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SENATE

TUESDAY, July 10, 2007

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

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Secretary of the Senate, Hon. MARK R. CORRIGAN:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You are the source of all human authority, the author of life, and the foundation of wisdom. As we gather this afternoon, we seek Your blessing, Your spirit, Your presence to be with and upon the Members and staff of this Senate. Inspire, guide, and direct our work this day. May our efforts be pleasing in Your sight. May our accomplishments bring greater glory to You and the people of Pennsylvania. Amen.

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 PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

July 10, 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

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

July 10, 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

July 10, 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 or 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

July 10, 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

**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 PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING**

June 10, 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 14, 2007, for the appointment of Arthur Baldwin, 2009 McClintock Road, White Oak 15131, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, 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

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

July 10, 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 Colena Arlene Johnson-Kemp, DVM, MS, 382 Summerfield Court, Ambler 19002, Montgomery County, Twelfth 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**

July 10, 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 Rosanne M. Palermo, D.M.D., M.A.G.D., 1506 Summer Drive, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth 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.

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**

July 10, 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 Tracy A. Steen, 3900 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 19104, 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 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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WHITE HAVEN STATE HOSPITAL**

July 10, 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 June 5, 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 White Haven Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Edward Matisak, Sugarloaf, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

July 10, 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 June 5, 2007, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Burkus, Millsboro, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Mr. Timothy M. Pulte as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University.

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

July 10, 2007

Senators VANCE, GORDNER, BAKER, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, TOMLINSON, COSTA, FOLMER, LAVALLE, MELLOW, ORIE, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1026**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for release of information in confidential reports, for investigating performance of county agency, for reports to the Governor and General Assembly, for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse and for reports to Department of Public Welfare and coroner.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, July 10, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Punt. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator O'PAKE asked and obtained a military leave of absence, pursuant to Senate Rule XXI(3), for Senator STACK.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of June 19, 2007, is now in print.

A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the Session of June 19, 2007.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

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

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

YEA-49

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Vance
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Washington
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
Earl	Logan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	
Ferlo	Mellow	Stout	
Folmer	Musto	Tartaglione	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy to meet during today's Session to consider House Bill No. 1203.

RECESS

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 State Government to be held in the Rules room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on State Government to be held in the Rules room immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 154**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing with great sadness the death of Army Master Sergeant Arthur L. Lilley, who paid the supreme sacrifice on June 15, 2007, while courageously serving our nation in Afghanistan.

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

Senator KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 155**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing with great sadness the supreme sacrifice of Private First Class Nils G. Thompson, who died August 4, 2005, from wounds inflicted by an enemy sniper while courageously serving our nation in Iraq.

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

Senator KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 156**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing with sadness the supreme sacrifice of Army Sergeant Eric R. Hull, who died on August 18, 2003, from injuries sustained from a roadside bomb while courageously serving our nation in Iraq.

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

Senator KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 157**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing with sadness the death of Marine Private First Class Shelby J. Feniello, who paid the supreme sacrifice for his nation on October 9, 2006, in Iraq.

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

Senator KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 158**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing with great sadness the supreme sacrifice made by Army First Sergeant Christopher C. Rafferty, who died from combat wounds suffered in Afghanistan.

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

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Madam President, I rise to recognize five brave heroes from the 32nd Senatorial District who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country. As we debate the important issues of the day, we too often lose sight of the men and women who continue to serve our nation in faraway places.

There is no greater distinction, Madam President, for an American citizen than to serve his country, and, Madam President, there is no greater sacrifice that an American can give other than giving his life in defense of his country, in the defense of freedom, democracy, and liberty.

These five men are representative of thousands who have lost their lives. Each of them could be our son, daughter, husband, wife, grandchild, brother, or sister. We owe them and their families our gratitude, our support, and a permanent place in our hearts and in our prayers.

Army Master Sergeant Arthur L. Lilley courageously sacrificed his life in June, less than a month ago, in Afghanistan. He enlisted in 1990 and received over 25 combat medals throughout his decorated career. A veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, but more importantly, a loving husband and father, he will never be forgotten.

Private First Class Nils G. Thompson died in 2005 at the hands of a sniper. A deeply devoted Christian, he served his nation with honor, pride, and loyalty. He was honored with both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Those who know him will never, never forget Nils.

Eric R. Hull, a graduate of Uniontown Area High School, made the ultimate sacrifice in 2003 in Iraq. Like so many of our men and women fighting in Iraq, a roadside bomb tragically felled him. He was a principled man who always met every challenge he faced head-on, and his bravery and courage will always be remembered. Eric is survived by his wife, his two children, and parents.

Marine Private First Class Shelby J. Feniello of Connellsville bravely sacrificed his life in 2006 while rushing to assist his fellow troops in Iraq. He earned an associate's degree in accounting, but he bravely responded to the call following the attacks on September 11 on our nation. Shelby's courage and passion made him a natural leader in his platoon, and he will be remembered as a superior Marine who always put others' needs before his own.

Army First Sergeant Christopher C. Rafferty, whose family hails from Brownsville, was a 19-year-old Army veteran, a man whose values preceded his pristine record. He lived by the seven Army values - loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. Christopher lost his life in 2006 while courageously serving our nation in Afghanistan.

Madam President, our fallen soldiers will forever live on in the memories of all who were fortunate enough to know them. We must never forget or underestimate the ultimate sacrifice given by these heroic individuals and their families.

With our recent celebration of the birth of this great nation at 231 years of age, I thought it would only be fitting to honor and commemorate the bravery of all our service personnel, our men and women who are overseas. I ask that in these difficult times we take a few moments to pray for them and thank them for risking their lives, putting their futures on hold, and in many cases, making the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our safety and our freedom.

Madam President, we honor these men and women, we love them, we miss them, and for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, they will never ever be forgotten.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. I ask all Members, staff, and guests to please rise for a moment of silence for these brave men.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Army Master Sergeant ARTHUR L. LILLEY, Private First Class NILS G. THOMPSON, Army Sergeant ERIC R. HULL, Marine Private First Class SHELBY J. FENIELLO and Army First Sergeant CHRISTOPHER C. RAFFERTY.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Appropriations to meet off the floor during today's Session to consider Senate Bill No. 690, House Bill No. 1251, House Bill No. 1252, House Bill No. 1253, House Bill No. 1254, and House Bill No. 1255.

RECESS

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 Republican Caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room immediately.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Earll, Senator Don White, Senator Gordner, Senator Baker, and Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Earll, Senator Don White, Senator Gordner, Senator Baker, and Senator Tomlinson.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Costa, Senator Ferlo, and Senator LaValle.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Wozniak requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Costa, Senator Ferlo, and Senator LaValle.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR

BILL WHICH HOUSE HAS NONCONCURRED IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 842 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL AMENDED

HB 202 (Pr. No. 2283) -- 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; and further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator PILEGGI offered the following amendment No. A2949:

Amend Title, page 1, line 2, by striking out "further providing for" and inserting: extending provisions regarding

Amend Title, page 1, lines 3 and 4, by striking out "within the boundaries of a city of the first class or" and inserting: to cities of the

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 ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 896 (Pr. No. 2238) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for definitions, for special occasion permits, for wine auction permits, for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees, for qualifications for licenses, for applications for certain licenses and for limited wineries.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-43

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

NAY-6

Armstrong	Eichelberger	Gordner	Madigan
Brubaker	Folmer		

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1295 and **HB 1590** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I call from the table a certain nomination and ask for its consideration.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

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

June 25, 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, Chris Dwyer, R.D. 2, Box 119, 604 Lusk Run Road, Mill Hall 17751, Clinton County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven 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

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEA-49

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Vance
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Washington
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
Earll	Logan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	
Ferlo	Mellow	Stout	
Folmer	Musto	Tartaglione	

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.

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy also to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy both to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development to meet off the floor during today's Session to consider House Bill No. 1631.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

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

SB 690 (Pr. No. 1290) (Amended) (Rereported)

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.

HB 1251 (Pr. No. 2287) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, further providing for physician assistants.

HB 1252 (Pr. No. 2288) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, further providing for physician assistants.

HB 1253 (Pr. No. 2176) (Rereported)

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

HB 1254 (Pr. No. 2289) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, providing for the definition of "clinical nurse specialist"; and providing for clinical nurse specialists.

HB 1255 (Pr. No. 2290) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, providing for the definition of "legend drug"; and further providing for nurse-midwife license.

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bill:

HB 1203 (Pr. No. 2291) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, further providing for the definitions of "alternative energy sources," "customer-generator," "force majeure, and "net metering," for alternative energy portfolio standards, for portfolio requirements in other states and for interconnection standards for customer-generator facilities.

Senator PICCOLA, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 917 (Pr. No. 1106)

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to CDM Ebsenburg, LLC, certain lands situate in Cambria Township, Cambria County.

SB 989 (Pr. No. 1207)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union, certain lands situate in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County.

HB 1656 (Pr. No. 2284) (Amended)

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Governor, to grant and convey to Skippack Township certain lands situate in Skippack Township, Montgomery County, in exchange for Skippack Township granting and conveying certain lands to the Commonwealth to be added to those existing lands at Evansburg State Park; and authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to grant and convey to Jefferson County certain lands situate in Winslow Township, Jefferson County.

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 George Manatakis, Jimmy Torres and to I-LEAD by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ashley Development Corporation of Bethlehem and to Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Allentown, by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Laird and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Davidson by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mario Samuel Turco, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Bender and to Berlin Fife and Drum Corps by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Belle Vernon Area High School Softball Team by Senators Kasunic and Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to District Elder John C. Oliver, Sr., by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Allan Brown and to John Russell Conner by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew A. Erney by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to OPEN DOOR International, Incorporated, of Reading, by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to St. Germaine Roman Catholic Church of Bethel Park by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis and to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray Gashel by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George Coleman, Glen Gallegger, William Smith, Paul Bonfanti, Julia McDermott, Sam Birch, Anthony Scaletta, Donald Gates, Heather Snyder and to Sara Bracken by Senator Wozniak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator TARTAGLIONE. 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.

The bills were as follows:

SB 917, SB 989, HB 1203 and HB 1656.

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

BILL RECOMMENDED

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the following bill, which was read for the first time today, was recommended to the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy:

HB 1203.

HOUSE MESSAGE**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the

Senate to **HB 10**.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

HB 10.

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi moves that the Senate recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the President pro tempore.

AFTER RECESS

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

HOUSE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 97**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV, section 6, this bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator EARLL, from the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development, reported the following bill:

HB 1631 (Pr. No. 2150)

An Act providing for the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund Capital Budget for 2007-2008; itemizing projects to be assisted by the Department of Community and Economic Development, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing recurring payments for certain projects; and making appropriations.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMITTED

Senator GORDNER. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to.

The bill was as follows:

HB 1631.

Upon motion of Senator GORDNER, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was recommitted to the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Columbia, Senator Gordner.

Senator GORDNER. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:26 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.