a very special guest today, Mr. Mike Melendez, who is finishing his sophomore year at Elizabethtown High School. He is a Life Scout and will soon be an Eagle Scout. He is also a blue belt in tae-kwon-do, and a pianist and composer of his own classical music. Mike also enjoys archery and is looking forward to attending Bucknell University after his high school career.

I ask the Senate to join with me in welcoming Michael Melendez as our guest Page today. Thank you very much, Mike.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR BOB REGOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Regola.

Senator REGOLA. Madam President, I have the distinct honor today of recognizing Eric and Michele Bononi and Jenifer Reger, three constituents from the Greensburg area. Michele is here in Harrisburg today to receive the award for one of the 50 best women in business. She is not currently in the gallery, but is over at the Governor's Mansion receiving her award. However, her husband, Eric, and friend Jenifer are in the gallery, and I ask the Senate to give them its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Will Eric Bononi and Jenifer Reger please rise.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL BRUBAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster. Senator Brubaker.

Senator BRUBAKER. Madam President, it is a distinct honor and privilege for me to introduce three very special and gifted students, Mandy Markward, Sarah Stewart, and Heather Yarnell. Mandy has an interest in physical therapy and drag racing, Sarah has an interest in sports and education, and Heather has an interest in equine activities and will be attending West Chester University. I had the privilege of spending Earth Day with them planting trees, and they followed up afterward by coming to Harrisburg to see how State government works. It is an honor and privilege for me to introduce these three beautiful young ladies.

The PRESIDENT. Will Mandy, Sarah, and Heather please rise.

(Applause.)

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, D. WHITE, WAUGH, DINNIMAN, BRUBAKER, REGOLA, FERLO, KASUNIC, ROBBINS, TOMLINSON, STACK, BOSCOLA, GORDNER, LAVALLE, MELLOW, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, MUSTO, LOGAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, WONDERLING, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, SCARNATI, PIPPY, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, PUNT, McILHINNEY, EARLL, COSTA, ARMSTRONG and BROWNE, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 124, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 20 through 26, 2007, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" and May 23, 2007, as "Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted.

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules

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and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a meeting of the Republican Caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I request the Democratic Members to report to our caucus room immediately upon conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations in the Rules room, followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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

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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Hai-Lung, Dai, Wayne, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, 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 Mark Guise, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, 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 Roseanne Palermo, Erie, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE TRUSTEES OF HAMBURG CENTER

May 8, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 12, 2007, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rachel Rentschler, Hamburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, DELAWARE COUNTY

May 18, 2007

To the Honorable, the Senate

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated May 9, 2007, for the appointment of Frank W. Daly, Esquire, 207 West Street, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District. as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Harry J. Bradley, mandatory retirement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, DELAWARE COUNTY

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Harry J. Bradley, mandatory retirement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

May 9, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard Kerr, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

May 8, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 1, 2007, for the appointment of Mary Ellen Hoffecker (Public Member), 81 Johns Drive, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Esther Richwine, Harrisburg, whose term expired. I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROBATION

May 21, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated March 20, 2007, for the appointment of Deon E. Roth, 46 Karen Court, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Probation, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Robert Galardy, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' CHILDREN

May 8, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated April 13, 2007, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees for Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Brantley, Ed.D., West Chester, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

May 21, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 6, 2007, for the appointment of Ivan L. Torres, Ed.D. 1722 Parkside Drive South, Wyomissing 19610, Berks County, Fortyeighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

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

May 4, 2007

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, Marie Conley Lammando, 742 S. 80th Street, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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

May 4, 2007

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 reappointment 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 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES' EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

March 20, 2007

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, A.R. DeFilippi, 114 Jenny Lynn Drive, Aliquippa 15001, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Cabraja, Sewickley, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

March 22, 2007

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, MaryLou Enoches, 1 Manor Drive, West Chester 19380, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Karen Donovan, West Chester, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

February 1, 2007

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 G. Mandelbaum, 71 Merbrook Bend, Merion Station 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Richard W. Hayden, Esquire, Philadelphia, serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

April 9, 2007

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, Harold Jose Millan, (Public Member), 1705 Christian Street, Philadelphia 19146, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve until December 5, 2011, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph Resta, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ERIE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

April 19, 2007

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, Susan N. Sutto, 3112 Madeira Drive, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Erie County Convention Center Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

May 4, 2007

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 Powelson, 135 Viburnum Drive, Kennett Square 19348, Chester County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, to serve until August 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORRISTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

April 17, 2007

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, Nicholas Sacchetti, 813 Dover Road, Wynnewood 19096, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

March 22, 2007

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, Timothy M. Schell, P.T., 123 Old Hickory Lane, Grove City 16127, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, 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 James Irrgang, Murrysville, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

January 31, 2007

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John J. Hovan, Esquire, S.R. 29 North, P.O. Box 336, Tunkhannock 18657, Wyoming County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Wyoming, Magisterial District 44-3-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice Patricia A. Robinson, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stout and a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Stout and a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

February 1, 2007

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 G. Mandelbaum, 71 Merbrook Bend, Merion Station 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice Richard W. Hayden, Esquire, Philadelphia, serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

> EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

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In conformity with law. I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John J. Hovan, Esquire, S.R. 29 North, P.O. Box 336, Tunkhannock 18657, Wyoming County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Wyoming, Magisterial District 44-3-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice Patricia A. Robinson, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-49

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
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Baker	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Рірру	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Rafferty	Williams, Anthony H.
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Constance
Earll	Logan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	
Folmer	Musto	Stout	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 795 (Pr. No. 887) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

O'Pake

Piccola

Pileggi

Pippy

Punt

Rafferty

Regola

Rhoades

Robbins

Scarnati

Stack Stout

Orie

Armstrong	Fontana
Baker	Fumo
Boscola	Gordner
Browne	Greenlea
Brubaker	Hughes
Corman	Kasunic
Costa	Kitchen
Dinniman	LaValle
Earll	Logan
Eichelberger	Madigan
Erickson	McIlhinr
Ferlo	Mellow
Folmer	Musto

Tartaglione Tomlinson Vance Waugh White, Donald White, Mary Jo Williams, Anthony H. Williams, Constance Wonderling Wozniak

NAY-0

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

Ordered. That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL AMENDED

SB 34 (Pr. No. 893) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act protecting the right of a mother to nurse her child in public; prohibiting a unit of local government from adopting an ordinance prohibiting breastfeeding in public; and providing that breastfeeding may not be considered a nuisance, indecent exposure, sexual conduct or obscenity.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator C. WILLIAMS offered the following amendment No. A0703:

Amend Title, page 1, line 1, by striking out "Protecting the right of a mother" and inserting: Permitting a mother the freedom

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Amend Title, page 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out all of line 2 and "ordinance prohibiting breastfeeding in public;" in line 3

Amend Preamble, page 1, lines 6 through 19; page 2, lines 1 through 6, by striking out all of said lines on said pages

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, line 10, by striking out "Right" and inserting: Freedom

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 16, by striking out "has a right to" and inserting: shall be permitted to

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, lines 21 through 23, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Sec. 5, page 2, line 24, by striking out "5. Right" and inserting: 4. Freedom

Amend Sec. 5, page 2, line 25, by striking out "may" and inserting: shall

Amend Sec. 10, page 3, line 5, by striking out "10" and inserting: 5

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 PILEGGI.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 317 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 729 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREFERRED

SB 69 (Pr. No. 91) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 87 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 152 (Pr. No. 194) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; providing for regulation and operation of neighborhood electric vehicles; and further providing for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection. Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

HB 202 (Pr. No. 235) – The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for reports and removal of abandoned vehicles within the boundaries of a city of the first class or second class.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 221 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 248 (Pr. No. 284) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

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

SB 468 (Pr. No. 513) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for a limitation on the length of session.

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

SB 595 (Pr. No. 645) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the disclosure of certain criminal history record information and certain information related to abuse to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and to any domestic violence fatality review team; establishing the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and domestic violence fatality review teams and providing for their powers and duties; and fixing penalties for certain violations related to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Program.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 632 and HB 688 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

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BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 691 (Pr. No. 736) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for veteran plates and placard.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 726 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 779 (Pr. No. 875) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of State Route 462 in Lancaster County as the Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Robert D. Lapp, Jr., Memorial Highway.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 782 (Pr. No. 876) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1984 (P.L.688, No.147), known as the Radiation Protection Act, further providing for definitions, for powers of Environmental Quality Board, for licensing and registration fees, for nuclear facility and transport fees, for creation of special funds, for response program and for transportation of radioactive material; and making repeals.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration? Senator M.J. WHITE offered the following amendment No. A0663:

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 402), page 8, line 24, by striking out "<u>this</u> section" and inserting: subparagraph (i)

Amend Sec. 3 (Sec. 403), page 11, line 14, by striking out "402(c)(1.1)" and inserting: 402(c)(1.1)(ii)

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment? It was agreed to.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 799 (Pr. No. 891) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1987 (P.L.163, No.16), known as the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act, further providing for board of directors and for grants.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 815 (Pr. No. 909) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1989 (P.L.169, No.32), known as the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, further providing for underground storage tank environmental cleanup program and for underground storage tank pollution prevention program.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 822 (Pr. No. 956) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for disqualification to hold other office and for vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 831 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SB 729 CALLED UP

SB 729 (Pr. No. 988) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporary, was called up, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator PILEGGI.

BILL AMENDED

SB 729 (Pr. No. 988) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring the posting of certain State salary information on the Internet.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

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FONTANA AMENDMENT A0754

Senator FONTANA offered the following amendment No. A0754:

Amend Title, page 1, line 1, by striking out "State" and inserting: public employee

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 6, by striking out "State" and inserting: Public Employee

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, lines 12 through 17; page 2, lines 1 through 5, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

"Governmental body." Any department, authority, commission, committee, council, board, bureau, division, service, office, officer, administration, legislative body or other establishment in the executive, legislative or judicial branch of a State or a political subdivision thereof or any agency performing a governmental function. This term shall include any State-affiliated entity and any State-related institution.

"Public employee." Any individual employed by any governmental body.

"State-affiliated entity." A Commonwealth authority or a Commonwealth entity. The term includes the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, the State Public School Building Authority, the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority and the State System of Higher Education.

"State-related institution." The Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Lincoln University or Temple University.

Amend Sec. 4, page 3, line 4, by striking out all of said line and inserting: the Commonwealth, whether of the Executive, Legislative or Judicial branch of the government.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 12 and 13: Section 5. Online posting of certain salaries.

All other governmental bodies shall post, on their own official Internet websites or make such information available electronically upon request, and update on a monthly basis, the following concerning officers and employees:

(1) Title.

(2) Agency, department or other institution.

(3) Annual salary rate or other rate of compensation.

(4) Supplemental payments other than payments for unused vacation or unused sick leave.

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 13, by striking out "5" and inserting: 6 Amend Sec. 6, page 3, line 17, by striking out "6" and inserting: 7

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator FONTANA. Madam President, this amendment removes the language that would require posting of names on the Internet. The reason for that, Madam President, is I believe it is a matter of privacy and certainly security to protect employees against the identity theft that is happening more and more each day through the Internet.

This amendment also expands the requirement of posting salaries to all governmental bodies, which is away from just the State employees, but all public employees, and that is in the spirit of fairness and openness, if we want to be open, and we should be open to all public employees, so I ask for an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, as I understand the amendment, it would remove the requirement that names be available to the public, names of public employees. That would be a change in the existing law that allows the public to know what their taxpayer-funded employees are making as employees of government agencies, and a step backwards in our desire to bring more openness to government processes.

The second part, I was not clear on the comments, but if I understand it correctly, it would include State-related institutions under the provisions of this bill. My thoughts are not on that point but are that that issue is a substantive issue that is currently before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Although I support the extension of the Open Records Act to State-related institutions, I believe that debate should be held in the context of the expansion of the Open Records Act. I, in fact, have a bill that would do that, Senate Bill No. 1, which is currently in the Committee on State Government. My understanding is that committee will hold hearings on that bill where we can fully discuss the pros and cons of extending the Open Records Act to State-related institutions. Therefore, I do not believe that it is appropriate to try to include it in this bill at this time.

For those reasons, I recommend a "no" vote on the amendment.

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

Senator FONTANA. Madam President, just for clarification, we are not talking about a step backwards. This is obviously more information than ever before that will be on the Internet. The only thing we are removing is the name. The title, the job descriptions, the total amount of money, all that sort of thing would still be on there. What we are talking about is just one aspect of the bill, and that is the removal of the name. This is for the security of the employees the way I see it, especially with as much identity theft that is going on in this world today.

Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Baker.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a legislative leave for Senator Baker. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator SCARNATI, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, if I could follow up on the last point made, I think most of the Members and members of the public are aware of the fact that publicly available news services and newspapers maintain their own websites and/or publications of what is now publicly available information of

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State employee names and public employee names. I think it would be, again, a reversal if in our own effort to make public information more available we have a more restrictive presentation of public information than is available in commercial news services.

So, again, I urge a negative vote on the amendment.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-20

Boscola	Fumo	Logan	Stout
Costa	Hughes	Mellow	Tartaglione
Dinniman	Kasunic	Musto	Williams, Anthony H.
Ferlo	Kitchen	O'Pake	Williams, Constance
Fontana	LaValle	Stack	Wozniak
		NAY-28	

Armstrong	Erickson	Piccola	Robbins
Baker	Folmer	Pileggi	Tomlinson
Browne	Gordner	Pippy	Vance
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Punt	Waugh
Corman	Madigan	Rafferty	White, Donald
Earll	McIlhinney	Regola	White, Mary Jo
Eichelberger	Orie	Rhoades	Wonderling
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Less than a majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

BOSCOLA AMENDMENT A0731

Senator BOSCOLA offered the following amendment No. A0731:

Amend Title, page 1, line 1, by striking out "State" and inserting: governmental

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 6, by striking out "State" and inserting: Governmental

Amend Sec. 2, page 2, by inserting between lines 5 and 6:

"Local agency." A county, township, borough, town, city, school district, local authority, commission or other similar entity performing a governmental function.

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 25, by striking out "A FORM AND STRUCTURE PRESCRIBED BY" and inserting: ASCII-delimited text format, Excel spreadsheet format or another format mutually agreed upon by the agency and

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 12 and 13: Section 5. Local agencies.

(a) General rule.—All local agencies shall post on their official Internet websites, and update on a monthly basis, the following concerning officers and employees:

(1) Name.

(2) Title.

(3) Agency, department or other institution.

(4) Annual salary rate or other rate of compensation.

(5) Supplemental compensation for the current month. For purposes of this section, supplemental compensation shall not include reimbursement payments to employees for appropriate business expenditures, or payments for unused vacation or unused sick leave.

(b) Exception.—If the local agency does not maintain an official Internet website, the information shall be made available electronically or in writing upon request within five days.

(c) Notification.—Each local agency shall notify the State Treasurer, in a form and structure prescribed by the State Treasurer, when it has complied with this act. When applicable, the notification shall include the main Internet website page address where the data received pursuant to subsection (a) is located.

(d) Directory.-The State Treasurer shall maintain an Internet website-based directory of the local agency Internet website page addresses received pursuant to subsection (c) on the official Internet website created pursuant to subsection (a).

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 13, by striking out "5" and inserting: 6 Amend Sec. 6, page 3, line 17, by striking out "6" and inserting: 7

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, Senate Bill No. 729 requires the posting of State salary information on the Internet, and what this amendment would do would be expanding that to include local governments, such as counties, townships, boroughs, cities, school districts, local authorities and commissions.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

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Armstrong	Folmer	Mellow	Stack
Baker	Fontana	Musto	Stout
Boscola	Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Browne	Gordner	Orie	Tomlinson
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Corman	Hughes	Pileggi	Waugh
Costa	Kasunic	Pippy	White, Donald
Dinniman	Kitchen	Punt	White, Mary Jo
Earll	LaValle	Rafferty	Williams, Anthony H.
Eichelberger	Logan	Regola	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Ferlo	McIlhinney	Robbins	Wozniak

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

On the question,

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Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

PILEGGI AMENDMENT A0732

Senator PILEGGI offered the following amendment No. A0732:

Amend Sec. 4, page 3, by inserting between lines 12 and 13: (c) Redaction.—At the request of an agency, the State Treasurer may redact the name of an individual who is regularly involved in the conduct of undercover criminal investigations if the State Treasurer determines it is necessary to protect the safety of the individual.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, this is an amendment that allows for the redaction of the names of an individual who is regularly involved in the conduct of undercover criminal investigations necessary to protect the safety of the individual. I believe it is an agreed-to amendment.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I desire to interrogate the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

The PRESIDENT. Will the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi, permit himself to be interrogated?

Senator PILEGGI. I will, Madam President.

Senator COSTA. Madam President, in light of the fact that we previously amended this bill to include county officials and local governments as well, and the intent of this legislation is to address those individuals working, as I understand, specifically and only with the Attorney General's Office. In light of the fact that there are a number of municipal police officials who work with task forces that work side by side with some of these same individuals, will this amendment allow for that exemption for those local municipal officials, whether they be county or local government officials? Do they also have the opportunity to petition the Treasurer for exemption of their information being posted?

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, the intent of the language is to allow any agency to request that the Treasurer redact that information. It is not limited to the Attorney General.

Senator COSTA. Madam President, just so I am clear, any municipal government that has a person assigned to a task force would be able to share the same benefit of that exclusion. Is that correct?

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, the exact language is "at the request of an agency." It is a very broadly defined term. I believe it would include local law enforcement agencies.

Senator COSTA. Madam President, thank you. I believe my question was answered.

And the question recurring,

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 PILEGGI.

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room. The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator ARMSTRONG, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill:

HB 112 (Pr. No. 1633) (Amended) (Rereported)

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 effect of act on existing laws and, in insurance holding companies, for definitions, for acquisition of control of or merger with domestic insurer and for acquisitions involving insurers not otherwise covered; establishing the Insurance Restructuring Board; providing for its powers and duties; establishing an account; providing for health care reporting; and making an inconsistent repeal.

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 Mr. and Mrs. William Polak and to Douglas Andrew Patti by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ella Zellefrow by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Parsons, Justin David Miller, Robert E. Kennis and to Terry Eugene Ehpruim Ritzman by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samantha Lynne Palser, Dr. Henry A. Jordan, Dr. Mary Ann Maggitti, Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger, Barbara McNeil Jordan, Stephen L. McFalls, Dr. Bernard S. Proctor and to Paul Joseph Hogan by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Presque Isle Women's Club by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brad Tyler Schoener by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Spencer C. Huff by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sharon A. Seldomridge and to Carol Ulrich by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brianne Doak and to Maryanne Diehl by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Frattone, Terry Flowers, Peter Reilly, Richard Bowes, Nadir Osborne, Harvey Davis, Larry Clark, Tracy Houston, Tony Panebianco, Robert Jeter, Fredrick Baker, Michael Meskill, Gordon Andrew, Benjamin Baynard, Derek Lowery, Jason Seigafuse, Marquies Newsome, Scott Holmes, Richard Milsop, Timothy O'Toole, Adam Wojinicki, Charles Tizal, Troy Truesdale, Edward Wrenn, Matthew McCrory, Joshua Flowers, Keith Leber, Michael Jackson, Curtis Graves, Claude Smith, Jason Shensky, Vincent Butler, James Maio, Mark F. Dornish, Nicholas Denofa, John Lang, John Connors, Carmelo Oquendo, James Moskal, Matthew Quinn and to Mary Pawlowski by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Podhaizer by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Sulima and to the Reverend Edward M. Masakowski by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas J. Kuzma by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Susan M. Cunjak by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Vincent R. Aiello by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul L. Hummel by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph M. Torsella by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Harry G. Thigpen IV, Liam M. MacDonald, Aaron Edmund Gerard, John Matthew Williams, Sean Michael Cogan, Tyler Davis and to the New Cumberland Lions Club by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Myers by Senator Wozniak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT 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 Douglas J. Lambert, Sr., by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jeanelle D. Tillman by Senator Regola.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 413 and SB 826.

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

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

May 9, 2007

HB 17 -- Committee on Transportation. HB 239 -- Committee on Local Government. HB 369 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

HB 842 -- Committee on Education.

May 10, 2007

HB 906 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

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:

May 10, 2007

Senators TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, FERLO, PUNT, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, McILHINNEY, ROBBINS, ERICKSON, COSTA, LOGAN, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, MUSTO, FUMO, FONTANA, BROWNE, EARLL, FOLMER, D. WHITE, PILEGGI, ARMSTRONG and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SR 122, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating June 10, 2007, as "Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans Day"; and expressing appreciation for the special commitment and service of these veterans to the United States.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 10, 2007.

Senators SCARNATI, PILEGGI, ARMSTRONG, ORIE, WAUGH, CORMAN, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, VANCE, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, WONDERLING, EARLL, PIPPY, BROWNE, PICCOLA, M. WHITE, D. WHITE, FERLO, KASUNIC, COSTA, MUSTO, BAKER and REGOLA presented to the Chair SR 123, entitled:

A Resolution prohibiting use of Senate funds to pay for radio or television broadcast time.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 10, 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007

9:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL Hrg. Rm. 1 AFFAIRS (joint Senate and House infor- mal hearing to learn about and discuss issues facing dairy farmers and the industry in Pennsylvania)
9.30 A M	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLINCES AND ROOM OF D

9:30 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND Room 8E-B ENERGY (public hearing on Coal Bed East Wing Methane Issues)

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11:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 527, 674 and 737)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bill No. 877; and any other business that may come before the committee)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 Noon	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bill No. 669; and any other busi- ness that may come before the Committee) CANCELLED	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:30 P.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PRO- FESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 455, 612 and 844)	Room 8E-A East Wing
	WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007	
9:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on the fiscal health of PA's cities and Act 47)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (Public Hear- ing on Senate Bills No. 137 and 346)	Room 8E-A East Wing
	MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007	ĺ
11:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (joint public hearing with the House Judiciary Committee to hear a presentation from the Council of State Governments Justice Center on correction issues)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007	
10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY and CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (joint public hearing on Energy Policy for Pennsylvanians)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007	
9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on hospital acquired infections)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
	TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007	
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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