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SENATE

TUESDAY, April 1, 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 MICHAEL MAZER, of First Baptist Church, Washington, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, we remember Your promise in Scripture that where two or three are gathered in Your name, that You will come into their midst and be their Lord. We claim that promise this afternoon, and we pray that each one of us assembled here today and those who are still in their offices will be aware of Your presence.

Almighty God, we know that You are keenly aware of our needs and of our inadequacies and how we feel with the weight of problems that face the Senate this week. There are many challenges that they must face and trials that they will endure, and we pray for Your blessings of strength and endurance and patience and wisdom to guide them this day and week.

Lord, if it will be Your will, help us to be better than we are right now. Help us to be wiser than what we already know, and give us strength which is greater than anything we have ever dreamt of.

Dear God, I pray on behalf of the Members of the Senate, their staff, and the officers and guests who are assembled today for Your blessings upon us all. I pray for the Senators because they do feel the weight of responsibility upon them, and they recognize their need of divine grace. Oftentimes we find ourselves tempted to look for expediency rather than for that which is right and best, so we pray, O God, that you will give them the support which they will need through Your divine grace. Father, also, I pray that You would bestow upon them courage to do that which is right as You have given them eyes to see the truth.

Make it clear to us all this day, and we ask Your blessings upon us all in the name of our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Mazer, who is the guest today of Senator Stout.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of March 18, 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

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:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

March 18, 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, Thomas B. Hagen, 5727 Grubb Road, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice J. Roger Glunt, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

March 18, 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, Duncan Campbell, 4171 Kitatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, to fill a new position, pursuant to Act 164, approved December 18, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD
OF PROBATION AND PAROLE**

March 18, 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 Campbell, 54 Parker Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, pursuant to Act 164, approved December 18, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD
OF PROBATION AND PAROLE**

March 18, 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, Carol Webber, 110 November Drive - #6, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than ninety days beyond that period, to fill a new position, pursuant to Act 164, approved December 18, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

March 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, John E. Brenchley (Republican), 121 West South Avenue, Canton 17724, Bradford County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1998, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frederick R. Gerrity, Towanda, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CORONER, GREENE COUNTY

March 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, Gregory P. Rohanna, P. O. Box 440, Jefferson 15344, Greene County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District,

for appointment as Coroner, in and for the County of Greene, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Frank J. Behm, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

March 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, Charles A. Gomulka, 3160 McCuly Road, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth 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 Julia A. Ansell, California, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

March 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, Nora Mead Brownell, Woodbridge Meadow, 4 Timber Fare Place, Spring House 19477, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2002, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lisa Crutchfield, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur S. Foreman, Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PSYCHOLOGY**

March 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 264 Boas Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, 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 Patricia M. Bricklin, Ph.D., Wayne, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF ACCOUNTANCY

March 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, Andrew B. Zelenkofske, Esquire, 1868 Nicole Drive, Dresher 19025, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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 Steven J. Shotz, Melrose Park, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Robert W. Buehner, Jr., Esquire, 100 Charlene Drive, Danville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg 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
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 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, LaRoy G. Davis, 1203 Roberts Avenue, Feasterville 19053, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg 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
CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 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, Aaron A. Walton, 4283 Forest Glen Drive, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment 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 2001, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Frank R. Mascara, Charleroi, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Frank J. Jakovac, 3875 Grove Road, Gibsonia 15044, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Harold C. Shields, 2030 Piper Court, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth 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 Edwin D. Dombrowski, Erie, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 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, Robert M. Hovanec, 2415 Delo Drive, Gibsonia 15044, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas J. O'Donnell, Dunmore, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, John P. Wabby, 980 Horseman Drive, R. D. #1, Auburn 17922, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth 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
LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

March 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, Ronald H. Jury, 400 Montrose Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Lock Haven 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 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

March 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, Barry S. Ramper, II, 3001 Rose Hill Road, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until November 21, 1999 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert A. Smith, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS**

March 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, George D. Sinclair, 1028 Lindale Avenue, Drexel Hill 19026, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, 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 Joseph A. O'Donnell, Media, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Stephen F. Luhrs, 9328 Possum Hollow Road, Shippensburg 17257, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg 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 STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

March 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, Karen A. Hickernell, 2068 Meadow Road, Mount Joy 17552, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Work Examiners, 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 Benjamin R. Sprafkin, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
VETERINARY MEDICINE**

March 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, Brian Harpster, V.M.D., 628 Aspen Lane, Lebanon 17042, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veteri-

nary Medicine, 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 Eugene Witiak, V.M.D., Bethlehem, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF ACCOUNTANCY**

March 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, Francis J. Lison, 104 Meadowvue Court, Venetia 15367, Washington County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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 Joseph T. Senko, Mount Lebanon, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD**

March 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, Judith F. Baillis, 103 Blackberry Hill, Fort Matilda 16870, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Patricia M. Morley, Merion, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD**

March 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, Julia A. Bucher, Ph.D., 139 North Third Street, Lewisburg 17837, Union County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Ellen Borges, Huntingdon Valley, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD**

March 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, Rodrique Mortel, M.D., P. O. Box 532, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Luther W. Brady, Jr., M.D., Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD**

March 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, Karen D. Robinson, 292 Heather Drive, Monroeville 15146, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Nancy L. Bohnet, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD**

March 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, Christine E. Szarka, M.D., 472 Brights Lane, Penllyn 19422, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ronald B. Herberman, M.D., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Kenneth E. Gaudi, 302 Sarah Court, Jeannette 15644, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth 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 COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

March 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, Orville H. Lerch, R. D. #1, Box 7A, Shippensville 16254, Clarion County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment 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, vice Joseph S. Harvey, Oil City, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION**

March 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, Stephen L. Mohr, Sr. (District 6), P. O. Box 103, Bainbridge 17502, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Roy J. Wagner, Jr., York, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

March 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, David Osikowicz, 901 East Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney 15767, Jefferson County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert S. Dougherty, Esquire, Indiana, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

March 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 J. Connor, 299 Ravendale Road, Pennsylvania Furnace 16865, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve until February 21, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, W. Mickey Nye, 750 East King Street, Shippensburg 17257, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg 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 Floyd M. Mains, Shippensburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 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, Carol L. St. George, D. O., 302 Kensington Court, York 17402, 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 LYCOMING COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

March 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, John L. Losch (Republican), 2710 Blair Street, Montoursville 17754, Lycoming County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Lycoming County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1997,

and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sherman C. Mittel, South Williamsport, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BEAVER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

March 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, Ralph Smith (Democrat), 1428 Green Street, Aliquippa 15001, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Beaver County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1999, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, to add to complement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
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:

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

March 18, 1997

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 13, 1997 for the appointment of Leslie Gromis, 211 Cherrington Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until July 20, 2000, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice J. Roger Glunt, Pittsburgh, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

March 19, 1997

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 9, 1997 for the appointment of Edward J. Namet (Republican), P. O. Box 45, Sayre 18840, Bradford County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1998, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frederick R. Gerrity, Towanda, whose term expired.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CORONER, GREENE COUNTY

March 20, 1997

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1996 for the appointment of Domenick Argento, 910 Green Street, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Coroner, in and for the County of Greene, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Frank J. Behm, resigned.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 26, 1997

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 1997 for the appointment of Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, 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.

I respectfully request the return to me of the official message of nomination on the premises.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO 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:

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION**

March 26, 1997

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

Please note the nomination dated February 19, 1997 for the appointment of Angelo Mazzanti (District 7), R. R. #1, Box 147, Springville 18844, Wyoming County, Twentieth Senatorial District, 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, should be corrected to read:

Angelo Mazzanti (District 7), R. R. #1, Box 147, Springville 18844, Wyoming County, Twentieth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edward L. Vogue, Jr., Dupont, whose term expired.

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

March 31, 1997

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

Please note the nomination dated March 17, 1997 for the appointment of Bruce L. Castor, Jr., Esquire, 548 Mininger Road, Soudertown 18964, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 1999, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marianne D. Szauer-Mehler, Bethlehem, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Bruce L. Castor, Jr., Esquire, 548 Mininger Road, Soudertown 18964, Montgomery County, Twenty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marianne D. Szauer-Mehler, Bethlehem, whose term expired.

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SCRANTON STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

March 31, 1997

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

Please note the nomination dated March 17, 1997 for the reappointment of Thomas A. Blaskiewicz, 926 William Street, Avoca 18641, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Scranton State School for the Deaf, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Thomas A. Blaskiewicz, 926 William Street, Avoca 18641, Luzerne County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Scranton State School for the Deaf, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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:

March 19, 1997

- HB 13** -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.
- HB 67 and 433** -- Committee on Transportation.
- HB 129** -- Committee on Community and Economic Development.
- HB 142** -- Committee on Aging and Youth.
- HB 196 and 502** -- Committee on Local Government.
- HB 386** -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

March 21, 1997

HB 14 -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

March 19, 1997

HR 58 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HR 63 -- Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

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:

March 19, 1997

Senators KUKOVICH, COSTA, MELLOW, AFFLERBACH, BELAN, BELL, BODACK, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, WILLIAMS and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 733**, entitled:

An Act providing for the Workers' Compensation Claim Antiretaliation Act.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 19, 1997.

Senators SLOCUM, HELFRICK, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, HECKLER and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 743**, 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 the issuance of permits.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 19, 1997.

Senators SLOCUM, HELFRICK, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, HECKLER and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 744**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L. 380, No. 97), entitled Solid Waste Management Act, further providing for the definition of "department" and for the issuance of permits; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 19, 1997.

Senators WAGNER, STAPLETON, MELLOW, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, BELAN, DELP, BODACK, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, COSTA, MUSTO and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 745**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 177, No. 175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for one-dial phone system at State correctional institutions; requiring K-9 dogs to be placed at each maximum security correctional institution; requiring video monitoring of exterior of all State prisons and use of metal

detectors in certain areas; prohibiting work facilities outside prison walls and inmates from having any contact with blueprints, drawings or plans regarding any correctional institution.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 19, 1997.

Senators WAGNER, WILLIAMS, STAPLETON, MELLOW, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, BELAN, MOWERY, BODACK, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, COSTA, HART and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 746**, entitled:

An Act requiring all prison inmates to wear identifiable prison uniforms at all times.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 19, 1997.

Senators WAGNER, WILLIAMS, STAPLETON, MELLOW, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, BELAN, BODACK, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, COSTA, MUSTO and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 747**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting prison inmates from working on certain construction projects; and requiring supervision of all contract work.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 19, 1997.

Senators WAGNER, WILLIAMS, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH, MELLOW, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, BELAN, BODACK, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, COSTA, HART, MUSTO and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 748**, entitled:

An Act creating and providing for the maintenance of a search team to conduct random safety and security inspections of State correctional facilities; and further providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Corrections.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 19, 1997.

Senator WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 749**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled *The Administrative Code of 1929*, requiring all exterior perimeter stations and towers at State correctional institutions to be fully operational at all times; and requiring exterior walls and fences of correctional institutions to be free of debris and properly maintained.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 19, 1997.

Senators TOMLINSON and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 750**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1981 (P.L.435, No.135), entitled *Race Horse Industry Reform Act*, providing for the Pennsylvania Standardbred Breeders' Development Fund and for certain gaming devices to operate at racetracks; requiring notice to municipalities of potential nonprimary location sites; imposing additional powers and duties on the State Horse Racing Commission and the State Harness Racing Commission; imposing taxes and licensing fees; creating the State Gaming Device Fund; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 19, 1997.

March 20, 1997

Senators CORMAN, STOUT, ARMSTRONG, EARLL, MUSTO and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 751**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1956 (1955 P.L.1944, No.655), entitled *Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law*, further providing for definition of roads and streets.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 1997.

Senators CORMAN, GERLACH, STOUT, SALVATORE, ARMSTRONG, EARLL, MUSTO, HART and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 752**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for required financial responsibility and for fees for reinstatement.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 20, 1997.

Senator WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 753**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 1997.

Senator KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 754**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for permits for moving building structural components.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 1997.

Senators JUBELIRER, LEMMOND, WENGER, RHOADES, CORMAN, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, HUGHES, MOWERY, SLOCUM, ROBBINS, SALVATORE, PICCOLA, HART, PUNT, THOMPSON, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, AFFLERBACH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 755**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, as amended, *The Fiscal Code*, further providing for redevelopment assistance capital projects; providing limitations on redevelopment assistance capital projects; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 1997.

Senators JUBELIRER, HART, LEMMOND and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 756**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), entitled *The Local Tax Enabling Act*, further providing for restrictions on taxing powers.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 1997.

Senators JUBELIRER, DELP, HELFRICK, TOMLINSON, THOMPSON, ROBBINS, MOWERY, MADIGAN, PUNT and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 757**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for product liability actions by establishing standards for the imposition of liability and otherwise addressing actions brought for recovery of damages for death or injury to persons or property alleged to have been caused by a product.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 1997.

Senator MOWERY presented to the Chair **SB 758**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 1997.

Senator MOWERY presented to the Chair **SB 759**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 20, 1997.

March 21, 1997

Senator PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 760**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a special registration plate for submarine veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 21, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, AFFLERBACH, HART, SCHWARTZ, STAPLETON, BELAN, MUSTO, BELL, THOMPSON and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 761**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for publication of delinquent support obligors.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 21, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, PUNT, KASUNIC, LOEPER, AFFLERBACH, BELAN, COSTA, GERLACH, HART, HOLL, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, MURPHY, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 762**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for advance notification of pesticide application within schools, school grounds, athletic fields and playgrounds.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 21, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, BELL, AFFLERBACH, TOMLINSON, MELLOW, TILGHMAN, COSTA, HART, KASUNIC, LEMMOND, RHOADES, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, THOMPSON and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 763**, entitled:

An Act relating to the rights of purchasers and lessees of defective new motor vehicles; creating a motor vehicle arbitration board; imposing obligations, duties of refund and replacement; making an appropriation; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 21, 1997.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR CLARENCE D. BELL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. At this time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Bell.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, we have today in our beautiful Senate Chamber three ladies who live in my district. They are Mrs. Delores Shelton, Ms. Janis Thomas, and Ms. Liva Smith, who are members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The first lady, Mrs. Shelton, comes in a dual status. She is the wife of John Shelton, who is the chairman of the Chester branch of the NAACP, and I would greatly appreciate if you would welcome them to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guests please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

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:

March 19, 1997

Senators MADIGAN, AFFLERBACH, RHOADES, BRIGHTBILL, KASUNIC and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SR 31**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to cease operation of the incinerator on the Drake Chemical Superfund site until serious concerns are resolved about the management and operation of the incinerator.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 19, 1997.

March 20, 1997

Senators MADIGAN, MUSTO, MOWERY, AFFLERBACH, KASUNIC, PICCOLA, SALVATORE, DELP, BELL, TOMLINSON, PUNT, O'PAKE, CORMAN, WENGER, HELFRICK, WHITE, ULIANA, STAPLETON, HART, RHOADES, SLOCUM, BODACK, STOUT, THOMPSON and EARLL presented to the Chair **SR 32**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the Clinton Administration, the Congress of the United States and the Governor of New York to support

and to approve legislation that would give states authority to place reasonable restrictions upon the importation of solid waste.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 20, 1997.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

April 1, 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 March 1, 1997 through March 31, 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.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

April 1, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Pursuant to Section 11(b) of the Regulatory Review Act, I am providing you with 60 copies of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission's 1996 Annual Report for distribution to the members of the Senate.

This report chronicles the activities of the Commission during 1996. The report also contains summaries of a few sample regulations reviewed by the Commission in 1996 and a summary of the regulatory review process.

I would be happy to answer any questions or receive any comments the members may have on this report. If you need additional copies of the report, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. NYCE
Executive Director

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Public Employee Retirement Commission
Harrisburg 17120

March 21, 1997

The Honorable Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary
Senate of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Corrigan:

As required by the Public Employee Retirement Commission Act, this annual public report is issued to summarize the Commission's findings, recommendations, and activities for the year 1996.

During 1996, the Commission authorized the attachment of twenty-seven actuarial notes to eighteen bills and eleven amendments at the request of the various committees of the General Assembly. This report contains a synopsis of each of these notes and contains a summary of the Commission's reviews of the State Employees' Retirement System and the Public School Employees' Retirement System. This report also describes research conducted during 1996 and summarizes the Commission's administrative activities under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act and Act 293 of 1972.

On behalf of the Public Employee Retirement Commission and its staff, I am pleased to provide you with the fourteenth annual public report of the Commission. The Commission hereby expresses its thanks and appreciation to all individuals, organizations, and agencies whose assistance and cooperation contributed to the work of the Commission during 1996.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. HALLIWELL
Chairman

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

APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Timothy F. Murphy as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission.

Mr. Morley A. Cohn as a member of the Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Board.

Mr. Harry R. Lytle as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Senator Charles D. Lemmond as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Senator ARMSTRONG, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

SB 212 (Pr. No. 204)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing immunity for employers who disclose certain information regarding former employees.

SB 251 (Pr. No. 252)

An Act amending the act of December 1, 1977 (P.L.249, No.83), entitled, as amended, "An act prohibiting employers from firing employees who lose time from employment in the line of duty as volunteer firemen, fire police and volunteer members of ambulance services and rescue squads;....," prohibiting the termination or discipline of volunteers responding to calls in the line of duty during working hours.

SB 307 (Pr. No. 300)

An Act prohibiting termination and discipline of an employee for failing to report to work during a state of emergency; and providing penalties.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, 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 will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Bodack.

Senator BODACK. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Belan, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Bodack requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes, and a legislative leave for Senator Belan. Without objection, those leaves are granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator LOEPER asked and obtained leave of absence for Senator HELFRICK, 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, April 1, 1997

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, April 7, 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, April 7, 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	Hart	Mowery	Tartaglione
Armstrong	Heckler	Murphy	Thompson
Belan	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bell	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Bodack	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Brightbill	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Corman	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Costa	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Delp	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Earll	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Loeper	Slocum	
Gerlach	Madigan	Stapleton	
Greenleaf	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
GUEST OF SENATOR HAROLD F. MOWERY
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Mowery.

Senator MOWERY. Mr. President, I am very happy to introduce a guest Page today, Jessica Eaton. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Debbie Eaton, who is a member of my staff. She is a 10th grade student at Juniata High School, a varsity cheerleader, a chorus member, and an honor roll student. She plans to attend Liberty University, majoring in prelaw, with the intention of going to Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh. It is a pleasure to have her here.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guest please rise so that the Senate may acknowledge you.

(Applause.)

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
BITUMINOUS COAL QUEEN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. At this time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Stout, for the purpose of introducing some special guests.

Senator STOUT. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I have the honor today of again participating in the introduction of the Bituminous Coal Queen from southwestern Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, this year the coal queen is not from the 46th Senatorial District but rather from across the east side of the Monongahela River, and my good friend and colleague, the

gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic, has the honor of introducing the coal queen and her entourage this year.

I just want to say that it has been an honor over the years to participate with the chaperone, Connie Shoaf, who has been with us for many, many years and I think she has seniority in the Senate. I ask her the same question every year, and it is 21 years now that she has brought the coal queen here to Harrisburg. It started back in the days of the late Steve McCann, a former Speaker of the House from Greene County, and Steve was instrumental in starting the coal queen pageant in southwestern Pennsylvania, and Connie and many others from Greene County have carried on that tradition over the years.

So at this time, Mr. President, I ask you to recognize Senator Kasunic, who has the honor of introducing the 1996 Coal Queen.

The PRESIDENT. Connie, we appreciate all you have done over the years in the name of arrangement-making for the coal queens who have represented this State in what is an important element of our economic heritage.

With that, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, it is a distinct honor that we have the coal queen this year. For the previous 12 years that I served in the House, as a matter of fact, I did not have the fortune of having a coal queen. They always came from Greene County, so I feel kind of fortunate now that I am in the Senate that the last two have come from Fayette County, so let us keep that streak going.

Mr. President, it gives me great pride and pleasure to rise today to introduce a very special guest to the Senate of Pennsylvania. As many of you may already know, for the past 43 years the King Coal Association of Carmichaels in Greene County has held a coal queen pageant in conjunction with the King Coal Show in order to select a young lady to represent the bituminous coal industry in southwestern Pennsylvania. This year Ms. Sondra Hamborsky, the 1996 Coal Queen, is from Farmington, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, which is located in my senatorial district. I am very pleased to have Sondra and her parents, Ed and Rachelle Hamborsky, with us today in the Senate. The coal queen is also accompanied by the chairperson for the coal queen pageant, a lady who has been associated with it, I believe for 20-some years now, Ms. Connie Shoaf, and her husband, Frank. At this time I would ask that they all stand to be recognized.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guests please rise.

(Applause.)

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, Ms. Hamborsky is a senior at Uniontown Area High School. She is a very lovely and talented young lady who is involved in many school activities, a few of which include being a member of the National Honor Society, the Foreign Language Honor Society, the ski club, the Raiderettes, the French Club, student council, and Students Against Alcohol and Drugs. Ms. Hamborsky has also been taking dance lessons for 16 years from Lorraine Susa. There will be a dinner tonight hosted by the Pennsylvania Coal Association in Ms. Hamborsky's honor.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate of Pennsylvania extend its usual warm welcome to Ms. Sondra Hamborsky, the 1996 Pennsylvania Coal Queen.

The PRESIDENT. Sondra, would you rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Ladies and gentlemen, let us welcome a very special Pennsylvanian to the forefront, and, Sondra, the floor is yours.

Ms. HAMBORSKY. Thank you. I am very honored to be standing here in front of all of you today. I thank you for having my family and me here this afternoon.

I would like to start off by letting you know a little more about myself. I am an academic senior at Uniontown Area High School where I hold the position of class treasurer. I am also on National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, French Club, ski club, student council, drama club, and Students Against Drunk Driving. Outside of school, I am a dancer. I have been dancing for 16 years and enjoy every moment of it. Being a dancer has helped me become confident enough not only to speak in front of all of you here today, but it has also given me the strength and courage to actually win the chance to speak.

The pageant itself was based on a personal interview, impromptu question, modeling of a gown, and talent.

Coal mining has been in my family for many generations. It all started back before the 1900s and is still continuing in my family today. For example, my great-great-grandfather was a coal miner for 49 years, my great-grandfather for 20 years, and my grandfather for 36 1/2 years. As you can see, holding this title is not only important to me but also to my family, because this is whom I represent.

I would really like to thank the Coal Association for giving me the opportunity to hold such a meaningful title. The Coal Association has been around for 43 years because the uses of coal have been expanded in many ways. If we keep finding more uses for coal and keep all coal miners employed, hopefully the Coal Association will be around for another 43 years, if not more. The coal queen not only represents beauty, however, this crown also represents responsibility, dedication, and leadership. I hope that I am a good role model for young children, and I am letting them know that if you work hard enough and want something bad enough, anything is possible and dreams do come true. Mine did. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you so much, Sondra, and you have our best wishes during your reign as the coal queen.

Sondra Hamborsky.

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 4 p.m.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Fumo.

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, I am advised that we, too, would like to have a caucus and I ask our Members to go to our caucus room as well.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, with the intention of returning at approximately 4 p.m., this Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 131 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 266 (Pr. No. 266) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the criminal use of communication facilities.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Bodack.

Senator BODACK. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Mellow, Senator O'Pake, and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, those leaves will be granted.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Afflerbach	Hart	Mowery	Tartaglione
Armstrong	Heckler	Murphy	Thompson
Belan	Holl	Musto	Tilghman
Bell	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Bodack	Jubelirer	Piccola	Uliana
Brightbill	Kasunic	Punt	Wagner
Corman	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Costa	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Delp	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Earll	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak

Fumo	Loeper	Slocum
Gerlach	Madigan	Stapleton
Greenleaf	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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the presence of Senator Lemmond and Senator Hughes, and their temporary Capitol leaves will be cancelled.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

SB 55 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 7 and HB 12 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 90 (Pr. No. 88) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 the composition and duties of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the composition of the Juvenile Advisory Committee.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

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

Senator KUKOVICH. Mr. President, I had prepared an amendment to House Bill No. 90 because it amends the PCCD. And as my former colleague in the House and current colleague in the Senate, the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola, is well aware, this is legislation that has passed unanimously. The amendment to which I am referring is A0331 to Senate Bill No. 90. As I said, this language in bill form has passed the State House unanimously on four different occasions during the 1990s. Prior to the Session opening, Senator Piccola and I had a brief discussion about the way in which the PCCD has, on their own, especially in light of similar legislation that Senator Piccola had introduced also going back to the late 1980s, I think has encouraged them to become very involved on their own in crime prevention.

I do believe we need a statewide plan. I do believe we need to be more equitable in ways that we can provide technical assistance. To that end, and based on my conversation with Senator Piccola and his discussion with some of his colleagues

who are on the PCCD board, I will not offer the amendment and we can take a look maybe collectively at what we can do to encourage more involvement to help crime prevention programs throughout the State and see if we may need to come up with legislation or a resolution or maybe just discussion with PCCD ourselves.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Mr. President, the gentleman is correct, and I would be very pleased to work with him and other Members of the Senate who are members of the PCCD to attempt to find out whether or not legislation along this line is necessary or if we can work with PCCD to avoid the necessity of introducing legislation but to have them be responsive to the crime prevention needs of the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I request that Senate Bill No. 90 go over in its order.

The PRESIDENT. Senate Bill No. 90 will go over in its order.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 126, SB 147, HB 149, HB 152, SB 175, SB 200, SB 236, SB 253, SB 299, SB 301, SB 330, SB 420, SB 423, SB 613 and SB 640 — Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, HART, HELFRICK, HOLL, TOMLINSON and WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 33**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 20 through 26, 1997, as "Chastity Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encouraging participation in "Chastity Day" presentations for schools and youth groups.

Which was read, considered and adopted.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Wallick, Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Bechtold, Mr. and Mrs. Maris R. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mowery, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Stouffer, James Elvin McConnell II, Melvin B. Sensenig and to the Lancaster Catholic High School Drama Club by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas T. Puskar and to Andy York by Senator Belan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Babicki, General Federation of Women's Clubs of

Delaware County and to the Americus Council 242, Knights of Columbus, of Chester by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Mount Alvernia High School Girls Basketball Team of Pittsburgh by Senator Bodack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert L. Mowery and to DeLight E. Breidegam, Jr., by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Teen Challenge Training Center, Inc., by Senators Brightbill and Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ardery I. Calhoun, Jonathan E. Coldren, Samuel Burton Bonsall IV and to Jeanette Vivier by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Abel, Marlene F. Silverman, Paul J. Palko, Sacred Heart Church of Braddock Hills and to the Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Wentz, Robert Henry Donley, York Rescue Mission and to the Battalion Staff, JROTC of William Penn Senior High School of York by Senator Delp.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Pennsylvania Job Center by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jon S. Kustafik and to The Kimberton Fish & Game Association of Phoenixville by Senator Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Haldeman, James E. Cappello, David Stokes, A. Scott Feather, Gregory N. Klemick, Charles Shafer, Anna M. Cwikla and to the Friendship Bray Chapter, Order of DeMolay, of Jenkintown by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James William Miller, Donald G. Lofgren, Seth Thomas, Robert Wyant, Doston Kish and to J.M. Glath by Senator Hart.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas J. Patterson, Philip D. Gift, Michael A. Pilgrim and to John K. Kay by Senator Heckler.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Shipe, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stellar, Anthony Rivera, George Curry, Steven Bull, Harold G. Green and to the Berwick Area High School Football Team by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Bruner and to the Telford Volunteer Diving and Rescue Unit of Harleysville by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the UniverSoul Big Top Circus by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Catherine A. Harrison by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Violet G. Raviart, Joshua Guiher, Bryan Sillaman and to the 258th Engineer Combat Battalion Society by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Union Township Fire Department and to the AFL-CIO and the United Way of America by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew F. Collura, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gable, Mr. and

Mrs. William Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur West, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hawley, Ruth Tetschner, Keith Robert Davis, Loretta Kolaski and to the Tunkhannock Borough Police Department by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Losch, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corcoran, Mae Johnston, Todd Rucci and to Robert Pilkington by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Steppe, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vognet, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Merritt, Christopher L. Roupp, Dana Colegrove and to Nathan Smith by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jack Freed, Gregory Lilik, James Francis Damski II, Mark Flanagan, James Monroe, Marion Cassebaum, Blakely High School Class of 1947, Clarks Summit Boy Scout Troop 201 and to the Church Women United of Lackawanna County by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Budavich, Ray Drutis, Dean P. Heffernan, Raymond Michael Schwarz and to Justin Kelley by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raymond E. Clymer, Jr., and to Elizabeth Popcho Nemeth by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Alvernia College Men's Basketball Team and to the Alvernia College Women's Basketball Team of Reading by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Margaret Elizabeth Hoffman Sierer, Roy W. Reidell, Jr., Anna Neidert and to the Monumental African Methodist Episcopal Church of Steelton by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Charles Chesko, Robert Piacine, Brian K. Durand, Helen Machamer and to Gene Bonner by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher N. Rorabaugh, Scott Northcott, Edward N. Young, Brian T. Smith and to the Sheakyleville Community Volunteer Fireman's Association by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Canavan by Senators Robbins and Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Notarianni, Joseph Rovnan, John Cronin Donovan, St. Dominic's Seniors and to the Golden Slipper Club and Charities by Senator Salvatore.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elaine W. Rothschild by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William and Ruth Gumbleton and to William Michael Postlewait by Senator Slocum.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lori Smeltzer, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gromley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fetterman and to Thomas R. Berryhill by Senator Stapleton.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Marsteller, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Francis and to Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sondra Hamborsky by Senators Stout and Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George William Sharp III by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas White, Kyle Mathew Christensen and to Gordon W. Smith by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the School District of Philadelphia by Senator Tilghman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brian E. Buttari, Frank Friel, Lower Bucks Cablevision of Levittown and to the students and teachers of Caecilienschule School of Germany by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paul LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Barndt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Repsher, Kathy Lindgren, Meals on Wheels of Northampton County/Bethlehem Area and to Boy Scout Troop 102 by Senator Uliana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. John Wasel and to the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 95, of Pittsburgh by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anthony A. Perella and to Ray K. Lausch by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Marchuk, Jason McKelvey, Erin Nicole Truitt and to Christopher Michael Kuciak by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Norman Victor Yingst and to Nettie Mills by Senator Williams.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John C. Miller, Jr., by Senator Afflerbach.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

SB 212, SB 251 and SB 307.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, as you are aware, on March 19 the Senate Committee on Transportation held a hearing on the acquisition of Conrail by CSX and the disposition of certain lines and assets to Norfolk Southern. This is a very important public hearing, I believe, Mr. President, because of

the fact that we may have the opportunity, for the first time in a great number of years, of reshaping the rail service for the State of Pennsylvania, hopefully better than it has ever been shaped in the past.

There were a lot of problems created with the monopoly that Conrail had on a lot of markets in Pennsylvania. Conrail was certainly a very good corporate resident of the State of Pennsylvania, but they were privately owned and obviously did some things that benefitted them specifically that could have been done better if we are looking at the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For example, in the northeastern part of our State, because of a paper barrier that exists, in order for that area to haul coal to Canada, they had to ship their coal by rail down to the Port of Baltimore and then bring it up around by boat to get to Canada. If we can remove that paper barrier, they would be able to haul even more coal under direct line by rail from northeastern Pennsylvania into the markets in Canada and thus produce additional markets for coal.

There are many other kinds of problems that became apparent as we were examining this issue, so it seems to me that we have to really work at this to make sure that we continue to provide competitive access for the various people who ship their product by rail, and particularly to the ports. Philadelphia has three carriers: Canadian Pacific, Conrail, and CSX. Pittsburgh has two carriers: Conrail and CSX. Erie has one carrier: Conrail. When we have this merger, you see that a lot of the competition will be removed because Philadelphia will now only have Canadian Pacific and CSX, Pittsburgh will only have one, as well as Erie. So it seems to me that as we examine this issue we should be forwarding our comments to the Surface Transportation Commission in Washington to ask them to help us better shape the rail service in Pennsylvania, so when we have this completed we will be doing a better job in providing rail service to the shippers in Pennsylvania.

I think we need to get a commitment from these new providers of service, Norfolk Southern and CSX, for better service to our shippers in Pennsylvania and a commitment to using the short-line operators. You know, Pennsylvania has some 72 regional and short-line railroads that have picked up the slack when Conrail decided they wanted to be more of a main line operation instead of providing a lot of the service directly to many of the shippers. That slack has been picked up by the short-line operators, and they do a magnificent job of providing an opportunity to small shippers, where Conrail seems dedicated more to the very large shipper. I think we need to guarantee our people in Pennsylvania that we will still have access by these regional and short-line operators to the service that they provide.

I think we have to look at it to talk about the jobs that need to be protected. Conrail employs a total of some 8,065 workers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and when we talk about these jobs, these are only direct jobs by Conrail. When I recently visited Blair County and examined the shops, I found that they used wheels that were built at Standard Steel in Mifflin County. They used wooden pallets that were also produced here in Pennsylvania. They have a working relationship with the GE plant in Erie, and I suspect there are a whole

lot of other ties to a whole lot of other jobs in Pennsylvania that I do not even know about, and it is not only important that we try to keep these jobs specifically in Pennsylvania, but that we try to keep all the peripheral jobs that tend to service a large organization like Conrail.

We have to be certain that we continue to maintain passenger service whenever Amtrak runs on the lines that are part of those used by Conrail for other services. To make sure that we fully understand this importance, Mr. President, I have retained the services of Main Line Management Company in the name of Mr. Douglas Golden, who will be examining the public hearing that we just held and will be preparing a new list of questions to submit to CSX and to Norfolk Southern to have them respond to us as to how Pennsylvania will be affected if certain things take place. We want to also then advise the Surface Transportation Commission in Washington of our concerns, and after Norfolk Southern and CSX have filed with the Surface Transportation Board, we want to be able to examine what they have said they are going to provide for Pennsylvania and then make comment again to the Surface Transportation Commission of how we would change that to better the service of railroading in Pennsylvania.

I think we have an outstanding opportunity here, Mr. President, for the first time in a whole bunch of years, to try to impact rail service in Pennsylvania, rail service that I think we need in a growing economy if we are going to continue to grow and prosper in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President. I thought I would give this report to my colleagues so they know what we are doing, trying to impact the merger of CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Conrail.

Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Afflerbach.

Senator AFFLERBACH. Mr. President, about 6 weeks ago the State Board of Education presented to the legislature regulations that would require teachers to complete six credits of academic courses or to participate in 180 hours of conferences, workshops, or teacher mentoring programs every 5 years, the idea being that we should require some sort of continuing education for our teachers, and, indeed, Secretary Hickok believes that the standard should be even stronger. It is reported that he would like to add a clause requiring teachers who do not have master's degrees to complete nine course credits or 270 hours of professional development every 5 years. He also wants the regulations to apply across the board to all teachers, not simply those who may be certified after the adoption of these regulations.

Personally, I feel that requiring continuing education of our classroom teachers is highly commendable and long overdue, but as the House began budget deliberations today, and as I am informed that this Chamber may well do its budget deliberations within the next 2 weeks, I think we should be paying attention to the fact of how this desire for regulations to require continuing education among our teachers, if not funded at the State level, will clearly be an unfunded mandate upon our 501 local school districts. The fact of the matter is that today we have teachers applying for positions in local school

districts who have master's degrees, who have curriculum hours far in advance of the bachelor's degree, and they are not hired in favor of the less educated individual with a pure bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate. The reason is very simple: because the teacher with the extended education, with the master's degree or with the doctorate degree, can command a higher salary, and local school districts are pinching pennies everywhere they can.

So what we have in the proposal put forth by the Secretary of Education and what we have put forth by the Budget Office in the Governor's budget request are not coincident with one another. We cannot require further continuing education by teachers and expect them to stay within our public school system unless they are paid commensurate with their abilities. I suspect that if we are not able to increase their salaries commensurate with additional education, and if local districts refuse to do so, we will see a continued exodus of some of our best-qualified teachers into the private sector. And, indeed, mandating that increased education will virtually guarantee that.

Now, where do we stand then with respect to funding this particular mandate? I know of nothing in the Governor's budget presentation that would provide increased subsidies to our local districts for the hiring of teachers who have enhanced their academic credentials in education. We see a \$100 million proposal, which is about a 3-percent increase, for basic education funding. That is nothing more than a drop in the bucket. Now it seems to me that if we are going to put through regulations and requirements that are going to escalate the costs to our local districts, we have a responsibility to fund those regulations and requirements, and if we do not we are just once again simply passing the buck along to our homeowners and property taxpayers in those 501 districts.

I would hope that as this Chamber gets into its serious budget negotiations, as I am told will happen within the next 2 weeks, that we pay attention to each of these ancillary regulations that we are being asked to approve and account for the funding of those regulations in this budgetary process. And I respectfully ask that the Majority do just that, and if they cannot do it in the Committee on Appropriations, then at least provide us a vehicle on the floor of the Senate where we will have the opportunity to offer floor amendments. I know it is an unusual procedure for budgets in this Chamber, but certainly it is a procedure that I think must be followed if we are going to fast-track the budget and attempt to put it on the Governor's desk by mid-May.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Stout.

Senator STOUT. Mr. President, a few moments ago my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman, the Majority chairman of the Committee on Transportation, spoke on the impact of the pending sale of Conrail and what import it would have to Pennsylvania. As the chairman of the Committee on Transportation for my Caucus, I participated in those hearings, and those hearings were quite informative. We not only heard from the two Class 1 railroads who

will be buying portions of the Conrail track, we heard from a number of the short-line railroads who provide local service in many areas of this Commonwealth. We heard from other people in other levels of government. We heard from people from various industries on the impact and what their concerns were as it dealt with the restructuring of rail service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I agree with those items touched upon by Senator Corman, and as in the past we will continue to work together in what we feel is in the best interest to meet the transportation needs of this Commonwealth.

There is probably no event on the table right now in Pennsylvania that will have a greater impact upon jobs, upon business and transportation, than the restructuring of Conrail. It will have a major impact as we go into the next century. It will mean literally jobs staying in Pennsylvania or jobs leaving Pennsylvania, the competitiveness of our State as we try to deal with taxes, environmental issues, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and all the other items that are key to businesses deciding to stay and expand and locate here in Pennsylvania.

One of the top issues is transportation, and our rail system plays a major part in the history of manufacturing and mining here in Pennsylvania. In fact, just by coincidence, early this afternoon we recognized the young woman who is Bituminous Coal Queen for Pennsylvania, and even the President of the Senate remarked how important the coal industry was to jobs and to the economic vitality of this Commonwealth. Well, 70 to 80 percent of that coal moves by rail. We hope it moves by rail and continues to do that because an increase in heavy truck traffic would further damage our highway system and bridges in our Commonwealth, so we need a vital rail support system to make our coal competitive with the markets throughout the northeastern part of the country.

Besides the issues we focused on at the hearing, one of the key things that was brought up by people from labor and from other interested parties was the amount of jobs that could be impacted by the breakup of Conrail into the CSX-operated system and Norfolk Southern, whether it is jobs and headquarters in Philadelphia, jobs in other parts of the State, like in central Pennsylvania with the railroad maintenance and car shops in Altoona and Hollidaysburg, or other major facilities and operations in southwestern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh area.

So this is going to be a very important issue that we have to pay attention to in the months ahead, because once they file the application with the Surface Transportation Board, they have approximately 300 days to review the application made to sell Conrail. We have to make proper comments. Now, Pennsylvania is not alone, because Conrail currently operates in 13 States and several Canadian provinces, so we might not be able to have a great impact on what happens outside of Pennsylvania and what happens in Canada, but we need to have comments to the Surface Transportation Board on what our main concerns are here in Pennsylvania.

There was probably no event more important than what happened in the mid-1960s when Milton Shapp ran as a candidate for Governor. He was unsuccessful in 1966, but he came

out and opposed the merger of Penn Central at that time. Lo and behold, in 1970, 4 years later, he was elected Governor, and one of the major reasons was because of the Penn Central bankruptcy and the confusion it caused in this Commonwealth and throughout the northeast, and eventually it was formed into Conrail with seven bankrupt railroads to service, and all of us as Federal taxpayers put billions of dollars into Conrail to make it what it is today.

We have an investment in funding and in time and commitment to Conrail, so any Member here who is impacted by rail service and the changes that this will have on their shippers and manufacturers, and so forth, should advise the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman, or myself what they would like to see done by the Surface Transportation Board. It is our intention to make comments to the Federal board and ask them to consider what is in the best interest of Pennsylvania. This is an issue with the budget coming up. Currently we at the State level put \$3.6 million into rail freight assistance, a very small amount of the \$25 billion. We may need to increase that to help other short-line railroads and their connections to the new Class 1 operators in Pennsylvania survive, so this is an issue that will have a major impact not only on the railroads but on the economy of this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE CORONERS' EDUCATION BOARD

April 1, 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, Isidore Mihalakis, M.D., 1024 Highland Avenue, Bethlehem 18018, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Coroners' Education Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, LEHIGH COUNTY

April 1, 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 L. Steinberg, Esquire, 781 Parkway Road, Allentown 18104, Lehigh County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common

Pleas of Lehigh County, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice The Honorable James N. Diefenderfer, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 1, 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 District Justice, in and for the County of Montgomery, Magisterial District 38-1-12, to serve until the first Monday of January 1998, vice Richard E. Evans, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Weekly adjournment.

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:

April 1, 1997

Senators AFFLERBACH, BELL, HUGHES, WILLIAMS, KUKOVICH and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 764**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, MOWERY and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 765**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for public disclosure of contributions to judicial campaigns.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, KUKOVICH, COSTA and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 766**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, providing limited public funding of judicial Statewide elections; limiting certain contributions; imposing powers and duties on the Department of State; imposing penalties; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HECKLER, KUKOVICH, LEMMOND, TOMLINSON and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 767**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for voter education programs and for voter registration forms.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, KUKOVICH, HECKLER, COSTA, HELFRICK and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 768**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for voting at primary elections; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HELFRICK, SALVATORE and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 769**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 11, 1995 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1066, No.23), entitled Model Expedited Eviction of Drug Traffickers Act, adding the definition of "court"; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, COSTA, SALVATORE and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 770**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for audio-video arraignment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 771**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the simulation of legal process and related acts; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 772**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the establishment of a program to allow audiovisual coverage of court proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 773**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, regulating collateral sources.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, LEMMOND, COSTA and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 774**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for appeals from government agencies, for the selection of judicial officers and for the discipline or removal of judges or district justices; making editorial changes; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 775**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), entitled Public Official Compensation Law, further providing for the compensation of senior judges.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, FUMO, KUKOVICH, AFFLERBACH, COSTA and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 776**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting concealment of public hazards.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, KUKOVICH, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, THOMPSON and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 777**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the limited right of jurors to take notes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, FUMO, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 778**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for deposits into the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, PICCOLA, KUKOVICH, HELFRICK, SALVATORE and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 779**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the rulemaking power of the Supreme Court.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 780**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for general requirements for school buses.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, AFFLERBACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 781**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special speed limitations.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, HART, AFFLERBACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 782**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, WAGNER, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, MUSTO, SALVATORE, WENGER and HART presented to the Chair **SB 783**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L.861, No.323), entitled, as amended, Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, requiring the board to compile certain information for use in considering parole.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HELFRICK and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 784**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for general requirements for school buses.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, MOWERY, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 785**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for education programs for disruptive students.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HECKLER, COSTA, RHOADES, THOMPSON and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 786**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for the appointment of election watchers.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, WHITE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 787**, 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 statement of financial interests required to be filed.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, KUKOVICH, HECKLER and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 788**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, eliminating cross-filing by candidates.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, KUKOVICH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 789**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for the form of the primary ballot.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, KUKOVICH, HECKLER, COSTA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 790**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for arrangement of names on ballots.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, COSTA, HELFRICK, RHOADES, TOMLINSON, WOZNIAK and HART presented to the Chair **SB 791**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, changing provisions relating to prohibited activities by justices and judges.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, SCHWARTZ, MOWERY, HART, AFFLERBACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 792**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for excuses from attending school; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, COSTA, FUMO, SCHWARTZ, AFFLERBACH, MOWERY, O'PAKE, SAL-

VATORE, TOMLINSON, ULIANA, WHITE and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 793**, 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 "sale at retail"; defining "nonprofit association" and "sports program"; and further providing for exclusions from tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 794**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for final best-offer arbitration.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 795**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 796**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, FUMO, COSTA, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, SALVATORE, STOUT, TOMLINSON, THOMPSON, WENGER and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 797**, entitled:

An Act providing tax credits for donated services and equipment.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 798**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, prohibiting practicing of psychological methods by public school teachers and counselors.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and HART presented to the Chair **SB 799**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for method of voting and publication of results.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, HELFRICK and SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 800**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for procedure on dismissals.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senator TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 801**, entitled:

An Act requiring licensing of plumbing contractors and journeymen plumbers; creating the State Board of Plumbing Contractors and providing for its members, powers and duties; imposing continuing education requirements; providing for suspension and revocation of licenses; providing for powers of municipalities regarding plumbing work and services; prohibiting certain acts by unlicensed persons; imposing criminal and civil penalties; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GERLACH, TILGHMAN and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 802**, 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, April 1, 1997.

Senators RHOADES, BELL, BRIGHTBILL, WENGER, WOZNIAK, SALVATORE, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, MURPHY, KASUNIC, BODACK, ROBBINS, STOUT, STAPLETON, PUNT, AFFLERBACH, MADIGAN, MUSTO, LAVALLE, MELLOW and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 803**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a new period of eligibility for special early retirement.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 1997.

Senators RHOADES, GERLACH, AFFLERBACH, WAGNER, BELL, BODACK, BELAN, COSTA, O'PAKE, STAPLETON, KASUNIC, MUSTO, LEMMOND and HART presented to the Chair **SB 804**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a registration plate for members of AMVETS.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, HELFRICK, FUMO, THOMPSON, MELLOW, WOZNIAK and HART presented to the Chair **SB 805**, entitled:

An Act regulating the check-cashing industry; providing for the licensing of check cashers; providing for additional duties of the Department of Banking; providing for certain terms and conditions of the business of check cashing; establishing the Check-Cashing Industry Recovery Fund; and providing penalties for money-laundering activities.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 1, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, BELL, WILLIAMS, FUMO, SCHWARTZ, HOLL, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 806**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senators SALVATORE, HELFRICK and HART presented to the Chair **SB 807**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, including certain provisions applicable to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; authorizing students to attend the schools selected by their parents; providing for tuition grants; and further providing for pupil transportation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators MURPHY, SALVATORE and AFFLERBACH presented to the Chair **SB 808**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing an additional category of criminal homicide known as homicide by abuse.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BELAN, BODACK, O'PAKE, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, WILLIAMS and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 809**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, suspending the operating privileges of persons who are convicted of committing vandalism offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators TARTAGLIONE, BELAN, BODACK, COSTA, WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, KASUNIC and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 810**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators O'PAKE, BRIGHTBILL, STAPLETON, MUSTO, HART and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 811**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 1931 (P.L.1379, No.348), entitled, as amended, Third Class County Assessment Board Law, further providing for assessment appeals; and providing for changes in assessment.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, AFFLERBACH, BELL, KUKOVICH, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 812**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting unlawful participation or assistance in a captive taking.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 813**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for funeral processions and following too closely.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 814**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, MOWERY and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 815**, entitled:

An Act providing financial assistance to school districts adversely impacted by the closing or realignment of a military base.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 816**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), entitled, as amended, Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for approval of subdivision and land development plans by municipal governing bodies and planning agencies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HART and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 817**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600), entitled, as amended, Municipal Police Pension Law, further providing for vesting.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 818**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), entitled Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for notice of taxes; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HART, KASUNIC and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 819**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, COSTA, HART, HELFRICK, KASUNIC and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 820**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 821**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled The First Class Township Code, providing for the selection and duties of a township tax collector, and further providing for the duties of township treasurers.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 822**, 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, further providing for vacancy election dates.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 823**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled The Second Class Township Code, authorizing the establishment of a real estate registry.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 824**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, imposing additional audit responsibilities on the Department of Community and Economic Development relating to tax offices of certain first class townships.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 825**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), entitled Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for the payment of taxes, for the deposit of tax payments and interest earned on tax payments and for the reconciliation of accounts between tax collectors and taxing districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 826**, entitled:

An Act establishing the State Tax Collectors' Commission; and providing for the certification of State tax collectors and for continuing education.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, KUKOVICH, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, HELFRICK and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 827**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for conflicts of interest of certain attorneys, architects and engineers in public work contracts and in the review of private projects; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HART, SALVATORE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 828**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled The Second Class Township Code, further providing for monthly meetings, quorum, voting, rent and expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HART, SALVATORE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 829**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled The First Class Township Code, further providing for monthly meetings, quorum and voting.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, HART, SALVATORE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 830**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), entitled The Borough Code, further providing for organization of council, quorum, voting, compensation and eligibility.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON and WENGER presented to the Chair **SB 831**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and HART presented to the Chair **SB 832**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, Liquor Code, further regulating interstate transfer of liquor.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HART, AFFLERBACH, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 833**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, GERLACH and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 834**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, GERLACH, HELFRICK, PICCOLA and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 835**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, Liquor Code, further providing for the sale of certain containers of malt or brewed beverages by distributors and importing distributors.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, HART, SCHWARTZ and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 836**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for place of confinement; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 837**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for duties of the clerk of the orphans' court division and district justices and for fees relating to marriages; authorizing certain officers in home rule municipalities to solemnize marriages; and making technical and editorial corrections.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, GERLACH, HART, AFFLERBACH, HELFRICK, HOLL, HUGHES, MUSTO, SALVATORE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, WHITE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 838**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for criminal victim aid Good Samaritan civil immunity.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH and HOLL presented to the Chair **SB 839**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a limit on charges.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 840**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grounds for divorce, for counseling and for equitable division of marital property.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 841**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for establishment of an arbitration program.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, HELFRICK and MOWERY presented to the Chair **SB 842**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Privatization Division of the Office of the Budget and providing for its powers and duties; and establishing the Advisory Commission on Privatization.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, RHOADES, STOUT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 843**, entitled:

An Act providing for medical records availability for mammography and prostate screening.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, O'PAKE, RHOADES and SALVATORE presented to the Chair **SB 844**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for health insurance premium assistance payments for certain retired employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, SALVATORE and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 845**, entitled:

An Act providing for grants by the Secretary of Community and Economic Development to promote social services for this Commonwealth's ethnic and multicultural communities and to insure that ethnic groups are not discriminated against or prohibited from receiving services because of language barriers, cultural obstacles, lack of education or lack of accessibility to government-related or public social programs; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 846**, entitled:

An Act requiring that certain electric signs be approved by Underwriter's Laboratory; and providing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 847**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), entitled Medical Practice Act of 1985, providing for the regulation of tattoo artists and body piercing technicians.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, SCHWARTZ, AFFLERBACH and HELFRICK presented to the Chair **SB 848**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), entitled, as amended, Fire and Panic Act, further prohibiting the use of tobacco on school grounds; expanding the list of public places wherein smoking is prohibited; further providing for smoking in restaurants and in the workplace; and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, SALVATORE and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 849**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 850**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for an education and training program for members of planning commissions and zoning hearing boards.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, AFFLERBACH, RHOADES and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 851**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "effective date of retirement."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 852**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management and providing for its powers and duties; establishing the Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management Commission Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, GERLACH, AFFLERBACH, COSTA, KASUNIC, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, STOUT and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 853**, entitled:

An Act providing for Lyme disease education, prevention and treatment; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 1, 1997.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, AFFLERBACH, COSTA and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 854**, entitled:

An Act to provide for certain regulation of health care utilization review; and providing 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, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 866**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate in the Office of Attorney General.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 867**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 868**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 869**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 870**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 871, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 1997, to June 30, 1998, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 872, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account and from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards assigned thereto.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 873, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1997-1998.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, April 1, 1997.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1997

9:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (for an informational briefing on the PA Health Care Insurance Portability Act and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Room 461 Main Capitol
9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on fiscal year 1997-98 proposed budget and how it will impact education in PA)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Resolutions No. 20, 28, 32 and House Resolution No. 63)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
10:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 114, 268 and 284; House Bill No. 280; and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 419, 585, 635 and 641; and House Bill No. 86)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:30 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 211 and 383; and House Bill No. 502)	Majority Caucus Rm.

10:55 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 176, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872 and 873)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
1:00 P.M.	COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to review the operations of the Department of Community and Economic Development)	Room 8E-A East Wing
1:00 P.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider the Ridge Administration's proposal to privatize the State stores)	Room 8E-B East Wing
<u>THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1997</u>		
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to review the operations of the Department of Community and Economic Development)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 100)	Room 8E-B East Wing
<u>TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1997</u>		
9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing to consider the nominations of James E. Bach, Sr., Trevor Edwards, Esq., and Martha B. Schoeninger to the State Tax Equalization Board)	Majority Caucus Rm.
10:00 A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on Senate Bills No. 538, 539, 541 and 542)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:00 Noon	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bills No. 182 and 283; Senate Resolution No. 22; and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Room 461 Main Capitol
<u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1997</u>		
9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bill No. 438 and House Resolution No. 50)	Majority Caucus Rm.
1:00 P.M.	COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to review the operations of the Department of Community and Economic Development)	Room 8E-A East Wing
<u>THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1997</u>		
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (public hearing to review the operations of the Department of Community and Economic Development)	Room 8E-B East Wing
<u>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1997</u>		
9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 619)	Room 8E-B East Wing
<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1997</u>		
9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 619)	Room 8E-B East Wing

hearing on the retail deregulation of
the natural gas industry)

ADJOURNMENT

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4:36 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.