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SENATE

THURSDAY, December 15, 1977.

The Senate met at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Secretary of the Senate, Hon. MARK GRUELL, JR.:

Most gracious God, our Heavenly Father, we are truly grateful for Thy many blessings that Thou has seen fit to bestow upon us. Forgive us our sins, our mistakes and our shortcomings. Bless us and guide us throughout our lives, especially during this most holy holiday season. Protect and watch over us as we journey home to our families and friends. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Who watches over all. 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 MESSINGER, further reading was dispensed with, and the Journal was approved.

RECONSIDERATION OF SB 1202

BILL OVER IN ORDER ON FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1202 (Pr. No. 1490) — Senator KELLEY. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 1202, Printer's No. 1490, failed of final passage on December 13, 1977.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

Senator KELLEY. Mr. President, I request that Senate Bill No. 1202 go over in its order and appear on the Final Passage Calendar.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There being no objection, the bill will be placed on the Final Passage Calendar.

SENATOR MESSINGER TO VOTE FOR MEMBERS ON LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave of absence for today's Session for Senator Coppersmith, Senator Noszka, Senator Zemprelli, Senator Hankins and Senator Nolan, who previously had legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair hears no objection and the request is granted.

SENATOR STAUFFER TO VOTE FOR SENATOR JUBELIRER AND SENATOR FLEMING

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I ask for a legislative leave of absence for Senator Jubelirer and Senator Fleming and I will be voting them.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair hears no objection and the leaves of absence will be granted.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives being introduced, presented for concurrence **HB 1326**, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

He also presented for concurrence **HB 996**, which was referred to the Committee on Insurance.

He also presented for concurrence **HB 1878**, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and Aeronautics.

He also presented for concurrence **HB 88**, which was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

He also returned to the Senate **SB 1187**, with the information that the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill, as amended, will be placed on the Calendar.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

He also returned to the Senate **SB 839**, with the information that the House has passed the same without amendments.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

He also informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1283, 1650 and 1655**.

BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Martin L. Murray) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 839, HB 1283, 1650 and 1655.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

Senators REIBMAN and DOUGHERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1250**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for deductions for payment of other credited nonschool service.

Which was committed to the Committee on Education.

Senators REIBMAN, ROMANELLI, NOLAN and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 1251**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30, No. 14), entitled "Public School Code of 1949," renaming the Intermediate Unit and granting them authority to coordinate transportation services.

Which was committed to the Committee on Education.

They also presented to the Chair **SB 1252**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30, No. 14), entitled "Public School Code of 1949," transferring to the Department of Transportation the duty to approve the means and contracts under which certain school districts transport pupils.

Which was committed to the Committee on Education.

They also presented to the Chair **SB 1253**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1976 (No. 15-A), entitled "Motor License Fund Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 1976," appropriating a sum from the Motor License Fund to the Department of Transportation for pupil transportation and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senators DOUGHERTY, SCHAEFER, SMITH, MURRAY, MELLOW, ORLANDO, ROSS and SWEENEY presented to the Chair **SB 1254**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 10, 1974 (P. L. 639, No. 209), entitled "Abortion Control Act," prohibiting subsidizing of abortions.

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

RECESS

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I request a five minute recess of the Senate for the purpose of holding a Republican caucus.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any objections? The Chair hears no objection, and declares a five minute recess of the Senate.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The time of recess having elapsed, the Senate will be in order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES FOR SENATOR JUBELIRER AND SENATOR FLEMING WITHDRAWN

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, at the beginning of today's Session I had requested legislative leaves of absence for Senator Fleming and Senator Jubelirer. At this time I would like to withdraw that request for legislative leaves for those two Members.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair hears no objection and the record will so indicate.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator STAUFFER asked and obtained leave of absence for Senator JUBELIRER, because of medical reasons.

CALENDAR**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE**

HB 1630 (Pr. No. 2349) — 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—41

Andrews,	Hess,	Mellow,	Ross,
Arlene,	Holl,	Messinger,	Scanlon,
Bell,	Hopper,	Moore,	Schaefer,
Coppersmith,	Howard,	Murray,	Smith,
Corman,	Kelley,	Nolan,	Snyder,
Dougherty,	Kury,	Noszka,	Stapleton,
Dwyer,	Kusse,	O'Pake,	Stauffer,
Early,	Lewis,	Orlando,	Sweeney,
Gekas,	Manbeck,	Reibman,	Tilghman,
Grzenda,	McKinney,	Romanelli,	Zemprelli,
Hankins,			

NAYS—0

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

Ordered, That the Clerk return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same without amendments.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS****SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

SB 1187 (Pr. No. 1538) — Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 1187.

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

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I desire to interrogate

the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Messinger.

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

Senator MESSINGER. I will, Mr. President,

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I would ask the gentleman to refer to page 10, line 27 of the bill. I would like to know the gentleman's interpretation of line 27 in that bill.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, according to what I heard last night in the debate in the House and my understanding of the bill now, it means that the item for gypsy moth spraying operations has been deleted as far as State funds are concerned. That is my latest understanding of that item.

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, the gentleman then agrees that the program, as far as State funding is concerned, for gypsy moth spraying operations is totally deleted from the General Appropriation Act for 1977-1978.

Senator MESSINGER. That is my understanding, Mr. President. I also understand that there are Federal funds which cover part of this program.

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, would the gentleman agree that the gypsy moth spraying program is a very important program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Senator MESSINGER. No, Mr. President, I would not. I do not believe in the program in the first place, but that is my own personal opinion. From all the biological studies that have been made, it is really a waste of money to do any spraying for gypsy moth. I think there is plenty of evidence to show that they run their cycle and you can spray until you are blue in the face. By spraying you can poison waters and you can do a lot of other things. If you do not spray, they go away anyway.

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I recognize that the gentleman has indicated that is a personal view. I would be interested in knowing whether it is his opinion which is shared by the Members of the Majority caucus.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I have no idea whether the rest of the Members of our caucus have made any ecological studies to the point where they have an understanding of the bad nature of chemical poison spraying for any kind of insects.

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I would also ask the gentleman to refer to page 11, line 12 of the bill and ask whether he agrees that the money which was originally included in the General Appropriation Act for preservation of the Appalachian Trail has been stricken from the Act for the 1977-1978 fiscal year?

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, it is my understanding at the present time that the same reasoning applies to line 12 on page 11 as applies to line 27 on page 10.

Senator STAUFFER. Mr. President, I thank the gentleman. I would like to point out that, on the Republican side of the aisle, we feel very strongly with regard to the need for the gypsy moth spraying program, recognizing that in many sections of Pennsylvania the gypsy moth is literally eating this Commonwealth alive. Furthermore, we feel very strongly with regard to the preservation of the Appalachian Trail and would suggest to the Majority that if the Federal funding is not available or does not become available—and we hope it does of course—we would suggest that, immediately upon the determination of that, leg-

islation be introduced immediately and moved forward to restore these two programs which are being stripped from the General Appropriation Act.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I will be happy to help sponsor and push such legislation.

Senator STAUFFER. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, I desire to interrogate the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Messinger.

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

Senator MESSINGER. I will, Mr. President.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, on page 18, lines 9 to 11, the appropriation to the Pennsylvania State Police is reduced from \$59 million to \$29 million. Would the Majority Leader advise the Senate as to the effect of this deletion?

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, the deletion was made, if you will follow this, at the time that we transferred the \$30 million back to the Department of Transportation which we were going to pick up. We did that.

Senator BELL. In other words, Mr. President, the Department of Transportation was given a \$30 million credit by the passage of the original appropriations bill. Is that correct, Mr. President?

Senator MESSINGER. That is correct, Mr. President. We had included an extra \$30 million which we were going to take over from the Department of Transportation with the understanding that over a period of three years we would pick up \$90 million that the Department of Transportation pays for the State Police. Since we were not able to keep that in the budget, we subtracted the \$30 million—really what we did was just give it back as part of the Department of Transportation budget.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, we are now almost six months into the fiscal year. What this apparently means is that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, which has operated with the assumption that they would have this \$30 million during this fiscal year and has spent money, will now be short \$30 million. Is that correct?

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation said it did not matter much whether we took the \$30 million from them or gave it to them because their debt is so much greater that this is really of little consequence.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, that is just what I wanted to put into the record. As the winter progresses and the salt is not put on I-81, such as happened earlier this week, and the Department of Transportation says they do not have money for ice control, and when the potholes in my District are not filled and the Secretary of Transportation says, "Senator, you voted to take \$30 million away from us after you promised to give it to us. You take the responsibility, Mr. Senator."

I suggest, Mr. President, that this is playing with lives on our highways.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, it is true that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is short of money. That is not my fault and we could have—had we raised sufficient money for the budget—taken over that \$30 million. Had we raised sufficient more, we could have taken over \$60 million

and if we had raised sufficient more under this budget and tax program we could have taken over the \$90 million this year. However, it was not there.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, I suggest the Majority Leader's answer is no answer when a car is laying on the side of the highway or an eighteen-wheel truck crosses a medial strip and kills people because there is ice on the highway. We have seen what happened on Interstate 81 on Tuesday of this week. This can happen on any highway and we are denying Mr. Wilson of PennDOT the money to provide anti-skid control.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, may I remind some of the Members in this Chamber that, when we were discussing the budget and when we were discussing taxes, the very people who are now complaining voted against an increased budget and voted against the taxes.

Senator EARLY. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to this particular bill. I assure the Members I will be brief. However, if the Members will be kind enough to look at page 16, line 11, it states:

"After January 1, 1978 no part of this appropriation shall be used to pay general assistance to any full-time student at a college or university . . ." which is basically what we had agreed on when this bill was in the Senate. In fact, if the Members will recall, we had another amendment which stated that no one under twenty-one years of age would be permitted to collect general assistance. Unfortunately, we were not successful in putting that in. However, we were successful here in the Senate to state that no one who was at a university would be eligible for general assistance. That has been changed in the House and they have added the words: ". . . who has not participated in a federally subsidized program for dependent children."

Mr. President, this is basically getting back to what we tried to avoid in the first place and that is, having someone who is on general assistance collecting it while he is a college student.

Also, Mr. President, it is very discriminating because, with that wording, it is saying that if I, at one time, were on general assistance, ten years ago, fifteen years ago, my son or my daughter would be eligible at any time for general assistance while they are going to college. However, if I was never on welfare, my son and my daughter would not be covered. Basically, Mr. President, that is very discriminatory. We are saying some individuals whose parents were on general assistance will now have a license, their child will be permitted to collect general assistance.

Mr. President, what we are doing here is exactly what we tried to avoid. Under the present system, if an individual is on aid to dependent children, he is involved in a family and he wants to go to college, he may go to college and his family would continue to be eligible for welfare, so the ADC program and those guidelines are determined by the Federal government. However, with this wording, Mr. President, this individual who is part of a family, whose family is receiving aid to dependent children, we are saying to him, with this wording, "You no longer have to be part of this family. You go out and establish yourself as a case of its own and you are now eligible for general assistance while you are going to school." This, Mr. President, is exactly what we are trying to avoid. What the

House did, through some tricky wording, they just sent the bill back to us and practically, totally, eliminated what we were trying to avoid.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, what we were trying to avoid is those students, whose families are able to support them, who do go to college and then go and ask for general assistance for this purpose. I believe we are not trying to keep from college those people whose families may be on general assistance or aid for dependent children. If they can get an education and can get some assistance at least they will, in that way, get off the welfare rolls which is exactly what we are trying to do. However, if you give them no opportunity to get the education or training, then you are going to have them continue on that, if this happens to be the case.

Furthermore, Mr. President, there is nothing in this language that says if they do not—rather that they can qualify simply by doing this—meet the qualifications they will not get it.

Senator HOLL. Mr. President, I desire to interrogate the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Messinger.

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

Senator MESSINGER. I will, Mr. President.

Senator HOLL. Mr. President, I refer the Majority Leader to page 18, lines 1 through 9, and I would request that the Majority Leader restate his comments having to do with the position of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. President, did I understand correctly, after all I have heard from the Secretary and his people, that now they do not object to this transfer because they do not need the money?

Senator MESSINGER. No, Mr. President, I did not say that. I said they did not object to getting it back under the circumstances because this \$30 million would not have alleviated their problems at the present time and, in fact, I believe all of the gentlemen may have a chance to vote for highway safety when gasoline taxes will probably be proposed because it is in much more difficulty than the \$30 million we had intended to take from them in the first place.

Senator HOLL. Mr. President, just for the record, so I understand correctly, because today is the first time I learned that the Secretary was in agreement that \$30 million—part of the \$90 million total—would be taken away from him and not paid for out of the General Fund, as was the case prior to this amendment.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I am sure he would have loved to have us do it but, under the circumstances, what could he do about it when we decided not to take the \$30 million.

Senator HOLL. Of course, Mr. President, he could not do anything but just so I understand correctly that he does not object to this.

Now on page 19, Mr. President, on lines 16 through 21, will the Majority Leader explain for the record what that means?

Senator MESSINGER. Yes, Mr. President. What happened was that we, in trying to arrive at a balanced budget, lapsed previous legislative funds. In so doing, we lapsed them, not only for the Senate but also for the House, and they had cal-

culated last year, since we had ongoing appropriations, they were including this as part of their budget for the present year. Since we took it away from them by lapsing it, we restored this and we did this, by the way, when we passed this bill.

Senator HOLL. How much was restored, Mr. President?

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, exactly what is shown there.

Senator HOLL. Over a million dollars, Mr. President?

Senator MESSINGER. That is correct, Mr. President.

Senator HOLL. Mr. President, is this comparable then to the same calculations that apply to the Senate?

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, the Senate happens to have a surplus and the House did not.

Senator TILGHMAN. Mr. President, I am going to concur in this bill and the amendments sent over to us by the House because, as far as I am concerned, one of the most exciting things that has happened in this piece of legislation in probably a hundred years is that the first step has been taken toward some type of budgetary reform in this Commonwealth. I am speaking to that section at the end of the bill which says if we do not pass an appropriation bill by June 30th, that magic hour, funds will continue to be spent as they are in the Federal government. This is in line with the bill of the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow, the bill of the gentleman from Chester, Senator Stauffer, and the amendments to some of them which passed the Senate.

Mr. President, I happen to be one who thinks that we should discuss and argue about State spending throughout the year. This give us the latitude to do it. It will enable us to work on some further legislation, some of the legislation we have discussed here on the floor which the lady from Northampton, Senator Reibman, has introduced, that I have introduced and in some forty other bills, generally speaking, to revise the method by which we handle the budget and I believe this is an exciting concept that is in the last two or three pages of the bill.

Senator DWYER. Mr. President, a few minutes ago this debate began with questions about the gypsy moth. I would like to add my understanding of the situation.

The \$400,000 that was eliminated for the gypsy moth was inserted into two other programs of the Department of Environmental Resources. First, \$100,000 was added to the State Forestry operations which would make it \$100,000 above the amount which had been in the bill at the time it was reported from the Committee on Appropriations in the House. That is reflected in lines 23, 24, 25 and 26 on page 10. Then, \$300,000 was put into the operation of State parks which is shown on the bottom line of page 10 and the first two lines of page 11.

I have not discussed this personally with Dr. Goddard but I do understand, from talking with people who were involved in preparing these amendments, that this is with the concurrence of Dr. Goddard. He hated to have to do this but it is his effort to make the very best of the very limited funds that are available to his Department.

There is an unspecified amount of funding from the Federal government that will be available to continue the gypsy moth control program.

As I stated, Mr. President, that is my understanding of this shift in funding.

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I will agree that Dr. Goddard agreed with these amendments.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

(During the calling of the roll, the following occurred:)

Senator EARLY. Mr. President, I would like to change my vote from "no" to "aye."

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The gentleman will be so recorded.

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

YEAS—39

Andrews,	Hess,	Messinger,	Scanlon,
Arlene,	Holl,	Moore,	Schaefer,
Coppersmith,	Hopper,	Murray,	Smith,
Corman,	Howard,	Nolan,	Snyder,
Dougherty,	Kelley,	Noszka,	Stapleton,
Dwyer,	Kury,	O'Pake,	Stauffer,
Early,	Kusse,	Orlando,	Sweeney,
Gekas,	Lewis,	Reibman,	Tilghman,
Gurzenda,	McKinney,	Romanelli,	Zemprelli,
Hankins,	Mellow,	Ross,	

NAYS—2

Bell, Manbeck,

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

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROSS,

That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nomination made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to.

CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATION

Senator ROSS asked and obtained unanimous consent for immediate consideration of a nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor.

NOMINATION TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ROSS. Mr. President, I call from the table for consideration the nomination of Dr. John C. Pammer, Jr., as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

The Clerk read the nomination as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

October 11, 1977.

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 Dr. John C. Pammer,

Jr., 1104 Sixth Street, North Catasauqua 18032, Northampton County, Eighteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, to serve until July 15, 1981, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

MILTON J. SHAPP.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination?

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

YEAS—18

Andrews,	Kury,	Noszka,	Scanlon,
Coppersmith,	Lewis,	Reibman,	Schaefer,
Gekas,	Messinger,	Romanelli,	Stout,
Gurzenda,	Murray,	Ross,	Zemprelli,
Hopper,	Nolan,		

NAYS—22

Arlene,	Hankins,	Manbeck,	Snyder,
Bell,	Hess,	McKinney,	Stapleton,
Corman,	Holl,	Mellow,	Stauffer,
Dougherty,	Howard,	Moore,	Sweeney,
Dwyer,	Kelley,	Smith,	Tilghman,
Early,	Kusse,		

Less than a majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ROSS. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered and adopted:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kay Hood by Senator Kelley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Rockey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Mayersky, Mr. and Mrs. Ranzel B. Rager, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renninger and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Fultz by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Schmohl, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Shertzer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Runk, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mego, Mr. and Mrs. William Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Z. Boyd and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Bankert by Senator Hess.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Joseph Galia, Joseph Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and to the Widener College Pioneers Football Team by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagerer by Senator Early.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nazareth Academy by Senator Dougherty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Keeton by Senator Ross.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Secretary to the Governor being introduced, presented communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor, advising that the following Senate Bills had been approved and signed by the Governor:

SB 377, 481 and 594.

BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Martin L. Murray) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 1187 and HB 1630.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1977

9:00 A.M.	Special Senate Committee	William Penn
	to on Drug Law Enforcement	Museum
4:00 P.M.	(Public Hearing on the	Auditorium
	Organization & Structure	
	of Drug Law Enforcement	
	in Pennsylvania)	

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1978

9:00 A.M.	C O N S T I T U T I O N A L	Terrace Room,
	to CHANGES AND FEDERAL	Wm. Penn Hotel,
9:00 P.M.	RELATIONS (Public Hear-	Mellon Square,
	ing on House Bill No. 71)	Pittsburgh, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator MESSINGER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, January 3, 1978, at 12:00 Noon, Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 11:45 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.