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WEDNESDAY, February 19, 1975.

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Martin L. Murray) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, The Reverend JAMES S. PRESTON, Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Our Father in Heaven, it is once again that we come before Thee with thankful hearts, thanking Thee for the privilege of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania this day. We realize, my Father, that we are living in turbulent and frustrating days and, therefore, this Senate and this Assembly needs the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit as they deliberate and as they try to guide this ship of the State through the turbulent waters of this day.

Grant unto them the wisdom, the knowledge, the courage and the faith to do those things that will be right and righteous, that we may live in peace, in harmony and in love one with another.

We pray, my Heavenly Father, for the continued health and safekeeping of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and all who hold up their arms as they labor for this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Be with these men and with these women who serve in this Senate as they go through their deliberations this day.

For we ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding Session, when, on motion of Senator NOLAN, further reading was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

SENATOR NOLAN TO VOTE FOR SENATOR MELLOW

Senator NOLAN. Mr. President, I request a leave of absence for the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow, who is on legislative business. I will be voting for him today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair hears no objection and the leave of absence is granted.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Weekly Adjournment.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SENATE RESOLUTION, SERIAL No. 19

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. As President pro tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania, I hereby appoint the following Senators to serve as members of the committee authorized by Senate Resolution, Serial No. 19:

The gentleman from Erie, Senator Orlando, Chairman; the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow; the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Myers; the gentleman from York, Senator Hess; and the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Hager.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

Senators NOLAN, ORLANDO, O'PAKE and LYNCH presented to the Chair **SB 264**, entitled:

An Act requiring certain hospitals to provide pharmaceutical services for certain older persons and widows.

Which was committed to the Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Senators NOLAN, ROSS, ORLANDO, O'PAKE and LYNCH presented to the Chair **SB 265**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 1, 1965 (P. L. 988, No. 368), entitled, as amended, "Weights and Measures Act of 1965," requiring sellers of certain goods to have scales for use by the general public.

Which was committed to the Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Senators NOLAN and ORLANDO presented to the Chair **SB 266**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1970 (P. L. 513, No. 178), entitled "Pennsylvania Cigarette Tax Act," further providing for the commission paid on sales.

Which was committed to the Committee on Finance.

Senators NOLAN, ROSS, ORLANDO and LYNCH presented to the Chair **SB 267**, entitled:

An Act regulating debt collection practices and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Senators FLEMING, MESSINGER and HESS presented to the Chair **SB 268**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30, No. 14), entitled "Public School Code of 1949," increasing the age for admission of beginners to the public schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on Education.

Senators O'PAKE, MURPHY, MYERS, COPPERSMITH, ROSS, SMITH, NOLAN, FLEMING and FRAME presented to the Chair **SB 269**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 11, 1968 (P. L. 149, No. 84), entitled "Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association Act," providing for coverage to paid firemen when acting as volunteer firemen during off-duty hours.

Which was committed to the Committee on Local Government.

Senators SNYDER, STAUFFER, FLEMING, HOLL and EARLY presented to the Chair **SB 270**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P. L. 31, No. 21), entitled "Public Welfare Code," providing for public assistance replacement checks.

Which was committed to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

They also presented to the Chair **SB 271**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P. L. 31, No. 21), entitled "Public Welfare Code," providing that there shall be no statute of limitations as to public assistance fraud.

Which was committed to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

They also presented to the Chair **SB 272**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P. L. 31, No. 21), entitled "Public Welfare Code," providing for certain sworn statements in connection with lost or stolen public assistance checks.

Which was committed to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

Senator KELLEY presented to the Chair **SB 273**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1933 (P. L. 1172, No. 290), entitled "Borough Rural State Highway Law," adding a route in the Borough of New Stanton, Westmoreland County and deleting a route formerly in Hempfield Township, now part of the Borough of New Stanton, Westmoreland County.

Which was committed to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators HILL, DOUGHERTY, COPPERSMITH, HANKINS, CIANFRANI, LEWIS, LYNCH and MCKINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 274**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58, No. 32), entitled "The Vehicle Code," providing for the use of radiomicrowaves commonly referred to as electronic speed meters or radar by police officers of cities of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators HILL, ARLENE, CIANFRANI, SMITH, HANKINS, DOUGHERTY, LEWIS, LYNCH and MCKINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 275**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for crediting of certain service in the Philadelphia retirement system of the State system.

Which was committed to the Committee on Finance.

Senators HILL and HANKINS presented to the Chair **SB 276**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing further restrictions on the sale of pistols and revolvers.

Which was committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators HILL, ARLENE, SMITH, HANKINS, DOUGHERTY, LEWIS, LYNCH and MCKINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 277**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 17, 1969 (P. L. 259, No. 105), entitled "An act relating to the Philadelphia Municipal Court," changing the compensation of judges not learned in the law.

Which was committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator BELL presented to the Chair **SB 278**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P. L. 58, No. 32), entitled "The Vehicle Code," limiting the use of studded tires by nonresidents and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on Transportation.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 279**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting civil arrest for collection of taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on Law and Justice.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 280**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the election of the Attorney General.

Which was committed to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 281**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing that the General Assembly may enact no-fault legislation concerning automotive accident insurance.

Which was committed to the Committee on Insurance.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 282**, entitled:

An Act providing for the rehabilitation of the old State Museum building by The General State Authority for use by courts having Statewide jurisdiction.

Which was committed to the Committee on State Government.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 283**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932, No. 317), entitled "The Third Class City Code," authorizing appropriations to humane societies.

Which was committed to the Committee on Local Government.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 284**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P. L. 103, No. 69), entitled "The Second Class Township Code," authorizing appropriations to humane societies.

Which was committed to the Committee on Local Government.

Senators DUFFIELD and KELLEY presented to the Chair **SB 285**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P. L. 323,

No. 130), entitled "The County Code," changing an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on Local Government.

Senator BELL presented to the Chair **SB 286**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 343, No. 176), entitled "The Fiscal Code," requiring the Department of Revenue to transmit moneys to the Treasury Department no later than the day following receipt thereof.

Which was committed to the Committee on Finance.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 287**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P. L. 1323, No. 373), entitled "The Notary Public Law," removing endorsement requirements on notary public applications.

Which was committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator DUFFIELD presented to the Chair **SB 288**, entitled:

An Act providing sewer rent assistance to certain senior citizens, widows, widowers and permanently disabled persons with limited incomes; establishing uniform standards and qualifications for eligibility to receive assistance; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue.

Which was committed to the Committee on Finance.

Senators DOUGHERTY and MANBECK presented to the Chair **SB 289**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 26, 1970 (P. L. 229, No. 94), entitled "Capital Budget Act for Fiscal Year 1969-1970, Highway Project Itemization Supplement," repealing certain projects in Philadelphia County.

Which was committed to the Committee on Transportation.

They also presented to the Chair **SB 290**, entitled:

An Act repealing certain capital budget highway projects in the City of Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on State Government.

Senators KURY and MOORE presented to the Chair **SB 291**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965, P. L. 1535, No. 537), entitled, as amended, "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act," prohibiting certain persons from acting as sewage enforcement officers.

Which was committed to the Committee on Environmental Resources.

Senator KURY presented to the Chair **SB 292**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Borough of Shamokin Dam to transfer certain Project 70 lands in Snyder County to the Department of Transportation for a highway project under certain conditions.

Which was committed to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators KURY, MELLOW, STAPLETON, REIBMAN, DWYER, HOLL and MESSINGER presented to the Chair **SB 293**, entitled:

An Act to regulate bulk power facilities of electric utilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on Environmental Resources.

Senators EARLY, SCANLON, DUFFIELD and SWEENEY presented to the Chair **SB 294**, entitled:

An Act relating to travel agencies and travel agents; requiring bonding of agencies and agents and prescribing fees; and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Senators EARLY, LEWIS, DUFFIELD, SWEENEY and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 295**, entitled:

An Act requiring the installation of ramps at crosswalks under certain conditions.

Which was committed to the Committee on Labor and Industry.

Senator EARLY presented to the Chair **SB 296**, entitled:

An Act providing for building safety standards in the construction of high-rise structures for the prevention of fire and the protection of life.

Which was committed to the Committee on Labor and Industry.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 297**, entitled:

An Act providing construction standards for all occupancies constructed within this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on Labor and Industry.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 298**, entitled:

An Act providing for minimum safety standards for the prevention of fire in certain structures.

Which was committed to the Committee on Labor and Industry.

He also presented to the Chair **SB 299**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177, No. 175), entitled "The Administrative Code of 1929," providing for the establishment of a Fire and Safety Commissioner in the Department of Labor and Industry and for his powers and duties, and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on Labor and Industry.

Senators EARLY, SCANLON, COPPERSMITH, LENTZ, MYERS, JUBELIRER, DWYER, DUFFIELD, SWEENEY, NOSZKA, NOLAN, ROSS and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 300**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P. L. 788, No. 241), entitled "Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act," authorizing special solid waste collection rates for elderly and physically handicapped persons.

Which was committed to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION

SENATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND STUDY COMMONWEALTH VOTER REGISTRATION

Senators SMITH, NOLAN and MESSINGER offered the following resolution (Serial No. 26), which was read and referred to the Committee on State Government:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Voter Registration plays an instrumental role in the operation of our democratic way of life; and
WHEREAS, The present registration laws are restrictive in nature and do not afford the public adequate accessibility; and

WHEREAS, The unfairness of the purging of the voters from the rolls and the inconsistent manner in which it is accomplished is anything but equitable; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the President pro tempore appoint five members of the Senate, three of whom shall be of the majority party and two of the minority party, a committee to investigate and study voter registration within the Commonwealth and consider the possibilities of registration by mail and to maximize fairness an accessibility to voter registration by breaking down all barriers to registration; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take testimony, and make its investigation at such places as it deems necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who wilfully neglects or refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the Senate as soon as possible.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 33 (Pr. No. 33)—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:

YEAS—43

Ammerman,	Frame,	McKinney,	Reibman,
Andrews,	Hess,	Mellow,	Ross,
Arlene,	Hobbs,	Messinger,	Scanlon,
Bell,	Howard,	Moore,	Smith,
Coppersmith,	Jubelirer,	Murphy,	Snyder,
Dougherty,	Kelley,	Murray,	Stapleton,
Duffield,	Kury,	Myers,	Stauffer,
Dwyer,	Lentz,	Nolan,	Sweeney,
Early,	Lynch,	Noszka,	Wood,
Ewing,	Manbeck,	O'Pake,	Zemprelli,
Fleming,	Mazzei,	Orlando,	

NAYS—0

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

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

SB 54 (Pr. No. 54)—Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

Senator SNYDER. Mr. President, if I believed all the prophets of gloom that you hear these days with respect to where the economy is going, I would vote "no" on this bill purely to preserve the \$8 million or more which it

will cost the Unemployment Compensation Fund. However, I do think the economy is not in so nearly bad a shape as we think and thanks to the policies of former Governor Scranton our fund is not in hazardous shape at the moment. Consequently, I think it is safe to vote for this.

It is my understanding that this will help only those who will be unemployed for four weeks or less since, as I understand it, the present law would give those unemployed for four weeks or more this additional week. They presently receive this additional week of unemployment compensation.

While I think that those unemployed for even so brief a time probably deserve our help as much as any others, I will vote for it. But, I think we should do everything we do in this field with a consideration for the ultimate result in this, namely, preserving the integrity of the Fund because at some point, if things should go very bad, then of course, we would have \$8 million or more less as the result of passing this bill today.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, I stand in opposition to the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Snyder, and am strongly in support of this bill. The one week waiting period for unemployment compensation was put into effect in a period, decades ago, when it took people one week to catch up with bookkeeping. Today, with the various modern methods of bookkeeping, there is no need for this delay. I am more concerned with the man who gets laid off and goes home to his family and tells them they do not eat for a week, as the present system is. I want to see when a man is laid off going home to his wife and kids and saying they are going to have food on the table this week.

Senator MANBECK. Mr. President, I desire to interrogate the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Bell.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Bell, permit himself to be interrogated?

Senator BELL. I will, Mr. President.

Senator MANBECK. Mr. President, in the first place I think the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Bell, should be very careful in making his remarks about men because there are also women, so I think we should talk about persons being unemployed.

The question is, Mr. President, can the gentleman tell me how many states in the Union have unemployment compensation going into effect the first week?

Senator BELL. Mr. President, I do not care what they do in Arkansas or Missouri. I am concerned what happens to my neighbors in Delaware County.

Senator MANBECK. Mr. President, I recognize that the gentleman has most of everything in Delaware County.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, we have everything in Delaware County except jobs.

Senator MANBECK. Mr. President, I would like to thank the gentleman from Delaware.

I too believe that the people should be well taken care of by the unemployment compensation process. I happen to be a person that has been drawing out of that fund from time to time because I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth, and I do recognize what poor people must go through, but I also recognize that the unemployment compensation fund was established to carry people over from when they do lose their job until they do find other employment.

Mr. President, I would just like to say to the Members

here today that competition is the thing that creates jobs and when we expose our employers in the State of Pennsylvania to undue competition, whatever the cause might be, to raise the product which has to be sold, the people that go to the counter to buy that product will look at the pennies to buy it.

Mr. President, I will vote for this legislation. I merely wanted to call to the attention of the gentleman from Delaware the problems that do exist in our economy today.

Senator SNYDER. Mr. President, the gentleman from Delaware apparently did not listen to my remarks in full. I said, too, I was going to vote for this bill, but I do it with the sober realization that you are draining money out of a fund that is not without its limits. I have been told by the gentleman from Chester, Senator Stauffer, and I remember now that I saw it in this morning's paper, a story which indicated that Pennsylvania is among the four states that, in spite of several hundred million dollars in the fund, is reaching a peril point in it. I think we have to take that into consideration in all these things.

Surely, Mr. President, we are very soberly aware of the hardship of the fellow who loses his job, even if he loses it for only four weeks, but, at the same time, we have to have in our mind's eye the consideration that the day may come when it concerns all of us, and hundreds of thousands of people as to whether we have a fund on which to draw.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, I am sorry I misunderstood the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Snyder. I would like to say this: Today, with the increased cost of food, the increased cost of energy, there are not very many of our working people who work for wages or salaries who have anything left over at the end of that week. This is not a period when people have a little nest egg to fall back on.

Now again, Mr. President, down in our area we have extremely heavy unemployment, and I know last week we had some thousand new claims hit one of our employment offices and this is why I am so strong on this point; because when that man gets that termination slip we have to keep food on the table.

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:

YEAS—45

Ammerrnan,	Hess,	Mazzei,	Orlando,
Andrews,	Hobbs,	McKinney,	Reibman,
Arlene,	Holl,	Mellow,	Ross,
Bell,	Howard,	Messinger,	Scanlon,
Coppersmith,	Jubelirer,	Moore,	Smith,
Dougherty,	Kelley,	Murphy,	Snyder,
Duffield,	Kury,	Murray,	Stapleton,
Dwyer,	Lentz,	Myers,	Stauffer,
Early,	Lewis,	Nolan,	Sweeney,
Ewing,	Lynch,	Noszka,	Wood,
Fleming,	Manbeck,	O'Pake,	Zemprelli,
Frame,			

NAYS—0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1 and 176—Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator NOLAN.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS SENATE

Senator McKINNEY asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Senator McKINNEY. Mr. President, I rise as the third black Senator to sit in this honorable Body. Indeed it is a pleasure to introduce my first bill. It is also a pleasure to sit among so many wise, articulate, great men and a very gracious and wise lady.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Thank you, Senator McKinney, for introducing your first bill in the Senate of Pennsylvania.

(This bill referred in following day's Session.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO MR. AND MRS. JOHN HAMMOND ON THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Senator MAZZEI offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by three children and five grandchildren. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life. The couple was married February 14, 1925.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Frank Mazzei, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond, 4211 Davis Avenue, Munhall, Pennsylvania 15120.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO MR. AND MRS. ANDY KOVAC ON THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Senator MAZZEI offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kovac celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by six children and nineteen grandchildren. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kovac on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Frank Mazzei, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kovac, 102 Laughlin Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15210.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO MR. AND MRS. KARLO ZOVKO ON THEIR
FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Senator MAZZEI offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Karlo Zovko celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by six children, thirty-two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life. The couple was married February 14, 1925 in St. Nicholas Church, North Side, Pittsburgh.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Karlo Zovko on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Frank Mazzei, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Karlo Zovko, Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania 15210.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO MR. AND MRS. HOWARD E. GEYER ON THEIR
SIXTY-THIRD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Senator MAZZEI offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Geyer celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary recently. Their happy union has been blessed by three sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. These two people are highly respected by friends, neighbors and acquaintances as representing the finest in American life. The couple was married February 5, 1912.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extends its best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Geyer on their sixty-third wedding anniversary and expresses its hope that they may long continue to enjoy their happy marriage.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Frank Mazzei, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Geyer, 300 Macassar Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO MRS. ISABEL MCKEEVER ON HER ONE
HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY**

Senator SWEENEY offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Isabel McKeever of Springfield will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on February 23, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Isabel McKeever, who is an outstanding citizen representing the finest in American life, is a charter member of the Springfield Baptist Church and has been active in the community throughout her many years.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania heartily congratulates Mrs. Isabel McKeever of Springfield on her one hundredth birthday and wishes her the best of health and further appreciation from all who have come to know and therefore respect this fine Pennsylvanian.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator John James Sweeney, be transmitted to Mrs. Isabel McKeever, 317 Summit Road, Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO TOM KENNEDY FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Tom Kennedy was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kennedy, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kennedy, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Tom Kennedy, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Tom Kennedy.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO PAUL R. HARING FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Paul R. Haring was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. Haring, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. Haring, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Paul R. Haring, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Paul R. Haring.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO VICTOR EGRY FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Victor Egrý was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania em-

paneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Victor Egly, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Victor Egly, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Victor Egly, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Victor Egly.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO JERRY DeMAIO FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Jerry DeMaio was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Jerry DeMaio, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Jerry DeMaio, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Jerry DeMaio, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Jerry DeMaio.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO RICHARD B. TILLSON FOR HIS SERVICE AS
FOREMAN OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Richard B. Tillson, was Foreman of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Richard B. Tillson, as Foreman of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Richard B. Tillson, as Foreman of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Richard B. Tillson, Foreman of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Richard B. Tillson.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO FRED LEWIS FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER
OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Fred Lewis was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lewis, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lewis, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Fred Lewis, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Fred Lewis.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO GEORGE M. ALLMAN, JR., FOR HIS SERVICE
AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, George M. Allman, Jr. was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, George M. Allman, Jr., as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, George M. Allman, Jr., as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to George M. Allman, Jr., a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to George M. Allman, Jr.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO EDWARD G. FEHRENBACH FOR HIS SERVICE
AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Edward G. Fehrenbach was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Edward G. Fehrenbach, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Edward G. Fehrenbach, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Edward G. Fehrenbach, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Edward G. Fehrenbach.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO HENRY PARK FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Henry Park was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Henry Park, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Henry Park, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Henry Park, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Henry Park.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO LLOYD S. WEBB FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Lloyd S. Webb, was a member of the Fed-

eral Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd S. Webb, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd S. Webb, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Lloyd S. Webb, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Lloyd S. Webb.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO WILLIE TURNER FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Willie Turner was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Willie Turner, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Willie Turner, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Willie Turner, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Willie Turner.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED
TO HAROLD RIGGS FOR HIS SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Harold Riggs was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Harold Riggs, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Harold Riggs, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance

checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Harold Riggs, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Harold Riggs.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO FRANK MAZURKIEWICZ FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Frank Mazurkiewicz was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Frank Mazurkiewicz, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Frank Mazurkiewicz, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Frank Mazurkiewicz, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Frank Mazurkiewicz.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO FRED H. MILLER FOR HIS SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Fred H. Miller was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Fred H. Miller, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Fred H. Miller, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Fred H. Miller, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for his attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates him on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Fred H. Miller.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO EDNA F. ZANZINGER FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Edna F. Zanzinger was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Edna F. Zanzinger, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Edna F. Zanzinger, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Edna F. Zanzinger, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Edna F. Zanzinger.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO JEANETTE YEANISH FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Jeanette Yeanish was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Yeanish, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Yeanish, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Jeanette Yeanish, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Jeanette Yeanish.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO BETTY LOU RICEVUTO FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Betty Lou Ricevuto was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Betty Lou Ricevuto, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Betty Lou Ricevuto, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Betty Lou Ricevuto, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Betty Lou Ricevuto.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO LINDA RAPPAPORT FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Linda Rappaport was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Linda Rappaport, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Linda Rappaport, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Linda Rappaport, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Linda Rappaport.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO CORRINE M. GRIFFITHS FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Corrine M. Griffiths was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Corrine M. Griffiths, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Corrine M. Griffiths, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Corrine M. Griffiths, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Corrine M. Griffiths.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO VIRGINIA H. GOFF FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Virginia H. Goff was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Virginia H. Goff, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Virginia H. Goff, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Virginia H. Goff, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Virginia H. Goff.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO SHARON GEARTY FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Sharon Gearty was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Gearty, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Gearty, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Sharon Gearty, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud

and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Sharon Gearty.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE EXTENDED TO LAURA BLACK FOR HER SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senator SNYDER offered the following resolution which was read as follows:

In the Senate, February 19, 1975.

WHEREAS, Laura Black was a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Laura Black, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, was responsible for the Jury's incisive report on welfare check theft and fraud in the Commonwealth and the processing of Pennsylvania welfare recipient's complaints of non receipt of welfare checks; and

WHEREAS, Laura Black, as a member of the Federal Grand Jury, exhibited commendable initiative in exploring the public problems related to public assistance checks and recommending remedies to this serious matter.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its deepest thanks to Laura Black, a member of the Federal Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, empaneled by the Honorable John P. Fullam on January 25, 1974, for her attention to the pressing problems of welfare check fraud and congratulates her on the completion of a job well done.

And further directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Richard A. Snyder, be transmitted to Laura Black.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolutions?
The resolutions were adopted.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS SENATE

Senator LEWIS asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Senator LEWIS. Mr. President, I was not present on the floor at the time of the voting on Senate Bill No. 33. Had I been here I would have voted "aye" and respectfully request to be so recorded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The record will so indicate, Senator.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINORITY CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

Senator FLEMING. Mr. President, might we ask, before adjourning, that all of the Republican Senators note that we do have a caucus scheduled for 1:00 o'clock, a very important one, and ask that they be ready to convene in the regular Republican caucus room at 1:00 o'clock.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

Senator SWEENEY. Mr. President, I would like to concur with the remarks of my distinguished colleague from Delaware, Senator Bell, that Delaware County has everything except jobs, and I am going to talk about the filling of a few of those jobs this morning.

One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Governor of any State is to maintain a continuity of the orderly operations of State functions and services. Inherent in

that responsibility is the obligation to fill vacancies with qualified persons as expeditiously as it is feasible. In my judgment, there is no defensible argument which will sustain procrastination when such vacancies materially and adversely affect the timely discharge of the State's business. This is particularly applicable to vacancies of a judicial or a semi-judicial nature.

Five vacancies on the Governor's Justice Commission in Delaware County have gone unfilled for an inordinate period of time. The Trial Court Nominating Commission in Delaware County, which was established by a gubernatorial executive order, has had five vacancies since its inception and it is not operational. Presently, a vacancy exists on the Common Pleas Court in Delaware County, and it remains unfilled substantially because the Commission cannot make appropriate recommendations to the Governor.

Upper Darby Township in Delaware County is the largest township in the Commonwealth, and there are those who represent it as the largest township in the Nation, has a population approximating 100,000 people. A District Justice of the Peace vacancy has existed in the township for almost a year, and before that, the incumbent was incapacitated for a like period. So, for almost two years some of the citizens of Upper Darby Township have been deprived of their mandated right to convenient and expeditious processing of their legal grievances simply because the Governor, for reasons best known to himself and unexplained to us, has chosen not to fill those vacancies.

Three editorials during the past several months in the local newspapers have urged the Governor to fill the vacancies. A resolution by the Board of Commissioners of Upper Darby Township passed on December 17, 1974, urged the Governor to fill the vacancies. Leaders of both parties, and other interested citizens and organizations, have sent letters and telegrams which have urged the Governor to fill the vacancies. On several occasions I, and five Members of the House of Representatives from Delaware County, have urged the Governor to act. As of this hour the Governor stands mute in that he has not seen fit to be responsive to the normally acceptable urgings of the citizens and leaders of an affected area.

As the first Democrat to sit in this Chamber from Delaware County, I feel somewhat uncomfortable criticizing a Governor of my own Party but that does not diminish the validity of my criticism, the urgency of the problem or the incumbent responsibility of the Governor to act. My primary obligation is to my constituents. Their best interests have been ignored, and I do not propose to stand and permit the situation to continue unresolved.

Mr. President, I respectfully request that the Governor, as expeditiously as possible, resolve the problem. At the appropriate time I will introduce legislation that will make it mandatory that the Governor fill judicial and quasi-judicial vacancies within sixty days of their occurrence and hopefully I can count on the support of my colleagues.

Senator FLEMING. Mr. President, I listened with interest to our colleague, the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Sweeney, complaining bitterly about, apparently, the inconvenience of not having appointees of the Governor take place on time. I would only call the gentleman's attention to the fact that the vacancy remained on the very important Public Utility Commission for about ten months and then, after the interim appointment was

made and the gentleman took his seat, the Governor has now refused to permit his name to come to a vote; so the only way or manner I could counsel the gentleman is, he has not seen anything yet.

Senator SNYDER. Mr. President, I want to underline and agree with the remarks of the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Sweeney, particularly with reference to the members of the regional justice commission. We are likely to forget in this Body that the justice commission, the overall State commission, distributes upward of \$20 million a year for various law enforcement activities and the decisions on these are recommended, in turn, by the regional justice commissions, one of which includes, of course, the Delaware County justice commission.

As a member of the Governor's Commission on Law and Justice, I have always taken the position that we ought to, whenever possible, or unless there is a good reason to the contrary, uphold what the regional commissions decide. If they decide something should have money, I believe then that their judgment is probably best. If they deny an application for money, I believe in upholding that because it is always difficult to deny money to people, and if the regional commission denies it, I think they, in nearly all cases, had good reason. I think if there are five vacancies on the regional commission, it certainly is a slowdown of the process of distributing the funds, and these funds are Federal funds specifically designated for improvement of the administration of justice, and with our present rising crime rate and our delays in justice, we certainly should do everything we can to expedite fairness and impartiality.

So, Mr. President, I will endorse the remarks of the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Sweeney, and wish him well with his legislation.

Senator FRAME. Mr. President, I feel compelled to very briefly admit to a sense of frustration and inadequacy. Traditionally it has been one of the roles to which I have been sentenced, that I provide constructive criticism of the present Governor of Pennsylvania during this particular order of business. For two days in a row this role has been preempted by Members from the other side of the aisle: Yesterday the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Smith; today the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Sweeney. I would hope, maybe, by next week I will be allowed to be the criticizer and they will let me come back to the traditional role of Minority Leader.

Senator JUBELIRER. Mr. President, I rise in support of the remarks of the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Sweeney, and would be delighted to co-sponsor the bill with him. I would comment to my colleagues in the Senate that we have a very unusual situation in Bedford County wherein we had a resignation by the only judge, the president judge, it being a one-judge county in the Commonwealth. A vacancy exists and, unusual as it may

seem, the Democratic Party has endorsed a candidate, the Republican Party has endorsed the same candidate, the Bar Association has been unanimous in its approval of one candidate. There is only one applicant for the job. A special commission was appointed in Bedford County naming the same man. Yet, we cannot have the vacancy filled by the Governor of Pennsylvania even when there is this unanimous consent for one man.

So, Mr. President, I rise to tell the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Sweeney, that we will be delighted to join in his petition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Eastern Daylight Saving Time	DATE AND COMMITTEE	Room
	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1975	
12:00 Noon	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS to consider Senate Bill No. 178	Committee meeting room
	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1975	
9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE Attending this meeting will be representatives of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.	182
10:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE to consider Senate Bills No. 8, 11, 18, 48, 51, 61, 78, Senate Resolutions No. 4 and 202	Majority Caucus room
11:00 A.M.	FINANCE to consider Senate Bills No. 62, 89, 92, 115, 138 and 190	350
Immediately After Session	INSURANCE To meet with Commissioner Sheppard and his staff.	170

ADJOURNMENT

Senator NOLAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, February 24, 1975, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 11:50 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.