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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 28, 1999

The Senate met at 12 noon, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Pastor JEFFREY BAYLIFF, of First Baptist Church, Lock Haven, offered the following prayer:

Father, we give thanks for the beauty of the dreariness of this day, for in the dreariness there is the moisture that our State so needs. We give You thanks for that rain.

We ask that whatever the agenda is today that it would be in Your sovereign hand. We ask for the duty of the oath and the constituents to be followed in the votes and the deliberations, the discussions and debates of the Senators.

Guide them, Father, and watch over their marriages, families, and those whom they love, and we commit them to You this day, for I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Bayliff, who is the guest today of Senator Corman.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of September 27, 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.

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Weekly adjournment.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 1038 (Pr. No. 1264)

An Act establishing the Fair Credit Extension Uniformity Act; and providing for debt collection trade practices and penalties.

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:

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Senators COSTA, BODACK, BELAN, WAGNER and MURPHY presented to the Chair SB 1101, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), entitled, as amended, Second Class County Code, further providing for payments by employees into the retirement system, for amount of retirement allowances and for charter limitations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 28, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, CONTI, COSTA, SALVATORE, SCHWARTZ, STAPLETON and WAGNER presented to the Chair SB 1102, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for insurance coverage for infertility treatment services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, September 28, 1999.

Senators GREENLEAF, LOEPER, LEMMOND, WHITE, PICCOLA, KUKOVICH, HOLL, THOMPSON, SALVATORE, STOUT and BRIGHTBILL presented to the Chair SB 1103, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for retention election of justices of the peace.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 28, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for today's Session on behalf of Senator Bell and Senator Murphy.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Loeper requests legislative leaves for Senator Bell and Senator Murphy. Without objection, those leaves are granted.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Schwartz.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, that leave is granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator LOEPER asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator PICCOLA and Senator WENGER, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator MELLOW asked and obtained leave of absence for Senator TARTAGLIONE, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

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

BILL AMENDED

HB 963 (Pr. No. 2108) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for deposits in the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account and for sentencing procedure for murder of the first degree.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MELLOW offered the following amendment No. A3286:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 9711), page 2, line 27, by striking out "and [review] opinion" and inserting: [and review]. opinion and order

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 9711), page 2, line 28, by removing the colon after "following" and inserting: , whichever occurs first:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 9711), page 2, line 30, by inserting after "thereof": where neither has been filed

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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

SB 647 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1050 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 630, SB 670 and SB 844 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1100 (Pr. No. 1336) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 322 in Juniata County, Mifflin County and Centre County as the J. Doyle Corman Highway.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 96, ADOPTED

Senator LOEPER, without objection, called up from page 2 of the Calendar, Senate Resolution No. 96, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 1999 as "Big Brothers Big Sisters Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-0

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR JAMES J. RHOADES
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Rhoades.

Senator RHOADES. Mr. President, today with us in the gallery are 12 members of Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 177 and 7 parents. They are here visiting Harrisburg today for what is called "Shadow Day." They shadow their lawmakers for the day to learn about what they do and about State government, and after completing the day, the Scouts will earn a badge.

The troop members present are Amanda Chicora, Ceara Devlin, Lauren Doyle, Sarah Geiger, Kelly Heffner, Megan Hepler, Amanda Leib, Lauren MacLaughlin, Amanda Markowicz, Kimberly Miller, Amanda Schuettrumpf, and Alyssa Ziegler. The troop leaders present today are Mary Geiger and Mary Jane MacLaughlin. Other parents present today are Pat Chicora, Jeannine Heffner, Sue Markowicz, Kathy Miller, and Bob Schuettrumpf. I would appreciate if the Senate would extend its usual warm welcome to our guests.

The PRESIDENT. I ask the Members of the Senate to welcome our special guests.
(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JAKE CORMAN
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I also have some guests in the gallery today. I have the students from the Lock Haven Christian School government class, and with them today are their principal, Terry Newcomer, and Reverend Jeff Bayliff, who gave the opening prayer at today's Session. I ask the Senate to give them our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would our special guests please rise so we can acknowledge your presence in the Senate.
(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT J.
THOMPSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator THOMPSON. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to introduce two student Pages for the day, Adrienne Lonas and Dominic Mammarella, who are from Octorara High School in Chester County. Adrienne is a resident of Cochranville and plans to go to college and study political science. She is very active in school activities, including the student forum, treasurer of the student council, participates in the Greater Philadelphia Volunteer Community Project, and is a member of the field hockey and basketball teams.

Dominic is a resident of Parkesburg and hopes to enter the University of Richmond next year to major in criminal justice. He would like to be an FBI agent. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and the track and field team.

I ask them to rise so the Senate may give them its usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would our accomplished students and guest Pages please rise so the Senate may welcome you.
(Applause.)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 380 (Pr. No. 1339) (Amended)

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

SB 958 (Pr. No. 1090)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for confidential communications with sexual assault counselors.

HB 285 (Pr. No. 282)

An Act amending the act of October 12, 1984 (P.L. 964, No. 188), referred to as the Philadelphia Quarter Sessions Clerk Fee Law, increasing fees; and providing for additional fees.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators MELLOW, BODACK, MUSTO, KUKOVICH, WAGNER, BELAN, STAPLETON, O'PAKE, THOMPSON, BRIGHTBILL, ARMSTRONG, STOUT, EARLL, JUBELIRER, TOMLINSON, SCHWARTZ, MOWERY, WHITE, COSTA, HOLL, WOZNIAK, LEMMOND, TILGHMAN, DENT, MURPHY, GREENLEAF, WENGER, HART, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, SLOCUM, RHOADES and KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 101, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Governor to proclaim the month of October 1999 as "Lupus Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered and adopted.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harple and to Heather L. Breiner by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edwin Franklin Jadwin by Senator Belan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Wallace and to Blanche Smith by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Heiser by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cynthia A. Prowant-Hampton by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Chowka by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stefanos Kotridis and to Matthew Thomas Guzzardo by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Miller by Senators Holl and Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas J. Bryan, Brian Texter and to Barbara Ann Moore by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Zook, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sinisi, Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Strayer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Panasiti, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Gicking, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barney and to Saint John the Evangelist School of Altoona by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Philadelphia Making a Difference Against Drugs and Violence Youth Pep Rally/Concert by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raymond R. Webb, Jr., by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stan Kosciuszko by Senators LaValle and White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John and Anne Lopatto, Michael Drugach, Steven Kiernan, Catherine Spare, George Gay and to Alton Arnold by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralston and to Matthew James Hawk by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Ray A. Alberigi, Robert F. Tuffy, Ann Marie Nash and to the Class of 1964 of Throop High School by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles D. Foster by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Vodzack and to Gaetano Izzo by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Luzerne County by Senators Musto and Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Berks County Medical Society and to the Greater Reading Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth J. Fischer, the Honorable Sally S. Klein, the Honorable Russell L. Sheaffer, Middletown Senior Center and to the Hershey Midget All-Star Baseball Team by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jessica Shulik by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Alicja Grzeskowiak by Senator Salvatore.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Katherine A. Clyde, Dr. Murray Friedman and to Impact Services Corporation of Philadelphia by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Arlene R. Cook and to Steven E. McPherson by Senator Slocum.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Indiana County Guidance Center by Senator Stapleton.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Tomsic by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joyce Adams McLean, Pamela Bryer and to Mary Ann Rossi by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Lower Merion Historical Society by Senator Tilghman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Sandra Costanzo, Colleen McIlhenny, Mary Schweiker and to Lu Ann Cahn by Senators Tomlinson and Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Diane M. Perry and to Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Coraopolis by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the York International Corporation by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Allan Larson, Crystal Park, Brad Leonard, Sue Leonard, Barbara Grohe and to John Shropshire by Senator White.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator MADIGAN. 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 380, SB 958, SB 1038 and HB 285.

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, 2 months ago Governor Ridge officially declared that a drought emergency existed here in Pennsylvania. Two months ago that declaration meant that Pennsylvania farmers could qualify for low-interest loans under a variety of assistance programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. But 2 months later, when the farm service agency said that this year's drought will cost our farmers at least \$550 million in lost crops, not one single family farmer in our Commonwealth has received any assistance under any Federal loan program, and that is why I am speaking here today. We all know that no low-interest loan in the world is as good as a good crop. Those farmers who already are farming on the edge of bankruptcy are mortgaged to the hilt. And as I stand here today, Pennsylvania farmers need more than rain; they need more than just one more loan that they cannot pay back. They desperately need State assistance in the form of direct grants, not loans, and they need it now. Without these grants, many farmers will not be farming come next spring. That means the same fields and farmlands that were passed down for generations will be sprouting condos instead of crops, producing new housing developments instead of new produce.

When Governor Ridge unveiled his \$5.3 million interim aid proposal a few weeks ago, I was as disappointed as those farmers who were looking at their withered crops and burned-out

pastures and wondering what do we do next? It is just not enough. Commodity prices are already down to the point where farmers are selling their crops for less than it cost to produce them. The drought has wiped out most of their harvest and virtually all of their financial reserves. And the best, the best thing that this administration can do during these difficult times is offer \$5.3 million to reimburse 40,000 farmers for just a fraction of the cost they must pay for hay to feed their livestock.

And I remember this because a few months ago, I mean this was great, there was a lot of lobbying going on, a little buzz going on here in Harrisburg when four multimillion dollar owners wanted to build four brand new sports stadiums here in Pennsylvania, and at that time the administration gladly promised \$320 million without blinking an eye for four sports stadiums for four sports teams. When multimillion dollar owners wanted to make some profits, the Governor gave \$320 million. But when Pennsylvania farmers need help just to survive, I mean just to survive and weather the effects of this drought, what do we do? The Governor sends off a letter to Congress, and we are waiting, waiting for an answer. What is the Federal government going to do? That answer may come, and if it comes it is going to be much too late. It is time to quit arguing about what the Federal government should be doing and doing something, and now it is time to do what is right for Pennsylvania's family farmers. The Governor can give \$300 million in tax breaks to large corporations, another \$320 million to build sports stadiums, and now is the time to do something right for our Pennsylvania farmers.

I have introduced legislation that would allow money from our Commonwealth's \$1 billion Rainy Day Fund to be used to help farmers cope with the damage caused by this drought. Today I have introduced a bill patterned after the 1973 relief package that provided direct grants to farmers who suffered losses in the wake of Hurricane Agnes. This legislation establishes a \$39 million drought emergency fund that could provide farmers with up to \$16,000 per farmer in direct grants.

Mr. President, 26 years ago the Department of Agriculture provided emergency disaster relief to Pennsylvania farmers in the form of direct grants. There is clearly a precedent for this. The time is now. It is time that we need this. Even if the Governor does not want to touch the Rainy Day Fund, we could use the interest that was generated on that Rainy Day Fund, \$40 million, to help fund this direct grant program to our farmers. And say he does not even want to touch the Rainy Day Fund or the interest, I just found out yesterday that we have an \$85 million unappropriated surplus that we could be using.

The bottom line is that our farmers are the backbone of this economy. If we cannot help honest, hardworking farmers who perform some of the hardest, most important work to be done, then something is seriously wrong. Mr. President, if the Governor will not come up with his own direct grant package, if there is no indication by this administration that they are going to move a bill, I will watch every single appropriation bill that passes through this Senate and try to amend it until something is done to help these farmers. But please, please, Governor, do something substantial, do it now. This is a "no-brainer," in my

opinion. This appropriation is mom, pop and apple pie, and it is the farmers who grow the apples.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator ARMSTRONG. Mr. President, just in response, I represent Lancaster County, which is probably one of the most pristine agricultural areas in Pennsylvania, and I have a lot of farmers. We have been impacted by the drought, and I am sure our farmers would like some type of help. However, no one has come to me and wants the government to bail them out. That is not the way the farmers in Lancaster County act. They feel they will get through this, they always have, but they do not come running to government for help every time they have some type of drought or maybe a flood or something. I have yet to have one person come to me and say, I need the government to bail me out.

Thank you.

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, just very briefly, I also would like to, in response to the gentlewoman, indicate that I am certain that there are many crises that occur throughout this Commonwealth, and the easy knee-jerk reaction is always let us provide grants to solve this problem. I can personally attest to the severe damage throughout the State and particularly in my own district just from the effects of Hurricane Floyd a week or so ago, where I had over 300 people displaced from their homes in Delaware County. And the first answer is let us have State aid for grants to replace these people's homes, and that certainly is a very worthwhile cause, too.

I would just remind the gentlewoman that when she talks about the tax cuts that we have been able collectively on a bipartisan basis to effect here to promote the economy in Pennsylvania, she was one who voted in favor of those tax cuts as well. So I think that certainly there is an issue before us. It is one that our committees are going to work on, hopefully in a joint bipartisan fashion, to try to address some of these situations, and I think that we will come up with some sort of a solution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I had the opportunity today of attending the news conference with Senator Boscola, and I think the program that she laid out before us was a very active, very vital program if we were to consider the needs of the farmer. I could not agree more with one of our previous speakers who said that farmers are very independent people who quite honestly do not come looking for help. But, Mr. President, that does not excuse the fact that farmers need and want help. And the program that has been established and has been considered and is being advanced by Senator Boscola is not a government bailout for farmers. It is trying to reach out to help farmers so that they can help themselves get back to where they were prior to the drought of 1999.

Mr. President, quite honestly, this is an issue that we should have been working on during the summer, and not necessarily as we start October of this particular year, because the farmers have been devastated through the dry, hot summer that we have had, and thank God today we are having some rainfall, but for the farmers who have been impacted, it is too little, too late.

Mr. President, the Governor talked about a \$5 million appropriation for 40,000 farmers. That amounts to \$125 per farmer in Pennsylvania, a mere pittance when it comes to the losses that they have suffered this summer. And I do agree with Senator Loeper that Senator Boscola has supported tax cuts for business through the surplus, because she recognizes as much as we do how important it is to try to make Pennsylvania business-friendly. But the money we are talking about here, Mr. President, is money that is available. It is money that is available through an unappropriated surplus right now of some \$85 million. It is money that is available through the Rainy Day Fund. If we do nothing more than take half of the interest that will be earned during this fiscal year in the Rainy Day Fund, it could pay for the entire program that is being advocated by Senator Boscola to try to help the rural people, to try to help the number one industry in Pennsylvania: agriculture.

Mr. President, back in 1973, and there are some of us in this Chamber who were here back in 1973, when because of the Agnes flood we gave every farmer in Pennsylvania over \$5,000 as a grant to try to help them through a very difficult period of time where they could restore themselves and get their farm back to where it was prior to the flood of 1972. All we are asking for in this proposal is to take care of Pennsylvanians who have made the major surplus in Pennsylvania possible, who have been able to work in the fields on a daily basis under some very blistering, hot sun conditions, to give them a grant that potentially will help them restore themselves and restore their farm to where it was prior to the drought of 1999.

We are not asking for a government bailout. We realize full well that some people may say this is a knee-jerk reaction because, quite frankly, I am sure there are people here in Harrisburg, I am not saying everyone and I do not think this is a partisan issue, but there are people here in Harrisburg who do not think money should be made available to these farmers. We believe on a bipartisan basis it should be. We do not care who the sponsor of the legislation is. It could be Senator Boscola, it could be any Member of the Republican Party. The only thing we are interested in is giving relief to the people who have suffered tremendously during the past summer, and that is the farmers of Pennsylvania. And anything short of that, Mr. President, shows the fact that we in Harrisburg are not doing our job to address the issues to these people who are in need.

Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 12:50 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.