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SENATE

WEDNESDAY, August 29, 2012

The Senate met at 11:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DAVID BISER, of Crosspoint United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

This is a fantastic day we get to celebrate. We do not always get days of celebration so we enjoy them, we take them as they come, and we live into them fully. Let us join together in asking God's blessing over our time today.

Kind and gracious Heavenly Father, King of all things and all people, we come before You today recognizing Your place and Your position in our lives, and especially Your place and position in this room. Thank You for the grace and mercy You give us to rise every morning, live, and breathe for You. So bless us this day, we pray. Bless our words, our thoughts, and the actions that will happen in this place. One who will move from life as he knew it into life as a Senator, we thank You for that privilege today.

Lord, we remember those who are less fortunate, especially those who are facing Hurricane Isaac today. We lift them up, and, Lord, help us to know how to support and be with them through these days and especially through the days to come. As we make decisions today, Lord, may they be ones that will be pleasing in Your sight. Give us all we need to live this day, and especially, Lord, be with those who are serving in harm's way. We lift them up today. Lord, we know their faces and their names, the men and women who serve for us and put their lives on the line.

Bless this day, this room, this place, our lives, and be with our families. We love them, Lord, and we love You. On behalf of every faith represented in this room and in this Commonwealth, we bring these prayers before You in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend Biser for offering the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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 CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

July 6, 2012

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable Fortunato (Fred) Contino, 129 Milmont Avenue, Folsom 19033, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

July 6, 2012

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable Rodney D. Ruddock, 465 Edgewood Avenue, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Teresa O'Neal, Port Royal, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

July 6, 2012

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable Bill Wenner, 5925 Stevenson Avenue, 1st Floor, Suite B, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin

County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Richard Opiela, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

July 6, 2012

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, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Sue Stewart, Adrian, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

July 6, 2012

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, Stephen A. Wallin, 1700 Cambridge Circle, Southampton 18966, Bucks County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kris Cheung, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

July 6, 2012

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, Loreli H. Bauer, M.Ed., NCTMB, 420 South 9th Street, Perkasio, 18944, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Massage Therapy, to serve until October 9, 2015, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

July 9, 2012

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 (Public Member), 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph E. Toner, III, Exton, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

July 13, 2012

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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edward Savarno, Charleroi, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 24, 2012

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 E. Grandon, Jr., 901 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2016, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ivory V. Nelson, Lincoln University, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

July 24, 2012

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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Steven D. Mitchell, Corry, deceased.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS
LICENSURE BOARD

July 27, 2012

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, Philip M. Leinbach, AIA, 1903 Clydesdale Drive, Mohrsville 19541, Berks County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period vice Harry Rutledge, York, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

July 27, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tracy Steen, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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

July 27, 2012

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, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for *[data missing]* until September 26, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Clifford N. Steinig, DO, Harrisburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

TREASURER, MCKEAN COUNTY

July 27, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial

District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of McKean, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Nancy Evans, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

July 27, 2012

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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Lehigh County *[sic]*, Magisterial District 31-1-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Maryesther S. Merlo, removed by the courts.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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

July 30, 2012

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, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until January 15, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kim W. Snyder, Coopersburg, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

July 31, 2012

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 B. Hagen, 5727 Grubb Road, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

August 2, 2012

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 Rene Robert Barczak (Public Member), 10821 Knights Road, Philadelphia 19154, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Burd, Saxonburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

August 2, 2012

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 C. Hickey, 3901 Pamay Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period vice Edward Little, Murrysville, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

August 2, 2012

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, Scott Weisser 1061 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne 19053, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kenneth Glotfelty, Carlisle, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

August 3, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ronald Ertley, Dallas, deceased.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

August 3, 2012

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, 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Kazmaier, Hollidaysburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

August 6, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until August 19, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Donna R. Hartle, Lucinda, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

CORNER, CUMBERLAND COUNTY

August 9, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Corner, in and for the County of Cumberland, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Todd C. Eckenrode, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

TREASURER, CLINTON COUNTY

August 9, 2012

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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Clinton, to serve until the first Monday of January 2014, vice The Honorable Patricia Edwards, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

August 10, 2012

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, Bryan Troop, 2 South Market Street, Apartment. 205, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joan Tarloff, Blue Bell, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

August 10, 2012

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 (Public Member), 349 Orchard Road, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Eleanor Rossman, Camp Hill, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

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

August 24, 2012

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, Mike Downing, 123 Stanford Court, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve *[data missing]* four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice LeeAnn Eschbach, Scranton, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

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

August 3, 2012

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

Please note the nomination dated June 22, 2012, for the appointment Krystjan Callahan, Two Clairburn Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first 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 for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Virginia Roth, Duncannon, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Krystjan Callahan, Two Clairburn Drive, Mechanicsburg 17050, Cumberland County, Thirty-first 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 for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Virginia Roth, Duncannon, resigned.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 16, 2012

TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore

SUBJECT: Swearing-in Ceremony

The Senate is recalled for Session at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, for the purpose of swearing-in Senator-elect Randy Vulakovich.

There will be no roll call votes. Following the ceremony, the Senate will recess until Monday, September 24, 2012, at 1 p.m.

Thank you.

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:

August 14, 2012

HB 1078 -- Committee on Education.

HB 2159 and **2485** -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

August 14, 2012

Senators ARGALL, ERICKSON, BLAKE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SCHWANK, LEACH, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FERLO, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, FARNESE, McILHINNEY, HUGHES and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1350**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, further providing for definitions and for alternative energy portfolio standards; and providing for sale and installation of customer-generator alternative energy systems.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, August 14, 2012.

Senators LEACH, ALLOWAY, FARNESE, FERLO, FONTANA, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1578**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the sale of shark fins; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 14, 2012.

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FERLO, WILLIAMS, SOLOBAY, FARNESE, COSTA, YUDICHAK and SCHWANK presented to the Chair **SB 1579**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for limitation on administrative authority; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, August 14, 2012.

Senators BRUBAKER, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, BROWNE and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1581**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for rate scales and adjustments.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, August 14, 2012.

Senator YAW presented to the Chair **SB 1582**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the conveyance of an easement and the release of Project 70 restrictions imposed on a portion of land owned by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in Gamble Township, Lycoming County, in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on certain land being conveyed to the Commission in Gamble Township, Lycoming County, and other terms and conditions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, August 14, 2012.

Senators WARD, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, FERLO, WOZNIAK, LEACH, MENSCH and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1583**, 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 braille literacy assessment.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, August 14, 2012.

Senators DINNIMAN, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, STACK, YUDICHAK, M. WHITE and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1584**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in educational improvement tax credit, further providing for definitions; and, in resource manufacturing tax credit, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, August 14, 2012.

Senators BAKER, YUDICHAK, GORDNER, ERICKSON, COSTA, RAFFERTY, SCHWANK, D. WHITE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1585**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Pennsylvania Disaster Emergency Assistance Program; establishing the Individual Disaster Assistance Grant Program and the Public Disaster Assistance Grant Program; providing for the deposit of liquor tax revenues into the Disaster Emergency Assistance Account; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, August 14, 2012.

August 16, 2012

Senators EARLL, EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, PICCOLA, BROWNE and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 1570**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act, further providing for right to enter into collective bargaining, for duty to exert reasonable effort to settle, for date for collective bargaining to commence, for appointment of board of arbitration, for powers of arbitrators, for determination of board of arbitration and for costs and expenses; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, August 16, 2012.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

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

Senator Richard L. Alloway as a member of the Committee on Law and Justice.

Senator Stewart Greenleaf as a member of the Pennsylvania State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision.

Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr., as a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Mr. Neal Bisno as a member of the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Mr. Roy E. Brant, Ph.D., as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Samuel Denisco as a member of the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Mr. Matthew D. Dupee as a Commonwealth Trustee of Lincoln University.

Mr. David Hess as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council.

Hon. Robert T. Regola III as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mr. John Verbanac as a member of the Board of the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. Mark C. Hammond as a member of the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

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

Mr. Ryan N. Boyer as a member of the Public-Private Transportation Board.

Mr. Frederick C. Sheeler as a member of the Electronic Recording Commission.

Mr. Dennis A. Watson as a member of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALTERNATIVE FUELS INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

June 14, 2012

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to present to you the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) Program 2010 Annual Report. This report summarizes the accomplishments of the program, which seeks to improve this commonwealth's air quality and reduce the consumption of imported oil through the use of home-grown alternative fuels that help the state's economy and environment.

The AFIG Program was established via the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act of 2004, P.L. 1376, No. 178. Section 4 of this act requires that distribution of an annual report to the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Senate and to the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the House of Representatives.

You will note that 30 grant recipients received approximately \$9 Million in Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant funding. The grant awards leveraged \$27.4 Million of funding from other sources. These projects are also anticipated to result in approximately 115.7 million gallons of gasoline/diesel displaced annually and are expected to also reduce air pollution by more than 2.1 tons of SO_x, approximately 1.235 million tons of CO₂ and more than 44 tons of NO_x.

Of the 30 projects funded in the 2012-11 program year, the project breakdown by awards is as follows:

- Eight (8) CNG projects totaling over \$4.5 Million in awards
- Seven (7) Biodiesel projects totaling over \$1.5 Million in awards
- Ten (10) Electric transportation Infrastructure projects totaling over \$1 Million in awards
- Three (3) Propane projects totaling over \$800,000.00 in awards
- Two (2) Battery projects totaling over \$800,000.00 in awards

If you have questions, please contact Tom Santanna, Director of Legislative Affairs, by e-mail at tsantanna@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.8303.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL L. KRANCER
Secretary

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

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION RULINGS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
State Ethics Commission

TO: Director or Administrator
FROM: John J. Contino, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
DATE: July 5, 2012
RE: Distribution of State Ethics Commission Rulings

On June 26, 1989, the revised Public Official and Employee Ethics Law was enacted which re-authorized the State Ethics Commission. The State Ethics Commission is responsible for issuing various types of rulings on matters within its mandated jurisdiction. Pursuant to the law, the Commission is mandated to forward, quarterly, a copy of every Opinion, Advice of Counsel, and Order issued to one law library in each county, one public library in each county, the State Library, the State Senate Library, each authority appointing a Commission member, the Pennsylvania Association of County Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, the Pennsylvania State School Boards Association, and the Pennsylvania League of Cities. Your agency is either specifically identified in the above requirement or has been selected as a library to which this mailing will be made pursuant to the above authority. As such, enclosed please find decisions of the State Ethics Commission from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. Due to budgetary restraints, a CD containing said rulings will replace paper copies that were previously sent.

For your information, the Commission generally issues these types of decisions as follows:

Commission Opinions - Opinions are advisory rulings issued by the State Ethics Commission regarding the duties and responsibilities of public officials and employees under the Public Official and Employee Ethics Law. Opinions are cataloged by year of issuance followed by the sequential number of the opinion during that year. As such, opinions relating to 2012 will begin with the number 12-001 and proceed there from as decisions are rendered.

Advice of Counsel- The Commission's Chief Counsel is authorized to issue similar advisory letters. Such letters are issued generally when there is prior precedent for counsel to rely upon in issuing a decision or when the provisions of the State Ethics Act directly provide the answer to the question posed. Advice of Counsel letters are numbered with the year and a 500 series number that progresses in order therefrom as rulings are issued. If more than 100 such letters are issued, a 600 series number will then be used.

Orders - Commission orders are issued at the end of an investigation and are determinations as to whether or not there has been a violation of the State Ethics Act. Commission orders are categorized numerically from the date of the first Order in 1979. That is, the first Order issued was order No. 1. All Orders proceed there from.

It is recommended that Opinions, Advices of Counsel and Orders be maintained separately (in numerical order) so as to afford better retrievability.

The enclosed items are being forwarded for retention, cataloging and for the purpose of being publicly available for review by citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may have an interest therein. Additional mailings will be made on a quarterly basis henceforth. If you have any questions in relation to your receipt of these documents and future distribution, please contact me at 717-783-1610 or 800-932-0936.

For your information, all Commission rulings are available on-line at www.ethics.state.pa.us.

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

REPORT ON TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION FOR 2012

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA 17120

July 23, 2012

Representative [sic] Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary of Senate
Office of Secretary of Senate
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative [sic] Corrigan:

As required by the Job Enhancement Act of 1996, (P.L. 434, No 67), Act 113, Section 2706, as amended, I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation for the mid-year of 2012.

This report includes:

- 1. a summary of volume cap allocation usage for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds; and
- 2. a list of small issue and exempt facility allocations including the issuing authority, project name, allocation amount, and estimated jobs for each project.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

C. ALAN WALKER
Secretary

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

AUDITOR GENERAL CERTIFICATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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

August 6, 2012

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati
President Pro Tempore
PENNSYLVANIA SENATE
292 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of 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), I am providing you with the accompanying certification in connection with the general obligation bond sale of July 24, 2012.

A duplicate original of the Auditor General's 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 Capitol 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 amount of outstanding net debt
as of August 9, 2012. \$9,244,056,258

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
outstanding net debt as of
August 9, 2012. \$48,916,252,932

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 6th day of August 2012.

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, as a special order of business, I ask that the Senate proceed to receive the returns of election for the special election held in the 40th Senatorial District on the 7th day of August 2012, and that the oath of office be administered to Senator-elect Randy Vulakovich.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. At the request of Senator Waugh, and without objection, as a special order of business, the Senate will now proceed to receive the official election returns for the special election held in the 40th Senatorial District and administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Randy Vulakovich.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, Shannon Royer.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Deputy Secretary ROYER. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of presenting the returns for the special election held on August 7, 2012.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Deputy Secretary Royer.

The Chair lays before the Senate the following communications from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which the Clerk will read.

The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Fortieth Senatorial District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Allegheny and Butler County Boards of Elections. Randy Vulakovich, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Senator in the General Assembly.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-eighth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

CAROL AICHELE
Secretary of the Commonwealth

OFFICIAL
RETURNS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
40th Senatorial District

August 7, 2012

VOTE

REPUBLICAN - Randy Vulakovich 16,321
DEMOCRATIC - Sharon Brown 6,043

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the record, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has also certified that Senator-elect Vulakovich has filed the accounts and affidavits as required by Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR-ELECT RANDY
VULAKOVICH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Before proceeding to the administration of the oath of office, the Chair would like to introduce some special guests, members of the Senator-elect's family and staff who are with us today: his wife, Bobbie; his daughter, Stacy; his mother, Betty; his sister, Debbie; his brother, Tom; and his sister-in-law, Lisa. Behind me is the Honorable Robert Dzvonic and his wife, Donna; Tim Rogers, manager of Shaler Township; Melissa Farabaugh, his chief of staff, and her daughters, Taylor and Amanda; and the staff, Nick Martrano, Jim Fisher, Pat Geiger, and intern, Anthony Balouris. Welcome. Would the Senate please join in welcoming his guests.

(Applause.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair would now take this opportunity to politely remind all of our guests that taking still pictures or videotaping in the Senate Chamber is not permitted. So I ask that during the administration of the oath of office, no pictures or videos be taken. At the end of Session today, however, there will be time once we recess that you may take your photographs.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It is an honor and privilege to have with us today the Honorable Robert Dzvonic, Magisterial District Justice from Allegheny County. He has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oath of office to Senator-elect Randy Vulakovich in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Will the Senator-elect please present himself at the bar of the Senate.

Members and guests, please rise.

Judge Dzvonic will now administer the oath of office. Your Honor.

Judge DZVONICK. Thank you, Mr. President.

Raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me:

I, Randy Vulakovich, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and of this great Commonwealth, and that I will faithfully execute the duties of State Senator for the 40th District of Pennsylvania with honesty, integrity, and fidelity, so help me God.

Congratulations, Senator.

(Applause.)

Judge DZVONICK. First off, I would like to thank the Senate and thank our newly-elected Senator Vulakovich for asking me to have this honor to come up here and swear him in. I first met

Randy Vulakovich in the early 1980s when he was a young police officer and I was his drill instructor at the police academy. I also had another Member in this Chamber, Senator Costa. He was a cadet. Thank God they were not in the same class or there would not have been enough vodka for me to get through the night. They did excellent jobs, both of them. Senator, I want you to know that I was the guest speaker at the academy graduating class, and it was a nice honor that there were 35 chiefs sitting to the right, and 20 of them were my ex-cadets, but this beats them all.

So congratulations, Senator Vulakovich.
(Applause.)

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On behalf of the Senate, the Chair would like to thank Magisterial District Judge Dzvovnick for presiding at the ceremony, and we congratulate Senator Vulakovich.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 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 David Laughman, Wesley Clark and to the Franklin County Association of Township Officials by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, Tyler Winterburn, Tyler Groner, Joseph Grabowski, Hannah E. Springer and to the Good Will Fire Company No. 4 of Pottsville by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Martin Jablonski by Senators Argall and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rabbi Larry G. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. John Shatrowskas, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hollock, Andrew J. Sordoni III, Eric Linde, Gary Linde, Ruth Frances Williams, George Piercy, Michael G. Stanton, Hunter Vandorick, Frances Remsen, Caitlin Best, Josh Siegel, Jake Siegel, Leeward Construction, Bethel Lutheran Church, Cherry Ridge Airport, Hemlock Farms Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Sweet Valley Church of Christ, Wayne Ambulance, Ledgedale Volunteer Fire Department and Dive Team, Wayne County Emergency 911 Dispatchers, Tafton Fire and Rescue Company, Pike County Emergency 911 Dispatchers and to Deets Holding Company, Inc., by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Susquehanna County Conservation District by Senators Baker and Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jacobson and to the InterMountain Medical Group by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin C. Dillard, Owen Roff, Ed Charles, R. Charles Stehly, Jonathan Regits and to Brian Moeller by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pocono Alliance of Stroudsburg by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Caruso, Martin Guitar of Nazareth, Sands Casino Resort of Bethlehem, Kressler, Wolff and Miller, Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs and to the Allentown Rescue Mission by Senators Boscola, Browne and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Lawrence John Ambrose, Hermon B. Jefferies and to Ardina Guglielmo by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Bruner, Saints Peter and Paul Polish Roman Catholic Church and to the citizens of the City of Allentown by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lupe Pearce, Sacred Heart HealthCare System and to Boyle Construction, Inc., by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Steeley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Sweigart, Mr. and Mrs. James Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rihn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keznor, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Rehm, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mast, Travis Michael Kinser, Zach Bookman, Benjamin David Lynes, to the citizens of Paradise Township, Red Run Mennonite Church, Vintage Jewelry Design of Lititz, F and M Hat Company of Denver, Women's Club of Manheim, Wilton Armetale and to the Tomorrow's World Child Development Center of Ephrata by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Darrenkamp's by Senators Brubaker, Folmer and Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Peachey, Cody Mickel Shadel, William C. Nichol, Mervin R. Zendt and to the citizens of the Borough of Port Royal by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Thomas F. Lamb, Edward M. Ferchak, Zachary W. Toner, Fred A. Klug and to the Spigno Saturnia Italo-American Society of Pittsburgh by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric Scott Wallace, Marie R. Gleason, Edna Matthews, James Spencer Heiden, Edna Louise McMinimee, Pamela Bryer, Forge Theatre of Phoenixville, Wharton Esherick Museum, West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association, Congregation B'nai Jacob and to the Saint Paul's Baptist Church by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by Senators Dinniman and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Martha W. Hammer by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. Robert G. Duncan, Bruce C. Rutledge and to the Ministers' Alliance of Coatesville and Vicinity by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander M. Skal, Erie Homes for Children and Adults and to Multi-Cultural Health Evaluation Delivery Systems, Inc., by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Hiram A. Carpenter III, Lucas Owen Dixon, Caleb Brett Acker, Joseph S. Sheetz and to the Fair Family Farms of Mannschoice by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frank Corr, Benjamin Lambert and to the Devereux by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward F. Chacker, and to Phillip Lucas by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Constance D. Diskin by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frances Alberta Colletto by Senator Ferlo and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frank Heilman, Zachary Engle, Robert F. Strickland, Jamie Gray and to the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the citizens of the Borough of Womelsdorf by Senators Folmer and Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary W. Toner by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Bittner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schott, Helen Rowe, Joseph Gary Todd and to Maria Joseph Manor by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Very Reverend Monsignor Richard T. Bolger, Chief Richard J. Brady, Bertie Fischer, Chardell Kendrick, Gavin William Lichtenstein, Frank Gerson, John Dwyer, William Leech Crothers, Myrtle J. Williams, Hatboro-Horsham Educational Foundation, Fort Washington Estates, Second Alarmers' Association and Rescue Squad of Montgomery County, Inc., ACTS Retirement-Life Communities and to the School District of Upper Dublin by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Janet S. Klein and to Robert M. Lam by Senators Greenleaf and Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keenan, Right Reverend Barbara C. Harris, Reverend Dr. Valerie J. Bridgeman, Reverend Cynthia A. Jarvis, Reverend Muriel Johnson-Providence, Reverend Aisha Brooks Lytle, the late Reverend Dr. E. Louise Saunders, Dr. Yalonda E. Houston, Stephanie Nolan Deviney, Betty Leacraft, Flossie Mae Rivers, Patricia Sandlin, Cornerstone Baptist Church of Philadelphia and to the Philadelphia Council for Community Advancement by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hankinson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilkins, Dr. James M. Snider and to the Western Maryland Railroad Station in Meyersdale by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Ritvalsky and to the Club Valiants, Inc., by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Joseph Prestia, Ronald G. Wagenmann, Shelley Leiner, Cynthia Guinyard, Joseph Lotito, Virginia Rueber, Lucy Burruss and to the Lafayette Ambulance and Rescue Squad, Inc., by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Willis M. Rivinus, Marvin Woodall, Bucks County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and to the Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic Dental Program by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frederick E. Schea by Senators McIlhinney and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin by Senators McIlhinney and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rose Bassoline, James Harris, Paul S. Bitner, to the citizens of the Borough of Lansdale and to the Hope Church Nursery School of Allentown by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. C. Kevin Gillespie, Daniel DeShong, Leanna Nelson Johnson, Lynne M. Barag, Christopher J. Hessler, Alexander Anthony Peterson, Matthew Haegle, Siloam United Methodist

Church of Garnet Valley, Kennett Square Mushroom Festival and to the "Hellenic News of America" by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Diane Carey by Senator Pileggi and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dylan Ross Downey, Shirley Fiorentino, Dorothea Clevenger, Michael Marta, Gregory Sabol, Bursich Associates, Inc., and to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, National Camp by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend E. Lauranie Acey, David C. Overholtzer and to Frederick H. Schuetz by Senators Rafferty and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Salim Maher Khalife, Joseph George, Gayle W. Hillkirk, Robert Bartley Miller, Crawford County 4-H and to the Maurice K. Goddard State Park by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Duane D. White IV, Reverend and Mrs. Charles M. Lee, Jr., Samuel Kysor and to Kevin Benson by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler John Fitzgerald, Justin J. Seisler, Kirkland M. Turner, Bryan Gary Seyfert, Katherine Beekman, Jack David Gulati, Saint Joseph Adult Day Care, Greater Reading Economic Partnership, Animal Rescue League of Berks County and to the Humane Society of Berks County by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Columbia Cottage by Senators Schwank and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Greater Reading Economic Partnership by Senator Schwank and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin Litofsky, Zachery R. Blouse and to Colin Aitken by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Calvert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ballas, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Bowling, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olczak, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yanchak, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright, Joseph Gladys, David Hapchuk, Tracy Wingenroth, Trooper Raymond C. Stewart, Jr., Coleman Scott and to the Fawcett United Methodist Church by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey Joseph Altmeier, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 830, Christos Mar Thoma Church and to the Allegra Print and Imaging by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Anton Hackett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lopez, Dan Polett, Richard Albert Vermeil, Sara Manzano-Diaz, Iris Violeta Coln-Torres, Alba E. Martinez, Ashley Hernandez, LuzSelenia Salas, John Ellmore, Vince Gallagher, International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 22, New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations, Inc., Metal Trades Council, District 1199C Training and Upgrade Fund and to the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable James F. Cawley, Honorable John F. Cordisco, Dr. Stephen Liedtka, Karen McElroy O'Donnell, John W. Lyons, Timothy Bontempi, Joshua McKeone, Brown's Family ShopRite of Fairless Hills, Manhattan Bagel of Langhorne and to the Silver Lake Nature Center by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Morrisville by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donna J. Byrne by Senators Tomlinson, McIlhinney and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Den Kelleher, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Creamer, Mr. and Mrs. Dieter Rollfinke, Daniel W. Bruening, Joan M. Morgan, Thaddeus I. Guise, James Leroy Bell, Esther Ocker, John Seifert, Ezra Simon Frick, Donald E. Grell II, Phyllis C. Griffin and to the Rite Aid Corporation by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin Ritchie, Joyce Oswald, Joe Cioffi, Christa Harmotto, Evans Hunter, Beaver Falls Lions Club, Bridgeville Public Library and to the Harmony Township Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Jeffrey D. Gally, Teagan Rowland, James Robert Schafer, Karen Bielski Hofffield, Robert Stout, Nick Nelson, Steven Francis, Ray Ballantine, Brenda Larrimer Miller, to the citizens of Cranberry Township, 1979-1980 Shaler Area High School Boys' Soccer Team and to the Elfinwild Presbyterian Church by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Skiavo, Matthew Daniel Kowalyk, Nicholas Merle Morozowich, Westmoreland County Sportsmen's League, the Westmoreland County Airport Authority and to the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Winifred W. Morris, Mitchell Ball, Jr., and to the Prometheus Ukrainian Male Chorus of Philadelphia by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander E. Rohrbaugh by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brant Cirrincione, Parker James Stupic, Ferri Pharmacy and to the Creekside Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Don White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Reddinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCarren, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bickel, Helen K. Toy, Gary P. Myers, Mid-Atlantic Youth Services Western Pennsylvania Child Care and to the Venango County Association of Township Officials by Senator Mary Jo White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sponsky, Travis Paul Yahner and to the Nanty-Glo Fire Company by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sallade, Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Mitstifer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Weigle, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Decker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Duane Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Staiman, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Laidacker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Riddell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moffatt, Barbara B. Hudock and to the Bradford County Township Officers Association by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Insalaco, Sister Miriam Francis Stadulis, Girard Mecadon, Charles A. Adonizio III, Joseph DeVizia, Saint Leo the Great Church, Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and to the Greater Pittston Ambulance Association by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Luann M. Letoski by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Corey A. Ehret, to the family of the late Robert W. Hannigan, to the family of the late Royce E. Engler, to the family of the late Phyllis Jean Eckman, to the family of the late Josephine M. Zimmiski, to the family of the late Rebecca M. McCallick, to the family of the late Frances L. Weaver, to the family of the late Marvin Carkhuff, to the family of the late Carol Jean Hilbert and to the family of the late Kelci Gibbons by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dorothy Jean Cannon by Senators Baker and Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mark Schneider by Senators Costa, Ferlo and Fontana.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James R. Graham, Jr., and to the family of the late William G. Solen, Sr., by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Moses Walker, Jr., and to the family of the late Rosa L. Basley Thomas by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Daniel P. Vaughan, to the family of the late Frank B. Dunlap, Jr., to the family of the late Deborah Ellen Shields Finney, to the family of the late Collin Michael Abrams, to the family of the late Natale Stabile, to the family of the late Anne L. Calhoun, to the family of the late Taylor Lonsdale, to the family of the late Harold William Rohr, to the family of the late Lawrence E. Brinkmann, Jr., and to the family of the late Kevin John McArdle by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late the Honorable Anthony Joseph Melio by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Raymond L. Howe by Senator Mensch.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Richard T. Graham by Senator Piccola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Samuel F. Dalfonso, to the family of the late Helen B. Arnold, to the family of the late Anne R. Zupancic, to the family of the late Patricia Joann Davis, to the family of the late Henry Edward Sawchuck, to the family of the late Dolores Lorain Sedlak Veres, to the family of the late Ritchie D. Weaver, Sr., to the family of the late Claudette Lee Shook and to the family of the late Susan M. Ringel Zoog by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jack W. Blumenfeld, to the family of the late Edward W. Kelly and to the family of the late Brian J. Lorenzo by Senator Stack.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Louise Baxter and to the family of the late Mamie Louise Stewart-Gillette by Senator Washington.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Walter Leon Kirby and to the family of the late Joseph Tamburro by Senator Williams.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Mercedes J. Leighton, to the family of the late Thomas A. Walsh and to the family of the late Joseph S. Gans, Sr., by Senator Yudichak.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late David A. Wintz, Sr., was extended to the family by Senator Tomlinson.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Leslie H. Sabo was extended to the family by Senator Vogel.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

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

Senator Randy Vulakovich as vice chairman of the Committee on Aging and Youth; as a member of the Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development; as a member of the Committee on Game and Fisheries; as a member of the Committee on Intergovernmental Operations; and as a member of the Committee on Transportation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012

10:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Local Government Unit Deb Act and forensic report on Harrisburg Resource Recovery Facility)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012

9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on federal stimulus broadband projects)	Room. 8E-A East Wing
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2012

9:00 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing to provide information to the Committee and other interested parties on Pennsylvania Sea Grant - "Pharmaceuticals in Water", and Asian Carp)	Tom Ridge Environmental Cntr. at Presque Isle, 301 Peninsula Dr., Erie PA
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012

9:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (informal briefing on the 911 Funding Report from the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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"Pennsylvania's 911 Emergency Telephone System: Funding, Expenditures, and Future Challenges and Opportunities")

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 24, 2012, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:53 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.