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SENATE

MONDAY, March 8, 1999

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Father SRBOLJUB JOCKOVIC, of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Oberlin, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, our God, who commands the universe, help these elected government servants of the people to minister wisely to their constituents. Give them a vision for the Commonwealth consistent with the Divine Order. Give them patience to work at their important tasks. Give them the moral strength to make courageous decisions. Give them the help they need to do their jobs with certainty and wholeness.

Remember, Lord, this country and all civil authorities. Grant them a secure and lasting peace. Speak good things into their hearts concerning all Thy people, that we in their tranquility may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and sanctity.

Above all, give them a sense of appreciation of the worth of all people in this great State, that each person may be valued in the eyes of the Commonwealth as created by Thee.

To Thee belong all glory, honor, and dominion, to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Jockovic, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of February 9, 1999.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following Senate Bill had been approved and signed by the Governor:

SB 273.

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 LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

February 10, 1999

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, L. Dennis Martire, 2715 Leona Drive, Coraopolis 15108, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, to serve until June 2, 2003 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

February 10, 1999

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, Joseph P. Muldowney, 1971 Howard Avenue, Pottsville 17901, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2002 and until his successor is appointed and gualified.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 10, 1999

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, Isadore A. Shrager, Esq., 4920 Locust Street, Philadelphia 19139, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six 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 STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

February 25, 1999

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, Beverly B. Hawkins, 101 Avonbrook Road, Wallingford 19086, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Carolyn C. Thompson, Drexel Hill, whose term expired.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

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

February 25, 1999

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, C. Richard Johnston, R.D. #1, Wayland Road, Meadville 16335, Crawford County, Fiftieth 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 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

February 25, 1999

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, Bart E. Burne, Ed.D., 202 N. Highland Drive, Pittston 18640, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION

February 25, 1999

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, Javad K. Hassan, 1190 Draymore Court, Hummelstown 17036, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, to serve for a term of six years, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., Esq., Bethlehem, whose term expired.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

February 25, 1999

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, Sharon E. Price (Republican), 132 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg 17325, Adams County, Thirtythird Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Adams County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2002, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cathy L. Trostle, Gettysburg, resigned.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

February 25, 1999

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, Allen D. Kunkel (Republican), P.O. Box 345, Northumberland 17857, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Northumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1999, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Margot F. Guinan, Mount Carmel, whose term expired.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

March 3, 1999

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kim Berkeley Clark, 1427 Boyle Street, Pittsburgh 15212, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to serve until January 1, 2006, vice The Honorable Robert E. Dauer, resigned.

> THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

March 3, 1999

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, M. Susan Ruffner, Esq., 32 Timberline Court, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice The Honorable Lawrence W. Kaplan, mandatory retirement.

> 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 COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 10, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated February 5, 1999 for the appointment of Richard R. Hilinski, 3830 Lewis Avenue, Apt. 7, Erie 16504, Erie County, Forty-ninth 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 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael R. Keefer, Summerville, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Richard R. Hilinski, 3830 Lewis Avenue, Apt. 7, Erie 16504, Erie County, Forty-ninth 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 2001, and until <u>his</u> successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael R. Keefer, Summerville, whose term expired.

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

February 16, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated January 28, 1999 for the appointment of B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2002 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Glenn Y. Forney, Shavertown, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, <u>Thirty-third</u> Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2002 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Glenn Y. Forney, Shavertown, whose term expired.

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

February 16, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated January 28, 1999 for the appointment of B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, 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 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William R. Minnick, Harrisburg, resigned, should be corrected to read:

B. Michael Schaul, 840 Allenview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, <u>Thirty-third</u> 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 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William R. Minnick, Harrisburg, resigned.

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

March 3, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated March 3, 1999 for the appointment of Kim Berkeley Clark, 1427 Boyle Street, Pittsburgh 15212, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to serve until January 1, 2006, vice The Honorable Robert E. Dauer, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Kim Berkeley Clark, 1427 Boyle Street, Pittsburgh 15212, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, to serve until <u>the first Monday of January 2000</u>, vice The Honorable Robert E. Dauer, resigned.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bill for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

February 11, 1999

HB 113 -- Committee on State Government.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 11, 1999

Senators COSTA, STOUT, O'PAKE, STAPLETON, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 319, entitled: An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for oxygen tank transportation systems.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 11, 1999.

Senators HART, JUBELIRER, WOZNIAK, HELFRICK, CORMAN, CONTI, DENT, COSTA, TOMLINSON, WHITE, GERLACH, EARLL, SALVATORE, LAVALLE, STOUT, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 327, entitled:

An Act providing a tax credit for certain charitable contributions; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE, RHOADES, COSTA, BELL, MEL-LOW, HOLL, SLOCUM, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, STOUT, KASUNIC, WAGNER and LAVALLE presented to the Chair SB 331, entitled:

An Act providing for substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 11, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, WAUGH, STAPLETON, COSTA, O'PAKE, BELAN, BODACK, MELLOW, FUMO and BELL presented to the Chair SB 346, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, reducing the rate of personal income tax. Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, WAUGH, STAPLETON, COSTA, OPAKE, KASUNIC, BELAN, MELLOW and BELL presented to the Chair SB 347, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, reducing the rate of personal income tax and corporate net income tax; and further defining "capital stock value" for purposes of capital stock and franchise tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators WAUGH, FUMO, KASUNIC, HOLL, HART and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 348, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for additional parking regulations relating to handicapped persons and severely disabled veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 11, 1999.

Senator BELL presented to the Chair SB 349, entitled: An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled State Lottery Law, further providing for supply of prescription drugs.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 11, 1999.

Senator BELL presented to the Chair SB 350, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for disposition of funds; and authorizing the transfer of functions, personnel, office supplies and equipment relating to the Bureau of Weights and Measures from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of State.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, KUKOVICH, LEMMOND and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 357, entitled:

An Act requiring the use of refundable beverage containers; establishing container requirements; providing for redemption of beverage containers and for powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 11, 1999.

Senators O'PAKE, KUKOVICH, MUSTO, STAPLETON, EARLL, WHITE, BELAN, KASUNIC, MELLOW, BRIGHTBILL, BELL, WAGNER, STOUT and THOMPSON presented to the Chair SB 363, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for administration and procedure. Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators O'PAKE, BELAN, MELLOW, BODACK, WAG-NER, KASUNIC, MUSTO, STAPLETON, COSTA, BOSCOLA, SCHWARTZ and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 364, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators MADIGAN, SLOCUM, HELFRICK, KUKOVICH, COSTA, ROBBINS, MOWERY, EARLL, KASUNIC, MUSTO, GERLACH, BOSCOLA, PUNT, WHITE, MELLOW, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, THOMPSON, WOZNIAK, HART, BELAN, JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, LEMMOND, LAVALLE, HOLL, CONTI, DENT and CORMAN presented to the Chair SB 365, entitled:

An Act providing for the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and for its implementation.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 11, 1999.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair SB 366, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled, as amended, The County Code, further providing for the definition of "county" for authorization of excise tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 11, 1999.

Senators HUGHES, KITCHEN, SCHWARTZ, WOZNIAK, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, BODACK, BELL, BELAN, WAGNER, KUKOVICH, STOUT, STAPLETON and WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SB 367, entitled:

An Act establishing the Job Opportunities in Basic Services (JOBS) Program; and providing for duties of Secretary of Public Welfare, for eligibility for program, for compensation, for supervisors, for prohibited activities, for annual report, for local JOBS Program incubator, for regulations, for expenditure of funds and for funding.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 11, 1999.

Senators EARLL, BELL and HART presented to the Chair SB 368, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing that certain public officers be subject to removal from office by recall.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 11, 1999. Senators EARLL, LEMMOND, SLOCUM, ROBBINS and WHITE presented to the Chair SB 369, 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 the procedure for assessment.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 11, 1999.

Senators MOWERY and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 371, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "basic contribution rate" by providing for additional employee contributions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, TOMLINSON, BELAN, BELL, BODACK, BOSCOLA, COSTA, EARLL, HELFRICK, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, MELLOW, MUSTO, O'PAKE, PICCOLA, PUNT, SCHWARTZ, STAPLETON, STOUT, WAGNER, WAUGH, WHITE, THOMPSON and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 373, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 11, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, STAPLETON, COSTA, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, MELLOW and MUSTO presented to the Chair SB 377, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, HOLL, STOUT, BOSCOLA, COSTA, O'PAKE, SALVATORE and WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 378, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, ARMSTRONG, COSTA, DENT, MUSTO, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SB 379, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for tolling the statute of limitations in childhood sexual abuse cases.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, COSTA, HART, WAGNER, MELLOW, ARMSTRONG, HOLL, KASUNIC, MUSTO, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SALVATORE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 380, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, EARLL, GERLACH, HART, WAGNER, WHITE, MELLOW, ARMSTRONG, CORMAN, HOLL, KASUNIC, MUSTO, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SALVATORE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 381, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for rights of accused in criminal prosecutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF and MUSTO presented to the Chair SB 382, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for mandatory counseling in certain divorce cases.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, COSTA, HART, WAGNER, MELLOW, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, MUSTO, RHOADES, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 383, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the procuring of children for the purpose of sexual exploitation; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, SALVATORE, MELLOW, BOSCOLA, COSTA, DENT, HOLL, KASUNIC, MOWERY, MUSTO, STOUT, THOMPSON and WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 384, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for missing children; providing for a clearinghouse for missing children; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania State Police, local school districts and parents.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, MELLOW, BOSCOLA, COSTA, MUSTO and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 385, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 11, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, WAUGH, HOLL and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 386, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for child-care facilities at county judicial centers or courthouses.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 11, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, COSTA, HELFRICK, RHOADES, KASUNIC, STAPLETON, MUSTO, BODACK, BELAN, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, MELLOW, BELL, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 387**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 11, 1971 (P.L.104, No.3), entitled, as amended, Senior Citizens Rebate and Assistance Act, further defining "income" to exclude certain Social Security cost-of-living increases; and increasing eligibility under the property tax or rent rebate and inflation dividend.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 11, 1999.

February 12, 1999

Senators WAGNER, STAPLETON, COSTA, WAUGH, OPAKE, KASUNIC, MUSTO and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 376, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a special Girl Scouts of the United States of America registration plate and a special Boy Scouts of America registration plate.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 12, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, BODACK, KASUNIC, KUKOVICH, COSTA, FUMO, TARTAGLIONE, STAPLETON, STOUT, LAVALLE, MUSTO, BELL, BOSCOLA, WAUGH and MEL-LOW presented to the Chair SB 388, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled State Lottery Law, amending certain definitions; and deleting provisions relating to PACENET.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 12, 1999.

Senators CORMAN, HART, GERLACH, SLOCUM, WAG-NER, MELLOW, MOWERY, BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, COSTA, SALVATORE, RHOADES, ROBBINS, MUSTO, WHITE, WAUGH, STOUT, BELAN, KASUNIC and PUNT presented to the Chair SB 389, 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 rate of inheritance taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1999.

Senators CORMAN, HART, JUBELIRER, MELLOW, MADIGAN, HELFRICK, WENGER, STAPLETON, BRIGHTBILL, WAUGH, RHOADES, ROBBINS, MUSTO, O'PAKE, MOWERY, GERLACH, WHITE, COSTA, EARLL, HOLL, CONTI, THOMPSON, BOSCOLA, LEMMOND and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 390, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1999.

Senators MELLOW, O'PAKE, FUMO, HUGHES, KASUNIC, MUSTO, BODACK, COSTA, WAGNER, BELAN, STAPLETON, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, WOZNIAK and LAVALLE presented to the Chair SB 391, entitled:

An Act providing for a credit against personal income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, WAGNER, LEMMOND, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, HART, WHITE, FUMO, MURPHY, SALVATORE, STOUT, THOMPSON and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 393, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) and 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, relating to associations; making revisions, corrections and additions; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 12, 1999.

Senators THOMPSON, MADIGAN, EARLL, WHITE and HART presented to the Chair SB 394, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, further providing for causes for suspension, for the order of suspension and for reinstatement of professional employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 12, 1999.

Senators THOMPSON, EARLL, MADIGAN, O'PAKE, GERLACH, WAGNER, HART and RHOADES presented to the Chair SB 395, entitled:

An Act establishing the Mandate Review Advisory Board within the Local Government Commission; adding powers and duties upon the Local Government Commission. Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 12, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE, HELFRICK, WAGNER, BOSCOLA and MUSTO presented to the Chair SB 396, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), entitled, as amended, The Fiscal Code, defining "tobacco product"; further defining "retailer," "vending machine operator" and "wholesaler"; further providing for cigarette dealers' licenses and for license fees; prohibiting cigarette vending machines and sales to minors; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 12, 1999.

Senators BOSCOLA, WAGNER, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, STOUT and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 397, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), entitled Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, defining "affected municipality"; further providing for powers and duties of the Department of Health and for host municipality benefit fee; authorizing an affected municipality benefit fee; further providing for unlawful conduct; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 12, 1999.

February 16, 1999

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair SB 351, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 1, 1974 (P.L.90, No.24), entitled Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973, changing the enforcing official from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of Environmental Protection; providing for powers of the Environmental Hearing Board; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 16, 1999.

Senators BOSCOLA, WAGNER, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, STOUT and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 398, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for penalties for exceeding maximum weights.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 16, 1999.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, STOUT and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 399, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), entitled Solid Waste Management Act, adding definitions; and further providing for submission of plans and permits, for permits and licenses required, for granting of permits and licenses and for bonds.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 16, 1999. Senators BOSCOLA, WAGNER, COSTA, KASUNIC, STOUT and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 400, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L. 556, No. 101), entitled Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, providing for municipal waste transportation fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 16, 1999.

Senators O'PAKE, BELAN, KUKOVICH, COSTA, STAPLETON, KASUNIC and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 404**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for compensation of jurors and reimbursement to counties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 16, 1999.

Senators JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, HART, HELFRICK, MOWERY, BELL and EARLL presented to the Chair SB 406, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for collective bargaining negotiations between public school employee organizations and employers.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 16, 1999.

Senators JUBELIRER, HELFRICK, HART, BELL, MOWERY, ROBBINS, EARLL and CORMAN presented to the Chair SB 407, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 16, 1999.

Senators JUBELIRER, HART, HELFRICK, MADIGAN, ROBBINS, BELL, BRIGHTBILL, MOWERY and PICCOLA presented to the Chair SB 408, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "meeting;" and prohibiting meetings conducted via telephone or other electronic or telecommunications equipment.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 16, 1999.

February 19, 1999

Senators GERLACH, HELFRICK, O'PAKE and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 370, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for a declaration of citizen responsibilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 1999.

Senators BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, COSTA, HOLL, MUSTO, TOMLINSON, MADIGAN, WHITE, FUMO, RHOADES and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 374**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for allocation of costs for construction, relocation, suspension and abolition of crossings.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 19, 1999.

Senators BRIGHTBILL, COSTA, MOWERY, MUSTO, KUKOVICH, WAGNER, O'PAKE, HOLL and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 375, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for an Arts registration plate.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 19, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE and FUMO presented to the Chair SB 392, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1980 (P.L.1107, No.190), entitled Philadelphia Municipal Court Fee Law, increasing the fee for initial service of process.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 1999.

Senator MURPHY presented to the Chair SB 401, entitled: An Act relating to the flag of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 19, 1999.

Senator MELLOW presented to the Chair SB 402, entitled: An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding a judge for the court of common pleas of the Forty-fifth Judicial District.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 19, 1999.

Senators THOMPSON, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, PUNT, BELL, MUSTO, WAGNER and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 403, entitled:

An Act authorizing certified real estate appraisers to represent real property owners in certain real estate assessment appeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 19, 1999.

February 22, 1999

Senators MOWERY, WAUGH and GERLACH presented to the Chair SB 372, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.571, No.254), entitled, as amended, The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law, providing for established predetermined ratio. Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, THOMPSON, BOSCOLA, EARLL, HART, SLOCUM, TILGHMAN, WAUGH and WHITE presented to the Chair SB 409, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, THOMPSON, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA and COSTA presented to the Chair SB 411, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, authorizing the Department of Labor and Industry to contract for collection services.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, EARLL, SALVATORE and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 412, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, COSTA, EARLL and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 413, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, THOMPSON, BOSCOLA, COSTA, HART, HOLL and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 414, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, FUMO, COSTA, HOLL and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 415, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, FUMO, COSTA, HOLL and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 416, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 30, 1984 (P.L.345, No.69), entitled First Class City Business Tax Reform Act, providing for an exception.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, COSTA, BOSCOLA and HOLL presented to the Chair SB 417, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, LEMMOND, CORMAN, MUSTO, COSTA, BOSCOLA, EARLL, HOLL, KASUNIC, MOWERY, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, WAUGH and WHITE presented to the Chair SB 418, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators BOSCOLA, BELL, O'PAKE, RHOADES, BODACK, DENT, MUSTO and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 419, entitled:

An Act selecting and designating polka music as the official American folk music of the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 22, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE, EARLL and WHITE presented to the Chair SB 421, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disclosures relating to financial interests.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 22, 1999.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair SB 422, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), entitled, as amended, Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, repealing provisions relating to an educational program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 22, 1999.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair SB 423, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, Liquor Code, further providing for the location of new liquor stores.

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Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUS-TICE, February 22, 1999.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair SB 424, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 22, 1999.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair SB 425, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled Public Welfare Code, providing for certain benefits for persons who are permanently disabled.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 22, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE, EARLL, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, HART, WHITE and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 426, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, TILGHMAN and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 427, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair SB 428, 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 imposition of penalties relating to capital stock tax and corporate net income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE and CONTI presented to the Chair SB 429, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1963 (P.L.643, No.341), entitled First Class City Public Education Home Rule Act, further providing for grant of powers and authority relating to an elected school board with taxation powers; and providing for an elected school board.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 22, 1999.

Senators PICCOLA, BELL, KUKOVICH, GERLACH, COSTA, SALVATORE, CORMAN, KITCHEN, WAGNER, TOMLINSON and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 431**, entitled:

An Act relating to teaching visually impaired students.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 22, 1999.

Senators GERLACH, CONTI, HOLL and O'PAKE presented to the Chair SB 435, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled Conservation and Natural Resources Act, providing for the development by the Department of Environmental Protection of a comprehensive plan for protection, conservation, management and development of water resources within this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 22, 1999.

Senators GERLACH, CONTI, HOLL and O'PAKE presented to the Chair SB 436, 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 the purpose of the act; adding certain definitions; providing for intergovernmental cooperation; further providing for preparation of the comprehensive plan, for compliance by counties, for zoning ordinance provisions and for zoning purposes; and providing for development and implementation of an integrated water resources plan.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, TILGHMAN, HART and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 437, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, Liquor Code, establishing the Liquor Law Enforcement Bureau, the Liquor Licensing Bureau, the Liquor Licensing Hearing Bureau and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Coordinating Council and providing for their powers and duties; imposing a tax; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUS-TICE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, ARMSTRONG, KUKOVICH, SLOCUM, BOSCOLA, LEMMOND and MURPHY presented to the Chair SB 438, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, Liquor Code, transferring the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement to the Office of Attorney General.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUS-TICE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, TILGHMAN, MELLOW, COSTA, RHOADES and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 439, 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 JUS-TICE, February 22, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 440, 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 JUS-TICE, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KASUNIC, COSTA, BODACK, BELAN, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, STOUT and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 444, entitled:

An Act providing for community health partnerships and for grants; establishing the Community Health Partnership Technical Assistance Fund; providing additional powers and duties of the Department of Health; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, TARTAGLIONE, LAVALLE, KASUNIC, STAPLETON, COSTA, MUSTO, BODACK, BELAN, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, STOUT, RHOADES and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 445, entitled:

An Act providing for health insurance coverage of children's hearing aids; and conferring powers and duties on the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, STAPLETON, KASUNIC, HART, HELFRICK, MELLOW, COSTA, WOZNIAK, BODACK, BELAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 446, entitled: An Act providing for the location and operation of family day care in private residential homes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KUKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, STAPLETON, KASUNIC, EARLL, MUSTO, MELLOW, BELL, COSTA, O'PAKE, WAUGH, STOUT, BELAN, BODACK and WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 447, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L.434, No.67), entitled Job Enhancement Act, extending the Small Business First Program to child day-care centers.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, HELFRICK and O'PAKE presented to the Chair SB 448, 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; and further providing for smoking in public places. Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KUKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, MUSTO, MELLOW, COSTA, O'PAKE and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 449, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Domestic Violence Judicial Education Fund; and further providing for content of course of instruction and examination and for continuing education for district justices.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KUKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, MUSTO, COSTA, O'PAKE and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 450, entitled:

An Act reenacting and amending section 19 of the act of August 22, 1953 (P.L.1344, No.383), entitled The Marriage Law, further providing for fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 22, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KASUNIC, TOMLINSON, COSTA, EARLL, MUSTO, MELLOW, STOUT, WHITE, BODACK and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 451**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting discrimination in health insurance on the basis of genetic information or a request for genetic services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 22, 1999.

February 23, 1999

Senators MOWERY, MURPHY, TOMLINSON, BRIGHTBILL, KUKOVICH, BELL, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, COSTA, STOUT, EARLL, WHITE, WAGNER, WOZNIAK, CORMAN, WAUGH, THOMPSON, MELLOW, SLOCUM, TARTAGLIONE, LEMMOND and HUGHES presented to the Chair SB 405, entitled:

An Act providing a mechanism for parents to confer upon other persons the power to consent to medical and mental health care of their children; and regulating procedure.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 23, 1999.

Senators BOSCOLA, BELL, BELAN, COSTA, KASUNIC, SCHWARTZ, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES, WAGNER, STOUT and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 420, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 1999.

Senators HART, GERLACH, CONTI, WOZNIAK, HELFRICK, LEMMOND, CORMAN, COSTA, WENGER, THOMPSON, BELL, WHITE, PICCOLA, O'PAKE, WAUGH, ARMSTRONG, SLOCUM and ROBBINS presented to the Chair SB 430, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing counties to impose sales and use tax; authorizing municipalities to impose personal income and earned income and net profits taxes; empowering municipalities and school districts to require county sales and use taxes; authorizing school districts to impose taxes on personal income; providing for the levying, assessment and collection of such taxes; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Revenue and the State Treasurer.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 1999.

Senators KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, HELFRICK, SCHWARTZ, WHITE, COSTA, BOSCOLA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair SB 432, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, increasing the number of votes required by each house of the General Assembly to propose amendments to the Constitution.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 23, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, CONTI, LAVALLE, COSTA, STAPLETON, KASUNIC, MOWERY, KITCHEN, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, BELL, GERLACH, BELAN, RHOADES, STOUT, CORMAN, BOSCOLA, THOMPSON, MELLOW, SLOCUM, WAUGH and MUSTO presented to the Chair SB 433, 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 inheritance tax rate.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 1999.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, KUKOVICH, STAPLETON, COSTA, BOSCOLA and HART presented to the Chair SB 443, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 12, 1943 (P.L.259, No.120), entitled, as reenacted and amended, Foreign Casualty Insurance Premium Tax Allocation Law, providing for use of certain funds by municipalities that are consolidated or merged with other municipalities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOV-ERNMENT, February 23, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KUKOVICH, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, STOUT, MELLOW, WAGNER, BELAN, BODACK, FUMO, BOSCOLA and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 452, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of Consumer Advocate for Insurance as an independent office within the Office of Attorney General and prescribing its powers and duties. Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 23, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, WAGNER, KASUNIC, MUSTO, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, TILGHMAN and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 453, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for sexual offenses by psychotherapists and practitioners of the healing arts.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, WAGNER, MUSTO, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, SLOCUM, STOUT, THOMPSON and TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 454, entitled:

An Act establishing a civil procedure for the involuntary commitment of sexually violent predators.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, WAGNER, MUSTO, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ and TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 455, entitled:

An Act relating to the treatment of sex offenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 1999.

February 24, 1999

Senators MOWERY, WHITE, EARLL, LEMMOND and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 265, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentences for second or subsequent convictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 24, 1999.

Senator GERLACH presented to the Chair SB 434, entitled: An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further regulating child restraint systems.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 24, 1999.

Senators RHOADES, KUKOVICH, COSTA, TILGHMAN, BELL, EARLL, MOWERY, MELLOW, WAGNER, HART, SCHWARTZ, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, WHITE, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, FUMO, BOSCOLA, THOMP-SON, LEMMOND and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 442, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), entitled "An act providing scholarships and providing funds

to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act," further providing for the amount of scholarship awards.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 24, 1999.

Senators HELFRICK, KASUNIC, BELL, MADIGAN, WENGER, SLOCUM, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, ROBBINS, CORMAN, TOMLINSON and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 456, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the qualifications and appointment of deputy waterways conservation officers, authorizing certain cooperative agreements, further providing for changes in grading of certain offenses, for increased fines for certain convictions, for violations of regulations and permits, for acknowledgment of guilt, for disposition of nonresident offenders and for issuing agents, prohibiting the sales of certain fish, reptiles and amphibians; and further providing for the grading of and penalties for violations relating to boating registration, identification, issuing agents and accident reports.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, February 24, 1999.

Senators HUGHES, BELAN, BODACK, TARTAGLIONE, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, SCHWARTZ, COSTA and MEL-LOW presented to the Chair SB 457, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), entitled The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for the amount of the minimum wage.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, COSTA, MUSTO, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STOUT, BELAN, BODACK and WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 458, entitled:

An Act authorizing grants to community colleges for the establishment and expansion of centers for work force development; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Education; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, MELLOW, COSTA, O'PAKE, WAUGH, STOUT, BELAN and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 459, entitled:

An Act authorizing grants to certain regional business partnerships; providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA, COSTA, MUSTO, BELL and O'PAKE presented to the Chair SB 460, entitled:

An Act prohibiting certain funds from investing in tobacco companies and requiring the funds to divest any investments in those companies. Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, STAPLETON, KASUNIC, MEL-LOW, COSTA, BODACK, O'PAKE and KITCHEN presented to the Chair SB 461, 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, further providing for county probation staff.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, HOLL, MOWERY, RHOADES and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 462, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, CONTI and RHOADES presented to the Chair SB 463, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF and RHOADES presented to the Chair SB 464, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, HART, BOSCOLA, KUKOVICH and BELL presented to the Chair SB 465, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for action by judgment creditor.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, HELFRICK, COSTA, MUSTO, MELLOW, BELL, BOSCOLA, EARLL, KASUNIC, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, RHOADES, SLOCUM, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, WHITE and MOWERY presented to the Chair SB 466, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, excluding unreimbursed child and dependent care expenses from compensation.

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Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, SLOCUM, BOSCOLA, KUKOVICH, RHOADES, MELLOW, BELL, COSTA, LEMMOND, MUSTO, O'PAKE, WAGNER, WAUGH and WHITE presented to the Chair SB 467, entitled:

An Act requiring all public bodies, including the Commonwealth, its agencies, authorities and political subdivisions, to include in certain contracts a provision that if certain products are to be used in the performance of the contract, only those products produced in this Commonwealth or the United States shall be used; and providing for a cause of action and for civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF and BELL presented to the Chair SB 468, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the appointment of bail commissioners in judicial districts located in counties of the second class A.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, KUKOVICH and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 469, entitled: An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225),

entitled, as amended, Dog Law, providing for civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, BOSCOLA, BELL, COSTA, KUKOVICH and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 470**, 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, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair SB 471, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, COSTA, EARLL, HART, KUKOVICH and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair SB 472, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to animals. Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, HOLL and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair SB 473, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BELL, BOSCOLA, CONTI, COSTA, DENT, KUKOVICH, LEMMOND, SCHWARTZ and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 474, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the sale of products containing dog or cat fur, skin or hair, defining a criminal offense; directing the Bureau of Consumer Protection to conduct investigations; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 24, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 475, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemptions from jury duty and for list of qualified jurors.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 24, 1999.

Senators MELLOW, WAGNER, O'PAKE, FUMO, BODACK, MUSTO, KASUNIC, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH, BELAN, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA, HELFRICK, RHOADES, BELL, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, THOMPSON, HART and WAUGH presented to the Chair SB 476, 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 GOV-ERNMENT, February 24, 1999.

Senators MELLOW, WAGNER, O'PAKE, FUMO, BODACK, MUSTO, KASUNIC, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH, BELAN, COSTA, SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA, BELL, TOMLINSON and HART presented to the Chair SB 477, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 24, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, MELLOW, KUKOVICH, HELFRICK, PICCOLA, LAVALLE, COSTA, EARLL, STAPLETON,

BELL, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, WHITE, SCHWARTZ, HART, BRIGHTBILL, BELAN, WAUGH, STOUT, BOSCOLA and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SB 478, entitled:

An Act providing for a Higher Education Tuition Assistance Program for volunteer emergency services personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 24, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, MELLOW, KUKOVICH, HELFRICK, PICCOLA, MUSTO, LAVALLE, COSTA, EARLL, STAPLETON, BELL, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, BELAN, WAUGH, STOUT, BOSCOLA and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 479, 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, further defining "facilities."

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, BODACK, COSTA and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 480, entitled:

An Act providing for workers in contingent and part-time jobs; prohibiting certain forms of discrimination; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of General Services and for remedies.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KUKOVICH, BODACK, KASUNIC, COSTA, WAGNER, BELAN and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 481, entitled:

An Act providing for loans to assist individuals to purchase group health insurance upon employment termination; establishing the CO-BRA Loan Fund; providing for powers and duties of the Insurance Department; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 24, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, KUKOVICH, BODACK, KASUNIC, COSTA, WAGNER, BELAN and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 482, entitled:

An Act requiring notification of employees, the Department of Labor and Industry and municipalities when mass layoffs and plant closings occur, and providing for civil penalties and for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 24, 1999.

February 25, 1999

Senators MURPHY, HART, BELL, ROBBINS, RHOADES, WENGER, STOUT, O'PAKE, MELLOW, WAGNER, MUSTO, COSTA and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 441, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for unsolicited gambling electronic mail advertisements. Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, COSTA, GREENLEAF, STOUT, BOSCOLA, EARLL and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 483, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for effect of decree of termination, for contents of petition for adoption and for requirements and form of a decree of adoption.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 484, 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, 1999, to June 30, 2000, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 25, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 485, 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, 1999, to June 30, 2000, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 25, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 486, 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 APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 25, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 487, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmens' 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, 1999, to June 30, 2000, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 25, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 489, 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 APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 25, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 490, 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 APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 25, 1999.

Senators GERLACH and HART presented to the Chair SB 493, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for registration criteria; providing for insurer reporting of policy information, for uninsured motorist identification database and for testing of information and notices; and establishing the Uninsured Motorist Identification Restricted Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 25, 1999.

Senators KUKOVICH, CONTI, COSTA, EARLL, MUSTO, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA and BODACK presented to the Chair SB 494, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 25, 1999.

February 26, 1999

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 488, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation 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 APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 26, 1999.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 491, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 18, 1998 (P.L. , No.41A), entitled "An act making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission," increasing the Federal appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIA-TIONS, February 26, 1999. Senators KUKOVICH, CONTI, COSTA, EARLL, MUSTO, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA and BODACK presented to the Chair SB 495, 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 official primary ballots; providing for funding of certain Statewide elections; limiting certain contributions; imposing powers and duties on the Department of State; and providing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, February 26, 1999.

Senators CONTI, GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON and COSTA presented to the Chair SB 496, entitled:

An Act conferring limited eminent domain power upon certain economic development financing authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, February 26, 1999.

Senators TILGHMAN, KUKOVICH, WAGNER, THOMP-SON, WAUGH, MOWERY, BELL, GERLACH, CORMAN and MELLOW presented to the Chair SB 498, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the testing of mechanical, electrical and electronic devices and for the use of certain electronic speed timing devices by qualified police officers.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 26, 1999.

Senators TILGHMAN, HELFRICK, MADIGAN, WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, TOMLINSON and MELLOW presented to the Chair SB 499, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for unmarked police vehicles.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 26, 1999.

Senators HELFRICK, PICCOLA, MOWERY, ARMSTRONG, ROBBINS, THOMPSON, PUNT, MADIGAN, WAUGH, SLOCUM, WENGER, BRIGHTBILL, CORMAN and JUBELIRER presented to the Chair SB 503, entitled:

An Act providing that employment shall not be conditional upon membership or nonmembership in, nor upon the payment or nonpayment of money to, a labor organization; and providing remedies and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 26, 1999.

Senators STOUT and MADIGAN presented to the Chair SB 504, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of December 8, 1982 (P.L.848, No.235), entitled Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 1999-2000, itemizing additional local and State bridge projects.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, February 26, 1999. Senators KITCHEN, BODACK, BELAN, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, WAGNER, STOUT and SLOCUM presented to the Chair SB 505, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding a definition of "parent."

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 26, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, HART, O'PAKE, BELAN, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, LEMMOND and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SB 507, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, February 26, 1999.

March 5, 1999

Senator LOEPER presented to the Chair SB 492, entitled: An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIA-TIONS, March 5, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH, O'PAKE, BELAN, COSTA and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 508, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled Public School Code of 1949, providing for the availability of food service employees to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 5, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH, BELAN, COSTA and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 509, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), entitled, as amended, Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending benefits to county corrections officers of counties of the third class; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 5, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, SLOCUM, KASUNIC and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 510, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 1999.

March 8, 1999

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, BELAN, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, SLOCUM and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 511**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the unauthorized taking of newspapers from municipal recycling containers placed for collection.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, SCHWARTZ, COSTA and MELLOW presented to the Chair SB 512, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, March 8, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, O'PAKE, BELAN, KUKOVICH, COSTA, BOSCOLA, MELLOW, KASUNIC and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 513, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled The Administrative Code of 1929, creating the Commission on Health Care for the Aging within the Department of Aging; and providing for the powers and duties of the commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 8, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, STAPLETON, O'PAKE, BELAN, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, MELLOW, MADIGAN, KASUNIC and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 514, entitled:

An Act regulating the use, storage, purchase and sale of explosive materials; requiring the licensing of persons for the detonation of explosive materials; requiring permits for the purchase and sale of explosive materials; imposing duties on persons who use, store, purchase and sell explosive materials; authorizing the Environmental Quality Board to adopt regulations and the Department of Environmental Protection to enforce and administer the act and regulations; providing for enforcement and remedies; establishing a fund; prescribing penalties; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 8, 1999.

Senators MUSTO, HELFRICK, STAPLETON, O'PAKE, BELAN, KUKOVICH, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, BOSCOLA, MELLOW, KASUNIC, LEMMOND and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SB 515, entitled:

An Act providing for the conservation and management of water resources; establishing a Statewide committee and regional water resource advisory committees and providing for their powers and duties; providing for additional duties of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Environmental Hearing Board and the Environmental Quality Board; providing for a State Water Plan, for conservation areas, for permits for the withdrawal or diversion of water, for drought planning, for enforcement, for civil and equitable remedies and for civil and criminal penalties; establishing the Water Conservation Account; providing for the establishment and collection of certain fees; and making repeals. Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMEN-TAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 8, 1999.

Senator WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 517, entitled: An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restraint systems.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, March 8, 1999.

Senators WHITE, CONTI, KASUNIC, BODACK, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF, GERLACH, COSTA, LEMMOND, TOMLINSON, MELLOW and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair SB 521, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for special plates for recipients of Medal of Honor and Purple Heart.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, March 8, 1999.

Senators WHITE, CONTI, O'PAKE, WAGNER, DENT, BODACK, GREENLEAF, COSTA, TOMLINSON and HART presented to the Chair SB 523, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1964 (Sp.Sess., P.L.84, No.6), entitled Eminent Domain Code, further providing for repurchase by condemnee.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOV-ERNMENT, March 8, 1999.

Senators SALVATORE, KASUNIC, EARLL and STOUT presented to the Chair SB 524, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTA-TION, March 8, 1999.

Senator SALVATORE presented to the Chair SB 525, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1919 (P.L.581, No.274), entitled First Class City Government Law, providing for the establishment of investment funds for districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AF-FAIRS AND HOUSING, March 8, 1999.

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 5, 1999

Senators TILGHMAN, MADIGAN, THOMPSON, LAVALLE, STAPLETON, TARTAGLIONE, HELFRICK, ROBBINS, MOWERY, MUSTO, MURPHY, BRIGHTBILL, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, RHOADES, EARLL, DENT, WHITE, KASUNIC, SALVATORE, GERLACH, MEL-LOW, WENGER, WAGNER, LEMMOND, TOMLINSON and HART presented to the Chair **SR 22**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 1999 as "Mental Retardation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 5, 1999.

Senators MURPHY, HART, THOMPSON, BRIGHTBILL, WENGER, WAGNER, BELL, DENT, EARLL, COSTA, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, BOSCOLA, WHITE, BELAN and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SR 23, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 6, 1999, as "Tartan Day" in Penn-sylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 5, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, BELL, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, STOUT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SR 24, entitled:

A Resolution regarding 809 area code telephone fraud.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOV-ERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 5, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, SALVATORE, MUSTO, BELAN, BELL, BOSCOLA, FUMO, HELFRICK, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, SCHWARTZ, SLOCUM, STOUT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SR 25, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the President and Congress to take whatever action is necessary to obtain the release of Americans being held against their will in North Korea.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOV-ERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 5, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, BELAN, BELL, FUMO, HELFRICK, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, SLOCUM, STOUT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair SR 26, entitled:

A Resolution encouraging the President and Congress to take action against foreign countries which allow persecution of Christians.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOV-ERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 5, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BELL, BOSCOLA, CONTI, COSTA, DENT, KUKOVICH, LEMMOND, SCHWARTZ and STOUT presented to the Chair SR 27, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing Congress to enact legislation prohibiting the importation of products containing dog or cat fur, skin or hair and requiring that imported products be inspected to ensure that they do not contain the fur, skin or hair of dogs and cats.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOV-ERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, March 5, 1999.

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COMMITTEE DESIGNATION UNDER REGULATORY REVIEW ACT

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO:	Honorable Mark R. Corrigan Secretary of the Senate
FROM:	Senator ROBERT C. JUBELIRER President Pro Tempore
SUBJECT:	Committee Designation Under Regulatory Review Act - REVISION

DATE: February 10, 1999

Under the provisions of Act 181 of 1982, as amended and reenacted, known as the Regulatory Review Act, as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, I hereby designate the following standing committee for the purpose of regulatory review as authorized in the act:

AGENCY COMMITTEE

Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board Banking and Insurance

LIST OF LOBBYISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

> THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

> > March 8, 1999

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

In compliance with Act No. 712 of the 1961 Session and Act No. 212 of the 1976 Session of the General Assembly titled the "Lobbying Registration and Regulation Act," we herewith jointly present a list containing the names and addresses of the persons who have registered from February 1, 1999 through February 28, 1999 inclusive, for the 183rd 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.)

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

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

> > March 1, 1999

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

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 1604-B of The Fiscal Code, as amended, the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1 and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of: the average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years; the amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year, the amount of net debt as of the certification date; the difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification date; the amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued; the amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred; and the amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR. Auditor General

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

To The Governor and The General Assembly:

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

The average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five fiscal years ended preceding the date of February 28, 1999 \$20,392,050,160				
(i)	The amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year \$ 3,679,286,464			
(ii)	The amount of such net debt as of February 28, 1999\$ 4,132,590,623			

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- (iii) The difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Article VIII, Section 7(a) (4) of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of such net debt as of the date of February 28, 1999 \$31,553,497,157
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred \$22,179,386,468
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self sustaining pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(c) (1), (2) and (3) of the Constitution of Pennsylvania\$ 2,218,699,738

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 1st day of March 1999.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

Auditor General Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT ON FLOOD INSURANCE CONSUMER EDUCATION PLAN

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT Harrisburg

> > February 26, 1999

Mark Corrigan Secretary, Senate of Pennsylvania 462 Main Capitol Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

The enclosed Report on the Insurance Department's Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan is being submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Act 10 of Special Session Number 2 of 1996.

The Act requires that the Commissioner, no later than March 1 of each year, detail the progress being made by the Department to encourage Pennsylvania residents to purchase and maintain flood insurance. The Commissioner is also required to present recommendations for further promotion of flood insurance, which are contained in the Report.

The Department is committed to continue its efforts to increase the purchase of flood insurance policies and to continue to pursue consumer education efforts in compliance with Act 10. If you have any questions about the Report or the Department's flood insurance consumer education plans, please feel free to contact Helfried G. LeBlanc, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of Consumer Services and Enforcement at (717) 787-6174.

Thank you for your courtesy in distributing this Report on our behalf.

Sincerely,

M. DIANE KOKEN Insurance Commissioner The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS P.O. Box 598 Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17001-0598

> > November 1998

Honorable Mark R. Corrigan Senate of Pennsylvania 462 Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17124

Dear Senator Corrigan:

As a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, I am sure that you are interested in monitoring the status of our state prison population.

To this end, I have enclosed a copy of the 1997 Annual Statistical Report for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. This report presents statistical profiles on the 1997 state offender population as well as a limited historical perspective on offender profile changes from 1987 to 1997.

I trust that this report will increase your understanding of the state correctional system, its changing inmate population, and the significant challenges which the Department and the Commonwealth are currently addressing.

If I can be of any further assistance, Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

MARTIN F. HORN Secretary

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg

- TO: Members of the General Assembly
- FROM: HOWARD FARGO, Chairman Legislative Audit Advisory Commission
- SUBJECT: Legislative Audit Report for year ending June 30, 1998
- DATE: February 24, 1999

Enclosed is a report on examination of the Financial Affairs of the General Assembly for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998 by Ernst & Young LLP. This report includes a summary of the receipts and disbursements of funds appropriated for the cost and expenses of the General Assembly for that fiscal year.

The purpose of this memo is to advise you of the issuance of this report in the event you have any inquires from your local media. Copies will be distributed to the news media on Monday, March 1st. Please feel free to refer any such inquiries to my office (7-3288) or, in the Senate, to Russ Faber, Chief Clerk (7-7163). The Legislative Audit Advisory Commission is releasing this report in accordance with the requirements of Act 151 of 1970.

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

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISPOSITION **OF TORT CLAIMS PURSUANT TO THE** SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY ACT

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL Harrisburg, PA 17120

> > February 16, 1999

Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer President Pro Tempore Senate of Pennsylvania Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Room 292, Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Act of September 28, 1978, P.L. 788, No. 152 (the Sovereign Immunity Act), the Office of Attorney General is required to report annually to the General Assembly regarding the institution and disposition of tort claims against the Commonwealth.

In response to that requirement, we are pleased to submit the enclosed annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998.

Sincerely yours,

MIKE FISHER Attorney General

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

ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Department of Community and Economic Development Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 23, 1999

Mr. Mark Corrigan Secretary Senate of Pennsylvania 462 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am pleased to send to you the Annual Financing Strategy of the Department of Community and Economic Development pursuant to Act

67 of 1996. The strategy is designed to provide a foundation for greater communication, consensus and collaboration on economic development financing policies and operations.

The Annual Financing Strategy for 1999 reviews trends in the Pennsylvania economy including regional growth trends, examines the impact of specific programs and outlines strategic and operational guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The strategy summarizes the Department's business financing programs for FY 1997-98.

As with every action taken by the Ridge Administration to improve economic development in Pennsylvania, this financing strategy is built upon extensive input from the men and women who fight for Pennsylvania jobs everyday. In October 1998, we sponsored the Department's second annual budget retreat that brought together local development organizations, state agencies, legislative staff, and department employees to discuss measures that would make Pennsylvania a national leader in job creation and retention as well as community development. The ideas coming out of this effort are embedded in the financing strategy

Please contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL A. McCULLOUGH Secretary

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

REPORT ON SMALL MALT BEVERAGE BREWERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

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

> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17128-1100

> > February 9, 1999

Mark R. Corrigan Secretary of the Senate Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

In accordance with provisions of Article 20 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, the enclosed report represents employment, production, expenditures and tax credits authorized under Section 2010, related to small malt beverage brewers in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. JUDGE, SR. Secretary of Revenue

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

PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL **COOPERATION AUTHORITY 1999-2000 OPERATING BUDGET**

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

462 Main Capitol

PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AUTHORITY 14TH Floor - 1429 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102

February 17, 1999

Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer President Pro Tempore Senate of Pennsylvania Main Capitol Building - Room 292 Harrisburg, PA 17120

> Re: Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority — Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Budget

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

As required by Section 206(a) of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority Act for Cities of the First Class, I herewith transmit to you a copy of the operating budget of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, as approved by the Authority at its meeting of February 16, 1999.

We have endeavored to keep our budget to the minimum level required to perform the functions anticipated for the Authority in the PICA Act. All operational expenses of the Authority are funded from earnings on funds and accounts created under PICA's bond issues and residual balances of similar earnings from its prior fiscal years. No City or Commonwealth tax revenues support any portion of PICA's operations. PICA's previous budgets have all produced operating surpluses and PICA will strive to maintain that stellar record.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. Thank you for your continuing interest and support.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH C. VIGNOLA Executive Director

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:

Mr. John A. Salvatore to the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Jefferson University.

Senator Harold F. Mowery, Jr., as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee and the Legislative Data Processing Committee.

Senator Gibson E. Armstrong as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Senator Leonard J. Bodack as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Senator John N. Wozniak as a member of the Capitol Preservation Committee.

Mr. David W. Woods as a member of the governing body of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

Senator Timothy F. Murphy to the Committee on Science, Energy, and Environmental Resources and the Committee on Children, Families and Health of the Assembly on State Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Senator Charles D. Lemmond, Jr., to the Committee on Criminal Justice and the Reapportionment Task Force of the Assembly on State Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Senator Allyson Y. Schwartz to the Committee on Health of the Assembly on Federal Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Senator Patrick J. Stapleton as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the Board of Directors of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

Senator Raphael J. Musto as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

Senator Allen G. Kukovich as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

Senator Richard A. Kasunic as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

Senator Gerald J. LaValle as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Albert V. Belan as a member of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee.

APPOINTMENTS BY MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointments:

Ms. Patricia Imbesi as a member of the Board of Trustees of Drexel University.

Senator Vincent Hughes to serve on the Executive Committee of the Joint State Government Commission.

Senator Leonard J. Bodack to serve on the Port of Pittsburgh Commission.

Mr. James Eastwood to serve on the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

Mr. Jay P. Niskey to serve on the Small Business Compliance Advisory Committee.

Arthur Makadon, Esquire, as a member of the Board of the University of Pennsylvania.

Robert Scandone, Esquire, as a member of the Board of Thomas Jefferson University.

James Schwartzman, Esquire, to serve on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Senator HART, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bills:

SB 303 (Pr. No. 537) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exclusion for homestead property and for adoption of referendum relating to taxes.

SB 309 (Pr. No. 538) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonschool service and for termination of annuities.

SB 390 (Pr. No. 400)

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request legislative leave for this week's Sessions for Senator Stout.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests legislative leave for Senator Stout for this week's Sessions.

LEAVE CHALLENGED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Armstrong.

Senator ARMSTRONG. Mr. President, I challenge the leave of Senator Stout at this point in time.

The PRESIDENT. The objection is now heard to the granting of leave for Senator Stout.

Senator Mellow, would you care to respond and provide a motion?

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I would like to ask for a roll-call vote, but before I do that I think it is important for the Members of the body to know that Senator Stout is available, he can be reached by telephone. He is doing legislative and constituent matters as we speak. Mr. President, as far as we are concerned, as has been the policy in this Senate for many, many years, Senator Stout should be given the proper type of legislative leave not only for today but for the remainder of the week, and I ask for a roll-call vote.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow has moved that Senator Stout be granted legislative leave for the week.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, may we be at ease for a moment.

The PRESIDENT. At the request of Senator Loeper, the Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I would like to withdraw my motion for a roll-call vote on legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow has withdrawn his motion.

CHALLENGE WITHDRAWN

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Armstrong.

Senator ARMSTRONG. Mr. President, I withdraw my challenge.

Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Armstrong has withdrawn his challenge. Senator Stout is granted legislative leave for the week.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY ADJOURNMENT

Senator LOEPER offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, March 8, 1999

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, March 15, 1999, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, March 15, 1999, 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-50

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

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.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair, Senator Jubelirer.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, I ask for permission to address.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Jubelirer, the floor is yours.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, Members of the Senate, it is a great honor for me to welcome a Member of our Caucus, our Majority Leader, Senator Joe Loeper, into a very, very significant fraternity, the fraternity of being a grand-father.

I must tell you, Mr. President, as I have told Joe all along, it is the greatest thing that can happen to anyone. Senator Loeper became a grandfather, Joe and Joann Loeper became grandparents, actually, I thought it was going to be on my birthday, but nevertheless F. Joseph Loeper IV, like his grandfather, has a mind of his own and waited 34 minutes after my birthday on February 9 to be born on February 10. And as one would expect, in the Loeper family they grow them a pretty good size, 10 pounds, 6 ounces, 21 inches, all Republican I might tell you, and I am pleased to report that they are just doing great.

And to Joe and Joann and to the entire Loeper family, Joe and Linda, the parents of this beautiful child, I not only wish them my congratulations, and I know the whole Senate feels that way, but to be a grandparent, particularly that first grandchild, is the most exhilarating, thrilling thing that can ever happen to anyone, and I know the whole Senate would want to congratulate the Loeper family on this very blessed event.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you for that expression of sentiment, Senator Jubelirer.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, today I want to take the opportunity to introduce some guests who are here visiting from my senatorial district. They are from Clinton County, and they are the officers of the Clinton County Christian Coalition: chairman, Jon Cassel; Scott Fotorny, vice chairman; Janice Wagner, secretary; and Joyce Bucknor, treasurer. I would ask the Senate to recognize them at this point in time, but I believe they were called away from the gallery and are no longer here.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks you for acknowledging their earlier presence.

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce Matt Olsen and Bob Kidd, who are serving as guest Pages in the Senate today.

Matt, the son of Ray Olsen and Susan Calderbank, is a senior at Greenville High School. He is active with the Science Club and Key Club, is a class representative of the Student Council and a member of the school's varsity football team.

Bob, also a resident of the Greenville area, is a seventh grader attending Joseph Badger Middle School. He is active with the school newspaper, Beta Club, English Festival, and Science Fair. He is accompanied here today by his parents, Gary and Susan Kidd, who are seated in the gallery. Please join me in welcoming my guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Will our special guests please rise so the Senate may welcome you.

(Applause.)

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, KUKOVICH, MUSTO, TILGHMAN, HELFRICK, HOLL, HART, PICCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, DENT, ROBBINS, CONTI, MOWERY, STAPLETON, SALVATORE, WAGNER, MURPHY, STOUT, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, WOZNIAK, BODACK, O'PAKE, KASUNIC, BELL, GERLACH, JUBELIRER, WENGER, SLOCUM, MELLOW, GREENLEAF, RHOADES, BELAN, LOEPER, FUMO, LAVALLE, SCHWARTZ and LEMMOND, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 29, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 7 through 13, 1999, as "Girl Scout Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question, Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Venango, Senator White.

Senator WHITE. Mr. President, as a former Girl Scout and a former Girl Scout leader, I am delighted to join my colleagues today in honoring the over 150,000 girls in Pennsylvania who are current and former Girl Scouts, and to honor both the girls for the wonderful experience they are getting and their leaders, the adults who help the troops and help the girls gain these wonderful experiences in self-esteem and friendship. So I am delighted to honor the Girl Scouts of America and especially the Girl Scouts of Pennsylvania.

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.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR ALLEN G. KUKOVICH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator KUKOVICH. Mr. President, we have been joined this afternoon by one of the most community-spirited and active Scout troops in Westmoreland County and their longtime Scoutmaster, Sam Hensel. I would just ask for recognition.

The PRESIDENT. Would our special Scouts and Scoutmaster please rise so that the Senate may welcome you. (Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I would request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to begin immediately in the first floor caucus room, with an anticipation of returning to the floor hopefully by 3:15.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request that the Democratic Members report to our caucus room immediately, but for the information of the Membership, our caucus room now will be in the Rules room because of the problems we had with water damage, so I ask that our Members report immediately to our caucus room, which will now be the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, the Republican caucus beginning immediately following this announcement to be held in the first floor caucus room, and the Senate Democratic Members to convene in the Rules room at the rear of the Senate, with the intention of returning at approximately 3:15 p.m., this Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

HOUSE MESSAGE

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 255, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

RULE XIV SUSPENDED

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move to suspend Rule XIV to the extent that it requires Senate Bill No. 255, as amended by the House, to be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, and that Senate Bill No. 255 be placed on a Supplemental Calendar.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Loeper moves that Senate Rule XIV be suspended for the sole purpose of allowing Senate Bill No. 255 to appear directly on the Senate Calendar instead of being referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations. Concerning the suspension of Senate Rule XIV, the Chair would add that this motion is not debatable.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, that leave is granted.

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

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

YEA-49

Armstrong	Hart	Mowery	Tartaglione
Belan	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bell	Holi	Musto	Tilghman
Bodack	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Boscola	Jubelirer	Piccola	Wagner
Brightbill	Kasunic	Punt	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rhoades	Wenger
Corman	Kukovich	Robbins	White
Costa	LaValle	Salvatore	Williams
Dent	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Earll	Loeper	Slocum	
Gerlach	Madigan	Stapleton	
Greenleaf	Mellow	Stout	

NAY-1

Fumo

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 173 and SB 174 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 179, SB 209 and SB 264 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 272 (Pr. No. 272) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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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.

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

SB 283 (Pr. No. 286) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE DECLARES HOUSE AMENDMENTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

SB 255 (Pr. No. 366) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages by minors; providing for a nonbinding Statewide referendum to determine the will of the electorate related to gaming devices and activities; providing for a nonbinding Statewide referendum to determine the will of the electorate related to riverboat gaming devices and activities; providing for a Statewide referendum on slot machines at horse racetracks; and limiting certain referenda.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 255?

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 255.

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT OF ORDER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I rise to a constitutional point of order. This legislation is unconstitutional because it violates Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In its current form, Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 255 is an unconstitutional delegation of the General Assembly's authority.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill has raised a constitutional point of order that Senate Bill No. 255, in providing for nonbinding referenda, is violative of Article II, Section 1, of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The Chair would remind all Members that in accordance with Senate Rule III, subsection (g), this question shall be decided by a vote of the Senate. The Chair would also add that those voting "aye" will vote to sustain the point of order, thereby declaring the amendments unconstitutional. Those voting "no" will vote that the bill is constitutional and the amendments would then proceed to be placed before you. So the question is debatable.

On the question,

Shall the Senate sustain the constitutional point of order?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I would just like to point out to the Members that an "aye" vote will send this bill back to the House of Representatives, with the information that we have declared it to be an unconstitutional delegation.

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

Senator BELL. Mr. President, on the constitutional question, I have been here a long time and I have only known of one referendum like this being raised on the floor of the Senate. It was on the debate between pro-life and pro-choice. I consistently voted pro-life. I voted for a referendum, and as a result I got both sides mad at me, so I am going to vote "no."

The PRESIDENT. I suppose a "thank you" is appropriate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, can the Chair frame the question for the Membership before we vote? Please explain to us what happens, how a Member is going to vote on this particular proposal.

The PRESIDENT. An "aye" vote serves to back Senator Brightbill's point of order in that the amendments would be unconstitutional. And those voting "no" are saying that the bill as proposed and the amendments that are a part of it is constitutional; the referenda would go forward to Pennsylvanians if everything is approved.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, if you want to vote to continue the discussion on the floor this afternoon or this evening you vote "no," and if you want to vote to end the discussion based on the constitutional question you vote "aye."

The PRESIDENT. Correct.

Senator MELLOW. Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Shall the Senate sustain the constitutional point of order?

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

YEA-28

Armstrong	Fumo	Lemmond	Schwartz
Boscola	Greenleaf	Madigan	Slocum
Brightbill	Hart	Mowery	Thompson
Conti	Helfrick	Murphy	Tilghman
Corman	Holl	OPake	Waugh
Dent	Jubelirer	Piccola	Wenger
Earll	Kitchen	Robbins	White

NAY-21

Belan Bell	Kasunic Kukovich	Punt Rhoades	Tomlinson Wagner
Bodack	LaValle	Salvatore	Wozniak
Costa	Loeper	Stapleton	
Gerlach	Mellow	Stout	
Hughes	Musto	Tartaglione	

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

The PRESIDENT. On the constitutional point of order, the "ayes" are 28, the "nays" 21. In the opinion of the Senate, the House amendments are unconstitutional.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wilbert W. Elling and to Barb Matesic by Senator Bodack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kevin Thomas Sylvester and to Jack F. McCaughan by Senator Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeMarco by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cheryl Werkiser by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas C. Valentino, Ron Berry, Andrew W. Bates and to Richard W. Nenno II by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bonnie and Leonard Hedrick, Jr., Randy L. Heishman, John J. George III, Joyce Willson, Scott Baldwin, Curtis Russell, Charles Renner and to William David Miller by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kirman Eye of Hummelstown by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ditz by Senator White.

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 Albert G. Eberle, Sr., by Senator Greenleaf.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator BOSCOLA. 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 303, SB 309 and SB 390.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999

9:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (public hearing on Workers' Compensation)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing on proposed threatened and endangered fish species regulations)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:00 Noon	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 167 and 393)	Room 8E-A East Wing
	TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999	
9:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to consider Senate Bill No. 85, Licensure of Electrical Contractor	Room 8E-B East Wing s)
	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999	
9:30 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider the Northeast Dairy Compact and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Room 461 Main Capitol
	TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1999	
9:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to consider legislation to deregulate the natural gas industry)	Room 8E-B East Wing
	WEDNESDAY APRIL 7. 1999	
10:0 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to consider Utility Y2K Compliance and Remediation: A Report from the PUC Chairman)	Room 8E-B East Wing

ADJOURNMENT

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 3:50 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.