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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, February 12, 2008

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend TODD STAVRAKOS, of Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, Gladwyne, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the blessings You have bestowed upon us. For this nation, for this Commonwealth, for our families and our loved ones, we pray that You would make us always remember Your generosity to us, that You would inspire us to constantly do Your will. We pray a blessing upon the people of Pennsylvania and ask that You provide us with opportunity, education, and security. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.

This day, Lord, we come seeking Your blessing for the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May Your hand guide and protect the Senators and staff. May Your wisdom inspire them to care for all of Your children. May Your justice be found in their deliberations and actions. We pray that the voices of the prophets be heeded, that Pennsylvania be a land of justice, a place where the most vulnerable children, the elderly, and sojourners can find shelter, a place where all Your children are cared for, regardless of color, creed, or sex, a place in which the most vulnerable are lifted up.

Lord, it is Your will we strive to fulfill, for You have called us to be Your partners in creation. Illumine our minds, warm our hearts, that everything we do would reflect Your goodness and love. This we pray to the Creator and ruler of the heavens and earth. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Todd Stavrakos, who is the guest today of Senator Connie Williams.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**HOUSE MESSAGES**

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS BY AMENDING  
SAID AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments by further amending said amendments to **SB 1**, in which concurrence of the Senate is requested.

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

**HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

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**HB 494** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

**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:

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Senators STACK, ORIE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES, BOSCOLA, FERLO, HUGHES, BROWNE, FUMO and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1237**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentence for murder and murder of unborn child; providing for the offense of criminal homicide of law enforcement officer and for the offense of assault of law enforcement officer; imposing penalties; and prescribing sentences for offenses committed against law enforcement officer.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 2008.

Senators STACK, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, FONTANA, WAUGH, O'PAKE,

GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, RHOADES, BOSCOLA, FERLO, HUGHES, FUMO and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1238**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for death benefit eligibility.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 12, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, REGOLA, McILHINNEY, EARLL, PILEGGI, RHOADES, BOSCOLA, EICHELBERGER, FERLO, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, STACK, C. WILLIAMS and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1277**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in disruptive student programs, further defining "applicant."

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 2008.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, MELLOW, ERICKSON, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, ORIE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, O'PAKE, VANCE, C. WILLIAMS and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1278**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for child medical support, annual fees, review of orders of support, effect of incarceration, pass-through of support and assignment of support.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 2008.

Senators GORDNER, M. WHITE, CORMAN, EARLL, EICHELBERGER and ORIE presented to the Chair **SB 1280**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to turnpike public-private partnership agreements; further providing for special revenue bonds and preliminary or interim financing; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 12, 2008.

### **BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES**

Senator PIPPY, from the Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing, reported the following bills:

#### **SB 906 (Pr. No. 1772) (Amended)**

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 disposition of abandoned personal property.

#### **SB 963 (Pr. No. 1157)**

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for application of subpart relating to condominiums to condominiums created by prior statutory law.

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

#### **SB 9 (Pr. No. 1771) (Amended)**

An Act requiring identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits.

Senator McILHINNEY, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bills:

#### **SB 1256 (Pr. No. 1713)**

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions.

#### **SB 1257 (Pr. No. 1714)**

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for deployed Pennsylvania National Guard members and for reserve component of armed forces members.

#### **HB 747 (Pr. No. 3227) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a special license and license auction to hunt one elk.

#### **HB 1214 (Pr. No. 3228) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for organization of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

#### **SB 1116 (Pr. No. 1770) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for duration of a listing.

#### **SB 1264 (Pr. No. 1727)**

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, providing for the definition of "geologist-in-training" and for the use of the terms "engineer" and "engineering"; further providing for general powers of the board and for procedure for licensing as professional geologist; and providing for continuing professional engineering competency and education requirements.

### **RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following resolution:

#### **SR 229 (Pr. No. 1746)**

A Resolution designating the month of March 2008 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

### 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 Madigan, and legislative leaves for Senator Punt and Senator Mary Jo White.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Madigan, and legislative leaves for Senator Punt and Senator Mary Jo White.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of January 15, 2008, and January 16, 2008, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of January 15, 2008, and January 16, 2008.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals 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-50

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

#### NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Madam President, it is my privilege today to introduce students who are here for Career and Technical Edu-

cation Week. They are students from the West Side Area Vocational Technical School, which encompasses school districts in Luzerne County - the school districts of Wyoming Valley West, Wyoming Area, Dallas, Lake-Lehman, and Northwest. They are here today with their instructor, Mr. Bill Bevan, who is a retired Pennsylvania State Police Trooper and an investigator. He is here with students who are participating in the law enforcement curriculum.

These students aspire in the future to serve as State and local police officers, corrections officers, SWAT team members, and FBI investigators. The students are Justin Davis, Jared Fagley, Deana Rochelle, Kayla Lengel, Jamie Hungarter, and Tyler Gudzyk. It is my privilege to introduce the students, and I ask for a warm welcome for the students of West Side Area Vocational Technical School.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the West Side Area Vocational Technical School, also represented by Senator Musto, please stand. Bill Bevan was a great State Trooper, and he is the one keeping them all together. Welcome, all of you. We are honored you came.

(Applause.)

### GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, also here in observance of Career and Technology Education Week are a group of students from the Berks County Career and Technology East Center. They are here with their instructor, Mr. Lis. The students from the Exeter School District are Joe Haines, Matthew Renney, and Nate Harrington. They are here as part of the auto collision and repair curriculum at Berks Career Technology East, and I ask that the Senate extend its usual warm welcome. Auto collision and repair--if we do not get out of here early, we may be having to avail ourselves of their services.

The PRESIDENT. Mr. Lis and all the students from Berks County Career and Technology, Exeter School District, welcome to the Pennsylvania Senate.

(Applause.)

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet during today's Session to consider Senate Bill No. 1 and certain nominations.

### 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 short meeting of the Republican Caucus at the Majority Leader's desk, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations in the Rules room.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I ask the Democratic Senators to gather around here so we can have a brief caucus right here on the floor on the open records bill and some other important pieces of legislation.

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

### AFTER RECESS

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

### SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators ERICKSON, PILEGGI, HUGHES, WONDERLING, WOZNAK, BOSCOLA, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, FERLO, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, M. WHITE, MELLOW, FUMO, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, O'PAKE, McILHINNEY, EARLL, LAVALLE, GREENLEAF, COSTA, STACK, RHOADES, ARMSTRONG and A. WILLIAMS by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 240**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating Cheyney University of Pennsylvania on its 171-year tradition of providing access, opportunity and academic excellence for African Americans and honoring the contributions of Laura Wheeler Waring.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ERICKSON. Madam President, this resolution, as indicated, congratulates Cheyney University on its 171-year tradition of providing access, opportunity, and academic excellence for African American students, and honors the contributions of Laura Wheeler Waring, who is a world-renowned artist who was at Cheyney for 40-some years.

If any of you had the pleasure today of having been visited by some of the folks from Cheyney University, you will understand the feeling of excitement that exists within that community. In a couple of minutes, I would like to introduce some of the folks who are with us here today, but for now, let me point out a couple of things, if I may.

This university, which is an integral part of Delaware and Chester Counties, is trying very desperately to be responsive to the needs of the community. They are reaching out to students by sending their faculty into the community. They are also establishing centers of excellence. This university, I am convinced, will move ahead and will benefit all of the residents of our five-county Pennsylvania area to a great extent.

### GUESTS OF SENATOR EDWIN B. ERICKSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator ERICKSON. If I may, I would like, then, to introduce Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital, who is the recently appointed presi-

dent of Cheyney University; Mr. Geri Vital; Laura Wheeler Murphy, who is a grandniece of Laura Wheeler Waring; professor Elaine Carter; and Larry Green, director of Sponsored Programs at Cheyney University. I ask for them to be recognized, and give them a warm welcome, if you will, please.

The PRESIDENT. Will Michelle Howard-Vital, Geri Vital, Laura Wheeler Murphy, Elaine Carter, and Larry Green please rise.

(Applause.)

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

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

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUEST OF SENATOR JANE M. EARLL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Erie, Senator Earll.

Senator EARLL. Madam President, I rise today to introduce someone who is very new to our great Commonwealth, Dr. Jeremy Brown, who became the 16th president of Edinboro University in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, just this past July. He came to Edinboro from the State University of New York, SUNY Canton, where he served as provost since 2003.

As SUNY Canton's chief academic officer, he steered campus-wide strategic planning, oversaw vigorous growth in distance learning opportunities, and cultivated many international collaborations. Additionally, Dr. Brown was elected vice chair of the SUNY Chief Academic Officers Association.

Dr. Brown is unique in that he is a native of Manchester, England, and earned both a bachelor of science and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Birmingham, England. His doctoral work was in the area of experimental nuclear physics, conducted at both Birmingham University and the University of California, Berkeley.

Immediately following the completion of his Ph.D., Dr. Brown spent 2 years at Indiana University doing nuclear physics research. He accepted a faculty position in the physics department at Princeton and later became associate dean of the faculty. During his career, Dr. Brown has also published many scholarly articles. We are thrilled to have Dr. Brown in Erie County as the new president of Edinboro University, and I would appreciate it if the Senate would give him our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Dr. Jeremy Brown, president of Edinboro University, welcome.

(Applause.)

### CALENDAR

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 1027 (Pr. No. 1302)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State intermediate punishment provisions, further providing for referral to State intermediate punishment program.

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-50

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Costa	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wonderling
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**SB 1172 (Pr. No. 1588)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in provisions relating to the Governor and disaster emergencies, for general authority of the Governor.

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-50

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Costa	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wonderling
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**HB 1691 (Pr. No. 2225)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection and Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to agree to hold and save the United States Army Corps of Engineers free from certain damages arising from certain construction projects.

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

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.
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Earll	Logan	Robbins	Wonderling
Eichelberger	Madigan	Scarnati	Wozniak
Erickson	McIlhinney	Stack	
Ferlo	Mellow	Stout	
Folmer	Musto	Tartaglione	

NAY-1

Rhoades

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 without amendments.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION  
REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS  
AMENDED OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 484, SB 485, SB 486, SB 487 and SB 488** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 483** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 500 (Pr. No. 3216)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, providing for perfusionist licensing, qualifications, supervision and scope of practice, regulations and exemptions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**HB 501 (Pr. No. 3217)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, providing for perfusionist licensing, qualifications, supervision and scope of practice, regulations and exemptions.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

## BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 596** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## BILLS REREFERRED

**SB 1012 (Pr. No. 1760)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for restrictions on taxing power.

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

**SB 1093 (Pr. No. 1761)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment of police pension funds or pension annuities in certain boroughs, towns and townships; authorizing the establishment of police pension funds or pension annuities by regional police departments; providing for the regulation and maintenance of police pension funds or pension annuities; providing for an actuary; continuance of existing funds or transfer thereof to funds herein established; prescribing rights of beneficiaries; contributions by members; providing for expenses of administration; continuation of existing authority to provide annuity contracts; credit for military service; refunds; exempting allowances from judicial process; and repealing certain acts," further providing for applicability of certain benefit provisions for certain beneficiaries; and making a related repeal.

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 1169** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 1199 (Pr. No. 1627)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for educational leave of absence.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

## BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1248, HB 1281, HB 1329 and HB 1330** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 224, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 224**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the cost for wastewater treatment plants to comply with Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Madam President, I ask for support from all the Members for this Senate Resolution. The 31 counties that border the Susquehanna River are being asked to dramatically upgrade their sewage treatment plants at a cost which has not yet been determined. DEP says the cost is \$190 million, while all of the sewage treatment plants believe it is in excess of \$1 billion.

This resolution calls for the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to come up with a very accurate statement of costs, and I ask for support from all the Members for this resolution.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?  
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 233, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 233**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the week of March 9 through 15, 2008, as "Problem Gambling Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 234, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 5 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 234**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 6, 2008, as "Lymphedema D-Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

#### SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators WONDERLING, FONTANA, FERLO, MUSTO, BAKER, PUNT, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, DINNIMAN, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, WOZNAK, MELLOW, TARTAGLIONE, GORDNER, ROBBINS, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, O'PAKE, McILHINNEY, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, REGOLA, PICCOLA, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, ORIE, GREENLEAF, COSTA, STACK, RHOADES, VANCE, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, EARLL and A. WILLIAMS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 241**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the Pennsylvania Public Television Network on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

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

Senators M. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, PILEGGI, ORIE, BAKER, STACK, FERLO, FONTANA, KASUNIC, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, PUNT, LAVALLE, STOUT, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, ROBBINS, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, MADIGAN, DINNIMAN, McILHINNEY, MELLOW, O'PAKE, WAUGH, PIPPY, KITCHEN, CORMAN, TOMLINSON, WOZNAK, PICCOLA, GORDNER, BROWNE, VANCE, COSTA, D. WHITE, FOLMER, WONDERLING, ARMSTRONG and A. WILLIAMS, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 242**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 9 through 15, 2008, as "Girl Scout Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator C. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I would just like to say, buy Girl Scout cookies.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

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

November 27, 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. James Shafer, 525 Highland Terrace, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George S. Osborne, Berwyn, deceased.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

#### NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

#### 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 a 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 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

November 27, 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. James Shafer, 525 Highland Terrace, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George S. Osborne, Berwyn, deceased.

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-50**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator PILEGGI, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following bill:

**SB 1 (Pr. No. 1763) (Rereported) (Concurrence)**

An Act providing for access to public information, for a designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency, local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing penalties; providing for reporting by State-related institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract information on the Internet; and making related repeals.

**HB 363 AND HB 1152 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that House Bill No. 363, Printer's No. 427, and House Bill No. 1152, Printer's No. 1400, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The PRESIDENT. The bills will be placed on the Calendar.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS  
TO SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 1 (Pr. No. 1763)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for access to public information, for a designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency, local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing penalties; providing for reporting by State-related institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract information on the Internet; and making related repeals.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments, as further amended by the House, to Senate Bill No. 1?

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments, as further amended by the House, to Senate Bill No. 1.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

Senator FUMO. Madam President, I have a simple question for the Majority Leader, if I may.

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, if I could make some brief comments, then I would be happy to stand for interrogation.

The PRESIDENT. Then Senator Fumo will ask questions.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I again rise to ask my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 1, a comprehensive rewrite of Pennsylvania's open records law. I do not intend to repeat the comments I made when the Senate first passed this bill on November 28 or the comments made when the Senate made further changes on January 30.

Last night, February 11, the House adopted an amendment to Senate Bill No. 1. That amendment clarifies a number of provisions in the bill which had caused some confusion, and it makes a series of technical changes.

Madam President, I ask that the Senate do concur in House amendments to Senate amendments to Senate Bill No. 1.

Thank you, Madam President.

Senator FUMO. Madam President, I have a brief question for the Majority Leader, if I may.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi, will you accept questions?

Senator PILEGGI. Yes, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. He indicates he will.

Senator FUMO. Madam President, for the purpose of clarifying the legislative intention of this bill, I would like to confirm that documents that are presently and routinely released as part of an agency adjudication will continue to be released as part of an adjudication, and this act does not change how such documents are treated. Is that correct?

Senator PILEGGI. Yes, Madam President, that is correct. This bill only covers what must be made available upon request to a member of the public. It does not alter the introduction of evidence in any administrative proceedings.

Senator FUMO. Thank you, Madam President.



The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Orié.

Senator ORIE. Madam President, will the sponsor of the bill stand for brief interrogation?

The PRESIDENT. Will the gentleman accept more questions?

Senator PILEGGI. Yes, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. He indicates he will.

Senator ORIE. Madam President, some concerns have been raised that section 708 (b) 30, which deals with the name, home address, and birth date of children 17 years of age and under, might somehow prevent school districts from releasing their honor rolls for publication in local newspapers. Is this the intent of the legislation?

Senator PILEGGI. No, Madam President, it is not. The open records law does not control what an agency may provide to the public. It only governs what agencies are mandated to provide. There are many reasons an agency might want to go beyond the mandates contained in Senate Bill No. 1, and I believe that many agencies will do that regularly.

In addition, section 506 (c) of the bill specifically gives each agency, including school districts, the ability to release records which otherwise would be nonpublic records, as long as those records are not protected by Federal or State law or a privilege, such as the doctor-patient or attorney-client privilege. The agency can release those records if the agency head determines that the public interest in releasing those records outweighs any individual agency or public interest which may favor restriction of access. Schools have long provided honor roll lists and similar information, such as sports awards and graduation lists, to newspapers, with no legal requirement that they do so. In effect, school districts have been doing so under the same balancing test now contained in section 506 (c) of the bill. I do not believe this should change the past practice.

Speaking generally, Senate Bill No. 1 does not preclude the release of any information. Section 708 (b) 30, which was added in the House last night, merely says that a government agency cannot be forced to release the names, home addresses, and birth dates of children 17 years of age and under. If the agency believes that the public interest is best served by releasing that information, the agency is free to release it.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Does this answer your question, Senator Orié?

Senator ORIE. Yes, Madam President.

One further question. Madam President, would a school district have to make the decision every time it comes up, or could it implement a policy to, for example, release the honor rolls in the newspaper every time one is available?

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, there is nothing in Senate Bill No. 1 that would preclude an agency, including a school district, from adopting a general rule of disclosure for such lists.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, this is indeed a historic day for Pennsylvania, and this reform is one which could lead to many other reforms. Much has already been said. I would just like to add one thing, and that is a sincere thank you and congratulations to the distinguished Majority Leader, Senator Pileggi,

and the staff who worked so hard. I understand they included Kathy Eakin and Erik Arneson, and on our side, Senator Mellow, Senator Anthony Williams, and our old faithful here, C.J. Hafner. Also, congratulations to a very skilled negotiator from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, Deborah Musselman.

What this proves is that when House and Senate, Democrat and Republican, get together and put their heads together instead of banging their heads against one another, anything is possible. We hope that this bodes well for other major pieces of legislation, such as the economic stimulus package, the Governor's budget, and improving access to healthcare. We can do it. We must do it. When working together, anything is possible.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

#### YEA-50

Armstrong	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Baker	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Boscola	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Browne	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Washington
Brubaker	Hughes	Pippy	Waugh
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Costa	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wonderling
Erickson	Mcllhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
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 Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

### 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. Donald Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hicks, Dmytro Dylan Slobodjian, Jeffrey C. Rutt, Bradley H. Hershey, Floyd L. Hershey and to Tabor Community Services, Inc., of Lancaster by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Custer, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fiorini, Mr. and Mrs. George Burkhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rollison, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder, Nathan M. Hill, Zachary John Kosak, Raymond Yagloski, Jr., Bessie Kleintob, Raymond John Hofmeister, John McGovern, Jewish Family Service of Greater Wilkes-Barre, Woodloch Pines Resort of Hawley, Tunkhannock Township Police Department and to the Hawley American Legion Auxiliary by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Cervenak and to Max Bartikowsky by Senators Baker, Musto, and Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard W. Grube, Sr., Scott G. Parry, Mario Anfiteatro, Todd L. Suess, Cole Matthew Clark, Thomas Joseph DeAngelis, Christopher E. Catino, Betty Lou Clauser, Northampton Area Food Bank, Spillman Farmer Architects of Bethlehem and to Troop 36 of the Boy Scouts of America by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam S. Lazarchak by Senators Boscola and Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Bettie Moretz Smolansky, Dr. Sally M. Haggerty, Elizabeth Ross Laylon, Barbara Hollenbach, Giselle Brown, Kirsty Bryant-Hassler, Rachel Meyner and to Buzzi Unicem USA by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Frey, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Joel David Beahn, Michael Scott Siegmund, Edward P. Conti, Zackary Wade Edgett and to Saturn of the Valley of Emmaus by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Good Shepherd Home of Allentown by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bradley, Allison Weaver, Richard Fischer, Frank Denlinger, Beulah Erb, Paul C. Schwenger, B. Elizabeth Good and to Fairmount Homes of Ephrata by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William A. Dean, Jr., and to the YWCA of Lancaster by Senators Brubaker and Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Renninger, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Kipp, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Peachey, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Austin, Jr., Devin Quinn, Geoffrey Alan Eckess, Matthew Jon Eckess, Jerene Foltz, Carlene S. Hack, Alan Charles Sutterlin, Daniel B. Trew, Richard D. Penepacker, Adam A. Lidgett, Jonathan M. Frank and to the citizens of the Borough of McVeytown by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the senior members of the Clark Memorial Baptist Church by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevenson, the Honorable Jay G. Fischer, Dr. J. Frederick Gage, Dr. Louis J. Beccaria, Dr. John K. Baillie, Edward Hart, Candy B. Craig, Spencer T. Cook, James Arthur Erekson, Dillon Boyd Rogers, Dustin Philips Brown, Jonathan R. Urban, Jackson Hunter, Jeffery L. March, John Aberle, Nancy W. Seltzer, Caroline Alice Peloquin, Marian Stevens, Leon W. Hutton, Carly Ninness, Steve Hess, Community Volunteers in Medicine of West Chester, General Warren Inne of Malvern, VideoRay of Phoenixville and to Willistown Troop 78 of the Boy Scouts of America by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Judith Anne Spires by Senators Dinniman and Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Caroline Smith and to Dansko, Incorporated, of West Grove by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane L.S. Davidson, Mariann Horan and to Good Works of Coatesville by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sophia Reimenschneider by Senators Dinniman and C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donna M. Coughy and to the United States Army Reserve, 223rd Transportation Company by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Alice Brown, Craig Allen Strain, Brian A. Foster-Pegg, Evan Miles Sonney, Jay Trott and to the Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler A. Poorman, Ian James Busko and to Joshua William Davinsizer by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew D. LaRocca, Daniel J. Glass, Mark Cottom, Jeff Oberholtzer, Doug James Trevithick, Stephen Tull, Reade Furey and to Stephen A. Ohms by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Terrence A. Cassidy by Senators Erickson and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William P. Berry, Aaron T. Sutara and to the Shaler Area High School Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Squad by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Blouch, Chad Christopher Miller, Ronald L. Berman, Edward J. Werth, Frederick M. Goudy and to Francis J. Dixon by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Roy Gerard Hungerman by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Settlement Music School of Philadelphia by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schickley, Mr. and Mrs. John M. MacVicar, Mr. and Mrs. George Houser, Arlene Major, Brandon Colby Long, Jason David Whitmoyer, Matthew Ulrich, Stuart Trevitz and to Aaron Scott Drumheller by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew F. Shafer, Nicholas L. Shafer, Vivian Arnold, Tayron Buckingham, Glenn Thomas Aller and to Elizabeth Richardson by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Katherine E. Galluzzi, Dr. George E. Gibson, Jr., Nancy Kammerdeiner, Travis Bristow, Mark Glinski, Charles Harrity, John Charles Wynne III, Daniel Albert Sontag, Jason Spangler, Marilyn Barnes, Julia Talley, Zemia A. Brandon, Shirley Randleman, Aissia L. Richardson and to the Second Unity Baptist Church of Philadelphia by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elmore Alexander Runion, Miranda Zimmerman, Rose Durbin, Isabel Gilleland and to Ryan Trombley by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend William B. Moore, Marguerite Quinn, Marlene Pryor and to Alece Lewis by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gale V. Patti by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Megan A. Sweyer by Senators LaValle and Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Central Volunteer Fire Company of Elizabeth Township by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Silas Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Johnson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. Vance Hinkson and to Brian Matthew Pinkard by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Greg Jakubowski, Jeffrey Lukens, Joanne States, Kyle W. Wood, Newtown Fire Association and to Valley Day School of Morrisville by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Robert Thorne by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy Kanjorski, Mark J. Bochinski, Alice Chrusciel, citizens of the Borough of Moscow and to the Greater Scranton YMCA by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Roberts by Senators Mellow and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Andrews, Allyson Joy Blizman, Andrew Semcheski, Helen Nuzzalo, Brent Eric Homcha, Regina Theresa Romani, Shawn Hoben, Gregory Day, Donald Riemensnyder, William Ott, Nancy Kopko, Mark Kosin, Kaitlin Piosa, James J. Delaney, Sr., Joseph M. Cosgrove and to The Irish Lads by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Lee Horton, Jordan D. Jensen, Stephen M. Long, George Washington Statzell V, Jeffrey D. Thomas, Kyle A. Neumuller, Severin Fayerman, Nathaniel T. Shatto, Daniel E. Keener, Edward Alexander Carlson, Reading Police Beneficial Association and to the Kutztown Chapter of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Gordon Reynolds Clark, William Douglas Samo, Joseph C. Sadecky, Patrick J. D'Amico, Michael J. Matjasko, Ryan J. Davis, Matt Miller, Jay Edward Cadwallader III, Marco Giovengo, Adam David Steffy, the members and coach of the North Allegheny Senior High School Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad and to West View Savings Bank of Pittsburgh by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant Dale A. Bashore, Sonia Kothari and to the Halifax High School LifeSmarts Team by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Blackburn, Kimberly Tancredi, Douglas Robert Hartline, Martina L. Moore, Kyle Weisenberg, Ryan Weisenberg, Brian Wolff, Alan Nichol, Scott Rickard, Rebecca Viguers, Joshua Hampton and to John Crowder by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Freda Davis by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathy Jo McMillion Reinsmith and to Christopher Hallowell by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Free and Accepted Masons by Senators Punt and Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marion J. Philomeno, Jonathan Lee Florence, James D. Moser, Erika Markley, Kyle R. Laxton, Cub Scout Pack 267 and to Pottstown Community TV by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Bruce L. Castor, Jr., and to Dale P. Mahle by Senator Rafferty and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wiatrak, Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Mertz, Corey Manley, Elizabeth Dainty Perret, Shawn A. Stitely, Robert Swenson, Justin R. Mochar, Keith Gray, Chris Petrisko and to the members and coaches of the Greater Latrobe High School LifeSmarts Team by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Rose M. Hoffman, Andrew Yeselski, Andrew J. Gudonis, Basil Reginald Reaves, Eric M. Mika, Edward M. Butler, Pat McKinney, Elizabeth Plefka Tracey, Rebecca Binns, Joshua C. Kresge, Jordan D. Jensen, Justin Birckbichler, Katie Elizabeth Troutman, Robert P. Stakem, Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, Saint George Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church of Shenandoah, Gaudenzia/Fountain Springs of Ashland and to the Blue Mountain High School Varsity Football Team by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Parrell by Senators Rhoades and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Garnett Persinger, Lee Greenfield, Evan Woods, Vincent P. Darcangelo, Edward James Miller and to Joni Markham by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kunst, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmar Fritz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. James Maneval, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scarnati, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague, Blaine W. Uplinger, Jr., and to Elmer L. Mohny by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David L. Wermlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schussler, Mr. and Mrs. George Vrescak, Ali Nelson, Bobby R. Delaney, Janice C. Porter and to the members and coaches of the Chartiers-Houston High School LifeSmarts Team by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Anna C. Verna, the Honorable Joseph DiGirolamo, the Very Reverend Larry C. Dunham, Dr. Pierantonio Russo, Joseph J. McLaughlin, Robert Heim-Moody, Howard Eskin, Thomas J. McCarthy, Lisa Scottoline, Joseph H. Jacovini, Crystal Wright, Ed Coryell and to Raymond A. Pescatore by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend David Cawston, Rabbi Jeffery Schnitzer, Brian Abrescia, Andy Boyle, Andy Conaway, Dorothy Cullmann, Frank Ewing, Flo Farr, Andrew Foley, John Fowler, Thomas Heston, Gene Ingram, Jr., Virginia Kraft, Warren Hazelton, Sr., Jon Renson, Erv Sketchley, Michael Patrick Thomas, Molly Hritzo, David Walter, Brian Wert, Tim Wert, Barney Wheeler, Bill Wheeler, Tommy Wheeler, Cynthia Worthington, Brian Young, Joseph M. Seborowski, Jr., Kiwanis Club of Bensalem, Warwick Township Fire Company No. 1, Congregation Tifereth Israel and to the Judy Sare Nursery School and Kindergarten by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Diane R. Fetscher by Senators Tomlinson and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas McCarty, Scott Dengler and to George P. Forte by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Nevin W. Funk, Peter Brunski, Benjamin Roy Peters, K. Carol Glabus, Carol Sloan, Sean McAdam, Ann S. Kaschock, Donald S. Holtry, Joseph Lee Hockersmith, Leroy L. Killian, Paul A. Kenner, Paul J. Killinger, Jr., Charles H. Martin, Fred Martin, Guy J. Fuller, Ralph B. Alleman, George C. Goodhart, Harry L. Helm, Fred B. Hockersmith, Galen L. Holtry, Jack L. Kelley, Howard W. Schaffer, R. Jack Naugle, Robert F. Rhinehart, Glenn J. Doyle, Richard L. Naugle, Galen P. Straver, Richard S. Holtry, Zachary T. Robinson, Bryant A. Cerrelli, Emma C. Wentzel, Scott Arnold Martz and to Momentum, Inc., of Camp Hill by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Tucker, Diane Reid and to Rothe Florists of Mount Airy by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Katie Elizabeth Brown, Dennis C. Enfield, Samuel D. McLaughlin, Katelyn Aldinger, Matthew D. Salotto, Mark J. Bowman, Michael D. Williams, Eric N. Bush, John J. Luciani, Wayne Bush, Andrew Gibbs, Corinne E. Gibbs, Rebecca Holmes, Marlaina Smithson, Hannah R. Miller, Donald R. Klinedinst, Wendell Hostler, Sandy Webb, Timothy A. Kocher, Robert Streett III and to the York County Parks System by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Laird, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stuchell, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nymick, Michael T. Kritzer, Thomas Mechling, Ian Duncan Hill and to the Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kidney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Makray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allio, John Morris, Chuck Hillman, Wayne Kocher, Darren Buckholtz, Jay Edwin Fitzgerald, Jr., Nathan Milner, Nathan Greenwalt, National City Bank of Clarion, the Kriebel Group of Clarion, Seven Seas Home Leisure Center of Clarion and to the members and coaches of the North East High School LifeSmarts Team by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Byron Hope Lampkin, Phyllis Glenn and to the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers by Senator A.H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edith Narciso, Beverly E. Ryan, Mary Angelilli, Sara Nerken, Kathleen Clayborne, Dolores Claypoole, Rosa Lee Randall, Ellen McGinithen, Charline Kitson, William F. Ross, Helen C. Williams, Jay Shih, Radnor High School LifeSmarts Team, Upper Merion Area Middle School and to the Macedonia Baptist Church of Norristown by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Judith H. Borie by Senators C. Williams and Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Balzano, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoff, Gloria Zaremba, Edith Cooper, Olivia Lynch, the Cisco Networking Academy and to Richland Township Fire and Rescue, Shelly Fire Company, Station 56, by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Fermata

Nowhere all-male a capella group of Emmaus High School by Senators Wonderling and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to The PEAK Center of Lansdale by Senators Wonderling, Rafferty, and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alan R. Fornwalt and to Bernard M. Telatovich by Senator Wonderling and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Askey, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas Smisko, Kristin Brandt, Jeremy S. Papuga, Mark T. Goncher, Nathan Russell Cade, Kayla Jones, Helen Gall, Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and to the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity at Lock Haven University 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 Edward John Shaffer, Jr., by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Sergeant Timothy R. Van Orman by Senator Corman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Clifford Lamont Ballard, Sr., by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Sergeant First Class Kenneth Paul Lehman and to the family of the late John Joseph Wydro by Senator M.J. White.

### POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Augustus A. Deraco was extended to the family by Senator Folmer.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Joseph N. Chairge, Sr., was extended to the family by Senator Musto.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Theresa Rauchut Peterson was extended to the family by Senator Stack.

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator HUGHES. 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 9, SB 906, SB 963, SB 1116, SB 1256, SB 1257, SB 1264, HB 747 and HB 1214.**

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

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS

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

Senator FOLMER. Madam President, it is an honor for me to stand before you and my colleagues in this august Chamber to reflect on the legacy of one of the greatest men in American history, President Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln is universally admired for his honesty, his strength of character, and his unswerving belief in doing what was right, even if it was not popular. But one of the traits that I admire most about Lincoln was that he never allowed the power of the Presidency to alter his soul. He remained a man of the people.

By his own admission, Lincoln was a plain and inelegant man. He once said, if I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? He came from the humblest of roots, born to two uneducated farmers in a log cabin, and later lived with his family in a dugout in the side of a hill. He always felt more comfortable among the common people than the well-heeled. Once, while Lincoln was attending a gathering of Washington elite, he overheard several dignitaries comment on his appearance. One of them said loudly, he is a very common-looking man. Calmly, Lincoln replied, the Lord prefers common-looking people. That is the reason He made so many of them.

Lincoln recognized that our nation was founded on a deep faith in dignity and basic rights of not only people of common looks, but people of common means, people who raise a family, pay taxes, and work hard every day to meet their mortgage and provide a better life for their children. Nobody knew that better than Lincoln, a common man blessed with an uncommon common sense. He left an extraordinary legacy that we are still living up to today. We have some different challenges today than those that Lincoln faced, but we can still learn from the way he faced adversity and worked to build consensus and, most importantly, govern with decency and courage.

Looking back, we can see the monumental task he faced and completed so well, to take a nation coming apart at the seams, win the war that tried so hard to tear it apart, and set the tone for what became the healing process. And how did he do it? The answer lies within the man. Lincoln was a man of sound judgment. He had an internal moral compass that he trusted to guide his life, regardless of what others told him was right or wrong. No public opinion poll or political pundits could sway his direction when he believed he was right.

Lincoln once said, "I do the very best I know how--the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference." Like Abraham Lincoln, we as public officials will have no one to answer to but our own consciences, and as Lincoln's life proves, they can be very good guides.

In 1861, as the nation stood on the brink of war, Lincoln confidently stated, "The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." As public officials, I believe that we have an obligation every day to trust in the better angels of our nature and to govern with respect for the common man. It is a privilege and obligation, one that I believe strikes at the very heart of public service.

When I first came to the Senate, I was struck by the beauty of this Chamber and, in particular, the mural of Lincoln giving his Gettysburg Address, his head lowered as if by the weight of his sadness and the burden of bringing a broken nation together. It was a low point in the Civil War, but still the weary faces of soldiers and the hopeful faces of the women and children look to Lincoln, a common man facing an uncertain future with hope, determination, and a belief in God and himself. The words around the painting say, "It is for us the living rather to be dedicated to the unfinished work."

The legacy of Abraham Lincoln reminds us, even now, that we are one people, in spite of the issues that divide us, working together for the common good. This common, humble man helped to set the standard for a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And it is our task, even here in the Senate of Pennsylvania, to remember his admonition to us every time that we walk into this Chamber. It is too easy to get bogged down in politics, who is right or wrong, whose bills we support, whose budget numbers we are going to use. Instead, I like to think that we can all follow the example of Abraham Lincoln, the statesman who had a common touch, a sense of humor, remarkable dignity, and unfailing humanity. That is what doing the business of the people is all about.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Folmer. And thank you for recognizing Violet Oakley's painting. It is very, very important to me. At the time she painted that, women could not vote yet.

## RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a brief recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Rules room for approximately 5 minutes.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a brief Republican caucus, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

## AFTER RECESS

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

## PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator KITCHEN. Madam President, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring February as Black History Month. Each year at this time, we can all take an opportunity to recognize African Americans who have made significant contributions to our nation and our great State.

Pennsylvania's history is filled with prominent black leaders, inventors, entertainers, and more. The tradition continues as African Americans continue to hold prominent positions in our communities, and as our neighboring States participate in primary elections and caucuses, it is significant that one candidate, Senator Barack Obama of Illinois, has a real chance of becoming the first African American to become President, the most powerful

position in this nation and one of the most powerful, influential leaders in the world.

African Americans have struggled for freedom and struggled for equal rights. Madam President, we have come a long way, and we will continue to lead the next generation into a better future. As we all honor Black History Month, I hope that we can take the time to admire the triumphs, current accomplishments, and future goals of African American men and women.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Kitchen, for recognizing Black History Month.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES (Continued)

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, nearly 2 years ago, we approved the landmark Pennsylvania Taxpayer Relief Act. Since that time, the revenue from the slots casinos has exceeded everyone's expectations. One of the major beneficiaries of this act is the senior citizen's Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program. In just one year, hundreds of thousands of additional older Pennsylvanians have received property tax rebates. These are men and women who have contributed to this State for decades and deserve a break as they enjoy their golden years, or they are individuals with disabilities who are in need of this relief.

Despite the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program's success, many qualifying Pennsylvanians have not yet applied for relief. Madam President, it is our job as elected officials to get the word out. We need to let people know that they can still apply, even if they did not apply last year. These are individuals who are age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. I urge my colleagues to continue to inform their constituents about the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program. I also encourage individuals who think they qualify to apply.

Madam President, once more, it is a great program. It really is giving property tax relief to Pennsylvanians, and it is a program that is available across this State. So, Madam President, I ask you personally and I ask everyone to spread the word.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Stack, for calling attention to our citizens to please apply for the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Madam President, out of respect for the time and out of respect and knowledge of the traveling conditions on our highways, I will try to be as succinct as possible with respect to my comments today.

I have in front of me, Madam President, a Senate Calendar that indicates the days that we are scheduled to be in Session for the remainder of this cycle up until when we do the State budget,

hopefully the end of June. We are whittling away the days, we are whittling away the time, and we are now left after today with only 39 more days that we are expected to be in Session.

Now, the hope will be, Madam President, that in these 39 days, we will be able to achieve what some thought would be the impossible but is in fact, really, now is the time to achieve that reality, and that is trying to find healthcare insurance, health insurance for our 767,000 Pennsylvania adults who have no health insurance. We have 39 Session days on the Calendar, Madam President. I look at the Calendar and see that today, February 12, which happens to be the birthday of former President Lincoln. Tomorrow, February 13, we are not in Session. We then go into budget hearings and are scheduled to come back into Session on March 10.

Now, back in November, December of last year, Madam President, my good friend and colleague, Senator Fumo, in one of his floor remarks, profoundly said, would it not be a great Valentine's Day gift if we could provide a package of legislation that provides for coverage for healthcare for the 767,000 Pennsylvanians who have no health insurance? Would it not be a great thing to get done by February 14? We checked with the administration, and they said that even if we were able to get that significant feat accomplished in that short amount of time, we could probably get coverage and a program in place prior to summertime, prior to the advent of summer.

We could do that. But now we are in a situation where that feat has not been accomplished. We have not been able to achieve that legislative victory, and consequently again, 767,000 Pennsylvania adults, most of them are women, most of them are working, most of those women are raising families, do not have any coverage. They are left wanting. They are left looking for help, looking for healthcare, looking for service, looking for treatment, making decisions when to go to the healthcare system, which usually winds up being, Madam President, the emergency room. That is what they wind up doing because we have not achieved this goal.

Yesterday's comments brought by some of our colleagues indicated that several of our standing committees will be meeting shortly to try to achieve some kind of negotiated agreement to get this thing moving, to make this thing happen. We welcome those meetings. As the Democratic chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, we welcome the opportunity to sit down with all of the appropriate parties and try to forge an agreement. And hopefully we can get that agreement done by March 31. We clearly cannot get it done by Valentine's Day. So there is no love in Pennsylvania, at least not coming from this building, coming from this building for the 767,000 adults in Pennsylvania who have no health insurance.

I would remind folks, and I say this on a regular occasion, Madam President, and some people will say, he is just saying these things so frequently that it gets a little redundant, and we are tired of hearing it, but 767,000 people is 767,000 people. They are real, live individuals. They are people who do not have access to a healthcare program. These are people who are left out there. They do not have health insurance. Their children can get health insurance, but they cannot. They cannot afford it. With the economy getting a little shaky, it becomes even more difficult.

With the cost of premiums skyrocketing, Madam President, from 2000 to 2006 going up over 75 percent, with premiums skyrocketing and wages only going up in the same period 13 percent, these folks in this group are in a more difficult, more desperate situation. But there is no love for them, at least not by Valentine's Day.

The Governor has drawn another line in the sand, that being March 31. Hopefully, we can achieve this by that timeframe. It will take a Herculean effort, but my mom used to tell me, if there is a will there is a way, and hopefully we have the legislative will to get this done. There are 7 scheduled days of Session in the month of March, before March 31. Hopefully, we can get this thing done, we can achieve this significant accomplishment, but if not then, hopefully by the end of June.

We are now down to 39 days of scheduled Session, Madam President. Seven hundred and sixty-seven thousand people go wanting. Our emergency rooms are filled by numbers of these individuals. They are getting the most expensive care that can be provided, if they get care. Our premiums continue to go up, 75.6 percent in a 6-year period, 2000 to 2006. Wages are not matching the rise. More people are being forced into this predicament. We have an economy that requires us to step up and to be bold and courageous and do things that are innovative, to forestall any potential recessionary issues occurring in Pennsylvania, which can only impact negatively on these individuals. But they wait. They have no care, and they are just hanging out there. The adultBasic program is on overload, and these people continue to wait.

Madam President, Valentine's Day is on Thursday. We have found no love for these individuals. They do not get a valentine, at least not from us. And the question is, when will we act? When will we act? When will we act?

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Hughes, for calling attention to the fact that we have 39 more days of Session left, and hopefully by March 31, we will have some help for all these 767,000 citizens who do not have health insurance. Thank you.

**BILL SIGNED**

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

**SB 1.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Auditor General Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Historical and Museum Commission Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of State Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Secretary Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Labor and Industry Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Insurance Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Liquor Control Board Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (State Related Universities Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Attorney General Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (PSERS/SERS Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Gaming Control Board Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (State System of Higher Education Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Agriculture Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Health Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Corrections Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Treasury Department Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Aging Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Environmental Protection Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (State Police Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Transportation Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Education Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of General Services Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Revenue Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Public Welfare Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Community and Economic Development Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

**RECESS**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 10, 2008, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:47 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.