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**SENATE**

TUESDAY, April 13, 2004

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend PAUL A. LAUCHLE, of Colonial Park United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Father, as this corporate body begins this work today, may the words that we are about to recite continually echo in our hearts, the Senate Chamber, this Capitol building, this Commonwealth, and this grand old Republic, the words being, "One nation, under God...." May we live and work together as people who believe what these words indicate. In doing so, may we recognize Your divine power in these places and discern the leading of Your Holy Spirit, so to understand and fulfill Your holy purpose and will, not ours. The trueness of our prayer is that we can write on the epitaphs of our lives the words of the Scriptures, for David served the purpose of God in his own generation.

May each of us ready ourselves not just for electoral accountability but the ultimate judgment of ourselves, Almighty God. Let us not be found wanting. Let us be found faithful in our generation. And so this day we lift before You the leaders of this nation, President Bush, Vice President Cheney, the members of Congress, the Justices of the Supreme Court. We intercede for our Governor, Edward Rendell; the President of this Chamber, Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll; the Members of the House of Representatives; and especially I pray today for the Members of this Senate. Truly, lead each one so that they may acknowledge Your wisdom, help them to seek Your word, seek after Your will, and see it clearly.

We pray that this Senate, its leaders and Members, will tackle with integrity and through just, wholesome means the items on their agenda. Many challenging issues confront this Commonwealth. Moral dilemmas and political decisions need to be made that require more than we mere mortals are capable of doing on our own. So, let this body earnestly and humbly ask for Your help. Be with them so that they can make wise and just choices for the citizenry of this great Commonwealth.

May You, O God, bless the United States of America, especially in our time of war. Protect our service women and men, as

well as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and these Senators as we lift this prayer in the name of the One who created us, redeemed us, and now empowers us for all of the tasks and responsibilities before each of us this day. May we remain one nation, under God. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Lauchle, who is the guest today of Senator Pippy and Senator Piccola.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of March 31, 2004.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding Session, when, on motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by voice vote, further reading was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**APPROVAL OF SENATE BILLS**

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following Senate Bills had been approved and signed by the Governor:

**SB 10, SB 907, SB 975 and SB 1026.**

**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 CONSTABLES'  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD**

April 1, 2004

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 William E. Keyser, 32 Crimson King Lane, Levittown 19055, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial

District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve until October 20, 2006, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Robert Gallis, Pittsburgh, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CONSTABLES'  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

April 1, 2004

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 Sandra A. Miller, 535 River Road, Yardley 19067, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Constables' Education and Training Board, to serve until November 13, 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Cloyd Brenneman, Sharpville, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

CONTROLLER, CHESTER COUNTY

April 1, 2004

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, Ray White, 714 Westridge Gardens Way, Phoenixville 17460, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Chester, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice Carol T. Aichele, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF DENTISTRY

April 1, 2004

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 Ayes, D.D.S., 16 Llanberris Road, Bala Cynwyd 19004, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard C. Howells, D.D.S., Roaring Springs, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF DENTISTRY

April 1, 2004

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, Allan M. Horwitz, Esquire, (Public Member), 222 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville 19320, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six 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 DENTISTRY

April 1, 2004

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 Reitz, D.D.S., 15 Hessian Boulevard, Reading 19607, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six 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 EDUCATION

April 1, 2004

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, Karl R. Girton, P.O. Box 200, Millville 17846, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2009, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION

April 1, 2004

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, Mollie O'Connell Phillips, 148 South Maple Avenue, Kingston 18704, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2009, or until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICINE

April 1, 2004

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, Charles Hummer, Jr., M.D., 20 Guernsey Road, Swarthmore 19081, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth 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 MEDICINE

April 1, 2004

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, Annette McDaniel-Turner, M.D., 6601 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of 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 Daniel B. Kimbal, M.D., Reading, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF NURSING

April 1, 2004

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, Janet Hunter Shields, R.N., 107 Coventry Court, Palmyra 17078, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM  
PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

April 2, 2004

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, Carl T. Shaffer, P.O. Box 2, West Third Street, Mifflinville 18631, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor has been appointed and qualified, vice Beverly K. Gruber, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE FARM  
PRODUCTS SHOW COMMISSION

April 2, 2004

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, Elizabeth M. Shorb, 1140 Woodland Drive, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Farm Products Show Commission, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor has been appointed and qualified, vice Harry H. Bachman, Annville, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

April 2, 2004

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, Leonard N. Zito, Esquire, 641 Market Street, Bangor 18013, Northampton County, Eighteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice The Honorable Jack Panella, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

JUDGE, PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT

April 2, 2004

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, Adrian R. King, Jr., Esquire, 8833 Norwood Avenue, Philadelphia, 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice The Honorable Seamus P. McCaffery, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

SHERIFF, WASHINGTON COUNTY

April 2, 2004

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, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Washington, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice Larry Maggi, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

## TREASURER, JEFFERSON COUNTY

April 2, 2004

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 Treasurer, in and for the County of Jefferson, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice Paul Corbin, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

## DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 2, 2004

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, Paula M. Aigner, Esquire, 107 Sandstone Drive, Hollidaysburg 16648, Blair County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Blair, Magisterial District 24-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice Elizabeth A. Doyle, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

## DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 2, 2004

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 P. Miller, Esquire, 118 East Main Street, Smethport 16749, McKean County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of McKean, Magisterial District 48-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice John H. Yoder, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

## DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 8, 2004

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 District Justice, in and for the County of Luzerne, Magisterial District 11-2-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice John J. Hopkins, deceased.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

## HOUSE MESSAGES

## SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 304**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV, section 5, this bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

## 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:

April 5, 2004

- HB 417** -- Committee on Finance.
- HB 659** -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.
- HB 1120** -- Committee on State Government.
- HB 2066** and **2163** -- Committee on Transportation.

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- HB 1930** -- Committee on Judiciary.
- HB 2230** -- Committee on Transportation.

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- HB 1238** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.
- HB 1274** and **1913** -- Committee on Education.
- HB 1911** -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.
- HB 2149** -- Committee on Local Government.

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- HB 2170**, **2171** and **2319** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

## 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:

April 5, 2004

Senators **RHOADES**, **DENT**, **D. WHITE**, **PILEGGI**, **WOZNIAK**, **BOSCOLA**, **C. WILLIAMS** and **THOMPSON** presented to the Chair **SB 1065**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1949 (P.L.482, No.98), entitled, as amended, "An act authorizing and requiring cities, boroughs, townships, municipal authorities and public utility companies engaged in the supplying of water, to shut off the supply of water for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage, or sewage treatment rentals, rates, or charges imposed by municipal authorities organized by counties of the second class, by cities of the second class, by cities of the second class A, by cities of the third class, by boroughs or by townships of the first or second class; authorizing and requiring them to supply to such

authorities lists of metered water readings and flat-rate water bills and other data; authorizing them to act as billing and collecting agents for such authorities; and conferring certain powers upon the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in connection therewith," further providing for shutting off water if sewer charge not paid and notice and statement of defense.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 5, 2004.

Senators PIPPY, WAGNER, TOMLINSON, WONDERLING, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, STACK, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 1081**, entitled:

An Act providing for emergency tuition assistance to employees who were laid off or terminated due to a terroristic act; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 5, 2004.

Senators GORDNER, M. WHITE, ERICKSON, COSTA, THOMPSON, LEMMOND, FERLO, BOSCOLA, MADIGAN, D. WHITE, CONTI and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 1083**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, providing for a voluntary checkoff on license application for spay and neutering program; and creating the County Dog Shelter Restricted Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 5, 2004.

Senators GORDNER, MADIGAN, FUMO, BOSCOLA, FERLO and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 1084**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for retention of edible carcass for food.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 5, 2004.

Senators FUMO, CONTI, KUKOVICH, LOGAN, LAVALLE, MELLOW, COSTA, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWARTZ, KITCHEN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1085**, entitled:

An Act providing for medical practice disclosure; imposing powers and duties on the Department of State; and providing for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 5, 2004.

#### April 7, 2004

Senators WAGNER, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, KASUNIC, ORIE, COSTA, O'PAKE, MUSTO, WAUGH, FERLO, BOSCOLA, C. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, LOGAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1082**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 7, 2004.

Senators ROBBINS, D. WHITE, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, PIPPY, PICCOLA, WENGER, WAGNER, LEMMOND, TOMLINSON, KUKOVICH, PILEGGI, GORDNER, MUSTO, MOWERY, M. WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, PUNT, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, EARLL, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, ORIE, COSTA, WOZNIAK, STACK and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1086**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "soldier."

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 7, 2004.

Senators THOMPSON, KUKOVICH, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, COSTA, KITCHEN, LEMMOND and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1087**, entitled:

An Act regulating the practice and licensure of denturists.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 7, 2004.

Senators WAGNER, KITCHEN, COSTA, ORIE, LOGAN, MELLOW, STOUT, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, MUSTO, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, FUMO, RAFFERTY, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE, PIPPY, KASUNIC, WOZNIAK, RHOADES and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1088**, entitled:

An Act amending act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further defining "occupational disease"; and providing for cancer in the occupation of firefighter.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 7, 2004.

Senators WAGNER, KITCHEN, COSTA, ORIE, LOGAN, STOUT, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, MUSTO, WAUGH, DENT, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, C. WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, PIPPY, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, STACK and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 1089**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 7, 2004.

Senators PIPPY, THOMPSON, CORMAN, D. WHITE, LEMMOND and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1090**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for powers and duties of the intermediate unit board of directors.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 7, 2004.

**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:

April 7, 2004

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, BRIGHTBILL, PICCOLA, PILEGGI, PUNT, CONTI, COSTA, WAGNER, RHOADES, CORMAN, M. WHITE, PIPPY, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, MOWERY, GORDNER, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SR 229**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to investigate the Department of General Services strategic sourcing initiative for State and local government procurement; to accurately measure actual savings and costs of strategic sourcing; to review alternative plans examined by the department; to examine the department's development and implementation of strategic sourcing, especially with regard to the impact on Pennsylvania small business; and to analyze procurement spending data.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 7, 2004.

Senators C. WILLIAMS, KUKOVICH, FERLO, WAGNER, STOUT, LOGAN, SCHWARTZ, M. WHITE, KITCHEN, COSTA, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY and STACK presented to the Chair **SR 235**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study and report on health insurance discount options for child-care providers through group pooling.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 7, 2004.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator John R. Pippy as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVES**

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I ask for a legislative leave for Senator Punt.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill requests a legislative leave for Senator Punt. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Schwartz, Senator Stout, and Senator Tartaglione, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Connie Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests legislative leaves for Senator Schwartz, Senator Stout, and Senator Tartaglione, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Connie Williams. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**RECESS ADJOURNMENT**

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

In the Senate, April 13, 2004

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 3, 2004, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the Senate adjourns the week of May 3rd, it reconvene on Monday, May 10, 2004, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 10, 2004, 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 BRIGHTBILL and were as follows, viz:

**YEA-49**

Armstrong	Hughes	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	Pileggi	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Punt	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Rafferty	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Dent	Lemmond	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Earl	Logan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Schwartz	Wonderling
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wozniak
Fumo	Musto	Stout	
Gordner	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Greenleaf	Orie	Thompson	

**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 JAMES FERLO  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator FERLO. Madam President, I am not sure if they are actually up in the balcony at this time, they might be wandering the halls, like every other good lobbyist that is here today, but we have a very active group of citizens from the greater Pittsburgh area from the Good Schools Pennsylvania organization. Obviously, they are education advocates struggling to convince this great State legislature and the Honorable Members of the Senate to do the right thing when it comes to adequate public education funding.

In the gallery this afternoon is Celeste Taylor, Kenneth Miller, Audrey Spell, Eric Spell, and Joan Bradley from the Pittsburgh Good Schools Pennsylvania group. Will the Senate join in giving them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests from Pittsburgh please rise so we can give you a warm round of applause.

(Applause.)

#### **GUEST OF SENATOR NOAH W. WENGER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WENGER. Madam President, today I have in the gallery a fine young man from my district in Lancaster County. His name is Andrew Strickler, and he is a junior at Columbia High School, Columbia. The reason he is here today is because he won an election in the Youth Day in Government Contest in school, and so he is shadowing me today and seeing what we do here in the halls of the Pennsylvania Senate. Would the Senate give my guest its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would you please rise, Andrew, so we can give you a warm round of applause.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, today I have two groups with me. First, I have the pleasure of introducing members from the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association who are visiting the Capitol today. The auctioneers are here to see their State legislators in action and to make us aware of the issues of importance to the auctioneering industry and small businessmen alike.

Madam President and fellow Members, please join me in welcoming my special guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Would the members of the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association please rise so we can give you a nice round of applause.

(Applause.)

Madam President, I also have the pleasure of introducing Alina Tananova and Victoria Botuzak, who are serving as guest Pages in the Senate today. Alina is a resident of Russia, and Victoria is a resident of the Ukraine. They are currently attending high school in my district. They are visiting the United States as participants in the Future Leaders Exchange Program, FLEX, through the Council on International Educational Exchange for

high school students. The FLEX program was started 11 years ago by U.S. Senator Bill Bradley and is funded by the United States government.

Alina and Victoria are accompanied here today by their chaperone, Liz Morris, who is seated in the gallery. Madam President and fellow Members, please join me in welcoming my special guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Would Alina and Victoria and their chaperone please rise.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF AND SENATOR ROBERT C. WONDERLING PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, I rise to introduce the Boys' Water Polo State Championship Team from Souderton Area High School. They are the State champions of Pennsylvania, which is a tremendous accomplishment. Certainly, the sport is very demanding and rigorous. I am sure if any of us tried it, including myself, we would probably drown trying to participate in this sport. Under the guidance of coaches Terrance Nesenshon, Ryan McGrath, and Judy Hemmerle, this team not only won the State championship but also came in third in the Eastern Regional Interscholastic Championship as well, under very, very stiff competition.

So it is my pleasure, along with Senator Wonderling, who I am sure has a few comments as well, to welcome and congratulate them on a wonderful accomplishment.

The PRESIDENT. Would our Water Polo State Champions please rise.

(Applause.)

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

Senator WONDERLING. Madam President, the Souderton Area School District is the public school system to which I send my three boys, who are a little bit younger than this championship team, and to echo Senator Greenleaf's comments, a hearty congratulations to not only outstanding athletes but outstanding students. Having once tried water polo and gotten doinked in the head with a ball at about 40 miles an hour, I can attest that it is a very difficult sport.

I would also like to offer a personal welcome to several student athletes, in particular Ben and Zack Radcliff, whom my family has known for many years, and I promised I would offer a courtesy introduction so I can get a discount the next time they babysit my three boys.

So, Madam President, my hearty congratulations to the Souderton High School Water Polo Team.

(Applause.)

#### **GUESTS OF SENATOR GERALD J. LaVALLE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Beaver, Senator LaValle.

Senator LaVALLE. Madam President, I have some very important people from my district who represent local government, which of course is the backbone of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I have with us in the gallery Helen E. Jackson, the Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association president; Ross Watts, first vice president of the State Boroughs Association; John Dorin, executive vice president of the State Boroughs Association; Ed Troxell, legislative aide to the State Boroughs Association; and Courtney Accurti, assistant legislative aide to the State Boroughs Association. Please give these folks a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guests from local government and local government officials please rise.

(Applause.)

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Connie Williams has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave will be cancelled.

### RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, at this time I ask for a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus which will begin immediately in the Majority Caucus Room. I expect the caucus to be about 2 hours and then we will return to the floor.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill has requested a caucus of the Republicans to begin immediately. For that purpose, without objection, the Senate will stand in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet during today's Session in the Rules room to consider Senate Resolution No. 221 and certain nominations.

### CALENDAR

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

**SB 871** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 679** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

### BILL AMENDED

**SB 689 (Pr. No. 792)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further regulating duties of Department of Community and Economic Development.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BRIGHTBILL offered the following amendment No. A1566:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 1209), page 2, line 23, by inserting brackets before and after "aforesaid"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 1209), page 3, line 27, by striking out "or" and inserting: and

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 794** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 977 (Pr. No. 1496)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1998 (P.L.946, No.125), known as the Forest Lands Beautification Act, further providing for funding for the Forest Lands Beautification Restricted Account.

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

Armstrong	Hughes	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	Pileggi	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Punt	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Rafferty	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Dent	Lemmond	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Schwartz	Wonderling
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wozniak

Fumo	Musto	Stout
Gordner	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Greenleaf	Orle	Thompson

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1809** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 2027 (Pr. No. 3627)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, further providing for appointment and qualifications of members of authority and for powers of authority.

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

Armstrong	Hughes	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	Pileggi	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Punt	Wenger
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Fumo	Musto	Stout	
Gordner	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Greenleaf	Orle	Thompson	

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 with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 2330** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

**SB 276** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 304** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS REREFERRED

**HB 434 (Pr. No. 1569)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for certain rights of foster parents; and further providing for duties of county agencies and foster family care agencies.

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

**HB 652 (Pr. No. 3008)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1984 (P.L.561, No.112), known as the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act, further providing for supervisors.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 832, SB 978, SB 985, SB 1004, SB 1005 and SB 1032** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 1039 (Pr. No. 1449)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, clarifying the definition of "agency."

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

**SB 1047 (Pr. No. 1455)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the sale and transfer of ownership of Project 70 land located in Wharton Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1438** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

#### BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 1926 (Pr. No. 2906)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation to convey to Elkland Township a tract of land situate in Elkland Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.

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

**HB 1993 (Pr. No. 2611)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to grant and convey certain land situate in East Hanover Township, Dauphin County, to Dr. Albert J. Zanetti and Mrs. Jeana M. Zanetti, his wife, in consideration for the grant and conveyance by Dr. Albert J. Zanetti and Mrs. Jeana M. Zanetti, his wife, to the Department of General Services and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs of certain land situate in East and West Hanover Townships, Dauphin County.

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

#### BILL REREFERRED

**HB 2083 (Pr. No. 2773)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for child custody jurisdiction and enforcement.

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

#### RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I ask for a short recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations which will begin immediately. We will be back on the floor in approximately 5 minutes.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### SB 871 CALLED UP

**SB 871 (Pr. No. 1505)** -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator BRIGHTBILL.

#### BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED, AMENDED

**SB 871 (Pr. No. 1505)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 22 (Detectives and Private Police) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for appointment by nonprofit corporations; providing for humane society police officers' appointment, qualifications, authority and discipline; conferring powers and duties on the Department of Agriculture; providing for search warrants; establishing the State Board of Humane Society Police Officers and the Humane Society Police Officer Training and Education Account; and making a related repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MELLOW offered the following amendment No. A1550:

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 3709), page 15, lines 20 and 21, by striking out "(relating" in line 20, all of line 21 and inserting:

Ch. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 3710), page 17, line 11, by removing the period after "chapter" and inserting: for a period of at least five years.

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 3713), page 18, line 17, by inserting after "membership": in cases where a vacancy exists

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

#### 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 CHILDREN'S  
TRUST FUND BOARD**

March 23, 2004

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, Mary M. Carrasco, M.D., 1146 Wightman Street, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Children's Trust Fund Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER  
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY**

January 22, 2004

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 L. Penn, Ph.D., 917 Columbia Avenue, Unit 447, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, to serve until June 30, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend Edmund J. Dobbin, Villanova, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

March 5, 2004

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, Margaret Quinn Mariotti, 1631 N. Washington Avenue, Scranton 18509, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Richard M. Angelo, Bloomsburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

***NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE***

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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TRUST FUND BOARD**

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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

Armstrong	Hughes	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	Pileggi	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Punt	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Rafferty	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Dent	Lemmond	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Schwartz	Wonderling
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wozniak
Fumo	Musto	Stout	
Gordner	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Greenleaf	Orie	Thompson	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.  
Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES**

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**RECONSIDERATION OF SB 679**

**BILL AMENDED**

**SB 679 (Pr. No. 1437)** -- Senator MADIGAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 679, Printer's No. 1437, went over in its order.

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

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MADIGAN offered the following amendment No. A1577:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 13.1), page 2, lines 3 and 4, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

ammonia gas:

(i) for any purpose other than legitimate agricultural or industrial use; or

(ii) in a container not approved by the Department

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

It was agreed to.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator BRIGHTBILL, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

**SR 221 (Pr. No. 1500)**

A Resolution recognizing May 6, 2004, as the "National Day of Prayer."

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

**SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators CONTI, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, DENT, ERICKSON, BRIGHTBILL, THOMPSON, SCHWARTZ, STACK, C. WILLIAMS, FUMO, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, WAGNER, KUKOVICH, MOWERY, EARLL, BOSCOLA, COSTA, M. WHITE, STOUT, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, KASUNIC, RHOADES, WENGER, MELLOW, LaVALLE, LEMMOND, FERLO and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 240, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 20, 2004, as "Care by Celebrating Children Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Conti.

Senator CONTI. Madam President, today we are considering a resolution that would recognize April 20, 2004, as Care by Celebrating Children Day. We are approaching the fifth anniversary of the Columbine High School tragedy, and on that fateful day the lives of teenagers, of course, were changed forever. As a result, a teacher in my district, Geri Delevich, from Buckingham Elementary, created this program, which I have been happy to participate in. Care by Celebrating Children asks everyone to encourage children to take pride in their scholastic endeavors and be proud of their achievements and contributions to the community. So, Madam President, I rise to seek the support of this resolution today.

Thank you, Madam 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 C. WILLIAMS, MELLOW, BRIGHTBILL, KUKOVICH, THOMPSON, WAGNER, BOSCOLA, STOUT, CORMAN, ORIE, EARLL, LOGAN, ERICKSON, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, KASUNIC, COSTA, RHOADES, M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE and STACK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 241**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 22, 2004, as "Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator C. WILLIAMS. Madam President, a number of years ago I began sponsoring a resolution inviting the Commonwealth to observe an important day for Pennsylvania's children, Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Today, I ask for your support in declaring April 22, 2004, as Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day in Pennsylvania. This program encourages young people to strive for excellence and provides them with the opportunity to learn more about the world of work that awaits them. Through their experiences, Pennsylvania's children will learn the importance of staying in school and the amazing array of careers that are available to them. By bringing together adults and young people, adults can empower the young people with confidence in their own abilities, as well as showing them the doors to their future successes. I encourage everyone to participate in this wonderful experience. If you do not have a young son or daughter, maybe you can ask a niece or nephew, a grandchild, or even adopt a young person for the day. The few hours you give to that young person will be priceless to them in terms of learning about the world of work, understanding what they can achieve, and allowing them to see that they can set their goals high and they can reach them. A final benefit: Employers participating in the day gain a better understanding of the challenges, ideas, and work life issues for future generations.

I encourage your support for this important day for all of Pennsylvania's children, and I look forward to having some children with me next week. We are going to participate in an Earth Day celebration, Come to My Library Appreciation Day, and do a number of other things. We always have a very good time with the young people in my district, and I hope all of my colleagues here in the Senate will bring a girl or boy or their son or daughter to work with them. I ask for a "yes" vote on this resolution.

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

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

Senators ROBBINS, BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, CONTI, STOUT, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK, CORMAN, LaVALLE, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, MOWERY, C. WILLIAMS, RHOADES, DENT, EARLL, KUKOVICH, D. WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, COSTA, ORIE, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, MADIGAN, STACK, WAGNER, TOMLINSON, LEMMOND, WONDERLING and THOMPSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 242**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2004 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I am pleased to offer this resolution that designates the month of May as Community Action Month in honor of the work that community action agencies provide to all 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

For 40 years, community action agencies have provided outreach to low-income individuals and families to help them achieve self-sufficiency. Through locally designed programs, community action addresses a multitude of needs, including food, emergency and affordable housing, home weatherization, literacy and education, job training and placement, transportation, day care, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and personal and family development. The truth is, community action changes lives by helping people help themselves. Today, we recognize the good work done by those involved in community action. I have seen firsthand the work done by the Mercer County Community Action agency, headed by Ron Errett.

Again, I thank all of the staff who work at community action agencies for all that they do and continue to do for the community. I ask that the Senate approve this resolution.

Thank you.

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

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

Senators STACK, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, KUKOVICH, THOMPSON, FERLO, LOGAN, O'PAKE, ORIE, MELLOW, WAGNER, COSTA, D. WHITE, STOUT, BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, TOMLINSON, CORMAN, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, CONTI, PIPPY, ARMSTRONG, FUMO, KASUNIC, MOWERY, RHOADES, WENGER, KITCHEN, SCHWARTZ, LEMMOND, WONDERLING and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 243**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 1 through 8, 2004, as "SAFE KIDS Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, I rise to offer a resolution proclaiming the week of May 1 through May 8 as Safe Kids Week in Pennsylvania. Unintentional injury is the number one killer of children ages 14 and under. According to the most recent annual figures, 225 Pennsylvania children under age 15 lost their lives because of violence and unintentional injuries. These injuries were the results of falls, motor vehicle crashes, poisoning, choking, fires, scalding from hot liquids, drowning, abuse, and violence. Most injuries are caused by environmental hazards and failure to use safety devices. Each of these injuries and each of their causes share one common, overriding characteristic: they are preventable. Prevention is made possible through awareness, and Pennsylvanians have determined to make themselves aware and not to sit idly by and watch these trends continue. In cooperation with a national grassroots movement, the Pennsylvania Safe Kids Coalition was formed to aggressively promote awareness of the need to prevent childhood injuries. Currently, there are 43 local Safe Kids Coalitions and chapters statewide. Only through awareness and understanding can we be properly educated to confront and overcome the epidemic of serious, preventable injuries in our households, our communities, and our schools. Each of these can be and must be a safer environment for our children.

Madam President, in recognition of this serious problem and the need to provide remedies, I urge unanimous approval of this resolution proclaiming May 1 through May 8 as Safe Kids Week in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam 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 TARTAGLIONE, KUKOVICH, KITCHEN, LaVALLE, BOSCOLA, CONTI, WAGNER, GORDNER, EARLL, ROBBINS WENGER, ERICKSON, CORMAN, BRIGHTBILL, MOWERY, LOGAN, COSTA, ARMSTRONG, MUSTO, WOZNIAK, STOUT, DENT, FUMO, FERLO, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, TOMLINSON, WONDERLING, SCHWARTZ, D. WHITE, THOMPSON, MELLOW, C. WILLIAMS, WAUGH and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 244**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Pennsylvania's older citizens by observing the month of May 2004 as "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Kukovich.

Senator KUKOVICH. Madam President, I ask for unanimous consent for this resolution introduced by Senator Tartaglione and 24 other cosponsors. It would designate the month of May 2004 as Older Americans Month in Pennsylvania. I also request that it

be left at the desk for additional cosponsors. Half of the Senate has already cosponsored it, and I ask for my colleagues' support for the resolution.

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

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

Senators WAUGH, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, PUNT, LOGAN, ERICKSON, STOUT, WAGNER, WENGER, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, ROBBINS, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, FERLO, LEMMOND, GREENLEAF, THOMPSON and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 245**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 12, 2004, as "State Beekeepers Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, I thank you for allowing the introduction of the resolution. Many of the Members may have noticed folks running around the Capitol today in white outfits with little masks over their faces, and maybe you ended up with a bottle of honey on your desk or at lunch. That was all thanks to the Beekeepers of Pennsylvania and the sweet treats that they provide and the important work that they do here in Pennsylvania on behalf of agriculture.

Thank you, Madam 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 O'PAKE, MELLOW, WAGNER, ORIE, TOMLINSON, EARLL, LOGAN, KITCHEN, CORMAN, ARMSTRONG, FERLO, STOUT, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, MUSTO, FUMO, STACK, COSTA, RAFFERTY, LEMMOND, GREENLEAF, C. WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, PIPPY, RHOADES, and THOMPSON, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 246**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 14 through June 11, 2004, as "Sober Graduation Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

### 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 Esther M. Blouch by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Catharine Elizabeth Scott Wain and to the Penn Hills High School Boys' Basketball Team by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John McEnroe, Lawrence McEnroe, Junda Chen and to the Lehigh County Historical Society by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gabriel Paul Donajkowski by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Johnson by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kenton and Ruth Keiser by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. David Droppa, Roland Mertz and to Robert Eathorne by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Honorable Steven W. Cappelli and to the Honorable Mary B. Wolf by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Roger Sillner by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard L. Becker, Jr., Joan Kelsch and to the Berks Gymnastic Academy by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George O'Neill by Senators O'Pake and Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Marshall Township Volunteer Fire Department of Warrendale by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin Jones and to Jameer Nelson by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jason Adam Madrigale, John Kiely and to the Montgomery County Emergency Service, Inc., of Norristown, by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas A. Barbetta, George A. Joulwan, Schuylkill Chapter 413 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Pine Grove Area School District and to the Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary High School Century Club of Pottsville by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Dr. Albert Paul Brinson by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nelson P. Wentz, Jr., James A. Fry, Sr., John Sanford, Randy Sharp, Judy Deardorff, Ken Ness, Yvonne Emenheiser, Patricia A. Myers and to Terry T. Fix by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Armstrong Campus, by Senator D. White.

### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, today we are commemorating Arbor Day here in the Senate. Officially, Arbor Day in Pennsylvania is April 30. So, I ask everyone to mark their calendars, but we celebrate it here today, along with the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association.

The first Arbor Day took place in April of 1872 in Nebraska. It was the brain child of agriculturalist Julius Morton. Among

other things, he was actually President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Morton's vision was one of a conservationist and a naturalist, and millions of trees have been planted across the nation and the world in honor of Arbor Day since that time.

Now, Members may have noticed, and here is the point of my brief commentary, that today a tree was delivered to your office, and the trees were brought to you by the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association through the generous donations of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Octoraro Native Plant Nursery in Kirkwood, Lancaster County. I had a lot of Members ask what kind of tree it is. Here is the answer. The trees are arrowwood seedlings, so named because Native Americans used the strong shoots of this plant as shafts to make arrows back when they used bows and arrows. The arrowwood will grow into a medium-sized Pennsylvania native shrub, reaching 6 to 10 feet tall and 4 to 6 feet wide at maturity.

So, as I said, Pennsylvania officially recognizes Arbor Day on the last Friday in April, and do not forget, our State Tree is the eastern hemlock. Madam President, happy Arbor Day, and thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you and happy Arbor Day to you, Senator.

### 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 STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

April 13, 2004

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, Marwan Kreidie, 502 South Hancock Court, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2010, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barbara L. Krause, Esquire, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEAL BOARD

April 13, 2004

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, Daniel R. Fleck, 120 Sullivan Lane,

Zelienople 16063, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**RECALL COMMUNICATION  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT 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 STATE TAX  
EQUALIZATION BOARD**

April 13, 2004

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 December 29, 2003, for the appointment of Joseph J. Borgia, 2504 East 43rd Street, Erie 16510, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Tax Equalization Board, to serve until November 14, 2007, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Edward F. Fosnaught, Ellwood, whose term expired.

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 WORKER'S COMPENSATION  
APPEAL BOARD**

April 13, 2004

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

Please note the nomination dated February 2, 2004, for the appointment of Richard Block, 517 South Sixth Street, Unit C, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William R. Davis, Greensburg, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Richard Block, 517 South Sixth Street, Unit C, Philadelphia 19147, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

**MEMBER OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
APPEAL BOARD**

April 13, 2004

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

Please note the nomination dated February 2, 2004, for the appointment of Henry Lee Moore, 265 Montana Street, Irwin 15642, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice, Daniel R. Fleck, Thornburg, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Henry Lee Moore, 265 Montana Street, Irwin 15642, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice, William R. Davis, Greensburg, whose term expired.

**HOUSE MESSAGE**

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in the resolution from the Senate, entitled:

**Recess adjournment.**

**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:

April 13, 2004

Senators M. WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, MUSTO, KUKOVICH, PILEGGI, LEMMOND, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ORIE, BOSCOLA, STOUT, MOWERY, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, WONDERLING, WAUGH and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1040**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1993 (P.L. 105, No.24), known as the Environmental Education Act, providing for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 13, 2004.

Senators PIPPY, M. WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, MOWERY, LOGAN, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, GORDNER, MUSTO, COSTA, RAFFERTY, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNAK, KITCHEN, ORIE and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1041**, entitled:

An Act providing for the continuation of the Pennsylvania Senior Environment Corps volunteer program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Aging; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 13, 2004.

Senators ERICKSON, M. WHITE, PILEGGI, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, LEMMOND, O'PAKE, PIPPY, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, ORIE, MOWERY, CORMAN, GORDNER, BOSCOLA, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNAK, WONDERLING and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1042**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Pollution Reduction and Prevention Program; establishing the Office of Pollution Reduction and Prevention within the Department of Environmental Protection; establishing a Pollution Prevention Index; providing an Environmental Report Card; establishing the Rachel Carson Environmental Excellence Award; providing for the disposition of certain fines and penalties; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 13, 2004.

Senators PUNT, KITCHEN, LOGAN, PILEGGI, O'PAKE, M. WHITE, STOUT, COSTA, MELLOW, LAVALLE, EARLL and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 1091**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, further providing for unfair acts.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 13, 2004.

Senators DENT, WONDERLING, BRIGHTBILL and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1092**, entitled:

An Act designating the proposed Route 222 bypass in Lehigh County from the point immediately South of I-78 in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County through portions of Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County to the south interchange of Route 100 in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County as the Fred Jandl Memorial Highway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 13, 2004.

### 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:

April 13, 2004

Senators WAUGH, D. WHITE, KASUNIC, LOGAN and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SR 236**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution extending the date for a report of a bipartisan legislative commission on improving the delivery of emergency services.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 13, 2004.

Senators WAGNER, KUKOVICH, KITCHEN, FERLO, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, LOGAN, STOUT, BOSCOLA, GORDNER, LAVALLE, C. WILLIAMS, MELLOW, MOWERY, WONDERLING, SCHWARTZ, KASUNIC, WOZNAK and STACK presented to the Chair **SR 237**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the State's cost associated with complying with the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 13, 2004.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2004

9:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on autism)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider House Bills No. 60, 2190 and 2428; and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Rules Com. Conf. Room
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Senate Bills No. 1038, 1056, 1073, 1092; House Bill No. 550; and a hearing to receive testimony from members of the construction industry who have been affected by the sudden and significant jump in the price of steel)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINA- TIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Com. Conf. Room

### ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 5:21 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.