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No. 12

SENATE

MONDAY, March 10, 1997

The Senate met at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mark S. Schweiker) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend NANCY H. WITTIG, of St. Andrews in the Field Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

O God, we pray for children who woke up this morning in dens of dope rather than in homes of hope. With hunger in their bellies and hunger in their spirits and without parents or friends to care for, affirm, and lovingly discipline them; we pray for children who have no one to pray for them or protect and guide them and who are being abused or neglected right now by parents who themselves were often abused and neglected. Help us to welcome them into our hearts and our communities.

We pray for children who are sick from diseases we could have prevented, who are dying from guns we could have controlled, who are killing from rage we could have averted by loving attention and positive alternatives. Help us to welcome them in our hearts and communities.

We pray for children struggling to live to adulthood in the war zones of our cities who plan their own funerals and fear each day will be their last. We mourn for the thousands of children whose life journeys have already ended too violently and too soon. Help us to welcome them into our hearts and our communities.

We pray for children who are born with one, two, three or more strikes already against them; too tiny to live, too sick with AIDS, too addicted to alcohol or cocaine or heroin to survive. Help us to welcome them into our hearts and communities. We pray for girl children having children without husbands and steady friends or lifelines of support, who do not know how to parent and who need parenting themselves. We pray that teen and adult fathers will take more responsibility for the children they father. Help us to welcome them in our hearts and communities.

We pray for children who are born into and grow up in poverty without a seat at America's table of plenty; for youths whose only hope for employment is drug dealing and whose only sense of belonging is gangs, whose only haven is the

streets and whose only tomorrow is prison or death. Help us to welcome in our hearts, O Lord, these Your children.

We pray for children and youth in every community struggling to make sense of life, confused by adults who tell them one thing and do another, who tell them not to fight but who fight, and tell them not to take drugs while taking drugs. Help us to welcome these children into our hearts and our communities.

O God, we pray for children for whom we expect too little and for those from whom we expect too much, for those who have too little to live on and for those who have so much that they have little to appreciate, for children afflicted by want and for children afflicted by affluence in a society that defines them by what they have rather than by what and who they are, your loving and precious gift. Help us to welcome them into our hearts and communities.

We pray for ourselves as parents, teachers, preachers, and leaders, that we will help solve rather than cause the problems our children face by struggling to be worthy of emulation since we teach each minute by example. God, we pledge to pray and work to save our children's lives. O God, we pledge to pray and work to protect our children's dreams. O God, we pledge to pray and work to rekindle our children's hopes. O God, we pledge to pray and work to rebuild our children's families. O God, we pledge to pray and work to create a sense of community and security for our children. O God, we pledge to pray and work to instill in our children a knowledge and appreciation of their traditions and heritage. O God, we pledge to pray and work to leave no child behind. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Wittig, who is the guest today of Senator Salvatore.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of February 11, 1997.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Common-

wealth, advising that the following Senate Bill had been approved and signed by the Governor:

SB 178.

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

CORONER, CENTRE COUNTY

February 11, 1997

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, Richard A. Kelley, 636 Jacksonville Road, Bellefonte 16823-7904, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, in and for the County of Centre, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Kerry A. Benninghoff, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
HEARING BOARD**

February 11, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard S. Ehmann, Esquire, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

February 11, 1997

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, Domenick Argento, 910 Green Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 1999 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert B. Cormany, Ed.D., Carlisle, confirmed to another position.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

February 11, 1997

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, Elisabeth Baker, Box 69, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Wyoming, Magisterial District 44-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Marion J. Robinson, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CONTROLLER, CLEARFIELD COUNTY

February 12, 1997

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, Percy O. Kephart, Jr., 129 West Sixth Avenue, Clearfield 16830, Clearfield County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Clearfield, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Gene Lunsford, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
WESTMORELAND COUNTY**

February 12, 1997

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, William J. Ober, Esquire, R. D. #5, Box 331, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice The Honorable Gilfert M. Mihalich, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEE OF LINCOLN
UNIVERSITY-OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 12, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael P. Meehan, Esquire, 15051 Trevoise Road, Philadelphia 19116, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a Commonwealth Trustee of Lincoln University-of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until August 31, 1997, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Audrey R. Johnson-Thornton, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

February 12, 1997

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, Edward C. Cernic, Jr., 490 Naylor Road, Johnstown 15906, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Benjamin L. Koch, Fleetwood, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 13, 1997

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, Steven P. Stout, R. D. #2, Box 328, Washington 15301, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of California University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 13, 1997

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, Clifford E. Allen, 123 Maple Drive, Edinboro 16412, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John D. Catone, Hershey, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

February 13, 1997

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, Louis A. Guzzi, R. D. #5, Box 251, Johnstown 15905, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE TAX
EQUALIZATION BOARD**

February 13, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James E. Bach, Sr., R. D. #3, Shickshinny 18655, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Tax Equalization Board, to serve until November 14, 1999, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE TAX
EQUALIZATION BOARD**

February 13, 1997

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, Trevor Edwards, Esquire, P. O. Box 1204, Harrisburg 17108, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Tax Equalization Board, to serve until November 14, 1999, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE TAX
EQUALIZATION BOARD**

February 13, 1997

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, Martha Bell Schoeninger, 245 Valley Stream Lane, Wayne 19087, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Tax Equalization Board, to serve until November 14, 1999, or until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION**

February 19, 1997

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, Angelo Mazzanti (District 7), R. R. #1, Box 147, Springville 18844, Wyoming County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years, vice Edward L. Vogue, Jr., Dupont, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

February 19, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve until June 15, 1998 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Linda S. Fagenholz, M.D., Erie, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL**

February 20, 1997

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, Samuel C. Cali, 303 West Elm Street, Dunmore 18512, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL**

February 20, 1997

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, Theodore J. Giglio, 100 Alirosa Lane, Old Forge 18518, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL**

February 20, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James A. Mancuso, R. D. #2, Box 345, Carbondale 18407, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Anthony J. Cammarota, Old Forge, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL**

February 20, 1997

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, Tina M. Muncie, 1133 West Elm Street, Scranton 18504, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William P. Grochowski, Dunmore, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF LAURELTON CENTER**

February 20, 1997

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, Jeanne G. Zimmerman, 900 Green Street, Mifflinburg 17844, Union County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Laurelton Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR
VETERANS' CHILDREN**

February 20, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Ann Nobers, Ph.D., 16 South 21st Street, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Virginia L. James, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

February 20, 1997

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, Kimberly Klee-Rodrigues (Republican), 441 New Street, Scranton 18509, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Lackawanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1999, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank T. Eshmont, Throop, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 24, 1997

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, Richard L. Orwig, Esquire, 404 Lynne Avenue, Wyomissing 19610, Berks County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

February 24, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable Guido M. Pichini, 24 Upland Road, Wyomissing Hills 19609, Berks County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard A. Gray, Jr., Allentown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

February 24, 1997

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, Doris S. Turbett, 413 Mountain Street, P. O. Box 183, Summerdale 17093, Cumberland County, Thir-

ty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WHITE HAVEN CENTER**

February 24, 1997

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, Dorothy Lashock, 348 Winters Avenue, West Hazleton 18201, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cheryl Bubrowski, Lattimer, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE CLINTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

February 24, 1997

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, Dorothy A. Walker (Democrat), 129 Woodward Avenue, Lot 53, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Clinton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1999, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

February 25, 1997

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, Arlene Snyder, 103 Aqua Drive, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gerald R. Keenan, Jr., Johnstown, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

February 25, 1997

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, Gary L. Morrison, 825 Stockbridge Drive, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice The Reverend Dr. Horace S. Sills, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 26, 1997

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, Fritz Bittenbender, 264 Boas Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marvin Wachman, Ph.D., Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

February 26, 1997

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, Gregory Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice The Honorable Donald E. Wieand, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

February 26, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Middleton, Esquire, 115 Vernon Lane, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice The Honorable Robert N. C. Nix, Jr., resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OPTOMETRY

February 26, 1997

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, Donna Kriner (Public Member), 4113 Beechwood Lane, Apartment K, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Francis R. Grady, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

February 26, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 58, approved June 27, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

February 26, 1997

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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve until June 15, 1998 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard W. Hayden, Esquire, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PODIATRY

February 26, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael A. Cibik, Esquire (Public Member), 230 South Broad Street, Eighth Floor, Philadelphia 19102, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF POLK CENTER**

February 26, 1997

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, Eleanora M. Miller, 965 East Gilmore Road, Grove City 16127, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF POLK CENTER**

February 26, 1997

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, Irene B. Smerick, 1816 East Fourth Street, Erie 16511, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

February 26, 1997

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, Edward P. Becker, 1242 Seidersville Road, Bethlehem 18015, Northampton County, Eighteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PSYCHOLOGY**

February 26, 1997

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, Marilyn Striano, 1005 Copper Creek Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor

is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marlene D. Mosco, Erie, declined appointment.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

February 26, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Paula Vitz (Public Member), 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Clair E. Troy, Elizabethville, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

February 26, 1997

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, Ann DiTullio, 5106 Clinton Drive, Erie 16509, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Erie, Magisterial District 6-3-04, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Mary Jane Fuller, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

February 26, 1997

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, Elisabeth Baker, Box 69, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Lackawanna, Magisterial District 45-1-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Carmen D. Minora, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

February 28, 1997

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, Jill Asher (Public Member), 660 Boas Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosme-

tology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Michele K. Bote, Millersville, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

February 28, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Ann Navarro (Public Member), 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Helen Gaskey, Daisytown, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

February 28, 1997

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, Lauren P. Argenio, D.O., 901 Wyoming Avenue, West Pittston 18643, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Leo R. Kairys, M.D., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

February 28, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John P. Mays, Ph.D., Lehnenberg Road, R. R. #1, Box 125, Reigelsville 18077, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Michael Mokotoff, Ph.D., Mount Lebanon, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

February 28, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vincent J. Giannetti, Ph.D., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

February 28, 1997

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, Nolan Kurtz, 1008 North Third Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2002 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John C. Pittenger, Esquire, Nottingham, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
FARVIEW STATE HOSPITAL**

February 28, 1997

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, Elisabeth Baker, Box 69, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Farview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 1999, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William H. Beck, Carbondale, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

February 28, 1997

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, Donna Kriner, 4113K Beechwood Lane, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve for a term of seven years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 58, approved June 27, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
YORK COUNTY

February 28, 1997

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, Carolyn Angelo, 20 Fourth Street, Hanover 17331, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of York County, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice The Honorable Emanuel A. Cassimatis, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 28, 1997

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, Domenick Argento, 910 Green Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve until June 2, 1998 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Luis F. Columba, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 28, 1997

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, Fritz Bittenbender, 264 Boas Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve until June 2, 2001 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sheila Bass, Holland, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 28, 1997

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, Marilyn Striano, 1005 Copercreek Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve for a

term of five years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 58, approved June 27, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

February 28, 1997

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, Valerie Smith (Public Member), 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Madeline D. Leth, Hazleton, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON PROBATION

February 28, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, The Honorable Thomas R. Dobson, Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer 16137, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Probation, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, vice Hon. John H. Chronister, York, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

February 28, 1997

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, Fritz Bittenbender, 264 Boas Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Fayette, Magisterial District 14-1-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Charles F. Hartz, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

February 28, 1997

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, Diane S. Ciabattoni, 182 Iowa

Street, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Westmoreland, Magisterial District 10-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Lois L. Diehl, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**BRIGADIER GENERAL, PENNSYLVANIA
NATIONAL GUARD**

March 7, 1997

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, Colonel James F. Barnette, 201 Walnut Drive, Queenstown, Maryland 21658, for appointment as Brigadier General, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, to serve until terminated.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**REGISTER OF WILLS, RECORDER OF
DEEDS, BLAIR COUNTY**

March 7, 1997

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, Shirley A. Burket, 412 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg 16648, Blair County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Blair, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Wilfred L. Carey, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

February 12, 1997

HB 12, 148, 149, 152 and 161 -- Committee on Judiciary.

February 13, 1997

HB 89, 132 and 133 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 12, 1997

Senators GREENLEAF and AFFLERBACH presented to the Chair SB 449, entitled:

An Act providing for a new home warranty and for security programs; requiring registration of builders; imposing duties upon the Department of Community and Economic Development; establishing the New Home Warranty Security Fund; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, BELL, O'PAKE, HECKLER and KASUNIC presented to the Chair SB 450, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the use of a document facsimile production, or FAX, machine to transmit unsolicited advertising messages.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY, February 12, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair SB 451, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for construction of sewer or water system extensions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SB 452, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensing of home inspection companies; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; creating the Home Inspection Fund; providing for enforcement and penalties; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES and KASUNIC presented to the Chair SB 453, entitled:

An Act relating to cemeteries; requiring cemetery companies to disclose financial and other information; providing for powers and duties of the Real Estate Commission and for abandoned cemeteries; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HART, MUSTO, RHOADES, SALVATORE, STOUT and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 454, entitled:

An Act providing for playground safety, for powers and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and for a playground safety advisory committee; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, WILLIAMS, AFFLERBACH, MUSTO and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 456, entitled:

An Act prohibiting and restricting the use of certain instruments in connection with renal dialysis; granting rights to renal dialysis patients; and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, BELL, SCHWARTZ and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 457**, entitled:

An Act providing limitations on contracts for dating services, for cancellation of dating service contracts and for violations of the act.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, BRIGHTBILL, COSTA, HECKLER, HUGHES, LEMMOND, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 459**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), entitled, as amended, Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, including sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, HUGHES, WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, COSTA, HECKLER, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES, SALVATORE, STOUT, TOMLINSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 460**, entitled:

An Act providing for the prevention, detection, treatment and follow-up of cases of hepatitis B among State and local law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, ambulance attendants, first responders and health professionals; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, STOUT, THOMPSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 461**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the designation of the Constables' Education and Training Board; and further providing for powers and duties of the board.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, BRIGHTBILL, COSTA, MUSTO, RHOADES, SALVATORE, STOUT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 462**, entitled:

An Act providing for the rights of law enforcement officers concerning certain complaints and grievances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, HART, HUGHES, O'PAKE, AFFLERBACH, LEMMOND, MUSTO, SALVATORE, STOUT, TOMLINSON and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 463**, entitled:

An Act providing for a higher education tuition assistance program for children of firefighters, law enforcement officers and members of the ambulance services and rescue squads killed in the performance of their duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HART, HUGHES, LEMMOND, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES, SALVATORE, STOUT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 464**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), entitled, as amended, Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for coverage of qualified persons.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 12, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 465**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 1986 (P.L.2, No.2), entitled Acupuncture Registration Act, further providing for definitions and chemical dependency treatment programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, O'PAKE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 467**, entitled:

An Act regulating the practice and licensure of interpreters for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; creating the State Board of Sign Language and Oral Interpreters Licensure and providing for its powers and duties; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, SALVATORE, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, BELL, GERLACH, HART, KASUNIC, PUNT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 468**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 5, 1968 (P.L.140, No.78), entitled "An act regulating the writing, cancellation of or refusal to renew policies of automobile insurance;....," further providing for cancellation of or refusal to renew policies; limiting surcharges, rate penalties and driver record point assignment; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, BODACK and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 469**, entitled:

An Act providing for notice of intent to reduce insurance agent commissions.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, BODACK and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 470**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for notice of intent to reduce agent commissions.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, BODACK and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 471**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), entitled, as amended, The Insurance Department Act of 1921, providing for notice of intent to reduce agent commissions.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, STAPLETON, BODACK, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, HELFRICK, BELAN, MUSTO and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 472**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1968 (P.L.1158, No.365), entitled "An act creating and establishing the Legislative Data Processing Committee: providing for its membership;.....," providing for on-line public access to public State legislative data.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, STAPLETON, O'PAKE and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 473**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, defining "political consultant"; and regulating statements by political consultants.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, STAPLETON, BODACK, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, HECKLER, BELAN, MUSTO and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 474**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for offenses relating to weapons or implements for escape.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, BODACK, STAPLETON, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, BELAN, MUSTO and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 475**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for date of application for absentee ballot, for approval of application for absentee ballot, for voting by absentee electors and for canvassing of official absentee ballots.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 12, 1997.

Senators KUKOVICH, AFFLERBACH, BELL, BODACK, COSTA, HART, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, MUSTO, O'PAKE, PUNT, STAPLETON, WAGNER, WOZNIAC and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 476**, entitled:

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, O'PAKE and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 477**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for use of school buildings for other purposes and for days on which schools shall not be kept open.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, STAPLETON, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 478**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), entitled Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, further providing for restrictions on certain wastes and out-of-State wastes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 12, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, STOUT, HART, STAPLETON, BELAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 479**, entitled:

An Act establishing a motivational boot camp system for juveniles; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Health; and providing for a performance audit.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, STOUT, HART, STAPLETON, BELAN, RHOADES and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 480**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing disposition of delinquent children to motivational boot camps.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, BELAN, COSTA, STOUT, MUSTO, KUKOVICH, STAPLETON, TARTAGLIONE and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 481**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as reenacted and amended, Workers' Compensation Act, providing for cost-of-living increases in the amount of compensation payable.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 12, 1997.

Senators SCHWARTZ, STOUT, WILLIAMS, BODACK, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HUGHES, KASUNIC and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 482**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Student Antiviolence Education (SAVE) Grant Program; providing for duties of the Department of Education; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1997.

Senators SCHWARTZ, STOUT, BODACK, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HUGHES, KASUNIC and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 483**, entitled:

An Act requiring the Department of Education to report to the General Assembly and school districts on alternative education programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1997.

Senators SCHWARTZ, WILLIAMS, BODACK, RHOADES, HUGHES, KASUNIC and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 484**, entitled:

An Act establishing the School Violence Prevention Grant Program; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Education; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1997.

Senators SCHWARTZ, WILLIAMS and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 485**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the sale or lease of weapons and explosives; and prohibiting the possession by and the sale of firearms to minors.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators SCHWARTZ, WILLIAMS, HUGHES and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 486**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sale or transfer of firearms; and providing for children's access to firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, GREENLEAF, WAGNER, HART, BELL, HECKLER, MOWERY, EARLL, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 487**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, regulating clothing for inmates.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1997.

Senators BODACK, BELAN, WOZNAK, SCHWARTZ, FUMO and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 488**, entitled:

An Act providing for cable service franchise agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators DELP, HART, WOZNAK, MADIGAN, STAPLETON, GERLACH, MUSTO, WENGER, CORMAN, O'PAKE, HELFRICK, ROBBINS, AFFLERBACH, RHOADES, THOMPSON, SLOCUM and MOWERY presented to the Chair **SB 489**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), entitled The Local Tax Enabling Act, further defining "net profits."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators DELP, WENGER, STAPLETON, CORMAN, STOUT, MADIGAN, MUSTO, ROBBINS, HELFRICK, LAVALLE, MOWERY, SLOCUM, WOZNAK and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 490**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration, for permits for the movement of goods during manufacture and for permits for the movement of wooden structures.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 12, 1997.

Senators TOMLINSON, AFFLERBACH, HECKLER, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, SALVATORE, KASUNIC, MUSTO, HART and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 491**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1996 (P.L.677, No.116), entitled Infrastructure Development Act, providing for job retention.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 12, 1997.

Senators CORMAN, BELL, AFFLERBACH, BRIGHTBILL, STOUT, HART, MOWERY, O'PAKE, THOMPSON, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, KUKOVICH, TOMLINSON and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 492**, entitled:

An Act providing for real estate broker liens in the amount of compensation due for services rendered by the broker in connection with certain real estate transactions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 12, 1997.

Senators KUKOVICH, JUBELIRER, GERLACH, AFFLERBACH, BELAN, BELL, BODACK, BRIGHTBILL, COSTA, EARLL, FUMO, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, MELLOW, MURPHY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES, SCHWARTZ, STAPLETON, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, WAGNER, WILLIAMS, WOZNAK and DELP presented to the Chair **SB 493**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the disposition of cigarette tax revenues.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1997.

Senators RHOADES, GERLACH, STAPLETON, PICCOLA, THOMPSON, HELFRICK, STOUT, MOWERY, KITCHEN, SALVATORE, DELP, AFFLERBACH, EARLL, HART and MURPHY presented to the Chair **SB 494**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, authorizing school districts of the first class to impose dress codes and require students to wear standard dress or uniforms.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1997.

February 13, 1997

Senators ROBBINS, TOMLINSON, BRIGHTBILL, FUMO, SLOCUM, STOUT, THOMPSON, COSTA, GERLACH, KASUNIC, ULIANA, STAPLETON and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 425**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the registration of athletic agents; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 13, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 437**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for parenting education.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 13, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, BELL, AFFLERBACH, HECKLER, LEMMOND, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES and SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 455**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 1, 1987 (P.L.187, No.24), entitled "An act requiring retail gasoline dealers to post gasoline additive information;....," requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish standards relating to octane levels and additives, to develop a testing program and to enforce the standards established; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 13, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, BRIGHTBILL, SALVATORE and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 458**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for education and training programs for constables and deputy constables in counties of the second class A.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 13, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 466**, entitled:

An Act defining full-service and self-service motor vehicle fuel stations; establishing minimum services; requiring motor vehicle fuel stations to have air pumps for the public and for certain services for persons with disabilities; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 13, 1997.

Senators RHOADES, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, PUNT, BODACK, THOMPSON, HELFRICK, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, LAVALLE, KUKOVICH, MELLOW, STAPLETON, MOWERY, BELL, WOZNIAC, WENGER, GERLACH, HART, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, HECKLER, KITCHEN and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 495**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), entitled State Fire Commissioner Act, providing for the Fire Equipment Loan System.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 13, 1997.

Senators THOMPSON, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, STOUT, HART and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 496**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 13, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, KUKOVICH, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, WILLIAMS, AFFLERBACH, MELLOW, STAPLETON and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 497**, entitled:

An Act providing for certain regulation of health care utilization review, for additional duties of the Insurance Commissioner and the Insurance Department, for the certification of review agencies, for review plans and standards, for grievance and other procedures and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 13, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, WENGER, AFFLERBACH, HUGHES, SALVATORE, HELFRICK, TARTAGLIONE, GERLACH, WILLIAMS, COSTA, HART, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, STOUT, DELP, MELLOW, STAPLETON, KASUNIC, BELAN and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 498**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing a tax credit to corporations that provide child day-care facilities or subsidies for their employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 13, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, AFFLERBACH, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, HART, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, STOUT, MELLOW, STAPLETON and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 499**, entitled:

An Act requiring home health care reimbursement options for purchasers of insurance.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 13, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, AFFLERBACH, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, STOUT, DELP, MELLOW, STAPLETON, COSTA, BELAN and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 500**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 14, 1991 (P.L.342, No.36), entitled Lottery Fund Preservation Act, further providing for program criteria.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 13, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, BODACK, STOUT, AFFLERBACH, HUGHES, KUKOVICH, ULIANA, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, WILLIAMS, HART, MUSTO, MELLOW, STAPLETON, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 501**, entitled:

An Act providing permanence for children with special needs through adoption.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 13, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, HART, TOMLINSON, HECKLER, WOZNIAK, AFFLERBACH, MUSTO, RHOADES and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 502**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for visitation rights.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 13, 1997.

Senators BRIGHTBILL, TOMLINSON, AFFLERBACH, HELFRICK, SALVATORE, WHITE, ROBBINS, HUGHES, O'PAKE, BELAN, HECKLER, SCHWARTZ and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 503**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to administer a grant program to promote the development, installation and demonstration of pollution prevention technologies or procedures which reduce, reuse or recycle hazardous substances; and establishing the Hazardous Substance Pollution Prevention Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 13, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, HART, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS, MOWERY, GERLACH, WENGER, WAGNER, DELP and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 504**, entitled:

An Act requiring inmates in county prisons to make reimbursement for room and board costs; imposing fees for certain medical services provided to inmates; requiring inmates to make restitution for damage to certain property; and establishing procedures relating to funds of inmates.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 13, 1997.

Senators DELP, THOMPSON, AFFLERBACH, MOWERY, O'PAKE, ULIANA, PICCOLA, TOMLINSON, WENGER, GERLACH, GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, BRIGHTBILL, TILGHMAN and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 505**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for distribution of State highway maintenance funds.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 13, 1997.

February 14, 1997

Senators ULIANA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 506**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled The Third Class City Code, defining delinquent local taxes as thirty days after the final deadline for paying the taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 14, 1997.

Senators ULIANA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 507**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 10, 1936 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.14, No.5), entitled "An act abolishing the office of collector of delinquent county taxes where the same now exists in counties of the second class;....," defining delinquent local taxes as 30 days after the final deadline for paying the taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 14, 1997.

Senators ULIANA, SCHWARTZ, AFFLERBACH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 508**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to require a certification that a developer has no outstanding municipal debts within the municipal jurisdiction as part of a grant or loan from the department.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 14, 1997.

Senators ULIANA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 509**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled The Third Class City Code, repealing provisions relating to redemption of lands by owner or anyone interested in said lands.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 14, 1997.

Senator ULIANA presented to the Chair **SB 510**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled, as amended, Real Estate Tax Sale Law, restricting the rights of certain persons to bid on property subject to sale under this act.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 14, 1997.

February 25, 1997

Senator ULIANA presented to the Chair **SB 511**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1255, No.299), entitled Utility Service Tenants Rights Act, deleting provisions relating to rebates to tenants.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 25, 1997.

Senators ULIANA and AFFLERBACH presented to the Chair **SB 512**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as amended, Housing Authorities Law, further providing for the payment of taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 25, 1997.

Senators GERLACH, KUKOVICH, GREENLEAF and HART presented to the Chair **SB 513**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of an initiative process to amend the Constitution and a referendum process to repeal statutes, as powers reserved to the people.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 1997.

Senators GERLACH, HELFRICK, STOUT, STAPLETON, BELAN, WILLIAMS, ROBBINS, KITCHEN, BRIGHTBILL, COSTA, HART, MUSTO, LAVALLE, WOZNIAK and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 514**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for visitation rights and partial custody.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators GERLACH, HECKLER, KUKOVICH, BRIGHTBILL, WHITE, SCHWARTZ and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 515**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the assignment of points.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, AFFLERBACH, BRIGHTBILL, TAR-
TAGLIONE, DELP, WHITE, WOZNIAC and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 516**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for protective equipment for motorcycle riders.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, MELLOW, AFFLERBACH, BELAN, KUKOVICH and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 517**, entitled:

An Act regulating and requiring the licensure of electrical contractors; establishing the State Board of Electrical Contractors and providing for its powers and duties; making an appropriation; and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, BODACK, BELAN, KUKOVICH and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 518**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, extending the powers and duties of the Office of Consumer Advocate to matters relating to insurance; making an appropriation; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, HART, O'PAKE, BELAN and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 519**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for special tax provisions for certain persons who have attained 65 years of age.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, HART, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 520**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for polling places at retirement communities.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, HART, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 521**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for windshield obstructions and wipers.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, BRIGHTBILL, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 522**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the disposition of a delinquent child for an offense involving a motor vehicle.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, HART and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 523**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the filling of vacancies in the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, AFFLERBACH, MUSTO and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 524**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), entitled State Fire Commissioner Act, further providing for the appointment of the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, BELAN, WOZNIAC and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 525**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 17, 1906 (P.L.45, No.11), entitled "An act to regulate the deposits of State funds, to prescribe the method of selecting State depositories, to limit the amount of State deposits, to provide for the security of such deposits, to fix the rate of interest thereon, to provide for the publication of monthly statements of moneys in the general and sinking funds, to declare it a misdemeanor to give or take anything of value for obtaining the same, and prescribing penalties for violations of this act," imposing a restriction on investments.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, PICCOLA and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 526**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), entitled Commonwealth Attorneys Act, further providing for criminal prosecutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, PICCOLA and WOZNIAC presented to the Chair **SB 527**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for original jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Court.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, FUMO, STAPLETON, STOUT, HUGHES, KUKOVICH, WILLIAMS, COSTA, HART, RHOADES, SCHWARTZ and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 528**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), entitled Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, STAPLETON, STOUT, SALVATORE, WENGER, THOMPSON, AFFLERBACH, TOMLINSON, COSTA, RHOADES, BELL, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 529**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for arson and related offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, STAPLETON and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 530**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 13, 1963 (P.L.774, No.390), entitled County Jail Prisoner Temporary Release Law, further providing for work release for prisoners.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, STAPLETON, HUGHES, STOUT, WILLIAMS, COSTA, RHOADES, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 531**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 7, 1982 (P.L.228, No.74), entitled Noxious Weed Control Law, further providing for noxious weed control committee, for sale or propagation, for control order issued against an individual landowner, for compliance with orders, for noxious weed control list and for penalties; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, STAPLETON, BRIGHTBILL, HART, STOUT, TOMLINSON, KASUNIC and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 532**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for prohibition of possession of weapons and for suspension and expulsion of pupils.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, STAPLETON, HART, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 533**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for rape, for involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, for aggravated indecent assault and for indecent assault.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senator HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 534**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a motor vehicle theft prevention program.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 1997.

Senator HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 535**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1985 (P.L.240, No.61), entitled Turnpike Organization, Extension and Toll Road Conversion Act, requiring service station convenience stores to offer for sale certain items.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 1997.

Senator HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 536**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled State Lottery Law, further providing for rebate agreements with manufacturers of prescription drugs.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 25, 1997.

Senator HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 537**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a national criminal history background system check of child-care providers.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 25, 1997.

Senators BRIGHTBILL, PICCOLA, AFFLERBACH, SALVATORE, ULIANA, WOZNIAK, MUSTO, O'PAKE, GERLACH, HECKLER, BELAN, ROBBINS, MELLOW, RHOADES, THOMPSON, MADIGAN, JUBELIRER, DELP and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 538**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled, as amended, Real Estate Tax Sale Law, restricting the rights of certain persons to purchase property subject to sale under this act; and imposing additional powers and duties on local municipalities and tax claim bureaus.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 25, 1997.

Senators BRIGHTBILL, PICCOLA, AFFLERBACH, SALVATORE, ULIANA, O'PAKE, GERLACH, ROBBINS, MELLOW, RHOADES, THOMPSON, MADIGAN, JUBELIRER, DELP and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 539**, entitled:

An Act requiring purchasers of real estate with buildings thereon to bring the buildings into compliance with municipal codes; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 25, 1997.

Senators BRIGHTBILL, PICCOLA, ULIANA, WOZNIAK, MUSTO, O'PAKE, GERLACH, ROBBINS, MELLOW, RHOADES, THOMPSON, MADIGAN, JUBELIRER, DELP and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 540**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), entitled, as amended, Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for limitations on owners and for purchases from the repository for unsold property.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 25, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, ULIANA, JUBELIRER, MELLOW, AFFLERBACH, GERLACH, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, MADIGAN, WOZNIAK, THOMPSON and DELP presented to the Chair **SB 541**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled The Third Class City Code, authorizing the adoption of property maintenance ordinances; and further providing for fines and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 25, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, ULIANA, JUBELIRER, MELLOW, AFFLERBACH, GERLACH, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, MADIGAN, WOZNIAK, THOMPSON and DELP presented to the Chair **SB 542**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 15, 1957 (P.L.901, No.399), entitled Optional Third Class City Charter Law, authorizing the adoption of property maintenance ordinances, and further providing for fines and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 25, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, ULIANA, JUBELIRER, MELLOW, AFFLERBACH, GERLACH, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, MADIGAN, WOZNIAK, THOMPSON, DELP and SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 543**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the crime of municipal housing code avoidance.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, BODACK, STOUT, SALVATORE, WAGNER, HART, AFFLERBACH, HUGHES, KUKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, MUSTO, THOMPSON, MELLOW, STAPLETON, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 544**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for adoption.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1997.

Senators BELL, TILGHMAN, MUSTO, HOLL, AFFLERBACH, BELAN, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 546**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1990 (P.L.334, No.74), entitled "An act designating Interstate 476 as Veterans Memorial Highway," designating the entire length of Interstate 476 as Veterans Memorial Highway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 1997.

Senator HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 547**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the requirement that all employers withhold wage taxes levied by cities of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, AFFLERBACH, BELL, DELP, EARLL, KASUNIC, MELLOW, O'PAKE, RHOADES, SALVATORE, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 548**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for programs by the Department of Health for persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 25, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, HECKLER, LEMMOND, AFFLERBACH, EARLL, KASUNIC, MELLOW, MOWERY, WHITE and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 549**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the definition of "value" for purposes of the State real estate transfer tax and for transactions excluded from the tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 1997.

February 28, 1997

Senators GREENLEAF, EARLL, MELLOW, O'PAKE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 550**, entitled:

An Act providing for a program known as the Silver-Haired Legislature Program to be established by the Pennsylvania Council on Aging in cooperation with the Department of Aging and other groups; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, SALVATORE, WHITE, AFFLERBACH, BELL, DELP, GERLACH, HART, HECKLER, HELFRICK, HOLL, KASUNIC, LEMMOND, MELLOW, MOWERY, O'PAKE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 551**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for Statewide elderly volunteer programs involving work with children.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, HECKLER and MOWERY presented to the Chair **SB 552**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), entitled Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for determining the value of land in agricultural use, agricultural reserve use or forest reserve use.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 553**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for the Agricultural Lands Preservation Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, HECKLER, DELP and SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 555**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for trial by jury.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, KASUNIC, RHOADES and HECKLER presented to the Chair **SB 556**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for prime agricultural land.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, BELL, COSTA, HECKLER and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 557**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1974 (P.L.90, No.24), entitled Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973, changing the enforcing official from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of Environmental Protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 3, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, BELAN, BELL, COSTA, HART, HECKLER, KUKOVICH, TOMLINSON and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 558**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1974 (P.L.90, No.24), entitled Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973, further providing for the regulation and certification of persons using or applying pesticides; requiring certain notice and posting when pesticides are used; and providing that certain information shall be available to the public.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 3, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, RHOADES and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 559**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled, as reenacted and amended, The Second Class Township Code, authorizing the establishment of land bank programs and affordable housing programs with the approval of the electorate; providing for funding by proceeds from tax on the transfer of real property; and specifying the purposes of such programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, DELP, EARLL, LEMMOND and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 560**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for do-not-resuscitate orders; granting powers to and imposing duties upon the Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, EARLL, HART, BELL, HOLL and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 561**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for claims of funeral director, and further providing for classification and order of payment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, HECKLER, HELFRICK, BELL, DELP, EARLL, HOLL, KASUNIC, MELLOW, O'PAKE, RHOADES, SALVATORE and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 562**, entitled:

An Act granting an exemption for certain senior citizens from taxes on real property imposed by school districts; and making the adoption of the exemption optional for school districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, COSTA, HELFRICK, AFFLERBACH, DELP, HOLL, KASUNIC, MUSTO, O'PAKE and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 563**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the capital franchise tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, FUMO, AFFLERBACH and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 564**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for release of certain tax records; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, FUMO, AFFLERBACH, HOLL and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 565**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), entitled The Local Tax Enabling Act, regulating authority to levy business taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, FUMO, AFFLERBACH and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 566**, entitled:
An Act amending the act of May 30, 1984 (P.L.345, No.69), entitled First Class City Business Tax Reform Act, providing for an exception.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, DELP, WENGER, GERLACH, HART and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 567**, entitled:
An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled Unemployment Compensation Law, providing for annual contribution by certain employers.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, DELP, HART, HECKLER, HOLL, HELFRICK and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 568**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled Unemployment Compensation Law, further defining "willful misconduct."

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 569**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), entitled The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for exclusions from gross receipts tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, AFFLERBACH, HOLL, MUSTO, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, TOMLINSON and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 570**, entitled:

An Act providing for a Commerce Court; and making conforming and related amendments to existing law.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, COSTA, FUMO, HECKLER, HELFRICK, AFFLERBACH, DELP, MUSTO, SALVATORE and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 571**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senator BELL presented to the Chair **SB 572**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for reimbursement for diabetic supplies.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 28, 1997.

Senator HART presented to the Chair **SB 573**, entitled:
An Act selecting and designating the square dance as the official American folk dance of this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 28, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, STOUT, RHOADES and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 574**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the liability of a corporation for commission of an offense.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MUSTO, STOUT, RHOADES, BELAN and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 575**, entitled:

An Act providing for home repair fraud; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 28, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, STOUT, RHOADES and BELAN presented to the Chair **SB 576**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for applications for involuntary winding up and dissolution.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senator HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 577**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for the sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 28, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, HECKLER, GERLACH, BELL, BRIGHTBILL, HART, DELP and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 578**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Unified Judiciary Commission to study reform of the judiciary.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, HART, BRIGHTBILL, HELFRICK, HECKLER, TOMLINSON, DELP, THOMPSON and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 579**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, setting forth public policy relating to strikes; and providing for assessments.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 28, 1997.

Senator GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 580**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for a referendum on reelection of members.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 28, 1997.

Senators DELP, MADIGAN, BRIGHTBILL and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 581**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.899, No.299), entitled Public Bathing Law, further providing for definitions; and requiring lifeguards.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 28, 1997.

Senators CORMAN, STOUT, STAPLETON and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 582**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 28, 1997.

Senators CORMAN, STOUT, HART and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 583**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for traffic-control signals.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 28, 1997.

Senators MELLOW, BODACK, COSTA, SCHWARTZ and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 584**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sale of firearms; and providing for children's access to firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, HELFRICK, TOMLINSON, GERLACH, WENGER, WAGNER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, SALVATORE, DELP, HOLL, MURPHY, O'PAKE, COSTA, HART, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 585**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274), entitled Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, further providing for composition of the commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 1997.

March 3, 1997

Senators WAGNER, HART, BELAN, COSTA, BODACK and MURPHY presented to the Chair **SB 545**, entitled:

An Act providing for a procedure for adoption of a home rule charter in counties of the second class.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 3, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 554**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.450, No.291), entitled, as amended, State Fire Marshal Law, providing for emergency controls at self-service stations.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 3, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, HELFRICK, TOMLINSON, GERLACH, WENGER, WAGNER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, SALVATORE, DELP, HOLL, MURPHY, O'PAKE, COSTA, HART, SCHWARTZ and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 586**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for definitions, for powers and duties of the Bureau of Victims' Services and for determination of claims, awards and responsibilities of employers; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, GERLACH, COSTA and HECKLER presented to the Chair **SB 587**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 3, 1997.

Senators WILLIAMS, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, BODACK, FUMO and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 588**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, changing the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services; and making related substantive and editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 3, 1997.

Senators WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, BODACK, FUMO and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 589**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled Public Welfare Code, changing references to the Department of Public Welfare and Secretary of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services and Secretary of Human Services; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 3, 1997.

Senators WILLIAMS, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, PUNT, COSTA and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 590**, entitled:

An Act providing for health plan payments for acupuncture services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 3, 1997.

Senators WILLIAMS and BODACK presented to the Chair **SB 591**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for voter registration in certain State offices.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 3, 1997.

Senators WILLIAMS, COSTA and BODACK presented to the Chair **SB 592**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), entitled, as amended, Housing Authorities Law, further providing for the security officers of housing authorities by increasing their jurisdiction and by subjecting them to collective bargaining laws.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 3, 1997.

Senators WILLIAMS, KUKOVICH, AFFLERBACH, FUMO, COSTA and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 593**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled Public Welfare Code, providing for services of a hospital-based personal emergency response system to persons eligible for medical assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, HART, COSTA, BELAN, DELP, KITCHEN, RHOADES, MUSTO, HELFRICK and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 594**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing a mandatory minimum sentence for corrections officers or other correctional facility employees who supply controlled substances to prison inmates.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, HART, COSTA, BELAN, DELP, KITCHEN, RHOADES, MUSTO, HELFRICK, STAPLETON, TOMLINSON, SCHWARTZ and BODACK presented to the Chair **SB 595**, entitled:

An Act requiring the termination of a corrections officer or other employee of a correctional facility who delivers a controlled substance to an inmate of such facility.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, MUSTO and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 596**, entitled:

An Act requiring testing of State correctional facility personnel for controlled substances, providing for a review of certain hiring policies, and requiring reports.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, COSTA, BELAN, TOMLINSON, DELP, HELFRICK, AFFLERBACH, KITCHEN, RHOADES, MUSTO, BODACK and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 597**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentencing and penalties for trafficking drugs to minors.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, COSTA, BELAN, DELP, KITCHEN, RHOADES, MUSTO and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 598**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for loss of property rights to the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, COSTA, BELAN, TOMLINSON, KITCHEN and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 599**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for obscene and other sexual materials.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, COSTA, MUSTO and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 600**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for mandatory prison sentences for arson-related offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators KASUNIC, O'PAKE, MUSTO, STAPLETON, COSTA and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 601**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for simple assault.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators MADIGAN, MUSTO, AFFLERBACH, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, BELL, BRIGHTBILL, MOWERY, MURPHY, BELAN, WENGER, TOMLINSON, SCHWARTZ, RHOADES and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 602**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, permitting sign language to be taught in public schools as an elective course.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 3, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, JUBELIRER, CORMAN, HELFRICK, GERLACH, COSTA, HART, SALVATORE, WENGER and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 603**, entitled:

An Act requiring certain comprehensive reports of school districts and providing for their analysis and dissemination by the Department of Education; and providing for certain sanctions.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 3, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, HART, ULIANA, HELFRICK, COSTA, SALVATORE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 604**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for the suspension and expulsion of pupils.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 3, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, HART, ULIANA, HELFRICK, COSTA, SALVATORE, WOZNIAK and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 605**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting firearms in school zones; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 3, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, HELFRICK, AFFLERBACH, GERLACH, TOMLINSON, COSTA, BELL, HART, SALVATORE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 606**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment and operation of the Drug-Free School Program; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 3, 1997.

March 4, 1997

Senators MURPHY, SALVATORE, WAGNER, HELFRICK, GERLACH, TOMLINSON, COSTA, O'PAKE, BELL, HART, THOMPSON, MUSTO, HOLL, EARLL, FUMO and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 608**, entitled:

An Act requiring administrators of certain residential care facilities to require applicants for employment to submit criminal history record information.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 4, 1997.

Senators WOZNIAK and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 609**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unauthorized solicitation of agreements authorizing an attorney at law to perform legal services; and providing for representation in assessment appeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 4, 1997.

Senators WOZNIAK, COSTA, BELAN, STOUT and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 610**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 4, 1997.

Senator WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 611**, entitled:
An Act providing for the levy of a municipal service charge on tax-exempt property for the benefit of certain municipalities.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 4, 1997.

Senators WOZNIAK, STOUT and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 612**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled The County Code, further providing for police duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 4, 1997.

Senators WOZNIAK and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 613**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources, to sell and convey to Wayne S. Oldham certain excess land situate in the Township of Richland, Cambria County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 4, 1997.

Senators WOZNIAK, HELFRICK, STOUT, KITCHEN, BRIGHTBILL, DELP, MADIGAN, MELLOW and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 614**, entitled:

An Act recognizing the current and historical common language of the citizens of the United States; designating the use of the common language for official acts of this Commonwealth and its municipalities; and providing for enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 4, 1997.

Senators WOZNIAK, AFFLERBACH and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 615**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring road spray suppressor devices on vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 4, 1997.

Senators DELP, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, MOWERY and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 616**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.439, No.64), entitled Ben Franklin/IRC Partnership Act, further providing for the requirement of matching funds and for restrictions; and providing for appeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, March 4, 1997.

Senators DELP, AFFLERBACH, WENGER and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 617**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), entitled The Borough Code, authorizing an elected borough official to volunteer services to borough and receive workers' compensation coverage.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 4, 1997.

March 6, 1997

Senators MURPHY, HELFRICK, TOMLINSON, COSTA, HART, SALVATORE, WOZNAK, RHOADES and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 607**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for the reporting of drug, violence and weapon violations occurring on school premises.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 1997.

Senators DELP and HART presented to the Chair **SB 618**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 15, 1957 (P.L.901, No.399), entitled Optional Third Class City Charter Law, further providing for the filling of vacancies in council.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 6, 1997.

Senators PICCOLA, AFFLERBACH, JUBELIRER, GERLACH, THOMPSON, ROBBINS, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, STOUT, BODACK, BELAN, WILLIAMS, LEMMOND, ULIANA, SCHWARTZ, HOLL, MELLOW, COSTA, DELP, HECKLER, MADIGAN, HART, RHOADES, EARLL, KUKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, SLOCUM, GREENLEAF, WOZNAK, LAVALLE, BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, PUNT and STAPLETON presented to the Chair **SB 619**, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensing of marriage and family therapists and professional counselors; creating the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists and providing for its powers and duties; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 620**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, Liquor Code, limiting the liability of licensees who rely on certain drivers' licenses as proof of age.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, HECKLER, AFFLERBACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 621**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.883, No.170), entitled, as reenacted, Public Official and Employee Ethics Law, further providing for disclosures relating to financial interests.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 1997.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 622**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring cities of the first class to treat condominium owners the same as single-family dwelling owners for the purposes of collection, removal and disposal of refuse.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, HART and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 623**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the possession of an altered or false driver's license by a person under 21 years of age.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, RHOADES, AFFLERBACH, COSTA and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 624**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, excluding senior citizens' organizations from sales and use tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 1997.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 625**, entitled:

An Act providing for additional means by which qualified electors of cities of the first class may amend and revise their home rule charters and home rule charters for public education.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 6, 1997.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 626**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 24, 1963 (P.L.1175, No.497), entitled Mechanics' Lien Law of 1963, adding and amending definitions; further providing for rights to a lien, for certain cases when a lien is not allowed, for assignment of claims, for waivers of liens, for owner's right to limit claims, for contents of claims, for owner's right to retain funds, for notice of claims, for contractor's duties and for owner's additional remedies; and requiring notice of claim by a laborer.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, ULIANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 627**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for trial by jury.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, ULIANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 628**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for disqualification from holding public office or employment.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 1997.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 629**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for appropriations for public assistance, military service and scholarships, and for excluding certain convicted persons from public assistance and housing.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 6, 1997.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 630**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for disqualification of elector by criminal conviction.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 6, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE and ULIANA presented to the Chair **SB 631**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), entitled Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, further providing for sale of property in cities of the first class.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 6, 1997.

March 7, 1997

Senators DELP and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 632**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for six-year terms for members of the Senate and four-year terms for members of the House of Representatives; and limiting terms.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 7, 1997.

Senators DELP, THOMPSON and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 633**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for the definition of school nurse.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, GERLACH, WAGNER, COSTA, MURPHY, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, ULIANA and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 634**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), entitled, as amended, Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, further providing for HIV testing.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, GERLACH, WAGNER, COSTA, MURPHY, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, ULIANA and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 635**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the definition of the offense of assault by prisoner; providing for consecutive sentences in certain aggravated assault cases and in cases involving assaults by prisoners and for aggravated harassment by prisoner; and further providing for assault by life prisoner.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, COSTA, SCHWARTZ and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 636**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.799, No.193), entitled County Intermediate Punishment Act, changing definitions; further providing for county intermediate punishment programs; providing for advice to county prison boards; further providing for county intermediate punishment plans and for regulations of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and further providing for use of funds, for application of the act to certain grants and for construction of the act.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 637**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth and counties to enter into contracts for the use of private prisons; regulating the operation of private prisons; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, GERLACH, PICCOLA, WAGNER, HELFRICK and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 638**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Private Sector Prison Industry Board and providing for its powers and duties; providing for employment of inmates by private industry and for subcontracts with correctional agencies; establishing guidelines for inmate compensation; providing for location of private sector prison industry; and authorizing superintendents, wardens and other officials in charge of correctional institutions to establish inmate work force programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, WAGNER, COSTA, DELP and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 639**, entitled:

An Act relating to the treatment of sex offenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, JUBELIRER, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, WAGNER, HELFRICK, MURPHY, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, ULIANA and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 640**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prisoner litigation, for limitation on remedies, for prospective relief, for time limits on settlements and for payment of damages.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, LEMMOND, COSTA, SALVATORE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 641**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for law enforcement records concerning juveniles.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, CORMAN, HOLL, DELP, HART and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 642**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing the Commonwealth to enter into agreements with private firms for the development, financing, design, construction and operation of new transportation facilities and for the operation, improvement, financing or rehabilitation of existing transportation facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HART, LEMMOND, MURPHY and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 643**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 644**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "construction truck."

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, KUKOVICH, LEMMOND and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 645**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the occupational limited license, for required financial responsibility and for reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle registration.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HOLL, BELL, COSTA, HART, HECKLER, SCHWARTZ and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 646**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for accidents involving death or personal injury and for accidents involving damage to attended vehicle or property, and providing for leaving scene of accident.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HART and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 647**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing certain charitable organizations to solicit funds on highways.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HOLL, BELL, TOMLINSON, COSTA, HART, HECKLER, LEMMOND, SALVATORE, THOMPSON, WENGER and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 648**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further establishing a duty to stop vehicles at accident scenes, and providing an exception from the duty for emergency vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 649**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of December 5, 1996 (P.L.921, No.148), entitled Capital Budget Transportation Assistance Project Itemization Act for 1996-1997, itemizing transportation assistance projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of Transportation, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed or acquired or assisted by the Department of Transportation; stating the estimated useful life of the projects; authorizing certain waivers; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 650**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1610, No.181), entitled Rabies Prevention and Control in Domestic Animals and Wildlife Act, further providing for the definition of "cat" and for rabies vaccinations.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, HOLL and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 651**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to animals.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, WAGNER, WILLIAMS, COSTA, SCHWARTZ and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 652**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Citizens' Advisory Council on Corrections; and providing for its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 653**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.303, No.83), entitled Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law, prohibiting the use of animals for certain purposes.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, HECKLER, KUKOVICH, LEMMOND and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 654**, entitled:

An Act providing for pet sterilization; establishing the Pet Population Control Fund in the State Treasury; providing for a Spay-Neuter Companion Animals license plate; establishing the Pet Population Control Program; providing for financial incentives for pet sterilization and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HOLL and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 655**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the information that must appear on identification tags which are attached to traps.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, LEMMOND, WAGNER, COSTA, DELP and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 656**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for electronic monitoring systems in State correctional institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, LEMMOND, WAGNER, COSTA, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 657**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "child"; defining "extended jurisdiction juvenile"; further providing for adjudication, for disposition of delinquent child and for limitation on and change in place of commitment; and providing for extended jurisdiction juvenile.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HECKLER, LEMMOND, SALVATORE, WHITE, COSTA and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 658**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the powers and duties of probation officers concerning juveniles.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, WAGNER, COSTA, SALVATORE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 659**, entitled:

An Act establishing intermediate punishment programs for eligible criminal offenders; providing for the duties of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, judges and district attorneys; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, WAGNER, COSTA, SALVATORE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 660**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for intermediate punishment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 1997.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 12, 1997

Senators KASUNIC, ROBBINS, STAPLETON, STOUT, HELFRICK, MUSTO, SALVATORE, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, BELAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SR 20**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to enable Congress and the States to enact laws to protect the nation's flag.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, February 12, 1997.

Senators AFFLERBACH, SALVATORE, WAGNER, HELFRICK, MOWERY, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, CORMAN, STAPLETON, BELAN, WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE, MELLOW, GERLACH, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, TOMLINSON, HART, GREENLEAF, BELL, RHOADES, MUSTO, EARLL, SLOCUM, THOMPSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SR 21**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 13 through 19, 1997, as "Week of the Young Child."

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 12, 1997.

February 28, 1997

Senators MADIGAN, DELP, WENGER, O'PAKE, MURPHY, EARLL, WHITE, HELFRICK, CORMAN, STAPLETON, GERLACH, KASUNIC, HECKLER, MELLOW, BELAN, WOZNIAK, MOWERY, HART, MUSTO, STOUT, LEMMOND, RHOADES, SLOCUM and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SR 22**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution creating a task force to study and report on the issues concerning the regulation, management and process by which Pennsylvania dairy farmers are paid for their milk; and directing the Center for Rural Pennsylvania to assist the task force.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 28, 1997.

March 7, 1997

Senators MOWERY, MUSTO, AFFLERBACH and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SR 23, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee to study the issues concerning the environmental, technological, economic and regulatory constraints and problems that may impede the prevention and abatement of hydraulically overloaded municipal sewage treatment facilities as regulated by the current municipal wasteload management regulatory program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection under 25 Pa.Code Ch.94.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 7, 1997.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF DELAWARE
Legislative Hall
Dover, Delaware 19903

February 21, 1997

The Honorable Mark Schweiker
President of the Senate
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0002

Dear Lt. Governor Schweiker:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the enclosed is the same act that was passed by the House of Representatives of the 139th General Assembly. I am forwarding the same to you as directed by the Resolution.

Very truly yours,

JOANN M. HEDRICK
Chief Clerk of the House

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
139th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

January 29, 1997

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

REQUESTING THAT THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the annual Federal budget has not been balanced since 1969, and the federal public debt is now more than \$5 trillion—or \$20,000 for every man, woman, and child in America; and

WHEREAS, continued deficit spending demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the federal executive and legislative branches to spend no more than available revenues; and

WHEREAS, fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level is lowering our standard of living, destroying jobs, and endangering economic opportunity now and for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's unlimited ability to borrow raises questions about fundamental principles and responsibilities of government, with potentially profound consequences for the nation and its people, making it an appropriate subject for limitation by the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States vests the ultimate responsibility to approve or disapprove constitutional amendments with the people, as represented by their elected state legislatures; and opposition by a small minority repeatedly has thwarted the will of the people that a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution should be submitted to the states for ratification;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 139th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that the Congress of the United States expeditiously pass, and propose to the legislatures of the several states for ratification, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring, in the absence of a national emergency, that the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, each Member of the Delaware Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of State and the presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislatures of each of the other States in the Union.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

March 1, 1997

The Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer
President Pro Tempore
Senate of Pennsylvania
292 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 1604-B of The Fiscal Code, as amended, the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1 and September 1 to make a certification to the Governor and the General Assembly.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE
Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a) (4) and (c)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and the
Act of April 9, 1929, No. 176, as amended

To The Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Constitution Article VIII, (Section 7(a), (4) and (c)) and Section 1604-B of The Fiscal Code (Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 343, No. 176, Article XVI-B: added June 21, 1984, P.L. 407, No. 83, Section 2) certify as follows:

The average annual tax revenues deposited
in all funds in the five fiscal years ended
preceding the date of February 28, 1997 \$18,895,078,079

- (i) The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year \$ 3,907,355,905
- (ii) The amount of such net debt as of February 28, 1997 \$ 3,688,262,429
- (iii) The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Article VIII, Section 7(a) (4) of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of such net debt as of the date of February 28, 1997 \$29,378,124,209
- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the current fiscal year \$ 110,380,413
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred \$17,257,153,468
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self sustaining pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(c) (1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of Pennsylvania \$ 1,676,159,738

All figures listed above are as of February 28, 1997.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 28th day of February 1997.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

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

STATE OF WYOMING
SECRETARY OF STATE
State Capitol
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0020

February 26, 1997

Honorable Mark S. Schweiker
President of the Senate
Capitol Building; Senate Post Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Speaker:

As directed by Wyoming's Fifty-Fourth Legislature, I am enclosing a copy of original House Joint Resolution 8, Enrolled Joint Resolution 2. The resolution pertains to the following:

That the Congress of the United States expeditiously pass, and propose to the Legislature of the several States for ratification, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year (balanced budget amendment).

A copy of the resolution is attached and has also been sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, Senator Enzi, Senator Thomas, Representative Cubin, and the Secretary of State and the presiding

officers of both Houses of the Legislatures of each of the other States in the Union.

Respectfully yours,
DIANA J. OHMAN
Secretary of State

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
BILL NO. 0008

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF WYOMING
1997 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting that the Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution be submitted to the States for Ratification.

WHEREAS, the annual federal budget has not been balanced since 1969, and the federal public debt is now more than five trillion dollars or twenty thousand dollars for every man, woman, and child in America; and

WHEREAS, continued deficit spending demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the federal executive and legislative branches to spend no more than available revenues; and

WHEREAS, fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level is lowering our standard of living, destroying jobs, and endangering economic opportunity now and for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's unlimited ability to borrow raises questions about fundamental principles and responsibilities of government, with potentially profound consequences for the nation and its People, making it an appropriate subject for limitation by the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States vests the ultimate responsibility to approve or disapprove constitutional amendments with the People, as represented by their elected State Legislatures; and opposition by a small minority repeatedly has thwarted the will of the People that a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution should be submitted to the States for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wyoming prefers that a constitutional convention not be called to address this issue and the implementation of this resolution by Congress will effectively eliminate the necessity for such a convention;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming, that the Congress of the United States expeditiously pass, and propose to the Legislatures of the several States for ratification, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, each Member of the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of State and the presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislatures of each of the other States in the Union.

REPORT ON INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S FLOOD INSURANCE CONSUMER EDUCATION PLAN

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

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

February 24, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

The enclosed Report on the Insurance Department's Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan is being submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Act 100 of Special Session Number 2 of 1996.

The Act requires that the Commissioner, no later than March 1 of each year, detail the progress being made by the Department to encourage Pennsylvania residents to purchase and maintain flood insurance. The Commissioner is also required to present recommendations for further promotion of flood insurance, which are contained in the Report.

As you will note, the Insurance Department's implementation of a consumer education program resulted in a 12% increase in flood insurance purchases in the first year alone. The Department is proud of these results and is committed to continuing its consumer education efforts in compliance with Act 10. If members have any questions about the Report or the Department's flood insurance consumer education plans, they may feel free to contact Helfried LeBlanc, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of Consumer Services and Enforcement at (717) 787-6174.

Thank you for your courtesy in distributing this Report on our behalf.

Sincerely,

LINDA S. KAISER
Insurance Commissioner

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

**ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 24, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am pleased to send to you the first Annual Financing Strategy of the Department of Community and Economic Development pursuant to Act 67 of 1996. The Strategy is designed to provide a foundation for greater communication, consensus and collaboration on economic development financing policies and operations.

The Strategy reviews trends in the Pennsylvania economy, examines the impact of programs and outlines strategic and operational guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The Strategy reviews the Department's business financing programs for FY 1995-96 and perfor-

mance to date of the new incentive tools established by the Governor and the General Assembly for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

The Strategy also reviews the evolving Pennsylvania economy and the critical imperative this changing economy creates for increasing the flexibility and regional responsiveness of business financing programs. Finally, this strategy outlines specific initiatives to address the major business development challenges and opportunities facing the Commonwealth in the coming fiscal year.

As with every action taken by the Ridge Administration to improve economic development in Pennsylvania, the Strategy is built upon extensive input from the men and women who fight for Pennsylvania jobs everyday. A detailed survey of local economic development professionals and board members was utilized to assess current strengths and weaknesses of Departmental programs and identify priority issues for action. This feedback is imbedded in the Department's submission.

The goal of the Strategy is to continue the Administration's efforts to transform an array of disconnected programs into a coordinated tool for enterprise and job growth for the businesses and communities of Pennsylvania. This initial strategy submission comes at a time of great consensus on the challenges and opportunities before the Commonwealth. The Strategy is designed to channel that consensus into a management and action plan for Pennsylvania's economic development resources.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. HAGEN
Secretary

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

1996 TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION REPORT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Community and Economic Development
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 13, 1997

Russell W. Faber, Chief Clerk
The Senate of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
89 Capitol Building, East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: 1996 Allocation Report

Dear Mr. Faber:

As required by the Tax-Exempt Bond Allocation Act of 1985, Act 113, Section 7(3), I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation during 1996.

This report includes:

1. a summary of volume cap allocations for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds; and,
2. a list of small issue and exempt facility allocations including the issuing authority, project name, allocation amount, and estimated jobs for each project.

There were no allocation requests rejected in 1996, although several exempt facility projects were deferred to 1997.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. HAGEN
Secretary

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

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

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

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

February 19, 1997

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

Re: Children's Health Insurance Program
Annual Report, FY 1995-96

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

This annual report on the status of the Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP") for the fiscal year 1995-96 is being submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Section 701 (G) (4) of Act 113 of December, 1992.

The CHIP program provides free or subsidized health care coverage to children in families who are ineligible for Medical Assistance and who are unable to purchase private coverage. I am happy to report that the program has continued to grow and flourish under the Ridge Administration, serving the health care needs of over 50,000 children statewide who would otherwise be uninsured.

It is my pleasure to submit this report for the General Assembly's review. If members have any questions about information contained in the report, they may feel free to contact Lowware Murry, CHIP Project Manager, at (717) 787-1437.

Thank you for your courtesy in distributing this report on the Department's behalf.

Very truly yours,
LINDA S. KAISER
Insurance Commissioner

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

LIST OF LOBBYISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

March 3, 1997

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
To the Honorable, the House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

In compliance with Act No. 712 of the 1961 Session and Act No. 212 of the 1976 Session of the General Assembly titled the "Lobbying Registration and Regulation Act," we herewith jointly present a list containing the names and addresses of the persons who have registered from February 1, 1997 through February 28, 1997 inclusive, for the 181st Session of the General Assembly. This list also

contains the names and addresses of the organizations represented by these registrants.

Respectfully submitted:

MARK R. CORRIGAN
Secretary
Senate of Pennsylvania

TED MAZIA
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

(See Appendix for complete list.)

APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Daniel S. Delp as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

Senator John Wozniak as a member of the Board of Directors of the Energy Development Authority.

Senator Gerald LaValle as a member of the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission, and the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Jay Costa, Jr., as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing.

Senator Robert J. Mellow as a member of the Advisory Council for the Northeastern Veterans Center, and the Task Force to Study the Adoption Law.

Senator Jane Earll as a member of the Advisory Council for the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

Senator Roger A. Madigan as a member of the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

Senator Harold F. Mowery, Jr., as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Senator Melissa Hart as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

Mr. Milton Fine as a Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Cynthia Carrow as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Senator Robert C. Jubelirer as a member of the Advisory Council for the Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home.

Senator Jeffrey Piccola as a member of the Task Force to Study the Adoption Law.

Senator Leonard J. Bodack as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Senator Allyson Y. Schwartz as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Senator Gibson E. Armstrong as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Honorable Alvin C. Bush as a member of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

Senator Roy C. Afflerbach as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Patrick J. Stapleton as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Jack Wagner as a member of the Task Force to Study the Adoption Law.

Ms. Norma C. Ickes as a member of the Local Government Advisory Committee.

Senator Vincent Hughes as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority.

Senator Raphael J. Musto as a member of the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board, and the Low-Level Waste Advisory Committee.

Senator Richard A. Tilghman as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Senator James J. Rhoades as a member of the Board of Directors of the Energy Development Authority, the Education Commission of the States, the State Public School Building Authority, the Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, and the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board.

APPOINTMENTS BY MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointments:

Mr. Gene Veno to serve on the Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority.

Senator Vincent Hughes as a member of the Executive Committee of the Joint State Government Commission.

Senator Roy C. Afflerbach as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission.

Senator Michael A. O'Pake to serve on the Education Commission of the States.

Senator Allyson Y. Schwartz to serve on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Ms. Carol Gassert Carroll to serve on the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet during today's Session to consider certain nominations.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I request a temporary Capitol leave on behalf of Senator Lemmond.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Loeper requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Lemmond. Without objection, that leave is granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator MELLOW asked and obtained leave of absence for Senator BELAN, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY ADJOURNMENT

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

In the Senate, March 10, 1997

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, March 17, 1997, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, March 17, 1997, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

Afflerbach	Heckler	Mowery	Tartaglione
Armstrong	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Earll	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Gerlach	Loeper	Slocum	
Greenleaf	Madigan	Stapleton	
Hart	Mellow	Stout	

NAY-0

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT M. TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson, for the introduction of some guests.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to welcome students from Truman High School in Levittown, in my district, who are here performing for the Music in Our Schools Month. Earlier today they performed in the east Rotunda. I would like to welcome the flute quartet to the Senate Chamber today. They are Kim Godfrey, Dana Brown, Heather Herlihy, and Katie Pasek, along with their music teacher and sponsor, Michael Tatman. Would the Senate please welcome my guests from Levittown.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guests please rise so the Senate may acknowledge you.

(Applause.)

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators HOLL, SCHWARTZ, ROBBINS, COSTA, WIL- LIAMS, EARLL, MOWERY, STOUT, AFFLERBACH, SAL- VATORE, GERLACH, O'PAKE, WHITE, WENGER, FUMO, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, TILGHMAN, LAVALLE, MELLOW, BELL, STAPLETON, RHOADES, HELFRICK, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, BELAN, SLOCUM, MURPHY, LEMMOND, HUGHES, LOEPER, BODACK, CORMAN, KITCHEN, BRIGHTBILL, JUBELIRER, KUKOVICH and HART, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution (**Senate Resolution No. 24**), entitled:

A Resolution declaring March 6 through 11, 1997, as "Pennsylvania Charter Days" and designating Sunday, March 9, 1997, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HOLL. Mr. President, yesterday, March 9, Pennsylvania celebrated its 316th birthday. This celebration commemorates the presentation of the land grant charter by King Charles II to William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania.

William Penn called Pennsylvania "the seed of a nation." Through his vision, our Commonwealth played a prominent role in the development of democracy throughout the nation and the world. The anniversary of the charter gives all Pennsylvanians a reason to celebrate our unique beginning as a Commonwealth - a beginning that should be acknowledged, appreciated, and celebrated by all Pennsylvania residents.

Mr. President, that is why I rise today, with the support and cooperation of the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Schwartz, who serves with me as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to introduce a resolution declaring March 6 through March 11 as "Pennsylvania Charter Days" and further designating Sunday, March 9, 1997, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania.

This week-long celebration will focus public attention on our State's proud history and help foster pride in all Pennsylvanians. Let us join in celebrating the founding of this great Commonwealth.

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to begin immediately in the first floor caucus room, with an expectation of returning to the floor at approximately 3:45.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request the Democratic Members to report immediately to our caucus room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucus meetings, the Republican caucus to begin immediately in the first floor caucus room, with the intention of returning at approximately 3:45 this afternoon, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 109 (Pr. No. 106) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for filling of vacancies.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Afflerbach	Heckler	Mowery	Tartaglione
Armstrong	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Earll	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Gerlach	Loeper	Slocum	
Greenleaf	Madigan	Stapleton	
Hart	Mellow	Stout	

NAY-0

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS PRESENTATION TO SENATOR BELL

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the President pro tempore, the gentleman from Blair, Senator Jubelirer.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, on January 7, opening day of this Session, the Senate unanimously adopted Senate Resolution No. 4. I do not think it is necessary to read the resolution again since that resolution was adopted. It was a resolution that honored one of our Members who has set a remarkable record certainly of endurance, let alone service, the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Clarence Bell. The only thing that I would like to read to the Members is the final part of the resolution that says:

RESOLVED, That the Senate do hereby designate Monday, March 10, 1997, as a time appropriate to recognize this milestone and to honor Senator Clarence D. Bell.

This being the time and place that the resolution so designated, Mr. President, I think it is time that we fittingly honor our distinguished colleague and recognize once again, formally, his outstanding record of service. I ask if my colleagues, the Democratic Floor Leader, Senator Mellow, and Senator Loeper, the Majority Floor Leader, would come forward, and call forth the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Bell, as we have a presentation to make on behalf of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Bell, your colleagues beckon.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Bell, you are commanded to the well of the Senate.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, if I may, this is a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Senate recognizing the outstanding contributions to the citizens not only of the district which Senator Bell represents in Delaware County, but to all the people of Pennsylvania. It is a permanent recognition of this man's outstanding contributions to his fellow Pennsylvanians, and I think all of us are deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve with him.

Senator Bell, we wish you Godspeed, good health, and continue to give us hell whenever we need it.

Congratulations.

(Standing ovation.)

Senator BELL. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, if I may, just as a point of information for the Members, some of our very wise staff, Mr. Stephen MacNett, pulled together some interesting facts and figures. During Senator Bell's tenure as a Member of the General Assembly he has served under 9 governors, there have been 11 individuals serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House has switched control 11 times. During his tenure as Senator, Senator Bell has served with at least 205 other Members of the Senate, there have been 9 individuals serve as President pro tempore, and party control in the Senate has switched 5 times.

I would say that this icon of Pennsylvania government truly has set a record that certainly I doubt will ever be broken or the likes of which will ever be seen again. And in an era when term limits is a buzzword of what we ought to be doing, Senator Bell proves to the contrary that when you serve your people well, when you work hard and you make your contribution to the people of Pennsylvania, they will continue to send you back again and again and again.

Again, Mr. President, it is my great honor and it is with a great deal of pride that I have the honor to be President pro tempore at the time that Senator Bell is being so recognized.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Jubelirer, and the recognition that you have provided on behalf of the Membership for Senator Bell is richly deserved.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL REREFERRED

SB 125 (Pr. No. 387) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled The County Code, providing for an excise tax in certain counties.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 220 (Pr. No. 212) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled The County Code, further providing for the collection of county taxes during vacancies in the office of elected tax collectors in municipalities.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Afflerbach	Heckler	Mowery	Tartaglione
Armstrong	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Corman	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Earil	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Gerlach	Loeper	Slocum	
Greenleaf	Madigan	Stapleton	
Hart	Mellow	Stout	

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**BILL REREFERRED**

SB 11 (Pr. No. 443) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, empowering the Governor to create an Aviation Advisory Committee to provide guidance to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Secretary of Transportation and the State Transportation Commission on aviation matters; providing for the committee's powers and duties; and providing for an annual appropriation.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 118 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 135 (Pr. No. 347) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing a penalty for possession of a controlled substance by an inmate.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 175 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 184 (Pr. No. 177) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act redesignating the Pullman Viaduct (SR 3001) in Butler County as the Picklegate Crossing.

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

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

SB 185 (Pr. No. 444) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the highway capital budget project itemization for the fiscal year 1996-1997.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SB 186 (Pr. No. 445) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of December 8, 1982 (P.L.848, No.235), entitled Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 1995-1996, itemizing additional local and State bridge projects.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 207 and **SB 266** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 279 (Pr. No. 279) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a section of Route 3013 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, as the C. Vance DeiCas Memorial Highway.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 361 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I ask for a brief recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to take place immediately in the Rules room at the rear of the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to begin immediately following this announcement, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator SALVATORE, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING**

January 24, 1997

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, Anneta Kraus, 116 West Possum Hollow Road, Wallingford 19086, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 1999 and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING**

January 24, 1997

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, Audrey R. Reichblum, Washington Plaza Apartments #2213, Pittsburgh 15291, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 1999 and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 21, 1997

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, Syed R. Ali-Zaidi, Ph.D., 509 Ridgewood Road, Shippenville 16254, Clarion County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER**

January 27, 1997

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, Lois E. Mentch, 318 Central Avenue, Cresson 16630, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001,

and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lynn L. Wasovich, Johnstown, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF EBENSBURG CENTER**

January 27, 1997

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, Rose C. Planinsek, R. D. 4, Box 97, Latrobe 15650, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Elizabeth Lockard, Ebensburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 9, 1997

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, Syed R. Ali-Zaidi, Ph.D., 509 Ridgewood Road, Shippenville 16254, Clarion County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Philip D. Rowe, Jr., Wyomissing, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 6, 1997

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, Kim E. Lyttle, 5013 Impala Drive, Pittsburgh 15239, Westmoreland County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

January 6, 1997

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, Rocco Ortenzio, 3428 Lisburn

Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEE OF LINCOLN
UNIVERSITY-OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 12, 1997

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael P. Meehan, Esquire, 15051 Trevoze Road, Philadelphia 19116, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a Commonwealth Trustee of Lincoln University-of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until August 31, 1997, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Audrey R. Johnson-Thornton, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING

December 16, 1996

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary C. Alichnie, Ph.D., 15 Yorktown Road, Mountain Top 18707, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING

December 23, 1996

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, Ron Gabriel (Public Member), 2803 Sunset Court, P. O. Box 188, Grantham 17027, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve until November 10, 1998 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Brenda Kahe, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

January 27, 1997

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, David A. Metcalf, 607 West Street, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nicholas D. Cafarelli, Reading, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

January 28, 1997

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, David J. Krauser, Ed.D., 115 Ponder Lane, Scotrun 18355, Monroe County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 1999 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Grace P. Bulls, Ed.D., West Chester, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PSYCHOLOGY

January 28, 1997

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, Geriann M. Bobrowsky, Ph.D., 205 Trotwood Drive, Pittsburgh 15241, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rodney McLaughlin, Ed.D., Hummelstown, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL
ESTATE COMMISSION

January 31, 1997

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, Susan M. Bicket, Esquire (Public Member), 1166 Pinewood Drive, Pittsburgh 15243, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve until March 12, 2001 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not

longer than six months beyond that period, vice Charles P. Sexton, Jr., Springfield, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR
VETERANS' CHILDREN**

January 28, 1997

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, William E. Brantley, Ed.D., 814 Carlson Avenue, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 1999, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles E. Broadfield, Jr., Harrisburg, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THADDEUS STEVENS STATE SCHOOL
OF TECHNOLOGY**

January 21, 1997

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, Alfredo R. Bustaque, 285 Willow Dell Lane, Leola 17540, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THADDEUS STEVENS STATE SCHOOL
OF TECHNOLOGY**

January 21, 1997

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, Paul R. Hoffer, 340 Rock Hill Road, Millersville 17551, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens State School of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

January 24, 1997

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, Patricia L. Thomson, D.V.M., 2363 Henbird Lane, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WARREN STATE HOSPITAL**

January 22, 1997

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, Keith E. Bell, Esquire, 645 Shady Avenue, Sharon 16146, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WHITE HAVEN CENTER**

January 31, 1997

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, Robert J. Potestio, 25 Tamaqua Street, Hazleton 18201, Carbon County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lawrence J. Kansky, Jr., D.P.M., Mountaintop, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

January 31, 1997

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, Susan L. Saylor (Republican), 3052 Cook Road, Fayetteville 17222, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Franklin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1998, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary C. Spanogle, Chambersburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE TIOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

January 27, 1997

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, Doris E. Sargent (Republican), R. R. #2, Box 163A, Tioga 16946, Tioga County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Tioga County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1999, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, to add to complement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator SALVATORE. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators HECKLER, HELFRICK, JUBELIRER, MURPHY, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, HART, GERLACH, STOUT, MOWERY, WENGER, THOMPSON, BELL, COSTA, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, MELLOW, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, SLOCUM and HUGHES, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution (**Senate Resolution No. 25**), entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 16 through 23, 1997, as "Butane and Inhalants Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HECKLER. Mr. President, I would just urge all of my colleagues to take advantage of the opportunity which declaring this week presents to raise the awareness of our constituents of the terrible dangers that inhalants abuse represents. Parents do not understand the warning signs when their children may be abusing these substances, and all too often children do not recognize that even a first exposure to substances like butane can end in death and will likely involve some measure of brain damage. There are brochures I know which can be printed and distributed to schools and other appropriate locations. The best defense against this activity is simply getting the word out, and I thank the Senate in advance for its support of this effort and urge that we all do everything we can to prevent these very preventable tragedies.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David W. Jay, Frederick W. Rentschler, Nancy Ramos-Velazquez, the Allentown Chapter, Order of Demolay and to the Great Valley Girl Scout Council of Allentown by Senator Afflerbach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Derstine, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Emenheiser, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Aument, Mr. and Mrs. B. Snavely Garber, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Bitner, Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Francos, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Brandt, William L. Bechwith, John T. Byers, Elmer C. Bare, Hershey Foods Corporation and to the McDonald's Restaurants of Central Pennsylvania by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Noll, Andrew Niedziela, Lawrence Mason, Armand Martin, James Felty Masengill, Arthur Earl III, Bryan Galvin, Adam Fleming, Stephen Toth and to the Clairton Lions Club by Senator Belan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Trotman, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Semcheski, Mollie D. Dupree, Michael R. Kmiec, David Urso, Chris Blaszkowski, Adam Popiel, American Legion Post 926 of Aston and to the Ridley Park Athletic Club Senior Cheerleading Squad by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond F. Malachowski, Mr. and Mrs. George Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas W. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Kolek, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fishman, Howard W. Schran and to the Squaw Run Garden Club of Pittsburgh by Senator Bodack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Deanna Kane, Jean L. Gohn and to St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Millbach by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William F. Hecht by Senators Brightbill and Afflerbach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dan Hawbaker, Marie Doll, Dr. Kenneth O. Stuck, Craig M. Reitz, Jason Ryan Smith, Jeff W. Stine and to the Brooklyn Fire Company by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donald and Chantze Butler, Audrey Maloney, Jesse Campayno and to the Neighbors of Pittsburgh by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. Tim Mavros, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfaff and to Jennifer Smith by Senator Delp.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephen C. Besecker by Senators Delp and Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carol Luther, Patrick Calabrese, Stuart Hall, Audrey Wilson and to Clark Hall by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ke Nig, Andrea Fogel Kimmins, Joy Yue Deng, Michael Murphy, Daniel McCullough, William Postowski, Michael Hyson,

George M. Horner, Kenyatta Lee, Anthony Jackson and to Heriberto Quintana by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas White and to John Wesley Zaprala by Senator Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane S. Baker by Senators Gerlach and Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard and MaryAnne Miehle, Lucille Grande, Timothy Miehle, Lisa Bigony, Oliver F. Cooney, Dr. Carolyn Marks, Jane M. Cron, Daniel Harris, Abington Friends School of Jenkintown, Old York Road Temple-Beth Am of Abington and to the Maxwell Football Club of King of Prussia by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dubik, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ross, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Scherf, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heyl, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bavetz, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Staley, Matthew James Over and to Scott Kofmehl by Senator Hart.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Drs. Loren and Ellen Roth by Senators Hart and Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin Kelly and to Thomas Steele by Senator Heckler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Cellitti, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Benfer, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Smith, Reverend and Mrs. Vernon Eichelberger, David Williams, Thomas Eugene Reedy, Jr., Brett Veach, Justin F. Keithan, Mark A. Fenstermacher, Vincent W. Stanley, Matthew Michael Hahn, Derick Hahn, Jonathan David Hahn, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad, Mount Carmel Area High School Football Team and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Shamokin Lodge 335 by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas D. Reiner, Jason Paul Detwiler, Bradley J. Goering, Thomas Gamon, V, Harleysville Community Fire Company, Northern Montgomery County Drug and Alcohol Task Force, WHUN of Mount Union and to the North Penn Valley Boys and Girls Club by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert S. King, Stanley B. Brown, Anthony Daniels, Frederick E. Miller, Elwood Defond Willis, Jr., and to Walter R. Livingston by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Eckhard by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Amber Beck, Allison Hixenbaugh, Amanda Hawk, Jeremy Scott Burnworth and to Douglas C. Bittner by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dominic Sabatini, Gerri H. Walker and to the Honorable Eugene Edward J. Maier by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Katie Shearer Diamon by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lark Enterprises, Incorporated of New Castle by Senators LaValle and White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burchell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rost, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rhodes, Elizabeth Richardson, Bradley Louis Kondracki, Adam Robert Drake, Cynthia Van Lierde, Elizabeth Stevens, Donald C. Thompson and to Karen Kaleta by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James J. Ibbotson and to Joseph T. Coyne by Senators Lemmond and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth S. Laverty, Leo F. Niederriter III, Joseph A. Parco, George J. Faulkner, Harvey S. Knauer and to The Archer-Epler Musketters of Upper Darby by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Irvin G. Zimmerman by Senators Loeper and Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wayne G. Failor by Senators Loeper and Stapleton.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daghita, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Galen S. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuna, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril L. Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bieber, Edna R. Berner, Kenneth W. Mettler, Joseph J. Piccolo, Jr., Michael P. Hanes, Jason E. Howell, Jeffrey Luke Stager and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7378 of East Smithfield by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Calomino, Rose Serafini, William V. O'Hara, Robert Nitch, Matthew E. Beynon and to the St. Stanislaus Cathedral by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Bryant, Dale J. Beaton, Dustin Michael Nace, Beth Greenawalt, Eunice Ritter, Joshua David Miller and to the Sporting Hill Elementary School of Mechanicsburg by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rebecca Bowman, Gail Frederickson, David Osterhus, Kirk M. Kelsey, Richard Klein and to the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Czock, Sr., Retta M. Hannon, Vera Hoats, Frank B. Cameron, Edward Holland, Jr., and to James Williams by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Guerino and Caterina Florio Cirulli, Robert G. Rauenzahn, Alma Lakin, Ronald Kehl, Leesport Farmers' Market, George Washington Carver Post 962 American Legion of Reading, Berks County Conservation District, Reading Chapter, Order of DeMolay and to the Clinton Street Teen Center of Reading by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Goles, Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Conte, Ahmad Collins, Shawn Lee, Arthur Brandt, Franklin W. Ruth, Jr., Richard Leisey, Kenneth Edwards, J. Bruce McKinney, Clarence L. Wright, Jr., Richard P. Miller and to Gloria A. Uravic by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Dalmatia Kiwanis Club by Senators Piccola and Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Adams County Conservation District by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Blocker, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bailey, Ernest C. Garbarino, Francis J. Heine and to the Irish American Association of the Panther Valley by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kosanovic, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Koss, Harold C. Eberhardt, Frank E. Werner, Terri B. Neiswonger, Michael Allen McCormick, Jeffrey Allan Stanton, John Stover, Stephen W. Sherman, Leola Anna Adair, Gerda Widmyer, Shenango Valley Chorale, Sharpsville Service Club and to the Farrell High School Football Team by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Melvin and Cynthia Cardonick, Howard and Patti Katzoff, Jonathan Janiszewski, Marlene McGovern, Charles A. Farrell and to John C. Apeldorn by Senator Salvatore.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Terese Heinz and to Abraham C. Reich by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dick Newcomer, Mary Elizabeth Williams, James Feter, Mike Eckl, Harold C. Eberhardt, Richard E. Hegerty and to The Forest Press of Tionesta by Senator Slocum.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bost, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kamody, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne M. Miller, Larry J. Kulick, Sr., Jared W. Anthony, Phillip M. Mieszkowski, Timothy L. Mieszkowski, Brad Stewart, Raymond Fiorina and to the Evergreen Youth All Star Cheerleading Squad of Indiana County by Senator Stapleton.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roger V. Courtwright, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mayhle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Chmiel, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zyra, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Riethmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Densmore, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Thomas, Christine S. Dallatore, William C. Miller, Joseph W. Barr, Jr., Pam Pulkownik, Vaughn J. Eckman, Lawrence Owen Maggi, John D. Liggett, Charles Raymond Watts, Peter G. Sylves and to Timothy J. Bishop by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. William Strykowski and to William P. Tarasiewicz by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas James Kelleher, Jr., W. Thomas Musser, Ruth Menger Troy, Pete LaSpina, Robert Williams, Joseph Fuller, Chris Chappell, Gregg Garnick, Kenneth Draeger, Warren V. Musser, Peter H. Gangl, Dr. Lawrence S. Cote, Gerard R. Davignon, Centocor, Inc., East Fallowfield Elementary School and to the Caln Elementary School of Thorndale by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Charles H. Butler and to Dr. Robert H. Hanna by Senators Thompson and Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thelma Morgart Belo, Herb Clarke and to Robert A. Luksa by Senator Tilghman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation by Senators Tilghman, Holl, and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Keith R. Knapp, Frederick Robert Woerner, Robert D. Quinn, the Bucks County Bears Cheerleading Squad and to the Harry T. Clunn VFW Memorial Post 9220 of Eddington by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Wiczena, C. Gabriel Traupman, Joshua Reitnauer, Gene C. Salay, John M. Cook and to the Easton Nursing Center by Senator Uliana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Yerk by Senators Uliana and Afflerbach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the 30th Ward Knoxville Block Watch by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sallie A. Wolf, Samuel R. Badger, Aaron Lungler, David M. Bertecher, Christian D. Longenecker, Stephen R. McClure and to the Columbia Fire Company by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tom Davis, John Walters Cenedella, Joseph Osche, Lee Ligo, GiGi Gordon, William E. Hall, Jonathan D. Miller, Daniel P. Lonchena, Rudolph O. Olshenske, David L. Wellington, F. Adam Negri and to Justin M. Goble by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Danielle Terry and to Lincoln University by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Ofman and to Jeremy Scott Burnworth by Senator Wozniak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Joseph P. Mullins and to the family of the late James E. Miller by Senator Afflerbach.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Lewis M. Logue, Jr., by Senator Corman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Zigmunt C. Taraszewski by Senator Hart.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Charles H. Gilchrist by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Lewis L. Gwin and to the family of the late Gennaro C. Risoldi by Senator Jubelirer.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator ARMSTRONG. Mr. President, I want to tell the Senate about a meeting I had this morning, and very seldom do we get praise in government, but this morning I had a meeting with Intermediate Unit 13, which is in Lancaster and Lebanon

Counties, and it is comprised of 16 school districts. They were very appreciative of the new prevailing wage rates in Pennsylvania, which truly reflected the prevailing wages of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties, and their feelings are that it will save millions of dollars in each school district over the next few years, plus millions of dollars more in interest costs from the savings that the original cost of construction will be lower.

They feel this is a victory not only for the schools themselves but for the taxpayers and for their families. So starting March 1 the prevailing wage in Pennsylvania will be the actual prevailing wages of the particular area in which the work is being done. It is not a Philadelphia wage, it is not a Pittsburgh wage, but it is in my case a Lancaster County wage or a York County wage or a Lebanon County wage.

Many years ago I used as an example, and it probably has to be adjusted upward just a little bit, but to give an example, my son one time about 3 years ago was a backhoe operator and was making approximately \$9 per hour doing construction for houses and roads, but all of a sudden he came home and said, Dad, I got a pay rise. I said, you did? He said, yeah, now I am getting \$28.22 an hour. I said, what are you doing? He said, I am doing exactly the same job I did yesterday, only now I am working for the government and they are paying me more. So he got \$28.22. He said something about scale. Well, it was reflecting the actual wages of what someone in Philadelphia gets paid for doing that type of job, which is fair for Philadelphia because people in Philadelphia have a higher cost of living and they should make more money than someone in Lancaster County or Perry County or Franklin County.

I must say, on top of the workers' compensation reform we just passed, which does reduce the rates, but workers' compensation still is a cost that is added to the wages which pushes it much higher. In some cases in Lancaster and York Counties, which is my district, the roofers were getting paid exactly the same rate as roofers were getting paid in Philadelphia. In some cases that was \$34 an hour, and when you tack on the 40 percent workers' compensation, you have a tremendous bill that you have to pay to get someone on your roof. In one school district alone they said had this been in effect last year, they would have saved between \$2 million and \$4 million, and in addition interest costs on top of that.

You know, the original intent of prevailing wages was to keep the jobs local, not to have people coming in from the south and not to have people coming in from Ohio, we wanted to keep the jobs local so that the jobs would stay there. And it is somewhat ironic that we now have a very large project going on in Lancaster, Route 30. It is approximately an \$80 million project and it is bid on prevailing wages. Because the prevailing wages are so high, it attracts bids from outside of Lancaster County, outside the entire area. In fact, the contractor who won the job, who won the bid, was a company out of Georgia, and their home office is actually in England. I think this is really going to extremes.

Secretary Butler and his staff have initiated a survey, and I think with the new prevailing wages we are going to see between \$100 million and \$200 million saved per year for the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. I think on top of that we just talked

about workers' compensation savings of maybe \$400 million a year. So I think we will see tremendous savings for the families of Pennsylvania, the taxpayers of Pennsylvania, and also the workers of Pennsylvania. And I just wanted, Mr. President, to relay the message from the people in Lancaster County that they are appreciative of our new prevailing wage rate.

Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Gerlach.

Senator GERLACH. Mr. President, I would like to just talk on another matter for a few minutes if I could, and that is the IMPACCT process that we have been involved with here in Pennsylvania for the past year. When the State IMPACCT Commission released its report a year ago detailing more than 400 ways to save tax dollars through greater efficiency and productivity, many in the media and general public were understandably skeptical. They saw just another report coming from another commission to end up collecting dust on a shelf.

Well, that did not happen. As a member of the IMPACCT Commission and vice chairman of the PRIME Council, I can report that significant progress is being made to make Pennsylvania government leaner, more productive, and better for its customers, the taxpayers. IMPACCT gave us a detailed blueprint for government efficiency. The PRIME Council, which was established by Governor Ridge and is very ably chaired by the President of this body, Lieutenant Governor Schweiker, is putting that plan into action. PRIME Council has been working with innovation teams, known as I Teams, in every department and agency to implement detailed plans for streamlining operations and cutting costs.

Already policy and program reforms are saving millions of dollars. For instance, the Lottery Fund's 800 number for information on Lottery winnings was changed to a 900 number, saving the State \$200,000 a year and bringing in an additional \$200,000 in revenues. The Department of Aging's contracting process was improved for a savings of another \$217,000. We are moving to consolidate State Police programs, a change that will save \$350,000 over 5 years. And the Department of Corrections has instituted an overtime reduction program that will save \$5 million through 1998.

These changes are significant, but many other cost saving recommendations of the IMPACCT Commission cannot be implemented without legislative action. That is why today we announced the first round of legislation to implement IMPACCT Commission recommendations, eight measures that could save the State over a half-billion dollars over the next 5 years, savings that could help us improve our roads, enhance our schools, provide child care subsidies to low-income working parents, or to continue to lower State taxes on our citizens. These bills range from major changes in our Procurement Code to more efficient management of State programs and services to greater flexibility in State investments. They include studying ways to reform our civil service process and implementing performance-based budgeting that will improve accountability, quality, and efficiency.

I believe the proposals, which again are just a first phase of legislative action, will work to satisfy the charge of the IMPACCT Commission to find ways to reduce government costs, improve services, and increase accountability. They are intended to make State government more efficient and productive and ensure that taxpayers are treated more like customers. Most importantly, these measures will show that we in State government can do more with less and that a dollar's worth of service can be given for each tax dollar paid.

While some believe public policy is always an argument over more taxes or less services, I believe taxpayers are demanding that we simply do more with less. They dislike inefficiency, they resent waste, and they are angered by fraud. They have found the way to stretch their family's budget, and they want us to do the same with the State's budget. In the end, they simply want fair value and service for the taxes they pay, and the work of IMPACCT and this legislative package of bills that we talked about earlier today will allow us to satisfy this fundamental hope and desire.

And just in conclusion, Mr. President, I would like to highlight what the legislation is in this first package of bills, because I think it is a very significant step forward for the taxpayers to allow for more efficient and productive State government. Here on the Senate side, the gentleman from Chester, Senator Thompson, is sponsoring Senate Bill No. 5, which is the Procurement Code reform bill, which is conservatively estimated over 5 years to save about \$450 million through changing the way the Commonwealth purchases its services, its equipment, and its consulting services as well. House Bill No. 439, which would give greater flexibility to the State Treasury to invest Commonwealth funds, will save about \$50 million over the next 5 years. House Bill No. 14 adds regulatory protection in the check-cashing agency industry, and through that process will garner about \$2 million over 5 years in new revenues to the Commonwealth. House Bill No. 440 deals with pump and tank inspection and allows for an additional revenue generation of about \$2 million over 5 years. House Bill No. 441 provides greater opportunity for the Department of Military Affairs to deal with the issue of AWOL reservists and gives them the opportunity to save about a million dollars over 5 years. House Bill No. 442, which would allow the State Police to change how and when they calibrate their radar by extending out that period of time in which radar calibration is required, will save about \$2 million in the State Police budget over 5 years.

There are also Senate Bills No. 323 and 324 dealing with performance-based budgeting so that we will tie budgeting to actual performance results of our departments and agencies, and Senate Resolution No. 14 that will allow for a more detailed look by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee on how we provide for civil service personnel - hiring, firing, promotion, demotion, et cetera. All told, all of these, if enacted, will provide at least a savings of \$500 million over the next 5 years, and that is just the first phase of our activity.

It is a very exciting time to be part of this process in Pennsylvania State government. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been leaders on this issue, and we look forward

to working with them as well as the other legislators in both the House and the Senate to bring about these much needed savings, efficiencies, and productivity.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Afflerbach.

Senator AFFLERBACH. Mr. President, today seems to be the day to discuss savings. I wish to bring to the attention of the Chamber, however, that there is a savings being proffered in the private sector which in fact is a false savings.

Let me begin with what work has been done during these past several weeks while this Chamber was in recess pending budget hearings. Two pieces of legislation were drafted and introduced. Senate Bill No. 619 was introduced in this Chamber and House Bill No. 670 in the House of Representatives. These identical pieces of legislation would in fact create licensure regulation for a group of professionals known as counselors. These particular counselors include such individuals as those in marriage and family counseling, pastoral counseling, and, in many respects perhaps most important, mental health counseling.

There is a practice in the private sector which all of us know as managed care. Approximately 5 years ago the United States Supreme Court ruled that managed care entities, specifically HMOs, could not in fact exclude a willing provider who met all of the credentialing requirements of any other provider which the managed care entity accepted into the system. I predicted at that time that what we would see would be a raising of credentials so that managed care entities could continue to restrict willing providers from entering their system and that such a raising of credentials would have two impacts. The first is it would greatly limit the number of individuals who could participate as providers, and secondly, it would in fact have a counterproductive result in terms of any cost savings.

We now see that has been the case in mental health counseling, marriage and family counseling, and pastoral counseling. Virtually every managed care entity has determined that in order to participate as a provider in their managed care system, that counselor must be licensed by the State in which they are practicing. This single edict by the insurance industry has essentially prevented our citizens from obtaining the kind of counseling they need under their present managed care policies because this Commonwealth does not presently license or otherwise regulate and certify counselors in these particular fields.

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 619 and House Bill No. 670 would remedy that situation. It would create the licensing standards necessary for these counselors so that they may once again service our citizens. Should we fail to act on this legislation, the following scenario will continue to take place. Individuals who have established a relationship of trust with their particular mental health counselor, for example, will no longer be able to access that counselor unless they are able to pay for it privately out of their own pocket. This essentially means that although they are presently productive citizens, in most cases because of the counseling they are receiving, they may now well become unproductive citizens. They may well not be able

to find a licensed counselor from a neighboring State, for example, to which they can turn for the assistance they need and still access the payment through their managed care entity. We are not only depriving our unlicensed but highly credentialed professionals, many with masters degrees and doctoral degrees, from continuing to practice in this Commonwealth, but we are in fact depriving our citizens of the help they need without the enactment of either Senate Bill No. 619 or House Bill No. 670.

The gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola, and I and 31 other Members of this Chamber have cosponsored Senate Bill No. 619. It is my hope that this piece of legislation will be fast-tracked so that we can in fact assure our consumers, our citizens, that they will be able to retain the kind of counseling they need and will not be short-changed by their managed care entities that have unilaterally decided that they can find a, quote, "cost saving mechanism" by which to save money in this health care insurance field.

Mr. President, I urge every Member of this Chamber who has cosponsored and those who have not cosponsored the bill to look into this matter, and when they do, I think they will see the necessity to fast-track this issue in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following resolution for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

February 13, 1997

HR 52 -- Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

10:00 A.M.	MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (a briefing by Adjutant General MacVay concerning the National Guard and Pennsylvania's veteran programs and veteran homes)	Room 461 Mn. Capitol
10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider the nomination of Daniel F. Hoffmann as Secretary of Health)	Majority Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 280, 310 and 489)	Room 8E-B East Wing
11:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 176 and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Room 461 Mn. Capitol
12:30 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 90, 116, 125, 168, 179, 185 and 186)	Room 461 Mn. Capitol

12:45 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bill No. 55)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997

9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bills No. 132 and 133)	Room 461 Mn. Capitol
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WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 1997

10:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (public hearing on Rail Merger)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1997

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 570)	Suite 1010, 10th Floor Wanna- maker Bldg. Philadelphia
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TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1997

10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on Senate Bills No. 538, 539, 541 and 542)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1997

10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 100)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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ADJOURNMENT

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4:35 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.