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SENATE

MONDAY, October 19, 2009

The Senate met at 1:40 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we pause this afternoon to seek Your blessing and to commend our estate to Your merciful care, that we may follow Your guidance and live in peace and prosperity. Grant to these Senators, and all in authority in our State, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your holy will. Fill them with the love of truth, honesty, and righteousness. Make them always remember that they are Your servants to Your greater glory, in heaven and on earth. 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 DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

October 14, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth 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 Andrew J. Behnke, M.D., Carlisle, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

October 14, 2009

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, Amy K. Kokos (Public Member), 22 Woodview Drive, Mount Holly Springs 17065, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lena Andrews, Pittsburgh, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE TIOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

October 14, 2009

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, Amy K. Kokos, 22 Woodview Drive, Mount Holly Springs 17065, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Tioga County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John R. McCarthy, Mansfield, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

October 15, 2009

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, Joanne A. Smutko, 304 Shady Ridge Drive, Monroeville 15146, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2013, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEE OF TEMPLE
UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

October 15, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable Ronald C. Donatucci, 104 Queen Street, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a Commonwealth Trustee of Temple University of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
CANCER CONTROL, PREVENTION
AND RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD

October 16, 2009

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, Susanne M. Gollin, 1216 Heberton Street, Pittsburgh 15206, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Roy E. Smith, MD, Erie, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
LUZERNE COUNTY

October 16, 2009

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, Gregory E. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Luzerne County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2012, vice The Honorable Mark A. Ciavarella, Jr., resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

October 16, 2009

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, Nancy Bonalumi, RN, MS, CEN, FAEN, 1285 Hillside Drive, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, 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 I. William Goldfarb, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

October 16, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Richard J. Bruno, PO Box 83, Brockway 15824, Jefferson County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Miller, Archbald, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

October 16, 2009

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, Michael Edward Braxton, 1413 North Franklin Street, Pittsburgh 15233, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wendell Pritchett, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

October 16, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Susan G. Hockenberry, 205 Thompson Drive, Pittsburgh 15229, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rubye Jenkins-Husband, Erie, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

PROTHONOTARY OF LUZERNE COUNTY

October 16, 2009

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, Amy K. Kokos, 22 Woodview Drive, Mount Holly Springs 17065, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Prothonotary of Luzerne, in and for the County of Luzerne, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice The Honorable Jill A. Moran, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

October 16, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, David W. Stein, 357 Ann Circle, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first 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 Karen Goltz Stein, Indiana, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

October 19, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, J. Omar Landis, 516 Laurel Avenue, Lititz 17543, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY

October 19, 2009

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, Jessie L. Bloom (Public Member),

615 Lincoln Avenue, Williamsport 17701, Lycoming County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER

October 19, 2009

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, Amy K. Kokos, 22 Woodview Drive, Mount Holly Springs 17065, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ruth Kline, Ebensburg, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SELINGSGROVE CENTER

October 19, 2009

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, Amy K. Kokos, 22 Woodview Drive, Mount Holly Springs 17065, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selingsgrove Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Orlando C. Scopelliti, Coal Township, deceased.

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 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

October 16, 2009

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

August 28, 2009, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, 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 I. William Goldfarb, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

October 16, 2009

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 August 28, 2009, for the appointment of Amy K. Kokos, 22 Woodview Drive, Mount Holly Springs 17065, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wendell Pritchett, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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:

October 19, 2009

Senators GREENLEAF, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, EARLL, LEACH, WARD and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SB 1119**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of certain judges.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 19, 2009.

Senators GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, WAUGH, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, STACK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1120**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law, further providing for eligibility of scholarships.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, October 19, 2009.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, O'PAKE ALLOWAY and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1121**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated

Statutes, in minors, providing for the offense of dissemination of prohibited materials by minors; in criminal history record information, further providing for expungement and for juvenile records; and, in relation to summary offenses, further providing for the scope of the Juvenile Act, for inspection of court files and records and for conduct of hearings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 19, 2009.

Senators GREENLEAF, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, RAFFERTY, BAKER, COSTA, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, ORIE, O'PAKE, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, MUSTO and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SB 1122**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for special tax provisions for poverty and for returns and liability.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, October 19, 2009.

Senators GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, ARGALL, MUSTO, ALLOWAY and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1123**, entitled:

An Act selecting, designating and adopting anthracite or "hard coal" as the official rock of the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 19, 2009.

Senators ROBBINS, SCARNATI, MELLOW, ORIE, O'PAKE, WAUGH, HUGHES, ERICKSON, CORMAN, VANCE, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, EARLL, FERLO, FOLMER, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE; TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, WOZNIAK, YAW, PIPPY and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1124**, entitled:

An Act providing for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program eligibility, allocation of funds and resources; imposing duties on the Department of Public Welfare; and providing for compliance and fraud prevention procedures and for performance audit and allocation of appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, October 19, 2009.

Senators WASHINGTON, COSTA, FARNESE, FERLO, FONTANA, HUGHES, KITCHEN, LOGAN, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1126**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for commencement of proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 19, 2009.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 19, 2009

Senators ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, VOGEL, BAKER, FONTANA, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, ORIE, PILEGGI, LOGAN, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, PIPPY, FARNESE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SR 205**, entitled:

A Resolution urging Congress of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure for veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, October 19, 2009.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Vogel, Senator Ward, and Senator Mary Jo White.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Logan, Senator Tartaglione, and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator Alloway, Senator Vogel, Senator Ward, and Senator Mary Jo White.

Senator Mellow requests legislative leaves for Senator Logan, Senator Tartaglione, and Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
JOURNALS APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of August 24, 2009, August 25, 2009, and August 26, 2009, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of August 24, 2009, August 25, 2009, and August 26, 2009.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. 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-48

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Ferlo	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	Orie	Vance
Boscola	Fontana	Piccola	Vogel
Browne	Gordner	Pileggi	Ward
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Pippy	Washington
Corman	Hughes	Rafferty	Waugh
Costa	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Donald
Dinniman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Earll	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stack	Wozniak
Erickson	Mellow	Stout	Yaw

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

CALENDAR

**GOVERNOR'S ITEM VETO MESSAGE
LAID ON THE TABLE**

SB 850 (Pr. No. 953) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance Fund, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund moneys; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009; to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, from the State Lottery Fund and from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; and making interfund transfers for the fiscal year July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the item veto message was laid on the table.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER**

HB 1847 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 458, SB 746, HB 1300, HB 1768 and HB 1801 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1779 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 160, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 3 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 160**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a commission of private and public sector cost-minded leaders of this Commonwealth to study the management of current government operations and to make recommendations of cost-cutting measures.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, briefly, I would like to advocate the unanimous support of this Senate for Senate Resolution No. 160. I think we have heard it said here and in the House by Republicans and Democrats many times over the last few months that after this difficult budget that we have just been through, we are looking for ways to avoid a similar problem in the future. I believe it would be very helpful to have Members of the House, Members of the Senate, and especially people from the private sector sit down over the next year with our staff people from both sides, Republicans and Democrats, Members of the House and Senate, to look to see if indeed there are any additional cost-saving efficiencies that could be incorporated in next year's budget.

This was done in the past. Representative Harhart had a bill enacted, I believe it was called the IMPACCT Commission, in the early 1990s. The Grace Commission, of course, was very well known under President Reagan.

We are hopeful that by bringing in additional people from the outside, people from the private sector with considerable experience in business and industry, perhaps they will find things that we might not see on our own. And so, Mr. President, with that being said, I ask for support of 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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL BRUBAKER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, it is a real privilege of mine to introduce two young ladies who are here from my district, Jordon Ludwig and her sister, Taylor. They are 9th-grade and 12th-grade students at Cocalico High School in Lancaster County. They are here because they have a strong interest in how we do the people's business right here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Jordon's hobbies include reading, golf, the school newspaper, and English, and she loves to volunteer at the local used clothing store. Taylor's hobbies include playing tennis, math is her favorite subject, and she also enjoys volunteering at the local used clothing store.

It is a privilege of mine to introduce Taylor and Jordon Ludwig, and they are here with their grandmother, Sue, who is a fantastic advocate for these two fine young ladies.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Brubaker please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of, first, a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, both to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by the Committee on Appropriations, both in the Rules room, and then a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

HB 1418 (Pr. No. 2532) (Rereported)

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010; itemizing transportation assistance projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation; stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

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

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND RECOMMITTED**

HB 1418 (Pr. No. 2532) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010; itemizing transportation assistance projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation; stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

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

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

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

October 7, 2009

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, Jonathan B. Mack, 121 Timber Springs, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2012, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Guido M. Pichini, Wyomissing Hills, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

August 25, 2009

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, Mackenzie Marie Wrobel, 344 West Street, Bloomsburg 17815, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senato-

rial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Jessica E. Carson, Quarryville, graduated.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

September 21, 2009

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. Mary Esther Van Shura, 411 Olympia Road, Pittsburgh 15211, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Johnson, Havertown, deceased.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

October 2, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert W. Redlinger, 14 McElree Road, Washington 15301, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Washington, Magisterial District 27-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice J. Albert Spence, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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

October 7, 2009

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, Jonathan B. Mack, 121 Timber Springs, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2012, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Guido M. Pichini, Wyomissing Hills, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

August 25, 2009

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, Mackenzie Marie Wrobel, 344 West Street, Bloomsburg 17815, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Jessica E. Carson, Quarryville, graduated.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

September 21, 2009

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. Mary Esther Van Shura, 411 Olympia Road, Pittsburgh 15211, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Johnson, Havertown, deceased.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

October 2, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert W. Redlinger, 14 McElree Road, Washington 15301, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Washington, Magisterial District 27-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice J. Albert Spence, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-48

Alloway	Farnese	Musto	Tartaglione
Argall	Ferlo	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Baker	Folmer	Orie	Vance
Boscola	Fontana	Piccola	Vogel
Browne	Gordner	Pileggi	Ward
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Pippy	Washington
Corman	Hughes	Rafferty	Waugh
Costa	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Donald
Dinniman	Leach	Scarnati	White, Mary Jo
Earl	Logan	Smucker	Williams
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stack	Wozniak
Erickson	Mellow	Stout	Yaw

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. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I ask that the Senate proceed to receive the returns of election for the special election held in the 24th Senatorial District on the 29th day of September 2009, and that the oath of office be administered to Senator-elect Bob Mensch.

The PRESIDENT. At the request of Senator Pileggi, and without objection, as a special order of business, the Senate will now proceed to receive the official election returns for the special election held in the 24th Senatorial District and proceed to the administration of the oath of office to Senator-elect Bob Mensch.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend WILLIAM A. VANDERSLICE, Pastor of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Red Hill, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and loving God, who, from the beginning of time, spoke life into being, and sustains all creation with redeeming grace, we humbly ask that You would bless this House of government, all who offer themselves for public service, those present in this Chamber today, and all who live across this land. Grant wisdom and benevolence to all who serve this Commonwealth and nation.

We especially lift up in prayer this day the Honorable Bob Mensch. Grant him the gifts of sound judgment and compassion, that his work in partnership with others would provide for the well-being of all people. Gracious Lord, in the daily business of this Commonwealth and throughout this nation, inspire a heart of compassion for the least among us, and awaken in each of us a thirst for charity and justice so that all may know the goodness of this land. May the decisions made in this public square and the work of our daily lives seek to erase poverty, provide for the education of our children, and enhance the care, health, and security of all people.

O Lord, in all things, grant us peace in our days, peace to our families, peace to our country, and peace to all nations. We pray this and all things in the name of the Lord of life, who is our refuge and our strength. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Vanderslice, who is the guest today and pastor of Senator-elect Mensch.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the twenty-fourth Senatorial District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Bucks, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton County Boards of Elections. Robert B. Mensch, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Senator in the General Assembly.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand nine and of the Commonwealth the two hundred thirty-fourth.

PEDRO A. CORTES
Secretary of the Commonwealth

SPECIAL ELECTION
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
COUNTIES OF BUCKS, LEHIGH,
MONTGOMERY AND NORTHAMPTON
OCTOBER 16, 2009

OFFICIAL RESULTS

VOTE TOTALS

Democratic -	Anne Henning Scheuring	5,739
Republican -	Robert B. Mensch	12,513
Libertarian -	Barbara Steever	640

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. For the record, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has also certified that the Senator-elect has filed the accounts and affidavits as required by the election laws of the Commonwealth.

The Chair would now like to take the opportunity to politely remind all the guests that taking still pictures or videotaping in the Senate Chamber is not permitted. So I ask that during the administration of the oath of office, no pictures or video be taken. At the end of the oath, however, the Senate will be at ease, Senator-elect Mensch will remain at the bar of the Senate, and you will have the opportunity to take pictures as you please.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT. It is an honor and a privilege to have with us today the Honorable Catherine M. Hummel Fried, Magisterial District Judge from Montgomery County. She has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Mensch in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Will Senator-elect Mensch please present himself, along with his Bible, at the bar of the Senate.

Members and guests, please rise.

Magisterial District Judge Hummel Fried will now administer the oath of office. Judge.

Judge FRIED. Mr. Mensch, I am going to ask you to please place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I, (Bob Mensch), do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, so help me God.

Congratulations, Senator Mensch.

Senator MENSCH. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will now be at ease for photographs.

(The Senate was at ease.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, STOUT, ALLOWAY, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, WAUGH, WASHINGTON, PIPPY, BROWNE and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 212**, entitled:

A resolution designating the week of November 1 through 7, 2009, as "Free and Accepted Masons Week" and designating November 2, 2009, as "West Chester Lodge No. 322 Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, Freemasonry is the largest and most widely established fraternal order in the world devoted to the moral principles of equality and peace. Freemasonry has over 3.6 million members in the countries of the free world, 1.6 million members in the United States, and more than 125,000 members in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I rise to ask for acceptance of this resolution that will designate November 1 through 7, 2009, as "Free and Accepted Masons Week" and designate November 2, 2009, as "West Chester Lodge No. 322 Day" in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

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 Jonathan Bogue, John Lawver, Paul Kellett, Patricia Ann Bostwick, Nathan E. Worley, Sharon Autry, Carl Maxwell, William Porter, Raymond Pugh, Robert McLaughlin, Robert Florig, Ross Peterson, Paul Hauk, Leon Kreger, John Fague, James Bowers, Emery Horn, Elwood Linn, Lewis Sailhamer, Charles McVitty, Alexander Sirois, Eric W. Oyer, Frank Lerew, Hamilton Ruritan Club and to the Rouzerville Lions Club of Waynesboro by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gurski, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. James Shirey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whelski, the Honorable George F. Karll, Petty Officer First Class Virginia Elizabeth Heard, Dr. Patrick Lukasavich, John Gutsie, Mary Jane Lucas, Michael Patrick Ourcsik, Paul Raymond Russell, Andrew J. Hanzok IV, Theodore Howard Heffner, Beatrice Twardzik, Arlene Felty, William J. Kates, Harold Bruce Krapf, Joshua Ulrich, Tamaqua Public Library, Ashland Technologies, Inc., of Hegins, Frackville Free Public Library, Tri-Valley Charities, Inc., members and coaches of the Tamaqua Area High School Girls' Soccer Team and to the Republican Herald of Pottsville by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Craig Brady and to Susie Olewine by Senator Argall and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to General and Mrs. Daniel O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schimmel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simonet, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kubasti, Mr. and Mrs. John Garren, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sleboda, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kravitsky, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Karasek, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Fodera, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Makowski, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glossenger, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dinstel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Cicco, Steven Luksa, Michael Dennis IV, Paul Van Loon, Karen

Cox, John P. Herron III, Brandon Bookwalter, Shawn Bookwalter, Randy Bookwalter, Cody Bookwalter, John Kostige, Bernadette Frisbie, William Bursis, WRGN Radio of Hunlock Creek and to the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Tunkhannock by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rifkin, and to Mark J. Soprano by Senators Baker and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Ralph W. Litzenberger, the Honorable James Frank Stocklas, Edward S. Mackavage III, Michael R. Shadle, Zachary Nicholas Rice, Harry G. Smith, Kyle Francis Durfey and to William H. Newhard by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Amit Gupta, Cynthia Starnier, Dale Schafer, Tom Sforza, David Pike, Ada Dorosh, David De Notaris, Lee A. Butz, Walter Sanders, Drew Maron, Henriette Frey, Barry Fisher, members of the District 14-K Lions and Lioness Clubs, Tannersville Lions Club, Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance, Ironton Phone Company of Coplay and to the Lehigh Valley IronPigs of Allentown by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hucko, Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. John Remaley, Mr. and Mrs. David DeSantis, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Puschak, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Stettler, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ruch, the Reverend Dr. Gilbert Rivera, Joshua Mark Mitman, Austin Taylor Cekovic, Elmer D. Gates, Joyce Marin, Shane Stephen Hanner Olenwine, Kathryn Stephanoff, Andrew R. Kanaskie, Eric Alan Himmelwright, L. Todd Larmer, Joanne E. Jackson, Erlinda M. Aguiar, Michael Joseph Kennedy, Michael Carl Flesher, Jr., Angelo Nicholas Fattore, Roberta M. Machin, Leah Wenhold, Hilda E. McIlhaney, Ian Trimble Shields, Nathan Kline and to the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding of Muhlenberg College by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Russell Valentini by Senators Browne and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Harold Shafer by Senators Browne and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anthony D. Scarcia, Jr., by Senators Browne and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Iasiello, the Reverend Dr. William E. Ramsden, the Honorable Margherita Patti Worthington, Thomas R. Harrington, Alicia Ruiz Orbin, Marlene Fowler, W. Andrew Worthington, David M. Jandl, Theresa Yocum, William E. Rinehart, Stephen Somers, Sue Ficzkko, George Roberts, Laura G. Azzalina, Sterling H. Raber, Christine Downing, Sodexo, Inc., Air Products-HyCo Gas Division, Olympus Corporation of the Americas - Peripheral Vision Corporate Band, Concannon, Miller and Company's Charity Committee, FL Smidth, Inc., Panera Bread, Pinebrook Family Services of Allentown, Monroe County Transit Authority, LifePath, Inc., of Bethlehem, and to the Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gensemer, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Groff, Mr. and Mrs. George Gehr, Mr. and Mrs. James Hershey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ober, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nauman, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Austin Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fry, Linda J. Bear, Dorothy Sellers,

John D. Hohman III, Steven D. Niemkiewicz, Asher Klahold, Michael C. Frederick, Thomas Walter Korzon, Adam Gottshall, William S. Benekam, William Forster, David Stoner, Henry Alexander Gibbel, Kyle Robert DeHaven, Anna Harsh, Edna Koser Mumma Landis, Zachary Thompson, Charles Messner, Steps to Success, Inc., of Leola, Salem United Methodist Church of Lititz, Galens of Ephrata, Ephrata Cloister Toastmasters Club No. 3011 and to the Diamond Street Early Childhood Center of Akron by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Octorara High School Boys' Soccer Team by Senators Brubaker and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Calkins Family of Lewistown, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doebler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marker, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Stambaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Reinford, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Kepner, Mr. and Mrs. David Stuck, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crawford, the Honorable Marvin S. Lantz, Michelle Dorman, Krista Pontius, Kyle Cherry, Cecil J. Irvin, Richard J. Mascolo, Joseph R. Masullo, Chandler Walk, Justin L. Phillips, Charles Elliott Enck, Gretchen Marie Haas, Margaret G. Kochik, Adam Michael Evanko, Thomas S. Smith, Krystal Wasson, Terry L. Watson, Maurice McGarvey, Donald E. Kline, Kaytlin J. Aurand, Rick Cahill, Austin Joseph Gordon, R. Keith Hite, Faith Burger, Nick Fried, Alex Potter, Otto William Wallenmeyer, Golden LivingCenter-William Penn of Lewistown, Nittany Media, Inc., of Lewistown, McVeytown United Methodist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church of Belleville, Mifflin County Christian Academy Boys' Soccer Team and to the First National Bank of Mifflintown by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard V. Piacentini, Jack Russell, Herman Cohen, Aaron Elias Kreimer, Helen R. Reed and to Homeville Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 of West Mifflin by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend George Alfred Williams by Senators Costa and Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and to Chatham University by Senator Costa and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Staff Sergeant Shawn David Carter, Sergeant Michael P. Carroll, Dr. Willetta Wyatt Silva, Dr. Alice W. Johnson, Dr. Louis J. Beccaria, Dr. Kenneth Loesberg, Jean Newsome, Silver Melton, Robert L. Wright, Sr., Alice B. Watson, Elaine Richardson, Alfreda Mae Steele-Johnson, Mark D. Casaday, Jessica Dixon, Keith Wickstrom, James E. Watson, Jr., Cynthia B. Hallman, John Schwab, Hutton C. Chapman, Liane C. Davis, Renee Merion, Patricia Wood, Jeanette Brill, Charles Shaefer, Lee R. Ledbetter, Edith K. Angstadt, Charles McFarland, Matthew Anthony Brady, Andrew Loesberg, David C. Rollenhagen, Gary W. Smith, Ray Doyle, Eric Charles Sauerzopf, Mary Hundt McLoughlin, Westly Thomas, Tymeka Menginie, Jacob Cody Barimani, Price Stevenson IV, Doris O. Faust, Dane Tilghman, Andrew Schofield, Vito Jacob Jacono III, Robert L. and Agnes Cook Bard Foundation, Polito's Barber Shop of West Chester, Renaissance Academy-Edison Charter School of Phoenixville, Lionville Natural Pharmacy and Health Food Store, ING North American Insurance Corporation of West Chester, Elite Group of Exton, Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services, Chamber

of Commerce of Greater West Chester, Franklin Commons of Phoenixville, Newlin Township Historical Committee, Zeta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., of Oreland and to the Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Caroline Barnhart by Senators Dinniman and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey D. Chambers by Senators Dinniman and Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Deborah Rollins, Amy Holman Balian, Pavilion at Paoli Hospital and to the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association by Senators Dinniman and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tishiem Smith and to Robert A. Watts by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Dick Yoder, Marian Washington, Don Strock, Anthony Mark Scalies, Gregory E. Prowant, Hudson L. Voltz, Curt Schilling, Billy Joe, Monte Irvin, Howie Bedell, Coatesville Youth and Women's Alliance, Ministers Alliance of Coatesville, Human Services, Inc., Building Bridges Program of West Chester, Mighty Macs of Immaculata University and to the Crime Victims Center of Chester County by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jacob Michael Buckholtz, Jacob Mientkiewicz, Donna L. Mindek and to Louis J. Porreco by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Beach, Richard R. Reimer, Eric Christopher Leppert, Matthew J. Recker, Garrett Michael Dixon, Edna M. Galloway, Neil M. Port, Jeanne M. Bolger, Lawrence D. Field, Rebecca Drover and to Dalton Max Preston Fischer by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Hurff, Michael Warnock, Michael Joseph Farias, Stephen Louis Farias, Andrew John Farias, Kevin Eric Simons, Stanley L. Johnson and to Jeanette Brill by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane Mack and to Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc., by Senators Erickson and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara J. Tachovsky and to Judy L. DiFilippo by Senators Erickson, Pileggi, and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas J. Potts, Billy Bonner, Beresford Gabbadon, Uriel Wallace, Cynthia Wallace, Kathleen Tinney, Bill Stein, Edward Miller, Nathaniel Mason, 'Dolph Ward Goldenburg, Harold James, Tracy Hines, Daryl Hayes, Elbert J. Doberry and to General George A. McCall Elementary School by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. James E. Simms, Ezeline Tierney, Victoria L. Berdnik, Jevon Alexander Hankins, Michael R. Pistorius, Thomas M. Duffy and to Geraldine Massey by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sarfert, Elliott Carl Clark, Phillip Aaron Greider, Robert Donley, Dennis C. Fake, Peter J. Whipple, Louis Weaver, David Alexander, Timothy Matz and to Covanta Lancaster, Inc., by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Edward Collins Stewart by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Laubach, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andes, Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Bittner, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rozinski, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Wohlforth, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beishline, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Rhone, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kobi, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw, the Honorable Esther Cotner, Master Sergeant Michael E. Shadle, Adam R. Mitchell, Michael Christian Clemons, Michael D. Gregorowicz, Christopher Allen Cooper, Sarah Yeager, Kevin Young, Eva Barnhart, Ron Clark, Mark David Horvath, Daniel James Isenberg, Matthew Jon Mattis, Nevin John Raup, Elizabeth T. Edwards, First English Baptist Church of Bloomsburg and to the Milton Moose Family Center by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemner, Mr. and Mrs. Alvan Outland, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis N. Kratz, Chief David C. Schultz, Patrick T. Cero, Elfriede Randolph, Raymond Royds, Ann E. Segessenman, David R. Johnson, Andrew Yale, Willow Lake Assisted Living of Willow Grove and to Hatboro Troop 3 of the Boy Scouts of America by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Williams by Senators Greenleaf and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend David Griffith, Major Sean P. Kilkenny and to Jeron Lee Nelson by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas D. Schomer, John P. Difilippo, Michael Eric Sabo, Jerrad L. Byers, Christopher Michael Payne and to the Community Foundation of Fayette County by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Eric A. Lambert, Jr., the Reverend Maxcine Collier, the Reverend William Sullivan, Jr., Senze Dietrich, Maxine Westbrooks and to Deborah Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of Philadelphia, by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Constance H. Williams, Mary Frances Ballard, Alexander Heiney, Colin A. Modrzyński, Balthazar W. Heldring, Charles David Gallagher III, Merion Mercy Academy of Merion Station, Upper Merion Area Middle School Junior Optimist Club and to the East Norriton Township Centennial Committee by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gulick, the Honorable Robert C. Erkel, Theresa Brail, Raymond L. McDonough, Joseph Mauro, Joshua Gibbons, Vera Perry, Thomas G. Walk, Jonathan James Droznenk, Springdale Volunteer Fire Department and to the Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Duquesne by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cody A. Perrett by Senators Logan and Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Henry J. Gawronski, Steven Seibert, James Robert Brunetto, Jacquelyn Laumakis, Ruth Somp, Kathy Bennett, Nathan Borie Wilson, James Lohan, Alexander Vladimir Light, David Nyman, John Eric Bukowski, Tyler Rebling Wilson, John Gathrie Wilson, Adam Robert Hinde, Grey Nun Academy of Yardley, Perkasio Olde Towne Association, Pennridge Fellowship in Serving Hu-

manity, Pennridge Gallery of the Arts Committee, Prodesco/Secant Medical and to Soroptimist International of the Doylestown Area of the North Atlantic Region by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donald E. Harm by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carlin, Norman J. Galvin, Michelle L. Olshefski, Rick Scudato, Theodore Bikel and to Willowbrook Assisted Living Community by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nace, Vivian F. Gualberti, J. Tyler Smith, Tyler Joseph Frisch, Ryan Scott Mertz, Nick L. Szmodis, Jarrett Bryan Lagler, Ken Byler, St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital, London Shop of Easton and to the Upper Bucks YMCA of Quakertown by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. J. Robert Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Butz, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Torrence, Dr. Gene W. Miller, Dr. John S. Stevens, Jr., William George, P. Richard Hammer, Ashley Loiseau, Kostas Kalogeropoulos, Kathleen Mills, Julian Ray Brown, Marcella Moyer Schick, Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation of Nazareth, Grand View Hospital Auxiliary of Sellersville, Lafayette Ambassador Bank of Lehigh Valley, American Red Cross Clubs of the Greater Lehigh Valley, The Program for Women and Families of Allentown and to Valley Youth House of Allentown by Senator Mensch and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Robert F. Sauers, Dr. John F. Callahan, Antoinette Rusnak, Patricia Januszkeski, Kyle Kogoy, Charles John Dieso III, Carmen James Ciampi, Michael M. Ostrowski and to the Lehigh Area High School Field Hockey Team by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mark Zachary Yerkes by Senators Musto and Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Bernie H. Manning, Harold W. Breckley, Christopher Hartman, Ryan C. Gemmell, Joseph M. Hirneisen, Kenny Wilkinson, Ryan Joseph Rimby, Antonio Gerardo Alaimo, Derek Michael Acker, Salvatore Guiseppa Alaimo, Matthew William Messersmith, Michael David Zubritski, C. Ethan Stitt, Dylan James Radka, Seth B. Butz, Matthew J. Fura, LeRoy E. Howard, Kenneth E. Houser III, Thomas G. Supplee, members and supporters of the Reading Buccaneers Drum and Bugle Corps, members of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Shoemakersville, Berks County Bar Association, St. Mark's People Over Fifty of Reading and to the Oley Valley FFA team and their advisor, Dr. James Howe, by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Berks County Board of Commissioners and to the Farmland Preservation Program farmers of Berks County by Senators O'Pake and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Milton E. Raiford, the Honorable William H. Kipp, Technical Sergeant Jerome A. DiGennaro, Alex Rankin, Richard Zang, Martha A. Creese, Nathan P. Hayden, Sean David Ratkus, Srikanth Palanisamy, Eric Nickolas Gaertner, Randall S. Davison, D. Thomas Cegan, Florence Bender, Ronald J. Seman, Eric Robert Mackiewicz, Maxwell P. Wnorowski, Michelle Switala, Andrew Thomas Hildebrand, Joseph Charles Mannino,

Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, Homeless Children's Education Fund of Pittsburgh, Seneca Valley Senior High School Girls' Soccer Team and to the Emergency Medical Service Institute of Pittsburgh by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven Bandi by Senators Orie and M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kurt A. Kondrich by Senators Orie, Pippy, and Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Judith Oxenford, Master Sergeant Dennis R. Brillhart, Chief Master Sergeant Craig Stoudt, Barbara A. Hummel, Milo Y. Woodward, Matthew Thomas Reardon, Roxanne M. Oliver, Daniel Pierce Kinney, Edward Schrom II, Helen M. Witmer, Paul R. Hetrick, Sr., Michael S. Proper, Richard C. Pastucka, Catherine M. Stephenson, Scott Espenshade, John Groh, David W. Volkman, Billie Jo Matelevich-Hoang, Alex W. Svirbely, Dennis R. Pletz and to the North Side Elementary School of Harrisburg by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to members of the James B. Pannebaker 2009 Class of Eagles by Senator Piccola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Al Louderback, Bishop William F. Cramer, Kevin James Fein, Isaac William Allred, Vito Joseph Jacono III, Joseph Paul Receveur, Henrik Oetinger, Maxwell Shaw, Timothy L. Douglas, Charles Dulik, Calvary Baptist Church of Chester and to the Women's Republican Club of Aston by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas J. Judge, Sr., by Senators Pileggi, Erickson, and Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brian J. Rollick, Bill Baldwin, Margaret A. Conners, Barbara D. Logan, Andrew S. Leonhard, William D. Boger, David R. Timmins, Michael F. Toth, Timothy Brian Martin and to Samuel M. Furlong by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable John J. Durkin, David Aberts, Evan Patrick Ward, Sean Conley, Omar Alexie Velez, St. Teresa of Avila School of Eagleville, Bustard's Christmas Trees of Lansdale and to the St. Teresa of Avila Parish of Norristown by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association by Senators Rafferty, Pileggi, and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Maurino J. Rossanese, Jr., the Honorable S. Gerald Corso and to the Honorable Calvin S. Drayer, Jr., by Senator Rafferty and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Buba, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Duncan, Major Charles R. Wedge, Madison Leigh Rhoades, Alyxis Renae Kimmel, Leah Youngblood Gearhart, Cody Ebbert, Helen Bradford Gallant, Daniel E. Higham, James Brent Glover, Brett Wesley Miller, Derek Thomas Krzysiak, David C. Christman, Charles E. Anderson, Ralph E. Robison, Greenhill Farms Equipment, Inc., of Cambridge Springs, and to Joseph J. Fitzmartin Council No. 1446, Knights of Columbus, by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Captain James Longan by Senators Robbins and Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Agosti, Dawn Fink, Gertrude D. Sterrett, Samuel Edward Smith, Joshua Bridge, Stephen M. Barncastle, Miller Brothers Furniture of Falls Creek and to the Warren Forest Higher Education Council by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant Robert J. Sload, Ian Hjalmar Holmberg, Donald Graham, Lillian Coldren and to the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors of Manheim by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Staff Sergeant Patrick Hamill, Jr., Dr. Anthony F. Chunn, William J. McMonagle, Sheryl K. Rothberg, Leo Holt, Kevin McDevitt, Elsie A. Stevens, Ann Marie DiMaio, Harry Sonntag and to Daniel H. Polett by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bullotta, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kenneth Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Butzine, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. James Pallini, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John J. Collis, Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Earliwine, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Liberatore, Jr., Leo Zuccarini and to Michael A. Passalacqua by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Luis J. Bird, John Rauchut, Stacey Bier, Angel Velez, Tracey Bryant, Mireille Green, William Varenas, Marta Santos, John J. Livingstone, William Clark, Samuel Staten, Sr., Wendell W. Young III, Nancy Greenstein, Carl R. Greene, Robert Dewar, Joseph J. Dougherty, Maria D. Quinones-Sanchez, Darrell L. Clarke, Andrew McErlain, Taller Puertorriqueno, Philadelphia Field Initiating Group for HIV Trials' Project Treatment Education Activists Combating HIV and to Resources for Human Development, Inc., by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Gene DiGirolamo, the Honorable Robert A. Schnell, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel Jean-Bruce Chadwick, Alexander William Pancoast, Zachary William Jenkins, Stephen Joseph Zapisek, James J. McNulty, Alan Chi, Emily Wilkinson, Josh Silverstein, Alexa Francisco, Victoria Rizzo, Ashley Tetreault, Samantha Brown, Steven Leonard Wald, Maddie Freeman, Sarah Pulaski, Miriam van der Spek, Kosta Petsos, Roy Goldwire, Mollie Zydzik, Eve Calvano, Colby Brown, Jeff White, Ryan Mark Blemings, Hunter Alexander Valentine, Christopher Louis Quaglia, Chris Ramsey, Susan M. Rade, Daniel Staats, Christian Heine, Ralph Douglass, Tire City, Inc., of Bristol, Golden Corral, Eta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, First Federal of Bucks County and to the United Way of Bucks County by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Citak by Senators Tomlinson and Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gene Sgrignoli, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Myers, William D. Downes, Dustin David Betz, Albert Foster III, Christian Lee John, Dorothy C. Atkinson, Regina Holley, Mary Virginia Rice, Albert David Thompson, Paul Reed Hodge, George W. Rice, Sr., Doris Louise Fortune Campbell, Carl Campbell, John A. Eckrich, Jr., Elvira M. Hudson, Nathan Wesley Smith, Albert E. Parshall, Cardinal L. Gontz, Jay C. Chamberlin, Timothy Whiton Lupia, Charles Stine, Glen L. Glessner, Elwood Pisle, Gerald W. Gayman, Chester B. Jones, Sr., Charles McVitty, Richard S. Knoll, Charles W. Heckman, Ken Garman, Glen Horn, Glenn R.

Lytle, Harold L. Gutshall, Howard R. Strawmyre, Walter C. Dunlap, William Nye, Richard Greenawalt, Edgar F. Huffner, Robert D. Taylor, James O. Powell, Paul W. Clippinger, George A. DeMartyn, Jr., Dolores J. McAlister, John W. Kuntzelman, Ralph Oyler, Samuel Reed, John Pope, Edward M. Messner, Central Penn Crushers Sporting Clays Shooting Team of Wellsville and to the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church of Mechanicsburg by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Joe Louis Freeman, Sr., Captain Lee R. Savio, Emma Thornton, Jean Macaluso, James A. Scheck, Christine A. Ciccone, James J. Figas and to JD Carr by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Captain Michael Lopez by Senators Vogel and Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable James Roman, Jr., William L. Ott, Charles B. Wilson, Ethel LeFrak and to James Latshaw by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Cherelle L. Parker, the Honorable Michael M. Baylson, Major General Dr. Ronald D. Silverman, Dr. James R. Williams, Dr. Eugene J. Richardson, Dr. Jack Angel Elias, Matthew J. Muller, Margaret Barbee, James Brown, Lisa J. Nutter, Nicholas D. Torres, Marian B. Tasco, Sharmain Matlock-Turner, Esther West, Gerald Kaufman, William M. Cousins, John Harrison, Bertram Levy, Henry Moore, Roscoe Draper, Pierce Ted Ramsey, Sr., Carol G. Stukes, Josh Goldsmith, Robert Greenstein, Jeff Lorber, Robert Sean Phillips, Andrew Kenneth Slade, Anthony H. Williams, Henry T. Washington, Saly Glassman, Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, Business Center for Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprise of Philadelphia and to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce Rebert, Ryan J. Althoff, Sandra Sterner, Cameron K. Naylor, Nicholas S. Vrankin, Joseph Silar, Daniel W. Lehman, Derek M. White, Paul Einsig, Zach Gannon, Zachary Holmberg, Henry J. Rost, Margaret Howells, Angel Miller, York Suburban High School Boys' Cross Country Team members and coach and to the Prospect Hill Cemetery Heritage Foundation of York by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to York Composite Squadron 301 of the Civil Air Patrol by Senator Waugh and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend and Mrs. Ferd B. Park, Mr. and Mrs. Regis Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blair, Mr. and Mrs. William Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Haehle, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stroup, Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Repik, Mr. and Mrs. William Midock, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Chromiak, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bassinger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reesman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heberling, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cipollini, Sr., Darlene E. Twentier, Joel Bender, Sean Gregory O'Brien, Snyder Associated Companies, Inc., of Kittanning and to the Brush Valley Township Volunteer Fire Company by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Magnetto, Mr. and Mrs. James Fiscus, Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Avalon Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eck, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Mong, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard John Gatesman, Edward Shpakoff, Taylor Brunecz, Johnathan F. Brown, Leo J. Braswell, Zachary F. McLaughlin and to Ronald Harbison by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Michelle R. Howard-Vital, Dr. Kathleen Y. McCladdie, Dr. Ruth C. Browne, Dr. Nicole Vaughn, Matthew Ryan, Nancy Harris, Jennifer Gilliam, Roberta Cobb Langston, Joyce S. Robinson, Mattie B.R. Hull, Ruth Bazemore, Francine P. Henry, Amodou Balde, Thayla Harris, Dorothea Grier, Shelli D.L. Ford, Thaddeus D. Govan, Sr., Lisa Y. Hopkins, Robert L. King, Regina Mainor, Board of Trustees of the HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy and to PNP Family Play Center of Lansdowne by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to May Rose Singleton by Senators Williams and O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Karstetter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kokoskie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Naugle, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Keith Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wojcik, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wolfhope, Father Francis P. Balestino and to Jake Risley, Jr., by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hassinger, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brusamonti, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Borocho, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gray, Mr. and Mrs. James Mertes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Fausey, Mr. and Mrs. John Lesko, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mosier, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Otterbein, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kranz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Schramm, Mr. and Mrs. John Felix, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Randall, Robert W. McCullough III, Heather Shnyder and to the Jersey Shore Branch YMCA by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Kessler by Senators Yaw and Baker.

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 Thomas Edward Reese by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Private First Class Brandon M. Styer by Senator Brubaker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Thomas Robert Shick by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jerry A. Nicola by Senator Leach.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James J. Manion, Jr., to the family of the late Vernon R. Markley and to the family of the late Marjorie J. Kinsley by Senator McIlhinney.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

Posthumous citations honoring the late Addy Kelly, the late Arthur M. Marple and the late Hugh V. McDevitt were extended to the families by Senator Dinniman and others.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Linda J. Field was extended to the family by Senator Robbins.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Sergeant Timothy Simpson was extended to the family by Senator Tartaglione.

A posthumous citation honoring the late E. William Gates was extended to the family by Senator Waugh and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009

12:00 P.M.	FINANCE (public hearing to consider the nominations of the Hon. Joseph E. Gurzenda, Daniel G. Guydish, and James A. Zurick, Esq., to the State Tax Equalization Board)	Room 8E-B East Wing
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 1418)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

9:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Costing Out Study)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Rate Cap Expiration for PPL)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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RECESS

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

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

The PRESIDENT. The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

AFTER RECESS

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

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 1:38 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.