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SENATE

MONDAY, April 19, 1999

The Senate met at 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend (Retired) MATTHEW WINTERS, of Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, You give us new life, new hope, and new opportunities with each returning day. Help the Members of this assembly, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to use these blessings to the best of their ability in the work which they have to do, devoting themselves wholly to Your service and putting their own personal interests aside to seek the welfare of their fellow human beings.

We ask all these things in Your name and to Your honor and glory. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Winters, who is the guest today of Senator Mowery.

Reverend Winters is retired as Pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, New York.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of April 14, 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

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 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

April 15, 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, John E. Jones, III, Esquire, Three Cottage Hill West, Pottsville 17901, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, to serve until the third Tuesday in May 2003.

THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, BUCKS COUNTY

April 16, 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, Michael J. Petrasovits, Esquire, 1022 Oldham Place, Bensalem 19020, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice The Honorable William Hart Rufe, III, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

April 19, 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, Norman King (Public Member), P.O. Box 437, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, to serve for a term of four years or until her [sic] successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Albert Beiber, Reading, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE Governor

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

April 19, 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, Michael Kaufmann, M.D., 17th & Chew Street, Allentown 18104, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James J. Duffy, Jr., Easton, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

April 19, 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, Megan Reitzel, 350 Graham Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice James E. Scanlon, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS**

April 19, 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, Elisabeth Baker (Public Member), P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve until June 16, 2000 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lois K. Herr, Manheim, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS**

April 19, 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, Clara Sienkiewicz (Public Member), 27 Annette Drive, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nancy E. Anderson, Elizabethtown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BRANDYWINE
BATTLEFIELD PARK COMMISSION**

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Commission, to serve until December 5, 2000 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Edward F. Muller, Jr., Thornton, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Elisabeth Baker, P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gloria J. McPherson, Esq., Landisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen J. Suknaic, Camp Hill, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Clara Sienkiewicz, 27 Annette Drive, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard M. Dracha, Ellittsburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Daron Smith, 319 Maywood Road, York 17402, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Martha L. Hurwitz, Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Allen E. Hench, Esq., Newport, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Annette Steele, 2029 Bonita Court, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice MacDonald Heebner, Jr. *[sic]*, Martha L. Hurwitz *[sic]*, Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CENTRAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Central Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Calvin H. Robinson, Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CLERK OF COURTS, CAMBRIA COUNTY

April 19, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4 King's Arm *[sic]*, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Cambria, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice James McNulty, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve until November 20, 1999 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Harold E. Cobb, Middletown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4 King's Arms, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gude Wimbish, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Margaret T. Murphy McKeown, Esquire, 34 South 11th Street, Room 304-G, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sheldon C. Jelin, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Clara Sienkiewicz, 27 Annette Drive, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Timothy Spencer, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lois Laws, Yeadon, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Kristi J. Snyder, P.O. Box 78, Lehman, PA 18627-0078, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jesse E. Williams, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Annette Steele, 2029 Bonita Court, Dauphin County, Harrisburg 17110, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Louis H. Carter, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Michael Wade, 12333 Dunks Ferry Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Green, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

April 19, 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, Ronald Zeigler, 3719 Levy Lane, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006, Montgomery County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Hon. Louise W. Bishop, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EBENSBURG CENTER**

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farndale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Eileen Koegler, Altoona, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
EBENSBURG CENTER**

April 19, 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, Annette Steele, 2029 Bonita Court, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jean A. Damin, Ebensburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

April 19, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4 King's Arm [sic], Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve until May 2, 1999 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John M. Stilley, Butler, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

April 19, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Arlington [sic] Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2000 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William E. Strickland, Jr., resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

April 19, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4 King's Arms, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until March 19, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James J. Canova, East McKeesport, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
HEARING BOARD**

April 19, 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, Gregory Dunlap, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard S. Ehmman, Esquire, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

April 19, 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, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. William G. Berger, Grove City, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

April 19, 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, Daron J. Smith (Public Member), 319 Maywood Road, York 17402, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Maria W. Davis, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAYVIEW STATE HOSPITAL

April 19, 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, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2001, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas J. Burke, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

April 19, 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, Marilyn Striano, 1005

Coppercreek Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve for a term of five years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 58, approved June 27, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORRISTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

April 19, 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, Elisabeth Baker, P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ross P. Skillern, Ardmore, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORRISTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

April 19, 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, Marilyn Striano, 1005 Coppercreek Road [sic], Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. Patricia Baldwin, York, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

April 19, 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, Ann Smith, 319 Maywood Road, York 17402, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until November 21, 1999 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jesse C. Achenbach, Pottsville, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION
AND LICENSURE**

April 19, 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, Megan Reitzel, 350 Graham Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve until March 24, 2001 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Patricia Sharer Kilgannon, Doylestown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE
PLANNING BOARD**

April 19, 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, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatiny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 58, approved June 27, 1996.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE
PLANNING BOARD**

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard W. Hayden, Esquire, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PODIATRY**

April 19, 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, Elisabeth Baker (Public Member), P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marie S. Wynder, Wilkes-Barre, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC
TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION**

April 19, 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, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, 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 Rania L. Harris, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 19, 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, Robert E. Fischer (Public Member), 17 Bentley Avenue, Greenville 16125, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice William C. Reiley, Esquire, Pottsville, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

SHERIFF, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

April 19, 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, David G. Heimbach, #7 Cambridge, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Westmoreland, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Gary Uhrin, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER**

April 19, 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, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mil-dred Benner, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 19, 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, George S. Osborne, Ph.D., 131 Piqua Circle, Berwyn, PA 19312, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of four years or until her *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Louis R. Sieminski, Ph.D., Shavertown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

TREASURER, ALLEGHENY COUNTY

April 19, 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, Fran Plesco, 1427 Chapleau Drive, Allison Park 15101, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Allegheny, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Mary Alice McDonough, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 19, 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, Lou Bizzarro, 5657 Zuck Road,

Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 19, 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, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John W. Murphy, Jr., Reading, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Arlington *[sic]* Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-11, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Georgina G. Franci, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Arlington *[sic]* Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Bradford, Magisterial District 42-3-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Lynn E. Ayres, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Megan L. Consedine, Esquire, 1954 Daybreak Circle, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Carbon, Magisterial District 56-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Irene M. Hudasky, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4 King's Arms, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Delaware, Magisterial District 32-2-44, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Robert M. Shaffer, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatiny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Delaware, Magisterial District 32-1-24, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Robert W. Burton, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Megan L. Consedine, Esquire, 1954 Daybreak Circle, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Erie, Magisterial District 06-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Charles F. Smith, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Pike, Magisterial District 60-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Gudrun K. Quinn, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 19, 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, Michelle M. Grove, 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Westmoreland, Magisterial District 10-1-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice John Smittle, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 22, 1999 for the appointment of David G. Heimbach, #7 Cambridge, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James J. Duffy, Jr., Easton, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 22, 1999 for the appointment of Father James A. Downs, Box 3, West Poland Avenue, New Castle 16112, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas J. Fee, New Castle, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
LAID ON THE TABLE**

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 laid on the table:

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of Sharon Flaig (Public Member), 134 Ferree Street, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Malcolm W. Bonawits, Pocono Manor, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 8, 1998 for the appointment of Henry Hart, III, Esquire, 7100 McCallum Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice The Honorable Lisa A. Richette, mandatory retirement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the appointment of Doris M. Leisch, Esquire, 3437 West Penn Street, Philadelphia 19129, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice The Honorable Leonard A. Ivanoski, mandatory retirement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION
AND LICENSURE**

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 6, 1999 for the appointment of Jerry Johnson, Ed.D., 118 N. Mole Street, Philadelphia 19102, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ruth L. Schemm, Ed.D., Chalfont, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the reappointment of Thomas G. Bigley, 15 Old Timber Trail, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, as a Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh--of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 23, 1998 for the appointment of Michelle M. Grove (Public Member), 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Linda G. Trabucco, Esquire, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December January 13, 1999 for the appointment of Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve until June 10, 2000 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Louis R. Siemenski *[sic]*, Ph.D., Shavertown, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of Darrell T. Horton, 830 Harrison Street, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph F. Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of John R. Paluso, M.D. (Republican), 29 Dire Drive, Hickory 15340, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of Keith Sparbanie (Republican), P. O. Box 268, 100 Highland Avenue, West Alexander 15376, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

April 19, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the appointment of Shelby D. Ferguson, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon 15012, Fayette County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve until April 10, 2001 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Leandro N. Angelone, Wyndmoor, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING**

April 19, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of John Christopher, Jr. (Public Member), 948 Greenlea Road, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, 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 Ronald Gabriel, Grantham, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication 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 STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 12, 1999 for the appointment of Paulette Aliota, 538 Margo Court, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Paulette Aliota, 538 Margo Court, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 12, 1999 for the appointment of Richard L. Bunn, 2077 Fox Creek Road, Berwyn 19312, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Richard L. Bunn, 2077 Fox Creek Road, Berwyn 19312, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 12, 1999 for the appointment of Darryl Ford-Williams, 6453 Cloverleaf Road, Verona 15147, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Darryl Ford-Williams, 6453 Cloverleaf Road, Verona 15147, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 12, 1999 for the appointment of Steven A. Melnick, Ph.D., 68 Valerie Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Steven A. Melnick, Ph.D., 68 Valerie Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 12, 1999 for the appointment of David A. Shipula, 222 Lyndwood Drive, Wilkes-Barre 18702, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

David A. Shipula, 222 Lyndwood Drive, Wilkes-Barre 18702, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 12, 1999 for the appointment of Lisa M. Tait, 2007 Mulberry Street, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Lisa M. Tait, 2007 Mulberry Street, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997.

DISTRICT JUSTICE

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 13, 1999 for the appointment of Melissa A. Amodie, Esquire, 5 East Laurel Avenue, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Lawrence, Magisterial District 53-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice Charles A. Abraham, Jr., deceased, should be corrected to read:

Melissa A. Amodie, Esquire, 5 East Laurel Avenue, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as District Justice, in and for the County of Lawrence, Magisterial District 53-1-01, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Charles A. Abraham, Jr., deceased.

**MEMBER OF THE CLEARFIELD COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

April 14, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 13, 1999 for the appointment of William L. Hollen (Republican), 591 Main Street, Coalport 16627, Clearfield County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Warren County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement, should be corrected to read:

William L. Hollen (Republican), 591 Main Street, Coalport 16627, Clearfield County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Clearfield County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 15, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 14, 1999 for the appointment of Paulette Aliota, 538 Margo Court, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997, should be corrected to read:

Paulette Aliota, 538 Margo Court, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 22, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 15, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 14, 1999 for the appointment of Richard L. Bunn, 2077 Fox Creek Road, Berwyn 19312, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997, should be corrected to read:

Richard L. Bunn, 2077 Fox Creek Road, Berwyn 19312, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 22, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 15, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 14, 1999 for the appointment of Darryl Ford-Williams, 6453 Cloverleaf Road, Verona 15147, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997, should be corrected to read:

Darryl Ford-Williams, 6453 Cloverleaf Road, Verona 15147, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 22, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 15, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 14, 1999 for the appointment of Steven A. Melnick, Ph.D., 68 Valerie Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997, should be corrected to read:

Steven A. Melnick, Ph.D., 68 Valerie Drive, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 22, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 15, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 14, 1999 for the appointment of David A. Shipula, 222 Lyndwood Drive, Wilkes-Barre 18702, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997, should be corrected to read:

David A. Shipula, 222 Lyndwood Drive, Wilkes-Barre 18702, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 22, approved June 19, 1997.

**MEMBER OF THE STATE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD**

April 15, 1999

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

Please note the nomination dated April 14, 1999 for the appointment of Lisa M. Tait, 2007 Mulberry Street, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 33, approved June 19, 1997, should be corrected to read:

Lisa M. Tait, 2007 Mulberry Street, Harrisburg 17104, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve for a term of two years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, pursuant to Act 22, approved June 19, 1997.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

April 16, 1999

HB 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022 and 1023 -- Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

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

April 16, 1999

HR 113 -- Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 16, 1999

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 817**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 16, 1999.

Senators HOLL, GREENLEAF and CORMAN presented to the Chair **SB 818**, entitled:

An Act regulating certain transfers of structured settlement payments.

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

Senators FUMO, O'PAKE, RHOADES, MELLOW, WOZNIAK, LEMMOND, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, HART and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 819**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restrictions on use of limited access highways.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 16, 1999.

Senators BODACK, BELAN, COSTA and MURPHY presented to the Chair **SB 820**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 6, 1984 (P.L.614, No.127), entitled Sheriff Fee Act, providing for the establishment and modification of fees and for an additional fee in counties of the second class.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 16, 1999.

Senators MADIGAN, HELFRICK, MUSTO, SALVATORE, WAGNER, TARTAGLIONE, GERLACH, KASUNIC, BELL, DENT, MELLOW, RHOADES, BELAN, HART, BOSCOLA, CORMAN and SLOCUM presented to the Chair **SB 821**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for an additional sentence for trafficking drugs within 1,000 feet of public housing.

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

Senators MADIGAN, COSTA, STOUT, CONTI, MOWERY, LEMMOND, CORMAN, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 822**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to the provision of a farm show facility and exhibition hall in the capital; creating the Pennsylvania Farm Products Exhibition Authority; defining its powers and duties; authorizing a hotel room rental tax; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 16, 1999.

Senators WAGNER, LAVALLE, TARTAGLIONE, STAPLETON, COSTA, STOUT, O'PAKE, MELLOW and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 823**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing a one-time tax refund to all personal income taxpayers.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 16, 1999.

Senators CONTI and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 824**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, April 16, 1999.

Senators DENT, HART, LOEPER, KASUNIC, HELFRICK, CONTI, TOMLINSON, SALVATORE, COSTA, GERLACH, WAGNER, O'PAKE, PICCOLA, MADIGAN, PUNT, MELLOW, MOWERY, BELL, MUSTO, CORMAN, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, WHITE, LEMMOND, RHOADES, SLOCUM, THOMPSON, WAUGH, MURPHY, BRIGHTBILL and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 825**, 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 capital stock and franchise tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 16, 1999.

Senators WOZNAK, HART, COSTA, JUBELIRER, MUSTO, DENT, LOEPER, EARLL, STOUT, O'PAKE, SLOCUM and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 826**, 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 apportionment of business income for corporate net income tax purposes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 16, 1999.

Senators TILGHMAN, ROBBINS, PUNT, STAPLETON, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, WAUGH and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 829**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), entitled The Local Tax Enabling Act, excluding ski facilities' admission receipts from local amusement taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 16, 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:

April 14, 1999

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, CONTI, MUSTO and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SR 58**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing Congress to allow the Independent Counsel Act to sunset.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, April 14, 1999.

April 16, 1999

Senators WAUGH, STAPLETON, THOMPSON, BODACK, COSTA, TOMLINSON, BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, GERLACH, WAGNER, BELAN, LAVALLE, WHITE, EARLL, MUSTO, STOUT, MOWERY, ROBBINS, TARTAGLIONE, LOEPER, KASUNIC, DENT, MELLOW, SALVATORE, MURPHY, KUKOVICH, BELL, BOSCOLA, FUMO, RHOADES and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SR 62**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 18 through 24, 1999, as "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 16, 1999.

Senators WAUGH, ARMSTRONG, MOWERY and PUNT presented to the Chair **SR 63**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring York County on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of its founding.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 16, 1999.

Senators SCHWARTZ, BELAN, COSTA, STAPLETON, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, WAGNER, KASUNIC, STOUT, KUKOVICH, MELLOW, KITCHEN, WILLIAMS, WOZNAK, MUSTO, BODACK, HUGHES, FUMO and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SR 65**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the President and Congress to work to strengthen the Social Security system.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, April 16, 1999.

Senators HUGHES, WAGNER, MUSTO, STAPLETON, HELFRICK, GERLACH, STOUT, O'PAKE, DENT, MEL-

LOW, MURPHY, SLOCUM, KUKOVICH, THOMPSON, HART, COSTA, TOMLINSON, TARTAGLIONE, BODACK, BRIGHTBILL, BELAN, EARLL, PICCOLA, KASUNIC and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SR 66, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 1999 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 16, 1999.

Senators LOEPER, JUBELIRER, ROBBINS, THOMPSON, BRIGHTBILL, TILGHMAN, MADIGAN, WENGER, LAVALLE, COSTA, DENT, EARLL, O'PAKE, HELFRICK, SALVATORE, MELLOW, ARMSTRONG, FUMO, LEMMOND, WAGNER, GERLACH, HART, WOZNIAK, SCHWARTZ, SLOCUM, PICCOLA, PUNT, BELL, WAUGH, KASUNIC, TOMLINSON, MUSTO, BELAN, RHOADES, WHITE, BOSCOLA, BODACK, CORMAN, CONTI, GREENLEAF, HOLL, MOWERY, MURPHY, STAPLETON, KUKOVICH and STOUT presented to the Chair SR 67, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 10 through 16, 1999, as "Railroad Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 16, 1999.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF MAINE

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

STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Augusta 04333-0002

April 9, 1999

Office of the President
Pennsylvania Senate
Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Presiding Officer:

I transmit herewith an original signed copy of H.P. 1388, JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH W. MAYO
Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

WHEREAS, We, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled, in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the United States Congress, as follows:

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty on September 3, 1981 and as of December 1997 has been ratified or acceded to by 161 nations; and

WHEREAS, Although the United States is considered a world leader in human rights, supports and has a position of leadership in the United Nations, was an active participant in the drafting and is a signatory of the convention, the United States is one of the few nations that have not ratified the treaty; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the convention is rooted in the goals of the United Nations and the United States, which seek to affirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the person and in the equal rights of men and women; and

WHEREAS, the convention provides a comprehensive framework for challenging the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on sex against half of the world's population and the 161 nations that have ratified the convention have agreed to follow the convention prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, although women have made major gains in the struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal and educational fields, there is much more to be accomplished; and through its support, leadership and prestige, the United States can help create a world where women are no longer discriminated against and have achieved one of the most fundamental of human rights, equality, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, request the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; the President of the Senate or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; the Speaker of the House or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; the United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

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| House of Representatives | In Senate Chamber |
| Read and Adopted | Read and Adopted |
| March 23, 1999 | March 24, 1999 |
| Sent up for Concurrence | In Concurrence |
| Ordered Sent Forthwith | |

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| JOSEPH W. MAYO Clerk of the House | JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate |
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| H.P. 1388 | |
| ATTEST: | ATTEST: |
| G. STEVEN ROWE Speaker of the House of Representatives | MARK W. LAWRENCE President of the Senate |

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

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet during today's Session to consider Senate Resolutions No. 50, 51, 62, 66, 67, and certain nominations.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Senator TILGHMAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bills:

HB 981 (Pr. No. 1089)

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Lincoln University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related institution in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Lincoln University," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

HB 982 (Pr. No. 1090)

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of the University of Pittsburgh as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the chancellor to make an annual report of the operations of the University of Pittsburgh," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

HB 983 (Pr. No. 1091)

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

HB 984 (Pr. No. 1092)

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of Temple University as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Com-

monwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; providing for preference to Pennsylvania residents in tuition; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the President to make an annual report of the operations of Temple University," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

HB 985 (Pr. No. 1093)

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of Drexel University, Philadelphia.

HB 986 (Pr. No. 1094)

An Act making appropriations to the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia.

HB 987 (Pr. No. 1095)

An Act making an appropriation to the Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton.

HB 988 (Pr. No. 1096)

An Act making an appropriation to the University of the Arts, Philadelphia.

HB 989 (Pr. No. 1097)

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the Berean Training and Industrial School at Philadelphia.

HB 990 (Pr. No. 1098)

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

HB 991 (Pr. No. 1099)

An Act making an appropriation to the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Delaware County.

HB 992 (Pr. No. 1100)

An Act making an appropriation to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia.

HB 993 (Pr. No. 1101)

An Act making an appropriation to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia.

HB 994 (Pr. No. 1102)

An Act making appropriations to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation.

HB 995 (Pr. No. 1451)

An Act making an appropriation to the Beacon Lodge Camp.

HB 996 (Pr. No. 1104)

An Act making an appropriation to the Arsenal Family and Children's Center.

HB 997 (Pr. No. 1105)

An Act making an appropriation to the Central Penn Oncology Group.

HB 998 (Pr. No. 1106)

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania for cardiovascular studies.

HB 999 (Pr. No. 1107)

An Act making an appropriation to the Burn Foundation, Philadelphia.

HB 1000 (Pr. No. 1108)

An Act making an appropriation to the Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, for the operation and maintenance of the cancer research program.

HB 1001 (Pr. No. 1109)

An Act making an appropriation to the Lancaster Cleft Palate.

HB 1002 (Pr. No. 1110)

An Act making an appropriation to the Pittsburgh Cleft Palate.

HB 1003 (Pr. No. 1111)

An Act making an appropriation to The Children's Institute, Pittsburgh.

HB 1004 (Pr. No. 1112)

An Act making appropriations to St. Christopher's Hospital, Philadelphia.

HB 1005 (Pr. No. 1113)

An Act making an appropriation to St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh.

HB 1006 (Pr. No. 1114)

An Act making appropriations to the Wistar Institute-Research, Philadelphia.

HB 1007 (Pr. No. 1115)

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of Jefferson Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia for a comprehensive program relating to Tay-Sachs disease.

HB 1008 (Pr. No. 1116)

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.

HB 1009 (Pr. No. 1117)

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.

HB 1010 (Pr. No. 1371)

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.

HB 1011 (Pr. No. 1119)

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 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.

HB 1012 (Pr. No. 1120)

An Act making an appropriation to the Mercer Museum in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

HB 1013 (Pr. No. 1121)

An Act making an appropriation to the Franklin Institute Science Museum.

HB 1014 (Pr. No. 1122)

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania for the general maintenance and operation of the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

HB 1015 (Pr. No. 1123)

An Act making an appropriation to the Academy of Natural Sciences.

HB 1016 (Pr. No. 1124)

An Act making an appropriation to the African-American Museum in Philadelphia for operating expenses.

HB 1017 (Pr. No. 1125)

An Act making an appropriation to the Everhart Museum in Scranton.

HB 1018 (Pr. No. 1126)

An Act making appropriations to the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

HB 1019 (Pr. No. 1127)

An Act making an appropriation to the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

HB 1020 (Pr. No. 1128)

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.

HB 1021 (Pr. No. 1129)

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.

HB 1022 (Pr. No. 1528) (Amended)

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.

HB 1023 (Pr. No. 1131)

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator LOEPER asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator ARMSTRONG, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECESS ADJOURNMENT

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

In the Senate, April 19, 1999

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, May 3, 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, May 3, 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:

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| Bell | Helfrick | Murphy | Thompson |
| Bodack | Holl | 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 | |
| Greenleaf | Mellow | Stout | |

NAY-0

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

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

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

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

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to introduce today a visitor to our country, not only to the Senate, Ms. Jana Vrbova, from the Czech Republic. She is an 18-year-old exchange student attending Greenwood High School in Perry County. She is fluent in many languages and wants to become an interpreter when she gets out of high school.

Her host family, Roger and Elana Maynard, reside in Millerstown, Juniata County. So I ask the Senate to give its usual warm welcome to our guests today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Corman please rise, and we are happy that you are here. (Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JANE M. EARLL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Erie, Senator Earll.

Senator EARLL. Mr. President, I have the pleasure today of introducing several visitors who are here from Erie, specifically the Manufacturer's Association of Northwest Pennsylvania. Each of these people represents the Manufacturer's Association in a different position, and I am delighted to have some visitors from the great northwest.

If the Senate would give a warm welcome please to Ellen Cullen, Gary Schneider, Angie Angus, Shiela Sterrett, and Ralph Pontillo.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Earll please rise so we may give you a warm Pennsylvania Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT M.
TOMLINSON, SENATOR STEWART J.
GREENLEAF, AND SENATOR JOE CONTI
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks, Senator Tomlinson.

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Greenleaf and Senator Conti, we have a group of retired teachers from Bucks County here visiting the Capitol, enjoying the beautiful sights and observing the legislature in action, and I would like the Senate to give them a warm welcome today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson, Senator Greenleaf, and Senator Conti please rise so that we may give you a warm Pennsylvania Senate welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce Karly St. John and Kelli Kunselman, who are serving as guest Pages in the Senate today. Both Karly and Kelli are eighth graders at St. Michael School in Greenville.

Karly is a varsity basketball cheerleader and is a member of the school's volleyball and soccer teams and school choir. Kelly, also a varsity basketball cheerleader, is a member of the school soccer team and choir.

Karly and Kelli are accompanied here today by their teacher, Mrs. Nancy Kremm, who is seated in the gallery. Please join me in welcoming my guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guests of Senator Robbins please rise so we may give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR STEWART J.
GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce to the Senate Johanna Keely, who has served as an intern in my office since September. She will be receiving a master's degree in law and social policy and a master's degree in social service from Bryn Mawr College in May, and she received her undergraduate degree from Villanova. Her internship was required as part of her master's study, and she spent 3 days a week working both in my Harrisburg office and my district office.

Her background in law and social policy was a tremendous foundation and a tremendous help to both myself and the Committee on Judiciary, as well as our Senate office in general. We are very happy and thankful that she served her internship here in the Senate, and I ask the Senate to welcome her.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would the guest of Senator Greenleaf please rise so that we may give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to begin immediately in the first floor caucus room, with an expectation of returning to the floor at approximately 4:45.

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

Senator BODACK. Mr. President, I request all the Democrats to report to our caucus room, Room 461, immediately.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses to begin immediately, the Senate will stand in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL AMENDED

SB 730 (Pr. No. 793) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An Act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator LOEPER offered the following amendment No. A1592:

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, lines 3 through 8, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Sec. 6, page 3, line 9, by striking out "6" and inserting: 5

Amend Sec. 7, page 4, line 3, by striking out "7" and inserting: 6

Amend Sec. 8, page 6, line 14, by striking out "8" and inserting:

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Amend Sec. 8, page 6, line 14, by striking out "7" and inserting:

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Amend Sec. 9, page 6, line 23, by striking out "9" and inserting:

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Amend Sec. 10, page 10, line 11, by striking out "10" and inserting: 9

Amend Sec. 11, page 10, line 17, by striking out "11" and inserting: 10

Amend Sec. 12, page 10, line 27, by striking out "12" and inserting: 11

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
OVER IN ORDER**

SB 731, SB 732, SB 733 and SB 734 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL AMENDED

SB 735 (Pr. No. 798) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator LOEPER offered the following amendment No. A1544:

Amend Title, page 1, line 2, by removing the period after "Corporation" and inserting: for the MCP Hahnemann University.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.
Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
OVER IN ORDER**

SB 736, SB 737, SB 738 and SB 739 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL AMENDED

SB 740 (Pr. No. 820) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator LOEPER offered the following amendment No. A1520:

Amend Sec. 2, page 2, line 1, by striking out "five" and inserting: four
Amend Sec. 2, page 2, lines 2 and 3, by striking out "the Governor,"

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
OVER IN ORDER**

SB 741, SB 742, SB 743, SB 744, SB 745, SB 746, SB 747, SB 748 and SB 749 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL AMENDED

SB 750 (Pr. No. 811) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to The Children's Institute, Pittsburgh.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator LOEPER offered the following amendment No. A1599:

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Health" and inserting: for the treatment and rehabilitation of children and young adults with disabling diseases

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?
It was agreed to.
Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

**NONPREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILLS
OVER IN ORDER**

SB 751, SB 752, SB 753, SB 754, SB 755, SB 756, SB 757, SB 758, SB 759, SB 760, SB 761, SB 762 and SB 763 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 369 (Pr. No. 382) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator EARLL offered the following amendment No. A1605:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2509), page 1, line 18, by striking out ", state"
 Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2509), page 1, line 18, by inserting after
 "pleas": stating
 Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2509), page 2, line 7, by inserting after "bene-
 fits": by viewers
 Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2613), page 2, line 17, by inserting brackets
 before and after ", state"
 Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2613), page 2, line 17, by inserting after
 "pleas": stating

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in
 its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 465 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its
 order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 980 (Pr. No. 1502) – The Senate proceeded to consider-
 ation of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the
 Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Common-
 wealth, the public debt and for the public schools for the fiscal year
 July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000, for certain institutions and organiza-
 tions, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the
 close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999; to provide appropriations
 from the State Lottery Fund, the Energy Conservation and Assistance
 Fund, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund,
 the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emer-
 gency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Ben Franklin/IRC Part-
 nership Fund, the Tuition Payment Fund, the Banking Department
 Fund and the Firearm Records Check Fund to the Executive Depart-
 ment; and to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer Sys-
 tem Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal
 year July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000; and to provide appropriations from
 the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 1999, to June 30,
 2000, for the proper operation of the several departments of the Com-
 monwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend
 Motor License Fund moneys; and to provide for the appropriation of
 Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Com-
 monwealth and for the establishment of restricted receipt accounts for
 the fiscal year July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000, and for the payment of
 bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30,
 1999.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the
 gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Schwartz.

Mr. President, I was inclined to offer amendments, but my
 understanding of the process and the agreement around the
 process is that it is highly unlikely that any amendments would
 pass. Therefore I wanted to, in lieu of offering amendments,

make some comments on the budget and to express some of my
 disagreement with something that is in the budget, and primar-
 ily what I want to speak about is education and children.

I do believe very strongly that because this budget includes
 not the necessary language to implement vouchers but does
 include almost \$64 million for vouchers for private and paro-
 chial schools or some use of \$64 million, there have been a vari-
 ety of proposals for that, but certainly most likely to be used for
 private and parochial schools, I wanted to speak to my opposi-
 tion to that, but more to the point how better we can use \$64
 million to enhance the quality of public education in this Com-
 monwealth. And I had an amendment that would have used \$64
 million to encourage school districts, enable school districts to
 reduce class size. Some of our school districts would very much
 like to do that.

We ought to, Mr. President, use proven research-based tech-
 niques if you want or ways in which we could improve the qual-
 ity of education instead of an unproven use of having a few chil-
 dren leave the public school system. Instead, we should be en-
 abling our public schools, we should be a partner with our pub-
 lic schools to be sure that they provide a world-class education
 to every child, regardless of where they live in this Common-
 wealth. Our school districts across this Commonwealth have
 been saying to us they need our help, they want our involve-
 ment, and they could use a few more dollars, and if we are will-
 ing to spend \$64 million, and there are actually other areas in
 the budget where we might be able to draw on the money that
 we actually should be investing, what a time to make the kind
 of investment that we ought to to reduce class sizes, for exam-
 ple.

Secondly, I would talk about increasing funding for special
 education. Many of us have been talked to by our school districts
 about the need for us to be able to partner with the school dis-
 tricts so that they are not making these difficult choices or
 spending money they do not have since we have changed the
 formula. We ought to be doing something about that. I know
 that we saw an amendment pass on the House side that Repre-
 sentative Jess Stairs put in that passed with broad support on
 being sure that the State would use some of its dollars, about
 \$85 million, to help our school districts pay for special educa-
 tion, and the funds again could come from some of those dollars
 that would be used for vouchers as well as some other money
 that we have in the budget.

And again, you may know, Mr. President, that I introduced
 some legislation recently that I called "Invest For Success,"
 which again encourages our school districts to use re-
 search-based methods and strategies for improving student
 achievement. That is what it has to be about, improving the
 academic success of our children. And our Governor has spoken
 up about his concern for academically distressed schools, but his
 answer, Mr. President, has been to change management, to
 change the bureaucracy rather than to change what really hap-
 pens in the classroom to really make a difference in student
 achievement for our children. Mr. President, for maybe \$80
 million, use the \$64 million for vouchers and use a few other
 dollars that might be there from some of the other funds, we
 could truly make a significant difference on behalf of the 1.7

million children in our public schools across this Commonwealth.

And, Mr. President, I think it is a lost opportunity. The Governor talks about opportunity grants for some children, a few children, knowing full well that if we pass vouchers there are many of us who will try to stop that from happening. Most of us think there are not the votes in the House or the Senate to make that happen, and instead of debating vouchers yet again and defeating vouchers, we should be talking about what we do want to invest in and how we could make a difference to the children of Pennsylvania. Instead, we are having a discussion about what we do not want to do and what we should not do. We should be assuring that all of our children have educational and economic success and economic and educational opportunity, and that is really what opportunity grants should be all about. So I say that we should be working with those school districts, be a partner, and I would say we should be using research-proven methods to do so.

Let me also say that this budget is very much a missed opportunity. I am going to mention two other areas for children that I think are really very important in addition to education, Mr. President, and that is that we should be using some of these resources that we have. And are we not fortunate to have almost a billion dollars in surplus in the State? And while many of us believe in savings, I think the State has to have a reasonable amount of savings, this is the time when I would say we could address at least two other issues for our children, and one of them is the Children's Health Insurance Program.

I have time and time again talked about the Children's Health Insurance Program. Mr. President, the Chair and I stood up recently with the Governor to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to another 24,000 children in this Commonwealth whose parents cannot afford private health insurance. Well, Mr. President, it is not enough. For just another \$26 million out of almost a billion dollars in surplus that is sitting there not being used, on behalf of our children we could and should stand up and say that we are going to extend health insurance coverage for every child in Pennsylvania, Mr. President. Every child. We will not leave out 50,000 or 60,000 or 70,000 children and say, sorry, the line stops here. You can have health insurance and you cannot. That is unacceptable, Mr. President. And we have the resources to change that. We have the resources, not some huge amount of money that sounds so outrageous that none of us can fathom how we are going to reach this goal, but we have it here and now today.

This Governor, the Chair, Mr. President, and I could stand up at another press conference and say we are committed to extending health insurance coverage for all of our children in Pennsylvania. Now, we will not pay 100 percent necessarily, but we will help working families in this Commonwealth make sure that their children get timely, appropriate health care. We should, we can. We ought to do it as part of this budget. It is a missed opportunity not to.

And another issue, the last one I will mention, Mr. President, is on child care. There has been quite a bit of discussion in the press about some of the child care needs of working families. The fact is that the Governor has made some choices to extend

more child care to our poorest families, reducing the opportunity for those who have been working hard who need some subsidy to keep their children in quality child care.

Mr. President, as I understand it, what we could be doing is using some of the savings because of the reduction in the welfare rolls, some of those Federal dollars that we are not spending on welfare, some of that TANF savings, as it is referred to, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and spend it on child care, and instead we are not going to draw down those Federal dollars. We are going to let the Federal government keep Pennsylvania's dollars and not extend child care to many of those families who need it to go to work, to be proud working families in Pennsylvania who need a little bit of help to make sure that their children are in quality child care, Mr. President. We ought to do that. We can do that, Mr. President, with no State dollars, just by drawing down more Federal dollars, and we ought to do that.

And we ought to make sure that the child care that we are helping to subsidize is quality child care, and one of the ways we can do that is by extending the Child Care Loan Forgiveness Program into which we now put about \$100,000 every year when we know the need is closer to a million dollars. We should be putting \$740,000 into that program.

So, Mr. President, I may be the lone vote this afternoon, but I am going to vote "no" on this budget because it is inadequate to the task. We have the resources to do far better by our children. We should do better on behalf of public education, we have the dollars to do it. We know some of what works. We know that early reading programs work, we know that smaller class size works. We know that improving the quality of teachers works. And why are we not doing those things instead of saying we are going to shift some kids out of the public schools and send them to private and parochial schools, if they will take them, and if their parents can come up with another \$1,000 or \$2,000 or \$5,000, and instead we are looking aside at what we know can work and helping a few children rather than helping the children of all Pennsylvania families who are in public schools. That is what we ought to do.

I, too, am concerned about student achievement, and we have to be improving the quality of that student achievement. We have to be assured that every one of our children has a healthy start and a strong educational start, and if we want to be strong in Pennsylvania for the future, we should be caring about our children. If we want to be sure that we are going to attract businesses of the future, we should make sure that we have the skilled work force, and that skilled work force are real people, and right now those real people are our children.

And, Mr. President, I say to you this budget is inadequate to the task because it takes too much of Pennsylvania's taxpayer dollars and puts it aside for some day when we may have already missed the boat. It may be already too late to retrieve what we need to retrieve in Pennsylvania, and that is making sure that the children today, the children in first grade and third grade and fifth grade and eighth grade and those who are graduating and hoping to go on to post secondary training have the skills and the knowledge to be successful, because if they are not, we will not be successful in the future.

And I am not looking at lots of money here. I am talking about money that this Governor is setting aside for vouchers that we will probably argue about in the next few weeks. I am talking about some of the money that we could draw down from the Federal government, and the rest of the dollars are small amounts of money that we can draw from other parts of the budget or from money that is going to be reserved in the surplus. Mr. President, we can do better than this and we should, and I call on those who will be sitting in those back rooms negotiating this budget to think about what I said and hopefully include some of my concerns and the concerns of Pennsylvania's families in the budget.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I would just simply indicate that today we are giving second consideration to House Bill No. 980, essentially a vehicle for the final general appropriations bill, and what we are dealing with today is process. By moving this bill forward, hopefully tomorrow we will be in a position to vote this bill, to send it back to the House of Representatives and to get the bill in a position of a conference committee where a final budget document, a general appropriation bill, can be negotiated that reflects the needs of all Pennsylvanians.

We certainly saw a blueprint presented to us by the Governor with his Budget Message in February. And now it is the legislature's turn to put its imprint on the Governor's blueprint, and I believe, Mr. President, that in moving this process along we are going to be able to reflect in the conference committee many of the needs and wants of the various legislative Members and look forward to move this process forward for all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I would just like to echo the words that Senator Loeper just delivered to us, that this is a way of moving the process along. Mr. President, there are a number of changes that I think all Members of the Senate would like to bring about in the general appropriations bill. Once we are able to conclude the action in the Senate and eventually put the bill into a conference committee, Mr. President, I believe that we will be able to reflect those changes in the thinking of the Members of the Senate.

I would just like to say again, and Senator Loeper did say, that this is the way of moving the process on so that we can meet our constitutional deadline and have a budget in place by June 30 of 1999, and it has been a process, Mr. President, that has been handled in the Senate in a very nonpartisan manner, and this is just a continuation of the next step of bringing that about.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

It was agreed to.

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

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I ask for a very brief recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet immediately in the Rules room at the rear of the Senate Chamber, and I would request that any Member of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations who may not be on the floor at this time, if they could please come to the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations in order that we can have a quorum and proceed with our business.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senator Loeper requests a brief recess of the Senate for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations in the rear of the Chamber. For that purpose, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator SALVATORE, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, by unanimous consent, reported the following communications, and called from the table certain communications from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nominations, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 22, 1999 for the appointment of David G. Heimbach, #7 Cambridge, Elizabethtown 17022, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Allentown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James J. Duffy, Jr., Easton, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 8, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael R. Keefer, Summerville, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of Sharon Flaig (Public Member), 134 Ferree Street, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Malcolm W. Bonawits, Pocono Manor, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

April 19, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the appointment of Shelby D. Ferguson, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon 15012, Fayette County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve until April 10, 2001 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Leandro N. Angelone, Wyndmoor, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 8, 1998 for the appointment of Henry Hart, III, Esquire, 7100 McCallum Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice The Honorable Lisa A. Richette, mandatory retirement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the appointment of Doris M. Leisch, Esquire, 3437 West Penn Street, Philadelphia 19129, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2000, vice The Honorable Leonard A. Ivanoski, mandatory retirement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING

April 19, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of John Christopher, Jr. (Public Member), 948 Greenlea Road, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, 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 Ronald Gabriel, Grantham, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION
AND LICENSURE

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 6, 1999 for the appointment of Jerry Johnson, Ed.D., 118 N. Mole Street, Philadelphia 19102, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ruth L. Schemm, Ed.D., Chalfont, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF PITTSBURGH—OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the reappointment of Thomas G. Bigley, 15 Old Timber Trail, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, as a Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh—of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 23, 1998 for the appointment of Michelle M. Grove (Public Member), 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Linda G. Trabucco, Esquire, whose term expired.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December January 13, 1999 for the appointment of Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve until June 10, 2000 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Louis R. Siemensi [*sic*], Ph.D., Shavertown, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

April 12, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 21, 1999 for the appointment of Paula Vitz (Public Member), 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve until June 16, 2001 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Danette A. Koons, Red Lion, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 22, 1999 for the appointment of Father James A. Downs, Box 3, West Poland Avenue, New Castle 16112, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas J. Fee, New Castle, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of Darrell T. Horton, 830 Harrison Street, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph F. Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of John R. Paluso, M.D. (Republican), 29 Dire Drive, Hickory 15340, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, to add to complement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

April 16, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 16, 1998 for the appointment of Keith Sparbanie (Republican), P. O. Box 268, 100 Highland Avenue, West Alexander 15376, Washington County, Forty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE YORK COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

April 8, 1999

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated December 14, 1998 for the appointment of James D. Sneddon (Independent), 518 West Market Street, York 17404, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gloria A. Sheaffer, Hanover, resigned.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator SALVATORE. Mr. President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator SALVATORE, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE 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 STATE BOARD
OF PHARMACY**

March 15, 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, Paul J. Miller (Public Member), 49 Hearthside Road, Aston 19014, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 15, 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, Elisabeth J. Baker, P.O. Box 59, Mountain View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth 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 for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Graydon Schlichter, Shippensburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 15, 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, Debra D. Gentzler, Box 212L, R.D. #1, Thomasville 17364, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher

Education, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 16, 1998

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Carol L. St. George, D.O., 302 Kensington Court, York 17402, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 15, 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, Bernard J. Carrozza, Ed.D., 1120 Beverly Lane, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve for a term of six years and until her *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

March 19, 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, Gerald L. Feissner, 946 Centre Street, Freeland 18244, Carbon County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Andrew P. Shiner, III, Hazleton, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE LEHIGH COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

December 16, 1998

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Wendy Shade (Republican), 1228 Walnut Street, Allentown 18102, Lehigh County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Lehigh County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 1999, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Juan E. Figueroa, Ph.D., Allentown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator SALVATORE. Mr. President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The nominations will be laid on the table.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 10 (Pr. No. 982) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for licensing eligibility and licensing of minors, for learner's permits, for school, examination or hearing on accumulation of points or excessive speeding and for restraint systems; and making editorial changes.

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

SB 19 (Pr. No. 869) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, empowering the Governor to create an Aviation Advisory Committee to provide guidance to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Secretary of Transportation and the State Transportation Commission on aviation matters; providing for the committee's powers and duties; and establishing the Aviation Advisory Account.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 58 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 181 (Pr. No. 1367) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to adopt a program of training, examination and qualification for tax collectors.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 194 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 240 (Pr. No. 245) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for a program to promote economic development in downtown areas; establishing the Discover Pennsylvania's Downtowns program; further providing for duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making an appropriation.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 241 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 301 (Pr. No. 303) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 319 (Pr. No. 326) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring public hearings before closing State mental health or mental retardation facilities.

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

SB 365 (Pr. No. 640) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 366 (Pr. No. 379) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

SB 383 (Pr. No. 392) - The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 410 (Pr. No. 583) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons eligible for licensing, for learner's permits and for school, examination or hearing on accumulation of points or excessive speeding.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 496 (Pr. No. 510) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 497 (Pr. No. 553) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL RECOMMITTED

SB 498 (Pr. No. 870) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill 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.

Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 504 (Pr. No. 514) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator LOEPER, and agreed to, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 646 (Pr. No. 780) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1956 (1955 P.L.1414, No.465), entitled, as amended, Second Class County Port Authority Act, further providing for eating and drinking in certain transit stations.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Senator GERLACH, from the Committee on Local Government, reported the following bills:

SB 647 (Pr. No. 916) (Amended)

An Act establishing a Uniform Construction Code; imposing powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of Labor and Industry, providing for enforcement; imposing penalties; and making repeals.

SB 769 (Pr. No. 799)

An Act authorizing the Department of Community and Economic Development to establish a program for continuing education of qualified tax collectors.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator LOEPER, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolutions:

SR 50 (Pr. No. 731)

A Resolution honoring the Borough of Phoenixville on its 150th anniversary.

SR 51 (Pr. No. 764)

A Resolution designating the month of May 1999 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 62 (Pr. No. 902)

A Resolution designating April 18 through 24, 1999, as "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

SR 66 (Pr. No. 906)

A Resolution designating the month of May 1999 as "Community Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 67 (Pr. No. 907)

A Resolution designating the week of May 10 through 16, 1999, as "Railroad Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators HOLL, COSTA, MOWERY, JUBELIRER, GREENLEAF, MURPHY, BRIGHTBILL, HELFRICK, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, PICCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, EARLL, WENGER, TOMLINSON, SALVATORE, DENT, BODACK, BELL, LEMMOND, STAPLETON, WAGNER, KASUNIC, LOEPER, SCHWARTZ, MADIGAN, SLOCUM, WHITE, STOUT, WOZNIAC and FUMO, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 69, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 18 through 24, 1999, as "Community Banking Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Holl.

Senator HOLL. Mr. President, the community banks in Pennsylvania play a key role in the economic viability of our towns and local communities. They have a deep-rooted tradition of giving back to their local neighborhoods. In fact, community banks reinvest an average of 95 percent of their loans back into the community. This helps families buy homes, starts new businesses, and pays for college educations.

They are also involved in many commonly important community programs which strengthen our neighborhoods, programs for youth and for seniors, and many other important programs.

I urge the Members to vote in support of this resolution, which recognizes the contributions of our community banks.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators GREENLEAF, HOLL, TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, MURPHY, O'PAKE, HART, KASUNIC, EARLL, THOMPSON and TILGHMAN, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 70, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of May 2 through 8, 1999, as "Chastity Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encouraging participation in "Chastity Day" presentations for schools and youth groups.

Which was read, considered and adopted.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna H. Evanchak by Senator Belan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eleanor Bradley Shaw by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Stapinski by Senator Bodack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Polish Community of the Lehigh Valley by Senators Boscola and Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sarah Riddle, The Pennsylvania State University 1998-1999 Fencing Team and to The Pennsylvania State University Wrestling Team by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brian John MacArthur by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Tancredi and to Allen G. Eckenrode by Senator Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephen Mekosh and to Chris Zimmerman by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert W. McKnight, Donald C. Madl, Roger L. Lilley and to the North Star Junior High School Cheerleading Squad by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mount Carmel United Methodist Church of Philadelphia by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mae King and to the Westmoor Church of Christ of Kingston by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard J. Hoffner-McCall by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Walter Fisk, Jr., Nick Rockwell, Mike Greenburg, Dave Patrick and to William Stahlnecker by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Castellani by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Thomas Jefferson High School Ice Hockey Team of Pittsburgh and to the Thomas Jefferson High School Cheerleading Squad of Pittsburgh by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raymond Marcero by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dolores J. Soska, Rita Simalchik, Anthony X. Southerland, Mary Ann Johaneck, Marie Rose Obert, George Kostelnik, David G. Blazek and to Thomas M. Hricik by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Charles M. Nitterhouse Post 1599, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, of Chambersburg, by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stan and Gloria Hochman and to the Cheltenham High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christine Haag by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Martin Phillips by Senator Tilghman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bensalem Christian Day School by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Martha Miller by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Martin R. Martzall by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ryba and to the Forest Hills Varsity Cheerleaders by Senator Wozniak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

SB 647, SB 769, HB 981, HB 982, HB 983, HB 984, HB 985, HB 986, HB 987, HB 988, HB 989, HB 990, HB 991, HB 992, HB 993, HB 994, HB 995, HB 996, HB 997, HB 998, HB 999, HB 1000, HB 1001, HB 1002, HB 1003, HB 1004, HB 1005, HB 1006, HB 1007, HB 1008, HB 1009, HB 1010, HB 1011, HB 1012, HB 1013, HB 1014, HB 1015, HB 1016, HB 1017, HB 1018, HB 1019, HB 1020, HB 1021, HB 1022 and HB 1023.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

April 19, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Youth Development Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Stanzione, Ottsville, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

April 19, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005 and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Eileen Koegler, Altoona, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EBENSBURG CENTER

April 19, 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, Paula Vitz, 265 Brookview Drive, Red Lion 17356, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Ebensburg Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his *[sic]* successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jean Damin, Ebensburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

April 19, 1999

Senators CORMAN, HART, COSTA, MUSTO, BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, GERLACH, KASUNIC, MOWERY, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SLOCUM, STOUT, WAGNER, WAUGH and WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 827**, 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, April 19, 1999.

Senators MURPHY, JUBELIRER, HELFRICK, DENT, WAUGH, COSTA, WAGNER, O'PAKE, STOUT, TOMLINSON, WOZNAK, BRIGHTBILL and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 828**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 19, 1999.

Senators STOUT, BELAN, STAPLETON, BODACK, SCHWARTZ, LAVALLE, COSTA and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 830**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for creditable nonstate service for certain former county employees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 19, 1999.

Senators DENT, COSTA, MUSTO, TOMLINSON, SCHWARTZ, MADIGAN, TLGHMAN, BOSCOLA, HELFRICK, STOUT and HART presented to the Chair **SB 831**, entitled:

An Act requiring the Department of Health to implement a State-wide policy regarding the disposition of complaints pertaining to the indoor air quality of school buildings in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 19, 1999.

Senators MELLOW, JUBELIRER, STOUT, LOEPER, O'PAKE, MUSTO, STAPLETON, BRIGHTBILL, KASUNIC, WAGNER, HUGHES, HART, COSTA, LAVALLE, KITCHEN, CORMAN, BELAN, BOSCOLA, CONTI, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNAK, WENGER, DENT, WHITE, BODACK and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 832**, entitled:

An Act redesignating a portion of the Lackawanna Valley Industrial Highway, SR 0006, as the Governor Robert P. Casey Highway, and designating the Olyphant on and off ramp, Exit 2 of the Lackawanna Valley Industrial Highway as the Representative Joseph G. Wargo Exit.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 19, 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1999

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| 9:30 A.M. | MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bill No. 813; Senate Resolution No. 52; House Bill No. 314; and any other business that may come before the Committee) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
| 10:00 A.M. | EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 18, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655 and 656; and any other business that may come before the Committee) | Room 8E-B East Wing |
| 10:30 A.M. | FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 50, 165, 171, 185, 285, 318, 362, 650, 799, 802, 825, 826 and 827) | Room 461 Main Capitol |
| 11:00 A.M. | GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 242, 456 and 612) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
| 11:30 A.M. | JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider the nomination of H. John Drayer, Esq., Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Clarion County; committee meeting to consider Senate Bills No. 360, 468, 642 and 798; and House Bills No. 88 and 124) | Room 8E-B East Wing |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999

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| 9:30 A.M. | AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bills No. 317 and 384; and House Bill No. 102) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
| 1:00 P.M. | ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on Growing Greener Funding Initiative) | Room 8E-B East Wing |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1999

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| 9:30 A.M. | CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing to consider Senate Bills No. 667, 668 and 669; Telecommunications) | Room 8E-B East Wing |
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TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1999

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| 11:00 A.M. | AGING AND YOUTH (committee hearing with Secretary Browdie to discuss Aging and Youth issues) | Room 8E-A East Wing |
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ADJOURNMENT

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.