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SENATE

MONDAY, July 13, 2009

The Senate met at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend EDDIE CROSS, Pastor of Miracle Life Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You, acknowledging you as King of the universe and Master of everything. With You, all things are possible. And we humbly bow our heads and cry out to You on this day.

Lord, we thank You for the privilege of prayer, to talk to You, and to bring our needs to You in this hour. In this great body are men who desire Your wisdom, Your insight, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit to help them during trying times and in these pressing issues regarding our budget. There are many other items, Lord God, that are on the agenda, and we need Your hand of grace. We certainly are firm with absolute certainty that You are a God who answers prayer. You hear us, and You answer us in every way, and so we cry out before You, declaring that everything is possible for he who believes.

Lord, we need You to move in our world, to move in this Chamber, to move within our circumstances, to address us directly, and to bless us with the security of Your providence. Let the kingdom of heaven touch this governmental body. We pray, Father, that You will affect us and touch us by moving us by the hand of prayer. We believe that all things are moved by the requests that come from our hearts. We know that You are able to answer and to give us Your precious promises.

Now, Lord, we surrender ourselves to You. We ask, Lord God, for Your divine hand and Your divine providence. We thank You for the grace and mercy that comes as we endeavor to see You do what man says cannot be done. We call on the great I Am. We thank You that we can pray this in the Son's name, Jesus of Nazareth.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Cross, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

July 10, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael F. Marmo, Esquire, 150 Brighton Road, Sewickley 15143, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2012, vice The Honorable Robert P. Horgos, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
CRAWFORD COUNTY

July 10, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark D. Stevens, Esquire, 441 Hartz Avenue, Meadville 16335, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Crawford County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice The Honorable Gordon R. Miller, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

July 10, 2009

HB 1055 and **1754** -- Committee on Local Government.
HB 1300 -- Committee on Transportation.
HB 1415 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.
HB 1770 -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

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:

July 10, 2009

Senators DINNIMAN, MUSTO, FARNESE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, STACK and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 997**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, July 10, 2009.

Senators ORIE, FONTANA, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, STACK and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 998**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 10, 1951 (P.L.1189, No.265), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the appointment, promotion, suspension, reduction, removal and reinstatement of employes (except superintendents, assistant superintendents, inspectors, chief clerks and school guards) in bureaus of police in cities of the second class; and defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions in such cities for such purposes," further providing for qualifications for appointment in the competitive class of the civil service.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, July 10, 2009.

Senators ORIE, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, BAKER, COSTA, WAUGH, BROWNE, FONTANA, EARLL, WARD, FARNESE, ALLOWAY and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1008**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for code of conduct.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, July 10, 2009.

Senators KASUNIC, BROWNE, FONTANA, HUGHES, KITCHEN, LEACH, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WARD, WASHINGTON, WILLIAMS, DINNIMAN, FARNESE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1009**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, adding a requirement relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, July 10, 2009.

Senators DINNIMAN, FOLMER, M. WHITE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, STOUT, WARD, WASHINGTON, WILLIAMS, COSTA and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 1011**, 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 certificates qualifying persons to teach and for kinds of State certificates; and providing for residency certificates.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, July 10, 2009.

Senators STACK, FONTANA, STOUT, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, MUSTO, KITCHEN, COSTA, FARNESE and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1012**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, defining the offense of providing minors access to firearms; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, July 10, 2009.

Senators STACK, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, LOGAN, COSTA, FARNESE and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1013**, entitled:

An Act providing for safe staffing standards for medical doctor residents working in hospitals and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, July 10, 2009.

Senators STACK, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, LOGAN, WOZNIAK, FARNESE, LEACH and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1014**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for supplemental annuities commencing 2010.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, July 10, 2009.

Senators ARGALL, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1015**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonstate service and for contributions for the purchase of credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, July 10, 2009.

Senators ARGALL, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, WAUGH, ERICKSON, BAKER, VOGEL, YAW, ALLOWAY, O'PAKE, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, BRUBAKER, M. WHITE, KASUNIC, DINNIMAN, PIPPY, SMUCKER, GREENLEAF, ROBBINS and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 1016**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration, for use of farm vehicle plates, for

general lighting requirements, for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles, for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection, for securing loads in vehicles, for safety requirements for towed vehicles, for width of vehicles and for registered gross weight.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, July 10, 2009.

Senators ARGALL, ERICKSON, GORDNER, WAUGH, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, WARD, O'PAKE, YAW, LOGAN, ALLOWAY, ORIE, TOMLINSON, BAKER and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1017**, 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 retroactive denial of reimbursement of payments to health care providers by insurers.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, July 10, 2009.

Senators ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF, ROBBINS, STACK, ORIE, WOZNIAK, PIPPY, M. WHITE, BRUBAKER, BAKER, PICCOLA, TOMLINSON, FERLO, YAW and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 1018**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, further providing for medical professional liability insurance, for Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund and for actuarial data; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, July 10, 2009.

Senators ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, STOUT, ROBBINS and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1019**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, repealing provisions relating to failure of township officer to perform duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, STOUT, WOZNIAK and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SB 1020**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.249, No.35), entitled "An act providing that the town councils of incorporated towns shall have the right to declare vacant the seats of councilmen or presidents of town councils for failure to qualify and for failure to attend meetings or vote upon questions before the council," repealing provisions relating to incorporated town councils declaring certain offices vacant.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, STOUT, WOZNIAK and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SB 1021**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, repealing provisions relating to removal of township officer for failure to perform duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, STOUT, WOZNIAK and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SB 1022**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, repealing provisions relating to right of council to declare seat of member vacant for failure to attend meetings.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, STOUT, WOZNIAK and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SB 1023**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for vacancy in the office of county commissioner.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, STOUT, WOZNIAK and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SB 1024**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for vacancy in the office of county commissioner.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, HUGHES, LOGAN, BAKER, ERICKSON, MUSTO, FONTANA, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, BROWNE, PIPPY, WASHINGTON, FARNESE and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1025**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for confidential communications to peer support members and for confidential communications to critical incident stress management team member.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, July 10, 2009.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, FONTANA, O'PAKE, STOUT, HUGHES and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SB 1026**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for elk hunting licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, July 10, 2009.

Senators FARNESE, STACK, WASHINGTON, HUGHES, KITCHEN and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1027**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for liquor licenses at licensed facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, July 10, 2009.

Senators FARNESE, KITCHEN, STACK, WASHINGTON, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, FONTANA, M. WHITE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 1028**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for wagering on credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, July 10, 2009.

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:

July 10, 2009

Senators BAKER, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, LOGAN, McILHINNEY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, PIPPY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, M. WHITE, WARD, WILLIAMS, YAW, ORIE, BROWNE, MELLOW, TOMLINSON, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, FARNESE, EARLL and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SR 149**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 29, 2009, as "Pennsylvania First Responder Appreciation Day."

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, July 10, 2009.

Senators BAKER, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, LOGAN, McILHINNEY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PIPPY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WARD, WAUGH, M. WHITE, WILLIAMS, YAW, BROWNE, MELLOW, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, FARNESE, EARLL and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SR 150**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 27, 2009, as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, July 10, 2009.

Senators CORMAN, RAFFERTY, COSTA, HUGHES, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, D. WHITE, WARD, BOSCOLA, FERLO, KITCHEN and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SR 152**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Department of Health to prepare and distribute educational information about premature infants' risks and health care needs.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, July 10, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Wayne D. Fontana as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Richard A. Kasunic as chair of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Senator Daylin B. Leach as a member of the State Planning Board.

Senator Elder A. Vogel, Jr., as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

Senator LeAnna M. Washington as minority chair of the Children's Trust Fund Board.

Mr. Peter Capataides as a member of the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission.

Daniel J. Glunk, M.D., as a member of the Health Care Cost Containment Council Act Review Committee.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator Gordner, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Wonderling.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator Gordner, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Wonderling.

Senator Mellow requests legislative leaves for Senator Leach and Senator Tartaglione.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator BAKER and Senator EARLL, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, July 13, 2009

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, July 20, 2009, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, July 20, 2009, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

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

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.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 263, SB 491, SB 492 and **HB 703** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 746 (Pr. No. 1209) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for physician immunity for disclosure on controlled substances; and further providing for actions on insurance policies.

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

SB 746 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 746, Printer's No. 1209, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 917 (Pr. No. 1108) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.839, No.407), entitled, as amended, "An act creating a county records committee; imposing powers and duties upon it; authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to assist and cooperate with it; defining county records; and authorizing the disposition of certain county records by county officers in counties of the second to eighth class," increasing the membership of the committee.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

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

SB 925 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 115, SB 303, HB 348 and **HB 416** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 881 (Pr. No. 1236) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of the Tuition Control Study Commission to study tuition controls on Commonwealth colleges and universities; and requiring the commission to issue a report of its findings to the General Assembly.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 900, SB 968 and **SB 971** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 142, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 3 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 142**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to complete a study and cost analysis of the implementation of a Statewide blighted property database and report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Senate.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Gordner has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

REMARKS ON VOTE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, on the roll-call vote on Senate Resolution No. 142, Senator Ferlo wished to be recorded in the negative.

The PRESIDENT. We did not do a roll-call vote. It was a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Coleman by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zephyr Dippel by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Merchant by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shawn Patrick Diamond by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Davis Family of Leesport by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin S. Holzer by Senators O'Pake and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathy Ann Coll and to David J. Heagy by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jared Meyers by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barr by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pauline P. Pollock, Christopher R. Davis and to Jan A. Frushone-Gibas by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Doreen Welsh by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Pearsall by Senator Wonderling.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dennis L. Greenawalt by Senator Smucker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Keystone Exam Compromise with briefing by chair of State Board of Education, Joe Torsella)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:00 P.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider House Bills No. 39, 222, 485, 1607 and 1648)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:30 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 1, 107, 282, 284, 441, 607, 693, 896 and 954; and House Bills No. 372 and 602)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:30 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider the nominations of Charles P. Bednarik and Andrew DePaolo to the State Athletic Commission)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 918, 952 and 953)	Room 461 Main Capitol

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009

1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on School Consolidation)	St. Francis University 117 Evergreen Dr. Loretto, PA

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.