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## SENATE

TUESDAY, November 10 1998

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Robert C. Jubelirer) in the Chair.

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Dr. MERLIN L. CONRAD, retired, of Calvary Reform Church of United Church of Christ, Sinking Spring, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, You are high and mighty, and yet so very near and dear when we call upon You. We are bold to come before Your throne of grace and ask now Your benediction to rest upon this house, for we love our country but our pride does not hide our discontent. We have too easily forgotten that Your love and truth molded the people who have shaped our nation's ideals of freedom, justice, and equality.

And while we condemn the atheist enemy who denies You, forgive us who ignore You. While we boast of a country governed by the people, grant us courage not to be stifled by the apathy of its good citizens. While we grow fat with the luxury of our prosperous economy, remind us of those in poverty. And while we design computers to decipher our complex, fast-changing scientific world, guard us from being soothed by an easy answer.

Now will God help this, Your servant body, in this hour in this place, that they may know what is right and, nourished by Your love, have the courage to do it. This we ask in Your holy name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks Reverend Dr. Conrad, who is the guest today of Senator O'Pake.

## JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of November 9, 1998.

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.

## HOUSE MESSAGES

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments to **SB 1013**.

### HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1304**.

### 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:

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- HB 1064** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.
- HB 2258** -- Committee on Judiciary.

### 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 pro tempore laid before the Senate the following Senate Bills numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

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Senators WAGNER, BODACK, TARTAGLIONE, AFLERBACH, STAPLETON, HUGHES, COSTA, WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, KITCHEN, STOUT and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 1583**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 10, 1998.

Senators WAGNER, BODACK, TARTAGLIONE, AFFLERBACH, STAPLETON, HUGHES, COSTA, WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, KITCHEN, STOUT and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 1584**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the Pennsylvania State Police.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, November 10, 1998.

Senators MELLOW, O'PAKE, FUMO, MUSTO, STAPLETON, AFFLERBACH, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, WOZNIAK, BRIGHTBILL, SALVATORE, HELFRICK, LEMMOND, CORMAN, WHITE, TOMLINSON, THOMPSON, PUNT and HART presented to the Chair **SB 1585**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), entitled, as amended, Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act, adding a definition.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, November 10, 1998.

### RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolution numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

November 9, 1998

Senators KASUNIC, HELFRICK, STOUT, BELAN, MADIGAN, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH and COSTA presented to the Chair **SR 244**, entitled:

A Resolution relating to the Pennsylvania Game Commission program for wild birds.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, November 9, 1998.

### BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Robert C. Jubelirer) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

**SB 1013 and HB 1304.**

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Game and Fisheries to meet during today's Session in the Rules room to consider House Bill No. 1994.

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Senator HOLL, from the Committee on Banking and Insurance, reported the following bills:

**HB 2005 (Pr. No. 3697)**

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1937 (P.L.262, No.66), known as the Consumer Discount Company Act, further defining the

phrase "revolving loan account"; providing for other services and products; and further providing for maturity of loans, for service charge and for written receipt and sale of assets.

**HB 2193 (Pr. No. 3392)**

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for continuity of contract under the monetary union in member states of the European Union.

Senator WENGER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following bill:

**HB 680 (Pr. No. 4080) (Amended)**

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for definitions, for dedicated agricultural land and for preferential assessment applications; providing for responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture; further providing for responsibilities of county assessors; providing for penalties; further providing for division and transfer of land, for tax jurisdiction, for tax determination upon abandonment, for appeals and for regulations.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator WENGER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, reported the following resolution:

**SR 243 (Pr. No. 2249)**

A Resolution urging the Environmental Protection Agency to use sound science and real-world data from the data call-in process relating to the Food Quality Protection Act and urging certain oversight by the Congress of the United States.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

### DISCHARGE PETITION

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

In the Senate, November 10, 1998

A PETITION

To place before the Senate the nomination of William L. Hollen, as a member of the Clearfield County Board of Assistance.

TO: The President Officer of the Senate:

WE, The undersigned members of the Senate, pursuant to section 8 (b) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, do hereby request that you place the nomination of William L. Hollen, as a member of the Clearfield County Board of Assistance, before the entire Senate body for a vote, the nomination not having been voted upon within 15 legislative days:

Raphael J. Musto  
Robert J. Mellow  
Leonard J. Bodack  
Michael A. O'Pake  
Richard A. Kasunic  
Patrick J. Stapleton

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This communication will be laid on the table.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Musto.

Senator MUSTO. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Musto requests a legislative leave for Senator Williams. Without objection, that leave will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Senator LOEPER asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator PUNT, Senator SALVATORE, and Senator TOMLINSON, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on State Government to meet during today's Session in the Rules room to consider House Bill No. 1937.

**CALENDAR**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 1660 (Pr. No. 3934)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a section of SR 0073 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as the POW/MIA Memorial Highway; designating a bridge in Chester County as the Marty Godra Memorial Bridge; and designating a portion of SR 0248 in Carbon County as the POW/MIA Remembrance Highway.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 1660?

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate amendments to House Bill No. 1660.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

**YEA-47**

Afflerbach	Gerlach	Loeper	Stapleton
Armstrong	Greenleaf	Madigan	Stout
Belan	Hart	Mellow	Tartaglione
Bell	Helfrick	Mowery	Thompson
Bodack	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Brightbill	Hughes	Musto	Uliana
Conti	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner

Corman	Kasunic	Piccola	Wenger
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	White
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	Williams
Earl	LaValle	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Lemmond	Slocum	

**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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
GUEST OF SENATOR HAROLD F. MOWERY  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator MOWERY. Mr. President, today I would like to introduce to the Senate a constituent of mine who is taking part in the shadowing program for East Pennsboro High School. Edward A. Preston, a senior, will be with me one day a month to learn about State government. Ed is the son of Dean and Marshellah Preston of Enola. He is a member of the student council, the drama club, and does a lot of community service activities, and he is also an Eagle Scout with Troop 285 in Camp Hill.

In addition, a very interesting statistic is that from third grade through twelfth grade this year, so far Ed has had a perfect attendance record, which I think is outstanding. Ed plans on going into the field of computer information systems. Please give a warm welcome to Ed Preston.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would Senator Mowery's guest please rise so that we may give him a warm welcome. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Welcome to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS  
REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED  
OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1314 and HB 2381** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE  
AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 1992 and HB 2200** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 636, SB 886 and HB 907** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1172 (Pr. No. 3733) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for continuing education and for broker's disclosure to seller; providing for duties of licensees generally, for duties of seller's agent, for duties of buyer's broker, for duties of dual agent, for duties of designated agent and for duties of a transactional licensee; further providing for broker's disclosure to buyer and for information to be given at initial interview; providing for written agreement with broker and for mandatory provisions of sales contract; and further providing for cemetery broker's disclosure.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Table listing names of senators who voted 'YEA' for HB 1172, including Afflerbach, Gerlach, Loeper, Stapleton, etc.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1273 and SB 1274 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1441 (Pr. No. 1976) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1981 (P.L.214, No.67), entitled Bingo Law, further defining "bona fide member."

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-44

Table listing names of senators who voted 'YEA' for SB 1441, including Afflerbach, Greenleaf, Loeper, Stapleton, etc.

NAY-3

Armstrong Brightbill Wenger

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1511 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1529 (Pr. No. 2260) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to sell and convey to Stewardson Township, a certain tract of land situate in the Township of Stewardson, Potter County, Pennsylvania; and authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to purchase certain tracts of land situate in Benner Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Considered the third time and agreed to, And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Table listing names of senators who voted 'YEA' for SB 1529, including Afflerbach, Gerlach, Loeper, Stapleton, etc.

Earll	LaValle	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Lemmond	Slocum	

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.

**SB 1530 (Pr. No. 2151)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for good Samaritan civil immunity for use of an automated external defibrillator.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Afflerbach	Gerlach	Loeper	Stapleton
Armstrong	Greenleaf	Madigan	Stout
Belan	Hart	Mellow	Tartaglione
Bell	Helfrick	Mowery	Thompson
Bodack	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Brightbill	Hughes	Musto	Uliana
Conti	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner
Corman	Kasunic	Piccola	Wenger
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	White
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	Williams
Earll	LaValle	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Lemmond	Slocum	

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 2207** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**HB 2209 (Pr. No. 2919)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing certain acts as being obsolete.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

Afflerbach	Gerlach	Loeper	Stapleton
Armstrong	Greenleaf	Madigan	Stout
Belan	Hart	Mellow	Tartaglione
Bell	Helfrick	Mowery	Thompson
Bodack	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Brightbill	Hughes	Musto	Uliana
Conti	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner
Corman	Kasunic	Piccola	Wenger
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	White
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	Williams
Earll	LaValle	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Lemmond	Slocum	

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 2210, HB 2225 and HB 2268** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

**SB 304 and HB 507** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**HB 558 (Pr. No. 4050)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1182, No.262), known as the Hearing Aid Sales Registration Law, further providing for rules and regulations; providing for continuing education, for registration certificate fees, for disclosure agreements, for return of hearing aid and for suspension and revocation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

**HB 1473 (Pr. No. 4054)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.805, No.194), known as the Asbestos Occupations Accreditation and Certification Act, requiring certain contractors to obtain a license.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed for third consideration.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**HB 1628 (Pr. No. 4055)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 30, 1811 (P.L.145, No.99), entitled "An act to amend and consolidate the several acts relating to the settlement of the public accounts and the payment of the public monies, and for other purpose," further providing for deferred compensation plans of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions; and making editorial changes.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 619 (Pr. No. 2173)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1987 (P.L.220, No.39), entitled Social Workers' Practice Act, further providing for the short title, for legislative intent, and for definitions; requiring clinical social worker license and professional therapist license; providing for the State Board of Social Workers and Professional Therapists; further providing for powers and duties of board, for qualifications for license and for procedures for licensing; providing for exemption from 60-credit-hour requirement; further providing for reciprocity; prohibiting diagnosis of certain mental illnesses; further providing for refusal, suspension and revocation of licenses, for reinstatement of license and for reporting of multiple licensure; providing for restriction on the use of certain titles; and further providing for license renewal, records and fees and for unlawful practices.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**HB 689 (Pr. No. 3981)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for obstructing emergency services.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 728, SB 811 and SB 822** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**HB 1020 (Pr. No. 1125)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the removal of waste illegally deposited on or adjacent to State forests, for the closure of disposal sites, for the prevention of unauthorized waste disposal on State forests and for grant programs; and establishing the Forest Lands Beautification Restricted Account.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1043 and SB 1236** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**SB 1461 (Pr. No. 2043)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, Second Class County Code, further providing for tax relief for longtime senior citizen property owners.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

**SB 1500 and SB 1502** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**HB 1636 (Pr. No. 3729)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, abolishing the Brandywine Battlefield Park Commission and the Washington Crossing Park Commission; and transferring certain powers, duties, assets, records and property to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**HB 1659 (Pr. No. 2061)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**BILL OVER IN ORDER**

**HB 1715** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

**HB 1985 (Pr. No. 3027)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1988 (P.L.1235, No.151), known as the Children's Trust Fund Act, adding a definition of "designee"; and providing for delegation of votes and for powers and duties of the Children's Trust Fund Board.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**HB 2354 (Pr. No. 4051)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 7, 1998 (P.L.343, No.52), known as the Capital Budget Act of 1998-1999, increasing the debt limitation for public improvement projects.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

## EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator BRIGHTBILL,

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

Which was agreed to.

### NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

October 9, 1998

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 J. Baumgartner, 2532 Riverbend Road, Allentown 18103, Lehigh County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

October 1, 1998

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, R. Anthony Brubaker, 492 Musser Road, Mount Joy 17552, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, 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 Lynn Henninger, Elizabethtown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION

October 1, 1998

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. Williams, 2400 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown 17057, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, 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 Dennis C. Wolff, Millville, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE CORONERS' EDUCATION BOARD

October 5, 1998

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Michael L. Norris, 405 Fairway Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Coroners' Education Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William R. Fatora, Reading, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

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

September 10, 1998

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mary Ellen Rehrman, 10 Bertolet School Road, Spring City 19475, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael Marino, Esquire, Colledgeville, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

October 9, 1998

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 W. Eger, O.D., 1331 State Avenue, Coraopolis 15108, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, 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 Bernard Mallinger, O.D., Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF OPTOMETRY

October 9, 1998

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, Janet Summers, O.D., 613 13th Street, Oakmont 15139, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Optometry, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Arthur J. Jordan, O.D., Scranton, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

May 22, 1998

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, Dale Cordial, 13 Sassafrass Lane, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, 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 Barbara Afflerbach, Catasauqua, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF PSYCHOLOGY

October 19, 1998

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, Anthony J. Fubio (Public Member), 207 Llysven Court, Altoona 16602, Blair County, Thirtieth Senatorial District, for reappointment 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.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

September 28, 1998

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 A. Fillippo, 245 Mine Road, Malvern 19355, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester 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 Sue Ellen Katancik, Exton, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

September 3, 1998

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, Lorretta B. Hogans, 620 West Washington Street, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Irene J. Britton, Wexford, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

September 3, 1998

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, Matthew T. Mangino, 922 Ryan Avenue, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Evelyn P. Ward, New Castle, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

September 3, 1998

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, Jeanette H. Rice, 315 East Fair



mont Avenue, New Castle 16105, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Levine, Esquire, Mount Lebanon, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE POTTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 14, 1998

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, Rev. Raymond D. Forsythe (Republican), 608 South East Street, Coudersport 16915, Potter County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Potter County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

On the question,  
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-47

Afflerbach	Gerlach	Loeper	Stapleton
Armstrong	Greenleaf	Madigan	Stout
Belan	Hart	Mellow	Tartaglione
Bell	Helfrick	Mowery	Thompson
Bodack	Holl	Murphy	Tilghman
Brightbill	Hughes	Musto	Uliana
Conti	Jubelirer	O'Pake	Wagner
Corman	Kasunic	Piccola	Wenger
Costa	Kitchen	Rhoades	White
Delp	Kukovich	Robbins	Williams
Earll	LaValle	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Lemmond	Stocum	

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES**

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

The motion was agreed to.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator GREENLEAF, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following bills:

**SB 1549 (Pr. No. 2270) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for juvenile proceedings; and making appropriations.

**SB 1554 (Pr. No. 2209)**

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

**HB 2258 (Pr. No. 4058)**

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L.861, No.323), referred to as the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, further providing for supervision of persons paroled in other states.

**SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators THOMPSON, MURPHY, BELAN, TOMLINSON, LAVALLE, BODACK, GERLACH, AFFLERBACH, PICCOLA, WHITE, CONTI, KASUNIC, MOWERY, ROBBINS, COSTA, O'PAKE, SALVATORE, ULIANA, BELL, RHOADES, EARLL, TARTAGLIONE, KUKOVICH, BRIGHTBILL, TILGHMAN, LOEPER, WOZNIAK, LEMMOND, HART, SCHWARTZ, MELLOW, WAGNER, MUSTO and STOUT, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 246**, entitled:

A Resolution calling on the President of the United States and the Federal Government to take all necessary and appropriate action to respond to the surge of steel imports resulting from the financial crises in Asia, Russia and other regions.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Thompson.

Senator THOMPSON. Mr. President, some of us are old enough to remember growing up in the 1950s when we went to bed at night fearing an attack by Russia. Today we are under a more insidious attack, this time from Russia, Japan, and Brazil, among others, and this attack is real and has already inflicted more damage than the feared missiles of the Cold War. The attack is costing jobs and is threatening the very economic health of Pennsylvania and America.

That attack is in the form of foreign steel imports dumped on American markets at prices, in some instances, at 50 percent below the cost of production. What damages have those imports wrought so far? In the past 5 years, steel imports have grown from 4 percent to 28 percent of the market. In the first 5 months of this year alone, steel imports have risen by 79 percent. Now we can talk about market share and tons of steel shipped, but the bottom line is that unfair and illegally dumped steel imports costs jobs both here in Pennsylvania and throughout America.

The American steel industry is the most important in the world. America's steelworkers are the most productive, efficient, and talented people in the world, and it was America

that taught the world how to make steel. But the American steel industry, the American steelworkers cannot compete in their own country and in their own hometowns with both hands tied behind their backs. Their hands are being tied by the governments of Russia, Japan, and Brazil, who are attempting to solve their economic problems by dumping steel plate products on American markets at prices less than half the cost of production. This practice is not only unethical, but it is patently illegal and it must be stopped.

Steel dumping is not only a problem for the American steel producer and the American steelworker. It affects steel industry suppliers and their employees and their suppliers and employees. Steel dumping affects each and every one of us. Our government has the tools at hand under international law to address this peril, and it is high time to exercise those tools to level the international playing field. The President and his administration are duty bound to address this issue and address it now. It is inconceivable that the American Congress and the administration are appropriating billions of American dollars into the International Monetary Fund to prop up the economies of Japan, Russia, and Brazil, when those very countries are torpedoing the American economy with below-cost steel imports.

America simply cannot be a dumping ground for foreign steel. The "Stand Up For Steel and Stand Up For America" effort organized by American steel producers and the United Steelworkers of America has been established to call public attention to the problem and to muster support to have the President take action. It has the united effort of both labor and management, and it transcends party lines. "Stand Up For Steel and Stand Up For America" now needs the support of the general public. It is now time for our friends and neighbors throughout Pennsylvania to take up the cause. The current administration knows the value of polls, and we must show President Clinton that no matter how the question is asked, 100 percent of Americans do not want their country to be the dumping ground for foreign steel.

I urge my colleagues to take up this fight and to convey that message as clearly and as strongly as possible, to contact the White House and demand that the President exercise his powers and take legal action to stem illegal steel imports that are decimating the jobs of the American steel industry and costing other Americans their jobs.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (J. Doyle Corman) in the Chair.**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Murphy.

Senator MURPHY. Mr. President, I also want to rise in support of this resolution to change the ways that this country is dealing with the dumping of steel. My colleague has mentioned many of the very important points, but there are some others as well. What we do in this nation is we send billions and billions of dollars to other countries to help the International Monetary Fund and also to help their economies get

going. We are certainly pleased to help Russia as it has emerged as its own nation since the demise of the Soviet Union, and we certainly want to also see other nations, such as Brazil, succeed.

What is not right, however, is when they are shipping tons and tons of steel to this country at below the cost it takes them to manufacture it, and in the meantime, people in our Commonwealth and this country are losing jobs, because they do not have the opportunity to work. So we are really paying double for this. We are paying not only for helping those countries emerge by giving them cash assistance, but when our citizens and steelworkers lose jobs, we are paying again, and who will pay for their care, who will pay for their unemployment when they are laid off? Who will take care of their families? Who will take care of their increased health costs and mental health costs when they are not employed, and how will this nation survive if an emergency arises again and we do not have the steel manufacturing capability to take care of that? We certainly want to help people in other nations, but this is one of those times when I certainly hope that Congress and our President will look to the citizens of Pennsylvania first.

I know in my district I have a specialty steel manufacturing plant, Universal Stainless and Alloy, and they have also been struggling along with this and watching the dumping that takes place in this nation. And, quite frankly, it is wrong, and our nation can no longer sit still and say that we are going to take care of other countries around the world on the backs of steelworkers who are already struggling as it is. So I hope other Members of the Senate here will also support this resolution and send a clear message to Congress and the President: It is time we also look to support our citizens.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Bell.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, this past week the Philadelphia area newspapers stated that hundreds of steelworkers at U.S. Steel and Fairless Works in the Delaware Valley are being laid off because of this situation.

And I want to compliment Senator Thompson for taking the spearhead on this fight. You know, this country can only remain strong with industry, a basic industry such as steel. It will not stay strong with service jobs. I was talking to a steelworkers' group last week, and they told me how depressed our steel industry is in Pennsylvania.

Fellow Senators, this resolution is a fight for jobs. It is a fight for the entire fiscal integrity of this Commonwealth, because without jobs, we are in bad shape.

Mr. President, I strongly urge an affirmative vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, I rise to support this resolution. As I look around this room, I think most people understand coming from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, we have a very large history of steel, and in the early 1980s we went through a very difficult transition from the huge integrated steel mills to the smaller, more efficient systems we have today. At that time we had foreign dumping, we had a change in

our entire corporate structure, and we lost tens of thousands of steelworking jobs in our region alone, not counting what occurred in Pittsburgh and other parts of this nation.

When we look at the Pacific Rim, we look at the economy of Korea and Japan and the difficulties that they are going through, I think internationally everybody understands that, and those investments are being made to the International Monetary Fund, other grants, other loans that the other countries as well as the United States are putting in there because we know that strong, viable economies in those nations help us out. However, the other side of that coin is what those nations are attempting to do to alleviate some of their economic hardships is export their unemployment, and I think that is a tragedy, and it is not right and it is not in the spirit of international competition and cooperation.

Our people have suffered greatly over the past years. We have seen incredible changes. We have seen an arena where individual families were once surviving on the income of a steelworker. Now both the husband and wife have to work, and health care benefits are escalating, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. And now we face the uneven playing field of foreign governments dumping their steel on our borders simply to keep their people working.

We are doing our job internationally through Congress by investing and trying to shore up those economies to make a stronger opportunity for everybody. It is not right, it is wrong, and although I do not think we should put up walls in fair competition, when unfair dumping is occurring on our shores, it is time for the President, it is time for the United States Senate, it is time for the United States Congress to take action, appropriate action, and protect our jobs here in the United States against unfair foreign competition and their dumping.

Thank you very much. I hope we have a unanimous vote to send that message to Washington. Thank you.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (David J. Brightbill) in the Chair.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, while we are continuing the important debate on the resolution that is before us, we still have two off-the-floor meetings to hold today. First is the Committee on Game and Fisheries, to be followed by the Committee on State Government, and if we could hold those meetings concurrently with the debate on this resolution, I think it could probably help with our scheduling of the afternoon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces to the Members that a meeting of the Committee on Game and Fisheries will be held contemporaneously with this debate off the floor in the Rules room. That is to be followed by the meeting of the Committee on State Government.

And the question recurring,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I, too, rise to encourage my colleagues to unanimously adopt this resolution dealing with the dumping of steel into our country.

Mr. President, I have a district office in Homestead. Homestead, Pennsylvania, at one time was the steel-making capital of the world, and, Mr. President, I would invite all of my colleagues to visit Homestead and see what devastation has taken place since the decline of the steel industry. A resolution such as this one is very important. I encourage my colleagues to stand up and place an affirmative vote along those lines, to make certain that many of the communities that still exist in our Commonwealth and in our country do not end up financially distressed like Homestead.

And, Mr. President, I am very pleased to hear some of my colleagues from the other side of the aisle talk about making certain that we do not, at the expense of the steelworkers, that the steelworkers across our Commonwealth, or the working men and women of our Commonwealth and our country, are not the ones to suffer in situations such as this.

Today, Mr. President, the issue is the dumping of steel into this country. Tomorrow the issue may be something else, but I am very encouraged by what I see from my colleagues from the other side of the aisle as it relates to the concern for the working men and women of our country and our Commonwealth, and I hope that that trend or that belief in looking out for the working men and women continues in this Commonwealth and in this Chamber.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**The PRESIDING OFFICER (Robert J. Thompson) in the Chair.**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Wagner.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I also rise in support of this very important resolution. Mr. President, many resolutions that come in front of this body are procedural kinds of resolutions or complimentary kinds of resolutions. This one is certainly much more important. I compliment you for introducing it, and obviously for my colleagues' support.

Mr. President, on the eve of Veterans Day in 1998, it is appropriate that we deal with this resolution. A lot of people do not know it, but southwestern Pennsylvania outproduced the world in steel production in World War II. It really, truly was one of the reasons why this country played such an important role in winning World War II, because of the steelworkers and the steelworkers' families, not just in southwestern Pennsylvania but throughout Pennsylvania.

There has obviously been a decline in the steel industry since then. But as the previous speaker indicated, we have another attack going on, and that attack is directly at the steel industry in this country, and something drastic needs to be done before additional thousands of American people lose their jobs, not because of competition, because this is not fair competition. This is not an open, fair world economy in regard to this issue. We have countries that are subsidizing their steel

industry to dump that product into the market in this country. And that, Mr. President, is putting thousands of Americans right now out of work, and it is having a rippling effect, a rippling effect on other industries and the communities in which these steel plants presently are located in surrounding areas. Something needs to be done, Mr. President, and done now.

With this resolution, hopefully the President of the United States will wake up and Congress will take the appropriate action that is necessary. Obviously, a unified effort in passing this will send the right message from Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Stout.

Senator STOUT. Mr. President, likewise, I join my colleagues this afternoon in support of this resolution to oppose the dumping of foreign steel in this country.

Two weeks ago Saturday, on the steps of the Washington County Courthouse, there was a rally for people to stand up for steel. Hundreds and hundreds of steelworkers and their families and supporters and elected officials from local, county, and Federal government joined together to support this resolution to oppose the foreign dumping of steel in this country. Unfortunately, in the past in the decade of the 1970s and 1980s we lost nearly 100,000 steelworkers' jobs in Pennsylvania. And all you have to do to see what happened to the carbon and steel industry in southwestern Pennsylvania is get in a boat on the Monongahela River and bob down and go past community after community that used to have a vital steel industry. Now the mills are shut down, the land is vacated, and people are out of work.

You look at communities like Monessen, and the only thing left there is the coke works. You go to the town of Donora. That town is shut down from the steel industry. Go on down the Monongahela, as the previous speaker alluded to, and Homestead, McKeesport, and down to the south side of Pittsburgh. That plant and mill has been leveled. You go down to join the Allegheny to form the Ohio River and go down the Ohio River Valley and come to places like Aliquippa in Beaver County, where at one time during World War II close to 20,000 people worked at that facility, and now it is as level as this floor in this Chamber because the steel industry is gone.

So what is left in the steel industry here in southwestern Pennsylvania is primarily the specialty steel industry of the stainless steel and the alloy steel, and unfortunately, these foreign imports are destroying those jobs here, so we must take strong action to convince the Federal government and our Congress and our President to lead a strong battle against the foreign imports and dumping of steel. If we do not do that, we are allowing foreign governments to export their unemployment to this country and put our people out of work. So I strongly support this resolution, and I think we have broad-based support on both sides of the aisle for this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Conti.

Senator CONTI. Mr. President, I would like to add my voice to the clarion call of this resolution for a reform in regard to imported steel. I also rise on behalf of my colleague from Bucks County. We have had a tremendous loss of jobs in Bucks County at the U.S. Fairless plant. Seven hundred jobs out of 1,000 have been lost because of imported steel. So I rise today to support this resolution on behalf of the Senator from Bucks County and myself who represent the Fairless area. It is an important initiative, and I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

### CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dexter and Dorothy Baker, Gary A. Evans, James Lanshee, Sr., Tiffany Williams, Binney & Smith, Inc., and to the Harry C. Trexler Trust by Senator Afflerbach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Miller by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Reardon, Jr., and to Marie A. Gillespie by Senator Bodack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles DeLong, Luther E. Gibson and to Harpel's, Inc., of Lebanon by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Brotzman, Julie Campbell, Jessica Walborn and to Brad H. Updegrave by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara D. New by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara M. Braman by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jan Vitale, Jenna Musselman, Jessica Barber, Thomas Mitchell, Brian Richardson, Zachary F. Zavadel and to Theodore B. Mucellin by Senator Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Robert D. Reber, Jr., by Senator Gerlach and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Giuseppe Gaiimo by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Magoc, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Negley, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuhn and to Mr. and Mrs. George Frank by Senator Hart.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis Hetrick, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sheaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Showalter, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wayne Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Simpson III, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Wetzel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Reedy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J.

Klinger, Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Dondero, Jr., and to the Bloomsburg Lions Club by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Allen Bracken and to the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mercer A. Redcross III and Evelyn G. Redcross and to Ernie Barnes by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClure by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Joseph M. McDade by Senator Lemmond and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Renzi by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Snider, Helen B. Allison, Clarence A. Chriss, Jr., and to Richard Gallagher by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Nonnemacher by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable LeRoy S. Zimmerman 1998 Class of Eagle Scouts by Senator Piccola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Reichwein, John Christopher Fowler, Christopher Michael Fowler and to Patrick M. Roche by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Douglas Keith Snow by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Armond F. Gentile, Todd Tuckey, Beau Jack and to the Northeast Community Center of Philadelphia by Senator Salvatore.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Esther Hawkins, Florence E. Luff and to Shop & Save Food Markets Incorporated of Dubois by Senator Slocum.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Lazor and to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hooks by Senator Stapleton.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Warner Durnell and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathleen Fielding by Senator Uliana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nancy Graham by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butler and to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bloom by Senator Wozniak.

#### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 Paul J. Shriner by Senator Armstrong.

#### POSTHUMOUS CITATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following citation, which was read, considered and adopted:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Bob Montgomery was extended to the family by Senator Salvatore.

#### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

**SB 1549, SB 1554, HB 680, HB 2005, HB 2193 and HB 2258.**

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, with the permission of the Minority, I suggest maybe we could also begin the meeting of the Committee on State Government in the Minority Caucus Room to run concurrently with the other committee meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Fumo.

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, sounds okay to me.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All Members of the Committee on State Government are to report to the Minority Caucus Room for an off-the-floor meeting of the Committee on State Government.

#### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Fumo.

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, I rise for two reasons. First I want to announce that the Philadelphia delegation has reorganized and that Senator Vincent Hughes has been elected chairman of the Philadelphia delegation. I know we all wish him well in that endeavor.

Secondly, Mr. President, I rise to express my thanks and gratitude to all the people who called me and my family during my recent illness, Members, bipartisan. You know what often happens up here, Mr. President, is we start to read the media and we start to believe our press that everybody hates our guts, and in fact, that is not true. There are a lot of people out there who love a lot of us, and I want to, on behalf of my family and myself, thank everyone who called. And a quick update, I still do not know what it was. I still have it, but not as bad, but coming back in Session has been good for me.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I thank everyone else.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I rise to call attention to a very serious problem in making the welfare-to-work program a success instead of just a slogan in Pennsylvania. The welfare-to-work program is breaking down, and if we are serious about making a paycheck replace a welfare check, the Governor must take some action now. While the State is saving a substantial amount of money as people leave the welfare cash assistance program to go to work, the State has refused to use some of those savings to subsidize child care to keep those people working. The Department of Public Welfare itself is projecting that it will save about \$20 million in the cash assistance program because of welfare recipients going to work. At the same time, those single working parents who are making minimum wage or just above are expected to pay \$100 a week or more for nonsubsidized child care.

On October 8, over a month ago, 11 other Senators joined me in writing to the Governor and the Secretary of Public Welfare asking them to fix this problem by using some of this \$20 million savings from cash assistance to help pay for child care for working mothers who came off the welfare rolls. To date, no response. Is anybody there? Does anybody care? Who is suffering as a result of the administration's failure to act? First of all, the children of these working parents. Secondly, many employers who have trained these welfare recipients for a job and who may lose those welfare recipients back to the welfare rolls. And third, the welfare-to-work program itself.

Mr. President, the math is simple. There just is not enough money for a single parent earning minimum wage to feed and clothe their family, to pay their rent, and have \$100 a week or more available for child care. It just does not add up. It makes little sense to force people off of welfare, perhaps give them job training, help them to find work, and then cause them to quit their jobs and go back on welfare because they cannot afford decent child care. This serves only to restart the cycle of welfare dependency. The money to fix this problem is available now from cash assistance savings. Let us use some of it to make welfare-to-work a true success. Governor, those of us who want welfare-to-work to succeed ask you to take action now.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Joseph M. Uliana) in the Chair.

### BILL REREFERRED

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the following bill, which was read for the first time today, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations:

**HB 680.**

### SENATE AT EASE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I ask that the Senate be at ease until the completion of the meeting of the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be at ease until the completion of the Committee on Game and Fisheries. (The Senate was at ease.)

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Senator LEMMOND, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bill:

**HB 1937 (Pr. No. 2948)**

An Act authorizing the Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County, to sell certain Project 70 lands free of Project 70 restrictions in return for use of the sale proceeds to assist the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy purchase a tract of land; and authorizing the Department of General Services to convey a tract of land located in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

Senator HELFRICK, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bill:

**HB 1994 (Pr. No. 4084) (Amended)**

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for commission accountability; and further providing for the use of certain Game Fund revenues and for appropriation and audit of moneys, for powers and duties of enforcement officers, for jurisdiction and penalties, for acknowledgment of guilt and receipt, for payment disposition of nonresidents, for unlawful taking or possession of game or wildlife and for use of the Game Fund, for buying and selling of game and wildlife, for classes of licenses and for license costs and fees.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator HELFRICK, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following resolution:

**SR 244 (Pr. No. 2266)**

A Resolution relating to the Pennsylvania Game Commission program for wild birds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

**HB 1937 and HB 1994.**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Monday, November 16, 1998, at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 2:28 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.