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SENATE

MONDAY, March 8, 2010

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Dr. DARYL JEFFERS, of Calvary Baptist Church, Clymer, offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

O Lord, we thank You for this day that You have given to us, for You tell us this is the day the Lord has made, and we will rejoice and be glad in it. We thank You for Your sovereign grace that has led us here today and Your watch and care over us. We pray especially, Father, that You might bless this Commonwealth. We thank You for the history that we have and that we cherish. We pray that we might pass it down from generation to generation. We would be remiss if we did not thank You for our servicemen and our servicewomen, who are fighting even today to keep the freedoms that we enjoy here. We thank You for their sacrifice, and we acknowledge that. We ask, O Lord, that You put Your wall of protection around them.

We pray for this body today, as well, as they deliberate, Lord, that they might enact and interpret those laws that would, first of all, be pleasing in Your sight but also would help the citizens of this great State in which we live. We ask Your blessing upon them, and wisdom. Help them to do better than they know. We ask, O Father, that You will give the direction and give the guidance that they need. We give You the praise, the honor, and glory for all things. We pray in Your Son's name and to You, who alone is worthy of all glory. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Jeffers, who is the guest today of Senator Don White.

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 COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 12, 2010

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, Steve Crawford, 14 Tall Tree Drive, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Craig G. Litchfield, Wellsboro, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

February 12, 2010

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John R. Tuttle, 730 Church Road, York 17404, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

February 12, 2010

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, James H. Cawley, Esquire, 1020 Kent Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2015, or 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
BARBER EXAMINERS

February 16, 2010

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 J. DeRiggi, 106 Robinhood Drive, Cranberry Township 16066, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Barber 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 MEDICINE

February 16, 2010

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, Rabbi Solomon Isaacson, 11006 Audubon Avenue, Philadelphia 19116, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

February 16, 2010

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, Rhoda Shralow, 824 Dover Road, Wynnwood 19096, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
CONDEMNATION APPROVAL BOARD

February 19, 2010

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, Norman L. Morrison, 90 Mortimer Road, Transfer 16154, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Agricultural Lands Condemnation

Approval Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
CONDEMNATION APPROVAL BOARD

February 19, 2010

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, Russell M. Orner, 3532 Home Camp Road, Rockton 15856, Clearfield County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

February 19, 2010

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, Bette M. Wildgust, CRNA, MS, MSN, 703 Willowbend Drive, Blue Bell 19422, Montgomery County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice K. Stephen Anderson, CRNA, Erie, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

February 19, 2010

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, Hal A. Moss, 237 Barclay Circle, Cheltenham 19012, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, to serve until January 1, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

February 23, 2010

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Blair, Magisterial District 24-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2012, vice Joseph L. Moran, deceased.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 1, 2010

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, M. Joel Bolstein, Esquire, 404 Appian Way, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 1, 2010

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Reverend James Earl Garmon, Sr., 6656 Apple Street, Pittsburgh 15206, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

March 1, 2010

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, Joseph F. Marino (Public Member), 1908 S. Jessup Street, Philadelphia 19148, Perry County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Juli Miller, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

March 1, 2010

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 Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Columbia, Magisterial District 26-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2012, vice Richard P. Cashman, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

March 4, 2010

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 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Norman R. Gavlick, MBA, CPRW, Kingston, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

March 4, 2010

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 State Board of Psychology, 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 Catherine Maxaner, Milford, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 16, 2010

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 November 20, 2009, for the reappointment of Sheila Dow-Ford, 2033 Bellevue Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

March 1, 2010

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2010, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore (Public Member), R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Juli Miller, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

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

March 2, 2010

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

Please note the nomination dated January 13, 2010, for the appointment of Dr. Audrey Bronson, 3900 Ford Road, Apartment 9 D, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rev. Dr. Joseph Patterson, Sr., Philadelphia, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Dr. Audrey Bronson, 1601 N. 72nd Street, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rev. Dr. Joseph Patterson, Sr., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

March 2, 2010

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

Please note the nomination dated March 1, 2010, for the appointment of Joseph F. Marino (Public Member), 1908 S. Jessup Street, Philadelphia 19148, Perry County, First Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Juli Miller, Philadelphia, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Joseph F. Marino (Public Member), 1908 S. Jessup Street, Philadelphia 19148, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Juli Miller, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

February 9, 2010

HB 1800 -- Committee on Transportation.

March 1, 2010

HB 1616 -- Committee on Judiciary.

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:

February 26, 2010

Senators YAW, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, ORIE, COSTA, PIPPY, WAUGH, WARD, ERICKSON, MUSTO, STOUT, LOGAN, BOSCOLA, VOGEL, ARGALL, BROWNE, D. WHITE, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1231**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in falsification and intimidation, further providing for failure to comply with registration of sexual offenders requirements; in registration of sexual offenders, defining "transient"; in registration of sexual offenders, further providing for registration, for registration procedures and applicability and for sentencing court information; in registration of sexual offenders, providing for registration of transients; and in registration of sexual offenders, further providing for victim notification, for other notification, for information made available on the Internet and for duties of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 26, 2010.

Senator DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1233**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain land owned by the Borough of Downingtown, Chester County, in return for the development of park and open space lands within the Borough of Downingtown and East Caln Township, Chester County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 26, 2010.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, COSTA, WASHINGTON, WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1237**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Prison Industry Enhancement Authority; providing for employment of prisoners by private industry and for subcontracts with correctional agencies; establishing guidelines for prisoner compensation; and providing for location of private sector prison industry.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 26, 2010.

Senators McILHINNEY, BAKER, ALLOWAY, MUSTO, BRUBAKER, COSTA, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE, WARD, M. WHITE and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 1239**, entitled:

An Act providing for authorization of development and operation of facilities to improve cost-efficiency in agricultural production or support agricultural marketing or agritourism enterprises on farms and for the establishment of minimum standards for land development and for construction of buildings that support agricultural cost-improvement activities and are used in agricultural marketing and agritourism enterprises; establishing the Farm Enterprise Standards Board and providing for its powers and duties; imposing limitations in local governmental authority; providing for State preemption; and making related repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 26, 2010.

Senators WILLIAMS, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, MUSTO, FONTANA, RAFFERTY and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1240**, entitled:

An Act requiring large-screen television sets sold in this Commonwealth to be energy efficient.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 26, 2010.

Senator MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 1242**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 4, 2008 (P.L.599, No.47), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Transportation and the Governor, to grant and convey to Pike County or its assigns, certain lands, situate in the Borough of Milford, Pike County, in exchange for a certain tract of land; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Heritage Building Group, Inc., and the Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg, and their assigns, six permanent sanitary sewer easements and two temporary construction easements, situate in South Heidelberg Township and Lower Heidelberg Township, Berks County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of Pottstown, Montgomery County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Township of West Norriton, Montgomery County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to dedicate, grant and convey to the Strasburg, Lancaster County, Borough Authority, a water main and appurtenances to be constructed by the Department of General Services, together with easements for public water purposes, situate in Strasburg Township,

Lancaster County, and to grant such further easements and licenses as may be necessary to provide the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania with access to public sewer service; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Transportation, to grant and convey to Parkwood Real Estate Trust LLC, approximately 1.645 acres including a building and all improvements thereon, situate at Parkwood Drive in the City of Allentown and Salisbury Township, Lehigh County; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the County of Lackawanna Transit System Authority (COLTS), certain lands situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, in exchange for a certain tract of land from COLTS situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County," further providing for conveyance in City of Scranton, Lackawanna County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 26, 2010.

Senators FONTANA, LOGAN, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, MENSCH, ORIE, WARD, ARGALL, BROWNE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, HUGHES, KASUNIC, BAKER, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, EICHELBERGER, LEACH, VANCE, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, YAW, D. WHITE, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1243**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for persons required to report suspected child abuse and for reporting procedure; providing for immunity; and further providing for establishment of pending complaint file, Statewide central register and file of unfounded reports, for continuous availability of department, for disposition of complaints received, for information in pending complaint and unfounded report files, for disposition of unfounded reports, for disposition of founded and indicated reports, for release of information in confidential reports, for cooperation of other agencies, for reports to Governor and General Assembly, for students in public and private schools and for responsibilities of county agency for child protective status.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 26, 2010.

Senator WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 1244**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions imposed on certain lands owned by the City of York, York County; and imposing Project 70 restrictions on certain lands being conveyed to the City of York.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 26, 2010.

Senators KITCHEN, WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, LEACH, WARD, O'PAKE, DINNIMAN, COSTA, STACK and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1245**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in optional affordable housing funding, further providing for affordable housing programs fee in cities of first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 26, 2010.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1246**, entitled:

An Act authorizing Horsham Township, Montgomery County, to convey and transfer a fee interest in certain Project 70 land free of re-

restrictions imposed by the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act, in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other land to be acquired by the township.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 26, 2010.

Senators D. WHITE, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, M. WHITE, LEACH, FERLO, O'PAKE, WAUGH, LOGAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1247**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions and for private actions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 26, 2010.

Senators FARNESE, FONTANA, COSTA, HUGHES, FERLO, LOGAN, WASHINGTON, STACK, DINNIMAN, LEACH, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, O'PAKE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1248**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for financial education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 26, 2010.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, CORMAN, STOUT, STACK, FONTANA, COSTA, LOGAN, FARNESE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1249**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for definitions and for applicability to certain buildings.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 26, 2010.

Senators PILEGGI, M. WHITE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, COSTA, ERICKSON, EARLL, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, YAW, TOMLINSON, WOZNIAK, FARNESE, BRUBAKER and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1250**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for disposition of fees, fines and civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 26, 2010.

Senator STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1251**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing an amnesty program for traffic violations in cities of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 26, 2010.

Senators DINNIMAN, PICCOLA, FONTANA, COSTA, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, MUSTO, FARNESE, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1252**, entitled:

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

fees associated with certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 26, 2010.

March 1, 2010

Senators FOLMER, WOZNIAK, VANCE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, SCARNATI, DINNIMAN, GORDNER, WARD, O'PAKE, MENSCH, ORIE, BROWNE, ERICKSON, BAKER, EICHELBERGER, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 8**, entitled:

An Act establishing a system for exchange of health information technology to establish eligibility for Federal funding.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, March 1, 2010.

March 4, 2010

Senators GREENLEAF, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1238**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in county jail oversight board in counties of the second class and second class A, further providing for scope of subchapter, for definitions and for county jail oversight board; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 2010.

Senators BROWNE, ERICKSON, WILLIAMS, LOGAN, GREENLEAF, M. WHITE, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, PIPPY, WARD, LEACH, BOSCOLA and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 1241**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for management of concussions and head injuries.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 4, 2010.

Senators DINNIMAN, O'PAKE, COSTA and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1254**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a tax on the extraction of natural gas; providing for natural resource severance tax license, for duties of the Department of Revenue, for tax assessments and tax liens; imposing penalties; providing for service of process, for rulemaking, for cooperation with other governments and for bonds; and establishing the Natural Gas Tax Relief, Conservation and Community Investment Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 2010.

Senators BROWNE, SCARNATI, ERICKSON, GORDNER, ORIE, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, MENSCH, BAKER, M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, WARD, PIPPY, EICHELBERGER, VOGEL, D. WHITE, EARLL, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1255**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for time for filing returns and for time of payment.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 2010.

March 5, 2010

Senators BAKER, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, COSTA, EARLL, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, WARD, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, MENSCH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1257**, entitled:

An Act designating the Tunkhannock Bypass of Pennsylvania Route 6 in Wyoming County as the Tom Ridge Bypass.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 5, 2010.

Senators STACK, ORIE, WOZNIAK, MENSCH, BOSCOLA, WARD and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1258**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "lobbyist"; and further providing for financial and employment interests.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 5, 2010.

Senators STACK, ORIE, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, MENSCH, WARD and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1259**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Category 2 slot machine license and providing for validity of tax settlement and payment in lieu of taxes agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 5, 2010.

Senators STACK, ORIE, WOZNIAK, MENSCH, BOSCOLA, WARD and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1261**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in table games, further providing for local share assessment.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 5, 2010.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 26, 2010

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, LEACH, STACK, O'PAKE, M. WHITE,

PILEGGI, WASHINGTON, WILLIAMS, DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SR 253**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to study the problem of human trafficking and to make a report to the Senate on the issue of human trafficking, including a proposed State plan for the prevention of human trafficking and any recommendations for changes in State law, policies and procedures.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 26, 2010.

Senator RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SR 254**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Insurance Commissioner to investigate the prevalence of the practice by which motor vehicle insurers coerce or otherwise attempt to aggressively direct their insureds who have filed claims for damaged motor vehicles to use motor vehicle repair shops that have been preapproved by the insurer or that are affiliated with the insurer, thereby restricting or adversely affecting the choice of the insureds to select repair shops of their own choice.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 26, 2010.

March 4, 2010

Senators EARLL, FONTANA, ERICKSON, STACK, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, ORIE, GORDNER, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, ROBBINS, KASUNIC, D. WHITE, PIPPY, GREENLEAF, COSTA, TOMLINSON, FARNESE, PILEGGI, FOLMER, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SR 255**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2010 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and observing the week of March 7 through 13, 2010, as "National Problem Gambling Awareness Week."

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 4, 2010.

March 5, 2010

Senators WARD, KASUNIC, SCARNATI, D. WHITE, FONTANA, COSTA, PIPPY, PILEGGI, ARGALL, ERICKSON, ROBBINS, BOSCOLA, ALLOWAY, FARNESE and STOUT presented to the Chair **SR 256**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 4542, the "Stopping Criminal Trials for Guantanamo Terrorists Act of 2010."

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2010.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVATION CORPS**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Labor and Industry
651 Boas Street, Room 1700
Harrisburg, PA 17121

February 16, 2010

Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate
Room 462 Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Anthony Frank Barbush
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 129 Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) annual report for fiscal year 2008-09, the Corps' 25th year of operation.

Last year, 307 young men and women were given the opportunity to gain self-confidence and improve their employability as members of the PCC. More than 114 corpsmembers completed courses at vocational-technical schools and technical training centers, 16 took at least one college class, and 16 earned GEDs. Despite the sluggish economy, nearly a third of all corpsmembers moved directly into jobs upon leaving the Corps.

During the fiscal year, the PCC completed 47 projects in 33 counties. Corpsmembers constructed or renovated 150 campsites, 19 pavilions and 67 support buildings, improved or developed 195 miles of trails and 115 acres of wildlife habitat, helped preserve 11 historic buildings and 3,100 historical artifacts, and planted more than 34,000 seedlings and trees--to name just a few of their accomplishments.

In summary, FY 2008-09 reflected a tradition of challenges, opportunities and accomplishments, all of which are documented in the pages that follow.

Sincerely,

SANDI VITO
Secretary

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

**CONSENT DECREE FROM THE
GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Corrections
P.O. Box 598
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17001-0598
(717) 975-4859

February 22, 2010

Mark A. [sic] Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
426 [sic] Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

RE: Consent Decree
United States of America v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Department of Corrections and Department of General Services
Re: EPA Clean Air Act Enforcement

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Pursuant to Sections 204 and 301 of the Commonwealth Attorneys Act (71 P.S. §§204(e) and 301(12)), the Department hereby provides notice to the General Assembly that it has entered into a consent decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The consent decree, a copy of which is attached, will resolve longstanding violations of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.) caused by boiler plant operations at four state correctional facilities.

The proposed consent decree has been signed by Secretary Beard, Secretary Creedon, agency counsel for Corrections and General Services, the Office of General Counsel and the Governor and is awaiting final approval from the Office of Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

SUZANNE N. HUESTON
Chief Counsel

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

ADULTBASIC 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Insurance Department
1326 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 23, 2010

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Donald C. White
Chair
Banking and Insurance
Committee
Senate of Pennsylvania
286 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Michael J. Stack III
Minority Chair
Banking and Insurance
Committee
Senate of Pennsylvania
543 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Anthony M. DeLuca
Chair
Insurance Committee
PA House of Representatives
115 Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Nicholas A. Micozzie
Minority Chair
Insurance Committee
PA House of Representatives
105 Ryan Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: 2009 adultBasic Annual Report

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 1303(e)(7) of Act 2001-77, the Department is pleased to provide you with this report regarding adultBasic, Pennsylvania's health insurance program for low-income adults, for the period January 2009 through December 2009.

The response to adultBasic has been extraordinary and the application volume continues to be substantial. During this reporting period, 377,359 applicants submitted 353,553 applications for new coverage which were received and processed. Additionally, 28,055 adultBasic enrollees applied for renewal of coverage. Average monthly enrollment was 44,093 persons. Attached to the report are 12-month "snapshots" of both active enrollment and waiting list data for the reporting period. You will note that the waiting list was 353,301 in December 2009, the highest level in the history of the program, and the list is continuing to grow in 2010.

We are pleased to be a part of providing this much-needed program to the citizens of the Commonwealth who would otherwise have no health insurance coverage. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me, Deputy Commissioner Peter Adams, or Legislative Director Mary-Jo Mullen at (717) 783-2005.

Sincerely,

JOEL ARIO
Insurance Commissioner

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

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Insurance Department
1326 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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105 Ryan Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Children's Health Insurance Program Annual Report

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 2311(g)(4) of The Insurance Company Law of 1921, as amended, 40 P.S. §§991.2311(g)(4), the Department is pleased to provide you with this report regarding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for the period January 2009 through December 2009.

During this reporting period, CHIP has continued outreach to increase children's enrollment in the program. We are pleased to report there were 197,150 children enrolled in CHIP in December 2009.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me, Deputy Insurance Commissioner Peter Adams, or Legislative Director Mary-Jo Mullen at (717) 783-2005.

Sincerely,

JOEL ARIO
Insurance Commissioner

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Public Employee Retirement Commission
P.O. Box 1429, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1429

February 25, 2010

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Senate of Pennsylvania

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

As required by the Public Employee Retirement Commission Act, this annual public report is issued to summarize the Commission's findings, recommendations, and activities for the year 2009.

During 2009, the Commission authorized the attachment of eleven actuarial notes to bills and amendments at the request of the various committees of the General Assembly. This report contains a synopsis of each of these notes and contains a summary of the Commission's review of the Public School Employees' Retirement System. This report also describes research conducted during 2009 and summarizes the Commission's administrative activities under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act and Act 293 of 1972.

On behalf of the Public Employee Retirement Commission and its staff, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the twenty-seventh annual public report of the Commission. The Commission hereby expresses its thanks and appreciation to all individuals, organizations, and agencies whose assistance and cooperation contributed to the work of the Commission during 2009.

Sincerely,

A. CARVILLE FOSTER, JR.
Chairman

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE FOR 2009

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

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Suite 1102, Commerce Building
300 North Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

February 26, 2010

Hon. Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary-Parliamentarian
of the PA Senate
Senate Box 203053
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the Annual Report of the Office of Small Business Advocate for Calendar Year 2009.

In carrying out its mission in 2009, the OSBA was guided by the realization that every dollar a business must spend on utility service or workers' compensation insurance is a dollar unavailable for expanding that business, creating jobs, or increasing pay and benefits.

As highlighted in the Annual Report, two categories dominated the OSBA's utility-related case load in 2009: First, the rates to be charged for default service electricity after the generation rate caps expire. Second, the electric conservation programs to be implemented under Act 129.

Small business customers should benefit significantly from the requirements in Act 129 that default service electricity be purchased through competitive bidding and that the rates of one customer class not subsidize the rates of another customer class. For example, the OSBA challenged the use of an index to set the 2009 default service rates for Duquesne Light Company's medium commercial and industrial ("Medium C&I") customers. The resulting settlement adopted the OSBA's

position that the rates should be set by direct purchases in the competitive market. Because of the OSBA's intervention, Duquesne's Medium C&I customers saved an estimated \$23 million in 2009 and are likely to pay less for default service in 2010 than they did in 2008.

The most significant savings because of the OSBA's activities in the more traditional utility rate cases in 2009 are as follows:

- The distribution rates for the small business customers of UGI-Penn Natural Gas were set about \$1.5 million per year lower than they would have been under the company's proposed allocation of the rate increase.
- The distribution rates for the small business customers of UGI-Central Penn Gas were set about \$480,000 per year lower than they would have been under the company's proposed allocation of the rate increase.

In addition to savings for utility ratepayers, the OSBA also helped produce savings in the workers' compensation premiums paid by employers (outside the coal industry). Specifically, the Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau proposed a 0.7% increase in the 2009 premiums for the cost of providing medical care for injured workers and for the cost of paying wages while those workers are off the job. In contrast, the OSBA recommended a 7.8% decrease. After considering the competing arguments, the Insurance Department ordered a decrease of 3.0%.

If you have any questions concerning this report or the operations of the OSBA, please contact me.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. LLOYD, JR.
Small Business Advocate

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

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of the Auditor General
229 Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

March 1, 2010

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati
Lieutenant Governor
PENNSYLVANIA SENATE
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Lt. Governor Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended), the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1 and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of:

- the average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years;
- the amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year;
- the amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- the difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- the amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued;

- the amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred;
- and the amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a)(4)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and

Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To the Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Jack Wagner, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999, as amended) certify as follows:

The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five fiscal years ended preceding the date of February 28, 2010 \$32,044,066,363

- (i) The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year \$ 7,650,495,379
- (ii) The amount of such net debt as of February 28, 2010 \$ 8,038,916,507
- (iii) The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the amount of such net debt as of the date of February 28, 2010 \$48,038,199,629
- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the current fiscal year \$ 83,205,000
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred \$74,939,406,468
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$ 8,252,148,483

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 1st day of March 2010.

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**REPORT ON FLOOD INSURANCE
CONSUMER EDUCATION PLAN**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 Insurance Department
 1326 Strawberry Square
 Harrisburg, PA 17120

March 1, 2010

Mark R. Corrigan
 Secretary/Parliamentarian
 Senate of Pennsylvania
 462 Main Capitol
 Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

The enclosed report on the Insurance Department's Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan is being submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Act 10 of Special Session Number 2 of 1996.

The Act requires that the Commissioner annually report on the progress being made by the Department to encourage Pennsylvania residents to purchase and maintain flood insurance. The Commissioner is also required to present recommendations for further promotion of flood insurance, which are contained in the Report.

The economic problems many citizens and municipalities faced this year have led to a slight decrease in the number of in-force flood insurance policies, as well as an increase in the number of communities not participating in the program.

During this upcoming year we will continue to encourage the purchase and maintenance of flood insurance by communicating its importance at outreach events, publications and media events. We will also join the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEA) in their efforts to educate and inform the municipalities of the importance of community participation.

If you have any questions about the report or the Department's Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan, please feel free to contact me, Deputy Commissioner Ronald Gallagher, or Legislative Director Mary-Jo Mullen at (717) 783-2005.

Sincerely,

JOEL ARIO
 Insurance Commissioner

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Mr. William K. Lieberman as a Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER PURSUANT TO SENATE RESOLUTION No. 161 OF 2009

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Senator Daylin Leach as a member of the Government Management and Costs Study Commission, pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 161 of 2009.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Stout and Senator Washington.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests legislative leaves for Senator Stout and Senator Washington. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, March 8, 2010

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 15, 2010, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 15, 2010, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
 Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
 GUESTS OF SENATOR JEFFREY E. PICCOLA
 PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PICCOLA. Mr. President, this afternoon, I am very grateful for the opportunity to introduce to the Senate one of this region's most effective and popular mayors, who is retiring -- has

retired, actually, at the end of last year, after 17 years of exceptional service. Mayor Richard Stottlemeyer has become affectionately known as the people's mayor to all of the people of Dauphin County. He has been doing the people's business with candor and integrity for more than two decades.

In this era of teleprompters and highly paid PR people and managed news, Mayor Stottlemeyer is someone who speaks his mind in a refreshing way. But he is more than just a talker; he is a doer. His formal service to his country and his community dates back to the 1960s, when he served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964.

He was appointed mayor of Penbrook in 1992 and retained that position in four consecutive elections. Under his service as mayor, the Penbrook Police Department was accredited, and the Penbrook Crime Watch, the Park and Walk, National Night Out, the bike patrols, and the fire police operations were all initiated. In his community, he has been a proud member and firefighter of the Penbrook Fire Company for more than 35 years, serving 7 of those years as the company president. He is a frequent fixture at basketball games for his grandchildren and is a fixture at the Saint Margaret Mary summer festivals.

As he retires this year, we want Mayor Stottlemeyer to know that he has become synonymous with Penbrook. The 3,000 citizens of the borough of Penbrook are deeply grateful for his dedication and his service. And it is on their behalf and on behalf of the Senate of Pennsylvania that I thank you, Mayor Stottlemeyer, for your years of extraordinary service, and we wish you every happiness in your retirement.

Mr. President, Mayor Stottlemeyer is in the gallery this afternoon with his wife, Arlene, and one of his grandchildren, Amanda. Would the Senate please extend Mayor Stottlemeyer a warm welcome. Thank you.

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

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR LLOYD K. SMUCKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, I am pleased today to introduce our guest Page, Kennedy Jet Kulish, who is a seventh-grade student at Manor Middle School of the Penn Manor School District in Lancaster. She is vice president of her student council, an honor roll student, a lacrosse player, an avid Girl Scout, and a dancer. However, her accomplishments and involvement do not stop there.

Kennedy is also the founder of the "Kisses for Kaeden" project. Her brother, Kaeden, who was born with a hole in his heart, was her inspiration for the project. At a young age, Kennedy learned a lot about the time, technology, and compassion that goes into a complicated medical repair. This project was created to raise awareness and funds for individuals with heart defects and their families. "Kisses for Kaeden" has raised approximately \$92,000, which has been generously donated to several nonprofit organizations, such as the Penn State Children's Hospital, the Children's Miracle Network, the American Red Cross, and the American Heart Association.

Kennedy's hard work and dedication has proved her to be an outstanding sister, student, and citizen. Please join me in giving Kennedy a warm welcome to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Smucker please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAMES FERLO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, I am very honored and pleased today to join with a number of my colleagues from Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania in greeting a number of young women who are here today as part of a program called Girl Gov, which grew out of the advocacy, education, and outreach efforts of the Women and Girls Foundation of Western Pennsylvania. Today, I had the pleasure of meeting and greeting and speaking with a young woman student, 18 years old, from the great school of Fox Chapel Area High School, Elisabeth Gallen, who is in the audience today, Mr. President. She is joined by a number of other young women, who will hopefully be introduced by my other colleagues.

Elisabeth is very active in the community, and importantly, she wants to be a public official. I tried to dissuade her of that a little bit, but she is very much into advocacy and very concerned about world and community events. She will be going off to college, possibly at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, a great university. She has also been offered an opportunity at American University, an equally great university. In the meantime, she is a proud part of the delegation that is here in the Senate and touring the Capitol.

As I mentioned, she is from Fox Chapel Area High School. She is majoring in political science, and again, she wants to pursue a career possibly in public life, in public office. Having spoken to her, she feels very strongly that the textbook learning about politics that she has gained in school is great, but she realizes that the best gain and greatest potential she has is the hands-on experience, and I think it is a valuable experience that she and the other young women who are part of the delegation have gained with their visit here to the State Capitol. I want to applaud her for her good work, wish her well, and wish her parents, Robert and Jennifer, well.

In addition, she hails from a community near my community of Highland Park. She is right across the river in the community of Aspenwald, Pennsylvania. I just want to thank Elisabeth for taking the time to be down here today; thank the Women and Girls Foundation; and thank my good friend, Heather Arnet, who is my neighbor in Highland Park, for being the executive director, past and present, of that great organization.

I now want to turn to my other colleagues, who have guests here as well. So, Mr. President, I do not know if the Chair wants them all to stand up individually or allow our other colleagues to introduce everybody and we will get them all to stand up together. But I do want to thank and applaud Elisabeth for being here today.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks the gentleman. We will hold applause for all of the guests until after all of the Senators are done speaking.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. PIPPY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PIPPY. Mr. President, as Senator Ferlo said, it really is a pleasure to be here and to share some time with these extraordinary young women. I had the fortunate opportunity to have met two of them, Meg Scanlon and Katherine Oxenreiter.

Meg is a ninth grader at Quaker Valley High School and lives in Sewickley. She has an extreme interest in government and is considering pursuing a career in either government or law. She has been involved with the Youth and Government program. In the eighth grade, she was chosen as a high school student of the year and has a particular interest in civics. She is excited to be here today as she begins her journey in high school with a keen idea of how she could become more involved and potentially pursue a career in politics down the road. So we are very, very fortunate to have her.

Sitting beside her is Katherine Oxenreiter. Katherine is a senior at Mt. Lebanon High School. Her favorite classes include social studies, civics, AP government and politics, AP history, political science, and honors international relations. She has been involved with the Model UN and the Junior State of America in her extracurricular endeavors and, in particular, is very passionate about leadership issues. I was happy to hear that not only is she interested in politics, but she wants to understand how Pennsylvania deals with the issues and how women in Pennsylvania can be more involved. Does it change the process? Does it help us have an even broader perspective? So it is very exciting to have Katherine here. She, too, is looking at potentially considering a career in politics.

Both of them feel that this program helps give them insight as they start to chart their paths through life. I think we will be very fortunate, I am very happy to have both of them in my district.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, today, I rise and am pleased to introduce to the Senate two young ladies from my district who are visiting the Capitol today, as was mentioned, as part of the Girl Gov program. Girl Gov is an initiative of the Allegheny County Change Agents, which is a project of the Women and Girls Foundation. This is a 1-day legislative shadowing program for girls in grades 8 through 12 who reside in Allegheny County. They are visiting today in honor of International Women's Day.

The first young lady is Kristina Lewis. She is the daughter of Michele and Mark Lewis of Wilkins Township. She is in the eighth grade at Woodland Hills Junior High. Kristina has had a great interest in politics since she was 8 years old. She enjoys watching political debates on TV, as many of us do, and is currently considering a career in politics.

The other young lady is Tequila Cole. Tequila is the daughter of Monica Lee of Penn Hills. She is a 10th grader at Penn Hills High School. She plans on pursuing a career in government, but more specifically, as a judge, Mr. President. She is currently

taking courses toward that end in high school, and I am very happy to report that she is earning straight A's. Tequila is using this high school experience in her honors courses as a way to help her develop a curriculum and allow her the opportunity, as I said, to be a judge.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to recognize these young ladies and give them the warm welcome that we traditionally give.

Thank you, Mr. President.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JANE C. ORIE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ORIE. Mr. President, I join my colleagues from Allegheny County and would like to welcome all of the young women participating in Girls in Government Day today in the Senate Chamber. This program is sponsored by the Women and Girls Foundation. It is designed to help young women better understand the legislative process in our Commonwealth. I have the pleasure of introducing two young women from my district who are participating, Devin Malone and Andra Labanc.

Devin is in 10th grade at North Allegheny High School. She is interested in politics and was elected to serve as president of her student council when she was in eighth grade. Devin currently serves as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils. Her parents are Michael and Susan Malone of McCandless Township, Allegheny County.

Andra, a ninth grader at Shaler Area High School, is passionate about working for social change. She hopes to pursue a career in politics and is excited to learn how the General Assembly impacts citizens on a daily basis. Her parents are Timothy and Margarite Labanc of Shaler Township, Allegheny County.

Mr. President, Abigail Adams once said, "If we mean to have heroes, statesmen and philosophers, we should have learned women." From my time getting to know these two young women today and seeing all of the young women here participating, I take great comfort in knowing that the Commonwealth continues to produce women of such learned stature and women who are ready to blaze new trails for women all across Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, I ask for the customary warm Senate greeting for all of these young ladies and welcome them here today to the Senate.

GUESTS OF SENATOR WAYNE D. FONTANA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FONTANA. Mr. President, I am also pleased to introduce two young ladies who are from my district and who are participating in the Girl Gov program that we have all been speaking of today. They are both very active in their schools and communities and are majorettes. They are Nicole Short and Hope Perri.

Nicole is in the 11th grade at Keystone Oaks High School and lives in Green Tree. After high school, Nicole hopes to major in political science and become a lawyer. She has already begun looking into potential colleges and requesting information on

political science programs. She very much enjoys learning and diving deeply into topics that she is studying, particularly when it comes to politics.

Hope Perri is in the 11th grade at Brentwood High School. She is a driven and ambitious young woman who has a passion for news and current events. She participated in an international affairs apprenticeship, which furthered her interest in politics. She is considering studying political science in college and would like to work in the field of international affairs or politics.

Mr. President, would you please welcome both Nicole Short and Hope Perri. Thank you.

GUESTS OF SENATOR SEAN F. LOGAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator LOGAN. Mr. President, I also want to introduce a young lady from my district who is participating in the same program that Senator Pippy, Senator Orié, Senator Costa, and Senator Fontana spoke about, the Girl Gov initiative. Her name is Danielle Lippert, and Danielle is in the 10th grade at Plum Senior High School and lives in Plum Borough, the community in which I live, Mr. President.

Danielle has been a member of the Girl Scouts for 10 years and has held a leadership position within the Girl Scouts for the last 2 years. Danielle is in the gifted program at Plum High School, participates on the school newspaper, is a member of the concert orchestra at her school, and is the vice president of Plum High School's drama club. Additionally, she is a member of the girls' leadership association at her school and volunteers for charitable organizations throughout Plum Borough and the area.

Mr. President, Danielle is considering a career in politics--hopefully, she waits a few years--but above and beyond that, Danielle is excited to learn about the inner workings of State government today through this program, and she is also interested in issues affecting women and learning about the ways in which State-level politics, particularly in Pennsylvania and specifically in Allegheny County, addresses these issues. She is excited to be nearing voting age, Mr. President, and to have this opportunity to become a more informed citizen. So we welcome her and the other students to the Pennsylvania Senate, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Costa, Senator Pippy, Senator Ferlo, Senator Fontana, Senator Logan, and Senator Orié please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

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 privilege of mine to introduce Karen and Gerry Berrier. They are outstanding citizen volunteers for their local library and many other worthy charities in their community. They have come here today to visit the State Capitol, and with them, they brought their grandson, Evan Scheuer. Evan is in 10th grade, and he is very interested in future studies regarding environmental studies. Please give a generous Senate welcome to the Berriers and their grandson.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, I am very pleased to introduce to this great body two very special guests, the first being Mr. Norman Houser. He is a resident of Halifax, Pennsylvania, in Wayne Township in beautiful Dauphin County. He recently retired as senior vice president of Midtown Bank after 50 faithful and productive years of service. But what really makes Mr. Houser very special is his lifelong dedication to service of his community. If I would read every citation and accommodation that he has received, we would probably be here all afternoon.

Another interesting aspect of Mr. Houser is his love of history. A very strong Civil War enthusiast, he actually played in and was on the set of three movies, the movie "Glory," the movie "Gettysburg," and the movie "Gods and Generals." He is also a veteran who served honorably in our U.S. Navy. So let us give Mr. Norman Houser a very warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Folmer please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

Senator FOLMER. My next special guest, Mr. President, is Elizabeth Hickok. Libby, as she likes to be known, is a fourth grader at Fredericksburg Elementary School. She is a member of her geography club, and what brings her to Harrisburg is that she chose, as her project, the State of Pennsylvania, and she wanted to come up and see the State Capitol. We gave her a tour. We gave her a Constitution, so look out, those people who love liberty; she is on her way.

But what really makes Libby--I almost called her Elizabeth--very special is that she is in her chorus; she is in band; as I said, she is in her geography club; and she is in the gifted program. She carries a straight-A average. She takes private piano lessons, she takes private clarinet lessons, and she sings in her church's praise choir. She is also very involved in the Girl Scouts.

So, Mr. President, I would like to welcome Libby Hickok and her father, Fred, to the Senate.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR LISA M. BOSCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, over in the House of Representatives today, the Villanova football team was honored for their national championship, and the same with Villanova's women's varsity cross country team. I do not think they are back here yet, but I am going to introduce them anyway, because they will be popping in at any minute. The president of Villanova University is with them. I think they are coming in right now. Yes, in fact, the president of Villanova University, Peter

Donohue, just walked in the gallery upstairs. We have Andy Talley, the football coach; we have Christopher Kovolski, the assistant to the president; and various others who are up there.

There are several alumni in the Senate who went to Villanova University, either undergraduate or law school. I know that Senator Pileggi, Senator Stack, Senator Farnese, and myself, all graduated in some way from Villanova University. So we have two national championship teams up there, football and women's cross country. I am proud of them. Villanova University has a reputation of being a strong college with versatile athletes. Usually, these men and women are getting A's and B's. It is a tough school, but, boy, when you graduate, you are proud, and I think you can tell right now how proud I am of them and how proud I am to be a Villanova graduate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN R. GORDNER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator GORDNER. Mr. President, it is my privilege to have today the 2009 PIAA class AAA State Championship Selinsgrove Seals Football Team. Last year, during the football championship, they were the only football team that finished the season undefeated, with a record of 16 wins and 0 losses for their first State championship. They won a thrilling State championship against Manheim Central. Up until the last 2 minutes, it was a dogfight, with the defense really holding on. They scored a touchdown with about 2 minutes to go and ended up winning 10 to 7, learning along the way that you never can give up in any game, especially in a State championship. They are led by Head Coach Dave Hess.

It is my pleasure to introduce the undefeated 2009 PIAA Class AAA State Football Championship Selinsgrove Seals.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Gordner 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 a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, also to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, there will be a Democratic caucus immediately after the committee meetings.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by the Committee on Appropriations, both to be held in the Rules room, to be

followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 973 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1077 (Pr. No. 1681) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for manufactured housing; adding provisions relating to residential buildings with log walls; and providing for a report by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

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

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 213, SB 260, SB 432, SB 435 and HB 602 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL AMENDED

SB 766 (Pr. No. 1617) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator ROBBINS offered the following amendment No. A5853:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 13, by striking out "qualified"

Amend Bill, page 3, line 19, by striking out "an" and inserting:
a higher education

Amend Bill, page 4, line 13, by striking out "A" and inserting:

To be eligible to participate in the program, a

Amend Bill, page 4, line 13, by striking out "may" and inserting:
shall

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, it is my understanding that this is an agreed-to amendment that is technical in nature.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 916 and SB 1117 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1533 (Pr. No. 1900) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for military family relief assistance.

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

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1768 and HB 1783 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 53 (Pr. No. 1663) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intestate succession, further providing for forfeiture; in wills, further providing for modification of wills; in grant of letters, further providing for advertisement of grant of letters; in administration and personal representatives, further providing for duty of personal representative; in apportionment of death taxes, further providing for enforcement of contribution or exoneration of Federal estate tax; in powers of attorney, further providing for implementation of power of attorney; in estates, further providing for applicability of rule against perpetuities and for modification of conveyance by divorce and for effect of divorce on designation of beneficiaries; in trusts, further providing for notice of representation, for creditor's claim against settlor, for actions contesting validity of revocable trusts, for claims and distribution after settlor's death, for removal of trustee, for trustee's duty to inform and report, for illustrative powers of trustee and for limitation of action against trustee; in principal and income, further providing for power to convert to unitrust and for retirement benefits, individual retirement accounts, deferred compensation, annuities and similar payments; and making conforming amendments to Title 15.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 67 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 181 (Pr. No. 1851) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and for resisting or interfering with an officer.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 642 (Pr. No. 697) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2004 (P.L.492, No.57), known as the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for responsibilities of Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and for State registration required; providing for provisional registration; and further providing for change of personal information, for registration violations and for suspension, denial, nonrenewal or revocation of State registration.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 727 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL AMENDED

SB 747 (Pr. No. 842) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation to sell land under certain conditions; and repealing certain provisions of The Administrative Code of 1929.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator RAFFERTY offered the following amendment No. A5795:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out "Includes" and inserting:

The term includes

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by striking out "Includes" and inserting:

The term includes

Amend Bill, page 2, line 15, by striking out "and" and inserting a comma

Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by inserting after "subdivision":
and the Federal Government

Amend Bill, page 2, line 30; page 3, lines 1 and 2, by striking out

all of line 30, page 2, all of line 1 and "(i)" in line 2, page 3 and inserting:

(1)

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 6 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 26, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(2) The department shall submit for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin notice that the land is contemplated for sale, inviting interested public agencies to express their interest in purchasing the land within 30 calendar days from the date of publication of the notice.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, this amendment, I believe, is an agreed-to amendment. It is a technical amendment.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 825 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 895 (Pr. No. 1065) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating the Pennsylvania Rifle as the official firearm of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 933, SB 1019, SB 1020, SB 1021, SB 1022, SB 1023, SB 1024, SB 1026 and HB 1041 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1057 (Pr. No. 1349) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, further providing for definitions, for licensure and for State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1059, SB 1060, SB 1061, SB 1062 and SB 1063 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED

SB 1074 (Pr. No. 1619) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for State recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees, for county recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees and for incarceration of pregnant women.

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 rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1076, SB 1112, SB 1193, HB 1332, HB 1515, HB 1516, HB 1517, HB 1518, HB 1519, HB 1520, HB 1523, HB 1799 and HB 1859 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 215, AMENDED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 10 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 215**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the costs to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Program nutrient load reductions required from this Commonwealth's agricultural sources and to evaluate programs and funding strategies that enhance cost-effective nutrient reductions while protecting the economic viability of this Commonwealth's agricultural sector.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator BRUBAKER offered the following amendment No. A5735:

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 21, by inserting after "technology":
and innovative best management practices

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 27, by inserting after "technology":
and innovative best management practices

Amend Resolution, page 4, line 16, by inserting after "nonagricultural":

, urban, suburban and other

Amend Resolution, page 4, lines 20 and 21, by striking out "and to the State Implementation" in line 20 and "Plan" in line 21

Amend Resolution, page 4, line 28, by striking out "November" and inserting:

June

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

HB 416 AND HB 421 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that House Bill No. 416, Printer's No. 2247, and House Bill No. 421, Printer's No. 465, 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.

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

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 16, 2010

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 November 20, 2009, for the reappointment of Sheila Dow-Ford, 2033 Bellevue Road, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

March 1, 2010

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 2, 2010, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore (Public Member), R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve until September 24, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Juli Miller, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 3, 2010

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, Deborah M. Suder, 4214 Orchard Hill Road, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donald E. Houser, Lock Haven, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

January 28, 2010

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, Seth D. Levy, 1313 Laurel Point Circle, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON PROBATION**

January 21, 2010

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, Mark J. Wilson, 738 Westover Drive, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Probation, to serve until March 14, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Robert Weldon McCullough III, Williamsport, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

TREASURER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

January 27, 2010

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, Thomas Jay Ellis, Esquire, 8332 High School Road, Elkins Park 19027, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Montgomery, to serve until the first Monday of January 2012, vice The Honorable Garrett D. Page, elected to Court of Common Pleas.

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:

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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, Thomas Jay Ellis, Esquire, 8332 High School Road, Elkins Park 19027, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Montgomery, to serve until the first Monday of January 2012, vice The Honorable Garrett D. Page, elected to Court of Common Pleas.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

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

YEA-49

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

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 87 (Pr. No. 589) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled, as amended, "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania," expanding applicability of the act to include all active duty personnel and their dependents.

SB 1044 (Pr. No. 1618) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for drug redistribution within correctional facilities.

HB 526 (Pr. No. 3169) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of September 2, 1961 (P.L.1232, No.540), known as the Model Act for the Regulation of Credit Life Insurance and Credit Accident and Health Insurance, further providing for premiums and refunds.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EARLL, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GORDNER, LOGAN, O'PAKE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, STACK, STOUT, VOGEL, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE and M. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 257**, entitled:

A Resolution observing March 1, 2010, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania; and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, while March 1 has come and passed, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge St. David's Day and pay tribute to the Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage. We all know that William Penn was one of the first people from Wales to settle in Pennsylvania, and I must say that I am a very proud descendant of those who arrived on The Welcome with William Penn many years ago in 1682. We have the highest

concentration of Welsh in the country outside of Great Britain, and it is a privilege to be here today to acknowledge the rich Welsh heritage and traditions that Pennsylvania has.

So I 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.

Senators GORDNER and TARTAGLIONE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 258**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of March 8 through 14, 2010, as "Workforce Solutions Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators STACK, RAFFERTY, FERLO, BOSCOLA, BAKER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, COSTA, FARNESE, STOUT, PILEGGI, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, McILHINNEY, BROWNE, O'PAKE, PIPPY, ROBBINS, ORIE, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, MUSTO and LOGAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 259**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 2010 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, it is that time of year again. As you can see, I am wearing a green tie, and you are going to hear in a moment from my friend and colleague, otherwise known as the other Senator wearing a green tie, Senator Rafferty. We are both offering this resolution which proclaims March 2010 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania. This year's theme is "St. Patrick, Model of Unity for the Church and the World."

St. Patrick's Day gives us an opportunity to honor the patron saint of Ireland and all people of Irish descent around this time of year, whether that descent is real or imagined. During Irish American Heritage Month, Pennsylvanians can take this entire month to honor the contributions that Irish Americans made to Pennsylvania and to our country. The Irish influence on our history is apparent in the churches and the schools that they founded, in our growth as an industrialized nation, in the military, in politics, and, well, in just about every facet of our society here in Pennsylvania.

Irish from across Pennsylvania will celebrate Irish American Heritage Month. Whether in big parades in Philadelphia--and one of these times, we are going to have you there, Mr. President--whether in Philadelphia or Scranton or in smaller celebrations in Girardville, Schuylkill County, Irish pride will be displayed and celebrated. Mr. President, I ask that we, the Members of the Pennsylvania Senate, display and celebrate the many contributions that Irish Americans have made to our Commonwealth and our nation by adopting this resolution, attending a parade or a celebration, or wearing some green on Wednesday, March 17.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, once again, I stand and join my colleague and my friend from Philadelphia County, Senator Michael Stack, in presenting a resolution for approval honoring Irish American society during the month of March. Mr. President, I am mindful of the saying, "wearing a bit o' the green," as Senator Stack and I are both wearing green ties today. Actually, that saying derives from Saint Patrick, for when you look at Irish culture, and you look at the presidential flag of Ireland, it is actually blue and gold. And when people say "wearing o' the green," it is derived from the three-leafed shamrock that Saint Patrick used to teach about the Holy Trinity throughout Ireland. So consequently, the wearing of the green grew out from that, and if you ever have the chance to visit Ireland, you will see the many colors of green, the variations in the fields throughout all of Ireland. So it is well-known and rich in the green color. And certainly, March is a time when we wear the green to show our pride in our Irish ancestry.

Mr. President, it is not just a day to celebrate with a parade. It is a time for us to reflect as well. As Senator Stack said, the history of our country and of our Commonwealth in particular is rich with Irish American influence, not only in politics, in religious life, not only in the medical community and the legal community, but also in the military. And, Mr. President, it was a colonel from Ireland who headed up the Pennsylvania Long Rifles during the American Revolutionary War. And who can forget the sacrifices made at the Battle of Gettysburg by the Irish Brigade? General Meade himself was of Irish ancestry. So there are a number of individuals throughout the history of the United States--the Sullivan brothers, famous from World War II--who dedicated themselves to the betterment of this Commonwealth and the betterment of the United States of America. It is time to reflect on their endeavors and the values that they have entrusted to us here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

I join with my colleague today to ask for unanimous support for the resolution honoring Irish Americans during the month of March. 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 Kurtis C. Ney and to Harry W. Lafko by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kris Bowman by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lauren Thorley, Katie Loeb-Schwab and to Diane D. Donaher by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shakemia Clark and to Helen Smith Bronstein Berger by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to June Robbins by Senators Leach and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Emanuel Lewis by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin L. Rogers, Eric Martin, Brian Ross Moyer and to Kyle E. Gutshall by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brooks Daniel McIntyre by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Chartiers-Houston Junior/Senior High School Varsity and Junior High Cheerleading Squads by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Westmoreland County Association of Township Supervisors by Senators D. White and Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winger and to Alexander D. Sturtz by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright by Senator Yaw.

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 Robert M. Malloy and to the family of the late Robert J. Thompson, Sr., by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. John H. Hewlett III and to the family of the late Robert T. Cooper by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late S.W. Lapkiewicz by Senator Greenleaf.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Geraldine Holden by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Sheriff John P. Durante by Senator Leach and others.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Helen M. Kelly Krumenacker, the family of the late Cynthia C. Bean, the family of the late Cyrus R. Hoagland, Sr., the family of the late Walter F. Campbell, the family of the late Walter B. Helhowski, the family of the late Olga I. Preg, the family of the late William E. Buchanan, Jr., the family of the late Victor E. Ruehl III, the family of the late Lauretta M. Clements, the family of the late Ethel E. Hemmerle, the family of the late Dorothy Mae Sauer, the family of the late William Joseph Haines and to the family of the late Miriam G. Bruzas by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Bishop John B. McDowell by Senator Orie.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Frank Sarris by Senator Stout.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Harry Reyes by Senator Tartaglione.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Donald G. Mellott by Senator Wozniak.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator SMUCKER. Mr. President, late in February, a gentleman by the name of Amos Funk passed away at the age of 98. His is not a household name, but it should be. Everyone who

takes pride in our agricultural traditions, everyone who appreciates the substantial economic contribution of agribusiness, and everyone who cherishes a productive farming future in Pennsylvania owes a debt of thanks to Amos Funk. A man of faith, he believed deeply in the responsibility of caring for the land. Through his life's work and passion, he earned the title of "father of Lancaster County farm preservation."

Lancaster County, long recognized for agricultural prominence, was the frontline example of where prime agricultural land was threatened by heavy development pressure. There, the seeds were planted for the agricultural preservation programs that have taken root in most Pennsylvania counties. To deal with the special challenge of preserving property owned by Amish and Mennonite families, the Lancaster Farmland Trust was created. Amos Funk provided a lot of the vision, energy, and innovation behind these programs. His brand of leadership involved both learning and doing. The results show. Lancaster County has 86,000 acres preserved over the past quarter-century, and more are added each year.

He worked both ends of the equation. It is important to keep good land in agriculture, but it is equally important to keep farmland in good shape by using the best practices. Soil and water conservation are common topics for discussion nowadays. Amos Funk was a pioneer in these areas, starting way back in the 1930s. We consider it a remarkable accomplishment when someone devotes 25 years in one place or to one cause; Amos's commitment to farmland conservation covered more than 75 years. State and national leaders sought his advice and secured his participation in numerous conservation and preservation efforts. It appears that he had only one answer: Yes.

Without the leadership of Amos Funk, agriculture would be much diminished in our economy. His is a most extraordinary and lasting legacy born of a fervent desire to do the right thing.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 87 and 1044; and House Bill No. 526)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

9:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1092, 1159, 1176, 1196, 1197 and 1250)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (joint public hearing with the House Local Government Committee to hear testimony from DCED on development of State plan for use of Community Services Block Grant funds)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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11:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1186 and Senate Resolution No. 226)	Room 8E-B East Wing	10:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 964 and 1147)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 P.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 214 regarding the prohibition of greyhound race simulcasting; Senate Resolution No. 255 designating "Problem Gambling Awareness Month," March 2010, in Pennsylvania and observing "National Problem Gambling Awareness Week," March 7-13, 2010; and representatives from the PA Department of Health and PA Gaming Control Board will be present to provide information on programs that deal with problem gambling)	Room 461 Main Capitol	12:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Mandate Waivers)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
	<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010</u>			<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010</u>	
9:00 A.M.	FINANCE (joint public hearing of the Senate and House Finance Committees regarding the Independent Fiscal Office)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.	11:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing to discuss Urban Modernization)	Cora Sves. 8540 Verree Rd., Phila., PA
9:30 A.M.	MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE (public hearing on the impact of the Governor's Mid-Year Budget Reductions) CANCELLED	Room 8E-A East Wing		<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010</u>	
	<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010</u>		9:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to accept testimony on Senate Bill No. 204, legislation to define vision benefits under the scope of unfair methods of competition, acts and practices)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (hearing to focus on the problem of hit and run accidents and discuss Senate Bills No. 522, 1049 and 1177)	Nazareth Hospital 2601 Holme Ave., Phila., PA	9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY and VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint public hearing on the "State's 9-1-1 Emergency Response System and its Funding")	Room 8E-B East Wing
1:00 P.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1137)	Hrg. Rm. 2303 Commr's Hall Westmoreland County Community College		RECESS	
	<u>MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010</u>			The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.	
9:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to receive testimony on Senate Bill No. 99)	Boys Latin Charter School of Philadelphia 5501 Cedar Ave., Phila., PA		Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.	
	<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010</u>			The motion was agreed to by voice vote.	
9:30 A.M.	MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE (public hearing on the Department of Environmental Protection's Permitting Process)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.		The Senate recessed at 4:05 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.	
	<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010</u>				
9:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing on Public Pension Issues)	Room 8E-A East Wing			
9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS and ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (joint public hearing to update members on efforts to develop and implement a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay watershed)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.			