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SENATE

TUESDAY, January 24, 2006

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend RON SCHMIDT, of Davisville Church, Southampton, offered the following prayer:

Let us bow in prayer.

Almighty God, for another day of life, we are most grateful, for You have been so generous. Once again, we thank You for this blessed country in which we live, and for the State of Pennsylvania in which we reside. Your good hand has been upon us and we are thankful.

Father, I personally thank You for these Senators, these men and women who serve this great State, but also serve our great God. We recognize that all authority is of You, and with that in mind, give each of us a sense that You are here today and that what we do is significant in Your sight. Help us to be servant leaders before You and those we serve, knowing that You resist the proud, but You give grace to the humble.

Father, thank You for each family represented here today. You established the family to be a blessing to us, and so strengthen each marriage in this room. Strengthen relationships with spouses and children, so that these leaders can give themselves fully to the tasks before them with sound minds and free hearts.

Father, there are many issues before us this day and in the days ahead that require Your wisdom. Give us the ability to look at life from Your point of view. Give us the freedom to walk securely because we walk with integrity. Give us the balance to listen to those we represent, but also to listen to Your voice with keenness and to do the right thing when called upon to do so.

Father, we invoke Your presence here today. We acknowledge our dependence upon You. We ask Your continued blessing upon us, and we ask that You protect us from evil and evildoers. I ask this all in the precious name of Jesus, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Schmidt, who is the guest today of Senator Greenleaf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of January 23, 2006.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding Session.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

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

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Madam President, it is an honor for me today to introduce some homeschool students from Perry County in my senatorial district, who are here to get a firsthand look at how the Senate and House of Representatives function.

With me today is Dustin Harr, who is 17 and lives in Millerstown, Perry County. He is also here with his cousins Olivia and Molly Soule. Olivia is 16 and Molly is 15, and they live in Liverpool, Perry County. Chaperoning them today is Dustin's mother, Patricia. So if you would please give them our usual warm welcome, I would appreciate it.

The PRESIDENT. Would Dustin, his mother, Olivia, and Molly please rise so we can give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

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:

Weekly recess.

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:

January 24, 2006

Senators REGOLA, KITCHEN, SCARNATI, D. WHITE, PIPPY, EARLL, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 1061**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the chemical treatment of certain sex offenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 24, 2006.

Senators PILEGGI, ERICKSON, PUNT, MADIGAN, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, VANCE, LEMMOND, FERLO, WONDERLING, M. WHITE, STACK, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, O'PAKE, LOGAN, BROWNE, REGOLA and CORMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1063**, entitled:

An Act providing funding for the creation of additional centers within the system of university-based and college-based entrepreneurial centers known as the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, January 24, 2006.

Senators ORIE, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, WONDERLING, RHOADES, COSTA, MELLOW, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, BROWNE, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, HUGHES, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 1064**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for autism spectrum disorders coverage.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, January 24, 2006.

Senators ORIE, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, STACK, BROWNE, O'PAKE, MELLOW, MUSTO, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, COSTA and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 1067**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for medical assistance benefit packages, coverages, copayments and rates.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, January 24, 2006.

Senator PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1068**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Capital Self Storage Associates, LLC, certain lands situate in the City of Harrisburg and Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, January 24, 2006.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, COSTA, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, PIPPY, WONDERLING, FONTANA, BROWNE, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, C. WILLIAMS, STACK, FERLO, LaVALLE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1069**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Innocence Commission of Pennsylvania; providing for its duties; and providing for the powers and duties of the Joint State Government Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 24, 2006.

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, COSTA, BOSCOLA, PICCOLA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, PIPPY, STACK and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1070**, entitled:

An Act establishing a civil procedure for the involuntary commitment of sexually dangerous persons.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 24, 2006.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, LEMMOND, M. WHITE, O'PAKE, EARLL, FONTANA and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 1071**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L.861, No.323), referred to as the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, further providing for release on parole.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 24, 2006.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, LEMMOND, M. WHITE, O'PAKE, EARLL, FONTANA and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 1072**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for medical release of inmates; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 24, 2006.

Senators CORMAN, M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, VANCE, LEMMOND, WOZNIAK, C. WILLIAMS and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 1073**, entitled:

An Act providing additional oversight of health care facilities; establishing the Health Care Policy Board and the State Health Facility and Services Hearing Board; providing for the development of annual State Health Service Plans; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, January 24, 2006.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

January 23, 2006

Senators ROBBINS, PILEGGI, PICCOLA, THOMPSON, D. WHITE, FONTANA, LEMMOND, PUNT, C. WILLIAMS, PIPPY, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, CONTI, COSTA, M. WHITE, KASUNIC, MADIGAN, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, ARMSTRONG, BOSCOLA, EARLL, GORDNER, WOZNIAK, WENGER, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, RHOADES, WAUGH, STACK, MELLOW and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SR 213**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating Widener University on the establishment of the Children of Active & Reserve Educational Scholarship (CARES) program.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 23, 2006.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT ON AUTO INSURANCE STATISTICS

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

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

January 4, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Section 1723 of Title 75 (Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law) requires the Insurance Department to make an annual report to the General Assembly on various auto insurance statistics. Specifically the Law states, "Beginning December 31, 1986, and each year thereafter each insurance company writing automobile insurance in this Commonwealth shall file with the Insurance Department the number of its insured, the number of it insureds who have purchased first party medical benefits in excess of the minimum required by §1711 (relating to required limits), and the number of insureds who have purchased first party medical benefits under §1715(a)(1) and (1.1) (relating to availability of adequate limits). The Insurance Department shall furnish this information to the General Assembly annually."

Accordingly, please find attached the following report that I am submitting to the General Assembly in compliance with this statutory requirement. The information contained in the report is the most recent data available.

Should any questions arise regarding the figures listed or the illustrative charts, members should feel free to contact me or Deputy Commissioner Randy Rohrbaugh.

As always, thank you for your assistance in distributing this report on my behalf.

Sincerely,

M. DIANE KOKEN
Insurance Commissioner

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator D. WHITE from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bill:

SB 1081 (Pr. No. 1458)

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "combat zone"; and further providing for limitations and eligibility in educational assistance program.

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

SB 1000 (Pr. No. 1328)

An Act providing for the regulation of home improvement contracts and for the registration of certain contractors; prohibiting certain acts; and providing for penalties.

Senator MADIGAN, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 876 (Pr. No. 1462) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for department vehicle registration records.

SB 1050 (Pr. No. 1441)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring manufacturers to disclose information relating to vehicles equipped with event data recorders or sensing and diagnostic modules.

HB 121 (Pr. No. 126)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for passing and overtaking streetcars.

HB 1183 (Pr. No. 1734)

An Act redesignating a bridge on that portion of SR (truck route) 271 over the Conemaugh River and the Norfolk Southern mainline, Franklin Borough, Cambria County, as the Sergeant Michael Strank Memorial Bridge.

HB 1281 (Pr. No. 3386) (Amended)

An Act designating State Route 104 as the Timberwolves Memorial Highway - 104th Infantry Division, United States Army.

HB 1401 (Pr. No. 1691)

An Act designating a bridge on State Route 150 crossing the Beech Creek in Clinton and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania, as the Beech Creek Veterans Memorial Bridge.

HB 1455 (Pr. No. 1753)

An Act designating the intersection of State Route 18 and State Route 58 in Greenville, Mercer County, as the Joseph J. Lininger Intersection.

HB 1955 (Pr. No. 2669)

An Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 66 over Garrett's Run and the J. Franklin Graff Bridge in Manor Township, Armstrong County, as the 1/112th Infantry Alpha Company Bridge.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following resolutions:

SR 207 (Pr. No. 1461) (Amended)

A Resolution directing the Department of Environmental Protection to place a moratorium on all actions required of affected entities relating to implementation of the Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy for a period of nine months from the date the adoption of this resolution.

HR 382 (Pr. No. 3384) (Amended)

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to reauthorize the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund.

Senator D. WHITE, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following resolution:

SR 213 (Pr. No. 1459)

A Resolution congratulating Widener University on the establishment of the Children of Active & Reserve Educational Scholarship (CARES) program.

Senator MADIGAN, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following resolution:

SR 143 (Pr. No. 1011)

A Resolution urging the Governor to accelerate the deployment of traffic sensor networks across this Commonwealth.

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

RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I ask for a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus, which will begin immediately.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, there will be no need for the Democrats to caucus right now.

The PRESIDENT. There will be a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus. There will not be a need for a Democratic caucus. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 563 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 660 (Pr. No. 1423) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding the Uniform Trust Act; abolishing the rule against perpetuities; making conforming amendments; and making a related repeal.

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, I rise in regard to Senate Bill No. 660 that amends Title 20, the Probate Code, to codify the Uniform Trust Code with some modifications to preserve Pennsylvania's terminology and substantive law on certain points, along with other changes to Title 20. This goal is to provide an organized and comprehensive codification to make it easier for those lawyers and judges who must work in this field to define the law. It will also assist trustees who do business in more than one State to have a more uniform framework to comply with the law. Most importantly, this bill will enable beneficiaries of Pennsylvania trusts to know when and how to enforce their rights. It encourages, and in some cases requires a trustee, in this case, many times a bank, to communicate with a trustee's beneficiaries.

This legislation is based on the recommendations of the Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on Decedents Estate Laws, and this committee borrowed heavily from the Uniform Trust Code established by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The Uniform Trust Code has been enacted in nine States and the District of Columbia to date, and the changes that would be affected by this law would make it more accessible and fair to all concerned, and I urge an affirmative vote on this measure.

Thank you.

And the question recurring,
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	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Wenger
Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Wonderling
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wozniak
Fontana	Musto	Stout	
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gardner	Orie	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 750, SB 928, SB 935 and SB 986 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

HB 459 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 303 and SB 957 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1007 (Pr. No. 1427) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing for fire insurance contracts, standard policy provisions and permissible variations.

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 1114, HB 1504 and HB 2054 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators REGOLA, FERLO, WONDERLING, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, THOMPSON, KASUNIC, PIPPY, STACK, COSTA, C. WILLIAMS, PICCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, TARTAGLIONE, JUBELIRER, RAFFERTY, RHOADES, D. WHITE, EARLL, ERICKSON, MUSTO, ORIE, GORDNER, FONTANA, WENGER, PILEGGI, MADIGAN, LaVALLE, ARMSTRONG, LOGAN, ROBBINS, CONTI, SCARNATI and TOMLINSON, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 215, entitled:

A Resolution declaring the week of January 29, 2006, as "Catholic Schools Week" in this Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator REGOLA. Madam President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to support this resolution, marking the week of January 29, 2006, as Catholic Schools Week in Pennsylvania. While our Catholic schools have a proud history of providing a quality and well-rounded education for thousands of Pennsylvanians, these institutions also take great pride in instilling the highest moral and ethical standards in their students. That pride is clearly evident in this year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Character, Compassion, Values."

In today's society, these qualities and morals are more important than ever before, because our young people are exposed to so many negative values and questionable role models. The good moral values and healthy spiritual life that form the keystone of a Catholic school education are important qualities that help young people become responsible citizens in a healthy society. That, in part, explains why more than 183,000 young people are now enrolled in Catholic schools. Families trust that their children will receive a quality education and learn positive values.

Madam President, it is appropriate that we commemorate Catholic Schools Week as a way of recognizing the role that they and their teachers, administrators, and staff play in shaping a better future for Pennsylvania. I ask the Chair to hold the resolution open at the desk for any Senator who wants to sign on to this resolution, and I ask my colleagues for an affirmative vote on this resolution.

The PRESIDENT. The resolution will stay open at the desk.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mildred T. Richardson by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Berwick Hospital Center by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher M. Shedd by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ken Esterly, Joshua A. Leshner, Dylan M. Burkhart and to Derek F. Smith by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zack A. Tarson by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jon Ryan Doddato by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ted Kirsch and to the Harrisburg Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers and to Mr. and Mrs. James Kellner by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the BranchCreek Community Church of Harleysville by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the River Grille of Easton by Senators Wonderling, Browne, and Boscola.

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 K.L. Shirk, Jr., by Senator Armstrong.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late D. Regina Skrincoosky by Senator O'Pake.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator LOGAN. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of all bills reported from committees for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 876, SB 1000, SB 1050, SB 1081, HB 121, HB 1183, HB 1281, HB 1401, HB 1455 and HB 1955.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION 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 PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

January 24, 2006

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, Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Janosov, Nanticoke, deceased.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

CORRECTION TO NOMINATION 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 ARCHITECTS
LICENSURE BOARD

January 24, 2006

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

Please note the nomination dated December 27, 2005, for the appointment of Jonathan W. Shimm, AIA, 650 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh 15222, Allegheny County, Forty-second 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 John Haas, State College, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Jonathan W. Shimm, AIA, 516 South Linden Avenue, Pittsburgh 15208, Allegheny County, Forty-third 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 John Haas, State College, whose term expired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006

9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Community Colleges with an overview of Act 46 of 2005)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bills No. 620, 969 and 1062; and House Bill No. 509)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 873, 874 and 1025)	Room 461 Main Capitol

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to receive testimony relating to Senate Bill No. 1069, the Innocence Commission Act)	Rooms 8E-A and B East Wing
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Mine Safety Legislation)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:45 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Banking)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Emergency Management Agency)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Liquor Control Board)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of State)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Gaming Control Board)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Insurance Department)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State System of Higher Education)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor and Industry)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Community and Economic Development)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Public Utilities Commission)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA School Employees' Retirement System and State Employees Retirement System)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Public Welfare)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
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1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judiciary)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006</u>		
9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Board of Probation and Parole)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Environmental Protection)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, January 25, 2006, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:01 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.