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MONDAY, March 20, 2000

The Senate met at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Dr. JAMES W. GRUBB, of Grace United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Creator God, You made us and You know us better than we know ourselves. As we grow to become the persons You intended, help us make certain that our personal characters are always consistent with the leadership roles we must fill.

We want people to agree with us and to believe in us. Save us from compromising our convictions by saying what others want to hear, instead of what we honestly believe. Keep us honest and real persons, and do not let the fame and visibility that go with our leadership roles fool us into forgetting the difference between ourselves and our roles. Give us the freedom to embrace our humanness, and also the integrity that helps us become better persons as we lead and work together.

Empower us now to do Your will, and always to remain true to ourselves. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Dr. Grubb, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of March 15, 2000.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILLS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Common-

wealth, advising that the following Senate Bills had been approved and signed by the Governor:

SB 824 and SB 1097.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to HB 950 and 2020.

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

March 16, 2000

HB 2069 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 2263 -- Committee on Finance.

March 20, 2000

HB 584 -- Committee on State Government.

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:

March 15, 2000

HR 386 -- 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:

March 16, 2000

Senators SALVATORE, KITCHEN, FUMO, TARTAGLIONE, WHITE, CORMAN, LEMMOND, BELL and O'PAKE presented to the Chair SB 1341, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "abandoned vehicle" and "vehicle identification number"; defining "nonrepairable vehicle"; further providing for issuance of certificate of title, for certificate of salvage, for owner notification prior to vehicle removal and for abandonment and striping of vehicles; providing for restitution of property owners; further providing for reports to Department of Transportation of possession of abandoned vehicles, for owner and lienholder notification of abandoned vehicles and for salvaging of vehicles; and providing for removal of abandoned vehicles from turnpike, for salvor removal of abandoned vehicles, for reports by private property owners and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 16, 2000.

Senator RHOADES presented to the Chair SB 1342, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the act of price gouging; and providing for a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 16, 2000.

Senators WAGNER, KITCHEN, STAPLETON, BELL, BODACK, HUGHES, BELAN, COSTA, RHOADES, STOUT, MUSTO, O'PAKE, MELLOW, TARTAGLIONE, KUKOVICH, EARLL, MOWERY, BOSCOLA, SLOCUM and KASUNIC presented to the Chair SB 1344, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1986 (P.L.1398, No.122), entitled Energy Conservation and Assistance Act, creating the Fuel Oil Reserve Account; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 16, 2000.

Senators HART, WOZNIAK, TILGHMAN, EARLL, WHITE, MUSTO, GERLACH and LEMMOND presented to the Chair SB 1345, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from the sales and use tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 16, 2000.

March 17, 2000

Senators BOSCOLA, LAVALLE, O'PAKE and MUSTO presented to the Chair SB 1343, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for imposition of liquid fuels and fuels tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1353, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1354, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1355, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the State Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1356, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation from the Public School Employees' Retirement Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1357, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1358, entitled:

An Act making appropriations from the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development to provide for the expenses of administering the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and the Office of Small Business Advocate for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair SB 1359, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators CORMAN, TILGHMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON, WENGER, BELL, GERLACH, HOLL and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1360**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators CORMAN, TILGHMAN, BODACK, CONTI, THOMPSON, WENGER, KUKOVICH, GERLACH and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1361**, entitled:

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 ;....," 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators HOLL, TILGHMAN, CORMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON, BELL and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1362**, entitled:

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 Commonwealth;....," 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators THOMPSON, TILGHMAN, CORMAN, CONTI, BODACK and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1363**, entitled:

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;....," 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators THOMPSON, TILGHMAN, HOLL, GERLACH, BELL, CONTI and CORMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1364**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators BELL, TILGHMAN, HOLL, PUNT, THOMPSON, CONTI and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1365**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators GERLACH, TILGHMAN and CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1366**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation for the MCP Hahnemann University and for continuation of pediatric services.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators BELL, TILGHMAN, HOLL, CONTI, THOMPSON and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1367**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators BELL, TILGHMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON, GERLACH and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1368**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators PUNT, TILGHMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON, BELL and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1369**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators HOLL, TILGHMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1370**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators GERLACH, TILGHMAN and CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1371**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the Berean Training and Industrial School at Philadelphia for operation and maintenance expenses and for payment of debt service.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators CONTI, TILGHMAN and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1372**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton for operation and maintenance expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators BELL, TILGHMAN, CONTI and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1373**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Delaware County for operation and maintenance expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators GREENLEAF, TILGHMAN, HOLL, PUNT, GERLACH and CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1374**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators TILGHMAN, CONTI and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1375**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, for operation and maintenance expenses and for research.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators GERLACH, TILGHMAN and CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1376**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators HOLL, TILGHMAN, BODACK, CONTI, GERLACH and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1377**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators WENGER, TILGHMAN, CONTI and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1378**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Lancaster Cleft Palate for outpatient-inpatient treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators TILGHMAN, BODACK, CONTI, KUKOVICH and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1379**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Pittsburgh Cleft Palate for outpatient-inpatient treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators THOMPSON, TILGHMAN, GERLACH, CONTI and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1380**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Burn Foundation, Philadelphia for outpatient and inpatient treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators PUNT, TILGHMAN, GERLACH and CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1381**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to The Children's Institute, Pittsburgh for treatment and rehabilitation of certain persons with disabling diseases.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators HOLL, TILGHMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1382**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for comprehensive patient care and general maintenance and operation of the hospital.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators CORMAN, TILGHMAN, CONTI, KUKOVICH, GERLACH and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1383**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Beacon Lodge Camp.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators TILGHMAN, KUKOVICH, CONTI, BODACK and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1384**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh for operations and maintenance expenses and the purchase of apparatus, supplies and equipment.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators DENT, TILGHMAN, CONTI, THOMPSON, GERLACH and CORMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1385**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators CONTI, TILGHMAN, THOMPSON and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1386**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators GERLACH, TILGHMAN and CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1387**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators TILGHMAN, MELLOW, CONTI and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1388**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators CONTI, TILGHMAN, THOMPSON and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1389**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators PICCOLA, TILGHMAN, PUNT, WENGER, GERLACH, CONTI, CORMAN and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 1390**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

Senators TILGHMAN, BODACK, CONTI and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SB 1391**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2000.

March 20, 2000

Senators SALVATORE, LOEPER, JUBELIRER, TILGHMAN, WAUGH, RHOADES, LEMMOND, THOMPSON, DENT, HOLL, WENGER, BRIGHTBILL, ROBBINS, WAGNER and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 2**, entitled:

An Act providing a State rebate to homeowners and for the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue and local assessors; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2000.

Senators HART, WOZNIAK, TILGHMAN, LOEPER, JUBELIRER, CONTI, COSTA, CORMAN, HELFRICK, DENT, LEMMOND, MUSTO, WAGNER, EARLL, WHITE, THOMPSON, HOLL, WAUGH, ARMSTRONG, KUKOVICH, GERLACH, MADIGAN, PICCOLA, LAVALLE, SLOCUM, SALVATORE, WENGER, MOWERY, ROBBINS, RHOADES, STOUT, SCHWARTZ, BELL, O'PAKE, MURPHY, MELLOW, TOMLINSON, KASUNIC, BRIGHTBILL, GREENLEAF, PUNT and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 6**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exemptions from and for the rate of inheritance taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2000.

Senators EARLL, TARTAGLIONE, ARMSTRONG, CONTI, HELFRICK, CORMAN, SCHWARTZ, ROBBINS, WAGNER, BODACK, MOWERY, BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, PUNT, COSTA, DENT, SALVATORE, GERLACH, SLOCUM, STOUT, HOLL, THOMPSON, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, TILGHMAN, TOMLINSON, WENGER, WAUGH, LOEPER, BELL, WHITE, RHOADES, MELLOW, KASUNIC and MADIGAN presented to the Chair **SB 1350**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2) entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, expanding eligibility for special poverty provisions for personal income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2000.

Senator TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1352**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, March 20, 2000.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 20, 2000

Senators BOSCOLA, DENT, COSTA, WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWARTZ, BELAN, MELLOW, BODACK and STOUT presented to the Chair SR 147, entitled:

A Resolution condemning The Benetton Group, for its "We, On Death Row" advertising campaign that prominently features death row inmates as a way of calling attention to its line of clothing and increasing profits without regard to the pain and distress caused to the families of those innocent people who were killed by these convicted murderers.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2000.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ANNUAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Health
Post Office Box 90
Harrisburg, PA 17108

March 15, 2000

The Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer
President Pro Tempore, Senate
Room 292 Capitol Building
Senate Box 203030
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-3030

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

I am pleased to submit the Department of Health's annual Quality Assurance Report covering the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. I hope you find it informative.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deborah Griffiths, Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, at 783-3985.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. ZIMMERMAN, JR.
Secretary

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

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM REPORTS**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Health
Post Office Box 90
Harrisburg, PA 17108

March 15, 2000

The Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer
President Pro Tempore, Senate
Room 292 Capitol Building
Senate Box 203030
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-3030

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

I am pleased to submit the Pennsylvania State Plan for Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Dependence Programs for state fiscal year 1999/2000, and the Annual Report covering the period July 1998 through June 1999, required by the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act (71 P.S. sections 1690.101-1690.114). Also included is the Women and Children's Report, required by Act 65 of 1993. I hope you find the reports informative.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deborah Griffiths, Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, at 783-3985.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. ZIMMERMAN, JR.
Secretary

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

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mark S. Schweiker) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

HB 950 and HB 2020.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Belan, Senator Schwartz, and Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests legislative leaves for Senator Belan, Senator Schwartz, and Senator Williams. Without objection, those leaves are granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**RECESS ADJOURNMENT**

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

In the Senate, March 20, 2000

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, April 10, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, April 10, 2000, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-50

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Mellow	Stout
Belan	Hart	Mowery	Tartaglione
Bell	Helfrick	Murphy	Thompson
Bodack	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	La Valle	Salvatore	Williams
Earll	Lemmond	Schwartz	Wozniak
Fumo	Loeper	Slocum	
Gerlach	Madigan	Stapleton	

NAY-0

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID J. BRIGHTBILL
AND SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator O'Pake and myself, I would like to introduce the members of the Wyomissing Area High School Girls' Varsity Cross-Country Team. These young people were the 1999 PIAA Class AA Cross-Country State Champions. They were undefeated in regular season play with 16 wins, and the team captured the first State title in women's sports in the history of Wyomissing Area High School. They are only the second team in the school's history to win a PIAA title. Additionally, the team soundly defeated its opponents to win the Berks County Championship title and the PIAA District III Championship.

Tim Hetrich is the head coach of the Spartans, and his staff consists of five assistants and four managers. I would ask the Senate to extend a warm welcome to the members of the Wyomissing Area High School Girls' Cross-Country Team.

The PRESIDENT. Would the cross-country champs please stand so the Senate may acknowledge your presence.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. I think Senator O'Pake would like to conclude this recognition with some remarks.

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I represent a part of the Wyomissing Area School District, and we are very, very proud of what these young ladies have done. Wyomissing is outstanding not only for its academic superiority, but also now for its athletic excellence.

The last team to win a State championship from Wyomissing was the 1994 Boys' Soccer Team. I have that soccer ball down in my office, and if the girls would like to see it, I certainly invite them.

Congratulations. We are proud of you. You are fine young ladies.

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to begin immediately in the first floor caucus room, with an expectation of returning to the floor at approximately 3:45 p.m.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, likewise, I ask the Members of the Senate Democratic Caucus to report immediately to the caucus room at the rear of the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, with the intention of returning at approximately 3:45 p.m., this Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**BILL AMENDED AND OVER IN ORDER
TEMPORARILY**

SB 7 (Pr. No. 1709) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator TILGHMAN, on behalf of himself and Senators TOMLINSON and BOSCOLA, offered the following amendment No. A0920:

Amend Title, page 1, line 1, by removing the period after "companies" and inserting: and volunteer ambulance services; making appropriations; and making a repeal.

Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 3 and 4:

CHAPTER 1

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 4, by striking out "1" and inserting: 101

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "Company": and Volunteer Ambulance Service

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, line 7, by striking out "2" and inserting: 102

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, by inserting between lines 10 and 11: "Advanced life support services." The term shall have the meaning given to it in the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L. 164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act.

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, by inserting between lines 11 and 12: "Basic life support services." The term shall have the meaning given to it in the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act.

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, by inserting between lines 12 and 13: "Facility." A structure or portion thereof intended for the purpose of storage or protection of firefighting apparatus, ambulances and rescue vehicles and related equipment and gear. The term does not include meeting halls, social halls, social rooms, lounges or any other facility not directly related to firefighting or the furnishing of ambulance or rescue services.

Amend Sec. 2, page 1, line 14, by striking out "section 3" and inserting: Chapter 3 or the Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program established in Chapter 5.

"Invalid coach." The term shall have the meaning given to it in the act of July 3, 1985 (P.L.164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act.

"Volunteer ambulance service." Any nonprofit chartered corporation, association or organization located in this Commonwealth, not associated or affiliated with any volunteer fire company or hospital and which is regularly engaged in the provision of emergency medical services, including basic life support or advanced life support services and the transportation of patients. The term shall not include any corporation, association or organization that is primarily engaged in the operation of invalid coaches which are intended for the routine transport of persons who are convalescent or otherwise nonambulatory and do not ordinarily require emergency medical treatment while in transit.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 7 and 8, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

CHAPTER 3

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY GRANT PROGRAM

Section 301. Establishment.

The Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

Section 302. Guidelines and procedures.

The agency shall develop

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 19, by striking out "45" and inserting: 30

Amend Sec. 3, page 2, line 20, by striking out "section" and inserting: act

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, line 21, by striking out "4" and inserting: 303

Amend Sec. 4, page 2, line 26, by striking out "primary structure" and inserting: facility

Amend Sec. 4, page 3, line 4, by striking out "Grants" and inserting: Except as provided in paragraph (3), grants

Amend Sec. 4, page 3, line 8, by striking out "by the General Assembly." and inserting: in section 701.

(3) In a municipality where there are two or more volunteer fire companies and if two or more fire companies consolidated their use of equipment, firefighters and services between July 1, 1998, and the date of enactment of this act, each entity from which the consolidated entity was created will be eligible for a grant as though it had not consolidated.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 9 through 17, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

(c) Time for filing application and department action.—

(1) The agency shall provide applications for grants under this act to the fire chief and president of every volunteer fire company in this Commonwealth on or before June 15, 2000.

(2) Volunteer fire companies seeking grants under this act shall submit completed applications to the agency on or before August 1, 2000. The agency shall act to approve or disapprove the application by September 15, 2000. Applications which have not been approved or disapproved by the agency by September 15, 2000, shall be deemed approved.

(3) Applications submitted after the August 1, 2000, deadline shall be accepted by the agency and grants may be awarded, at the

discretion of the agency, from the reserve fund set aside under section 304.

(d) Eligibility.—To receive grant funds under this act, a volunteer fire company shall have actively responded to one or more fire emergencies since July 1, 1999.

Section 304. Reserve funds.

(1) The agency shall reserve an amount not to exceed 3% of the funds appropriated in section 701 for the grant program established under this chapter for the purposes of awarding grants to volunteer fire companies that submit applications after August 1, 2000, that would have otherwise been eligible for and been awarded a grant under the grant program. All funds so reserved shall be subject to the provisions of section 704 relating to the lapsing of funds.

(2) No volunteer fire company may receive a grant from reserve funds in an amount greater than the amount that it would have received had it applied in a timely manner.

Section 305. Consolidation incentive.

If, after the effective date of this act, two or more volunteer fire companies consolidate their use of facilities, equipment, firefighters and services, the consolidated entity may, upon notification of the agency, be eligible for a reduction of the interest rate payable on any outstanding principal balance owed, as of the date of consolidation, by any or all of the consolidating companies to the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund for loans made under the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act. The reduction in the interest rate payable shall be from 2% to 1%. Upon receipt of such notification, the agency, in conjunction with the State Fire Commissioner, shall determine and verify that the consolidated entity is in fact a bona fide consolidated volunteer fire company. If the agency determines that the consolidated entity is a bona fide consolidated volunteer fire company, it shall reduce the interest rate payable on any outstanding principal balance owed to the Volunteer Companies Loan Fund for loans made under the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act, for which the consolidating companies or the consolidated entity may be individually or jointly responsible. The agency may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

CHAPTER 5

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM

Section 501. Establishment.

The Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program is hereby established and shall be administered by the agency. Grants provided under this program shall be used to improve and enhance the capabilities of the volunteer ambulance services to provide ambulance, emergency medical, basic life support and advanced life support services.

Section 502. Guidelines and procedures.

The agency shall develop guidelines, procedures and all applications necessary to implement the grant program. The agency shall submit the guidelines, procedures and applications to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and Pennsylvania Code within 30 days of the effective date of this act.

Section 503. Award of grants.

(a) Authorization.—The agency is hereby authorized to make a one-time grant award to an eligible volunteer ambulance service for the following:

(1) Construction and/or renovation of the volunteer ambulance service's facility and purchase or repair of fixtures and furnishings necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the ambulance service to provide ambulance, emergency medical, basic life support and advanced life support services.

(2) Repair of ambulance equipment or purchase thereof.

(3) Debt reduction associated with paragraph (1) or (2).

(b) Limits.—

(1) Grants shall be not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$10,000 per volunteer ambulance service.

(2) Grants shall be awarded on a prorata basis if the total dollar amount of approved applications exceeds the amount of funds in section 702.

(c) Time for filing application and department action.—

(1) The agency shall provide applications for grants under this act to the president of every volunteer ambulance service in this Commonwealth on or before June 15, 2000.

(2) Volunteer ambulance services seeking grants under this chapter shall submit completed applications to the agency on or before August 1, 2000. The agency shall act to approve or disapprove the application by September 15, 2000. Applications which have not been approved or disapproved by the agency by September 15, 2000, shall be deemed approved.

(3) Applications submitted after the August 1, 2000, deadline shall be accepted by the agency and grants may be awarded, at the discretion of the agency, from the reserve fund set aside under section 504.

Section 504. Reserve funds.

(1) The agency shall reserve an amount not to exceed 3% of the funds appropriated in section 702 for the grant program established under this chapter for the purposes of awarding grants to volunteer ambulance services that submit applications after August 1, 2000, that would have otherwise been eligible for and been awarded a grant under the grant program. All funds so reserved shall be subject to the provisions of section 704 relating to the lapsing of funds.

(2) No volunteer ambulance service may receive a grant from reserve funds in an amount greater than the amount that it would have received had it applied in a timely manner.

CHAPTER 7 APPROPRIATIONS

Section 701. Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program.

The sum of \$22,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, for the purpose of making grants to eligible volunteer fire companies pursuant to Chapter 3.

Section 702. Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program.

The sum of \$3,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, for the purpose of making grants to eligible volunteer ambulance services pursuant to Chapter 5.

Section 703. Restriction.

No moneys from the appropriations authorized in this chapter shall be used for expenses or costs incurred by the agency for the administration of the grant programs authorized under Chapters 3 and 5.

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 18, by striking out "5" and inserting: 704

Amend Sec. 5, page 3, line 19, by inserting after "funds": appropriated under this chapter

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 20 and 21:

CHAPTER 9

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Amend Sec. 6, page 3, lines 21 and 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 901. Expiration of authority.

The authority of the agency to award grants under Chapters 3 and 5 of this act shall expire on June 30, 2001.

Section 902. Repeal.

The appropriation in section 225 of the act of _____, 2000, (P.L. _____, No. _____), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2000, to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for grants to fire companies is hereby repealed.

Amend Sec. 7, page 3, line 23, by striking out "7" and inserting: 903

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

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

Senator MUSTO. Mr. President, may we go over Senate Bill No. 7 temporarily?

The PRESIDENT. At the request of Senator Musto, the bill, as amended, will go over in its order temporarily.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 146 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 712 (Pr. No. 1654) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 2, 1945 (P.L. 382, No. 164), entitled Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, further providing for the purposes and powers of an authority.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator PICCOLA offered the following amendment No. A0793:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 4), page 7, line 12, by inserting after "land": which, in the case of an Authority incorporated or joined by a county or counties, are located either within or outside the boundaries of the county or counties and, in the case of all other Authorities, are

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 4), page 7, line 13, by inserting after "municipalities": , other than counties.

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 1023 (Pr. No. 1222) -- 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 reviewing advertising or bidding requirements.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

AMENDMENT OFFERED

Senator ARMSTRONG offered the following amendment No. A0979:

Amend Title, page 1, line 5, by removing the period after "requirements" and inserting: ; and providing for advertisement for bids on public contracts on the Internet.

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 3102.1. Internet Advertising.—(a) Any legal requirement that a township advertises for bids on a contract of any kind may be satisfied by placement of the advertisement on the Internet in compliance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Community and Economic Development in lieu of placing the advertisement in a newspaper.

(b) The Department of Community and Economic Development shall promulgate regulations to facilitate implementation and proof of publication of Internet advertisement under subsection (a) within three months of the effective date of this subsection. The regulations shall not be subject to the requirements of the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L. 633, No. 181), known as the "Regulatory Review Act."

Amend Sec. 2, page 3, line 11, by striking out "2" and inserting:

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On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, we did not have this amendment in our caucus. May we be at ease?

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

(The Senate was at ease.)

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

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

Senator ARMSTRONG. Mr. President, I will withdraw my amendment until tomorrow, and I will probably reintroduce it tomorrow.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Armstrong withdraws his amendment.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Loeper.

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, then I request that Senate Bill No. 1023 go over in its order.

The PRESIDENT. Senate Bill No. 1023 will go over in its order.

BILL AMENDED AND OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

SB 1032 (Pr. No. 1473) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, relating to residential real estate transfers, providing for disclosures by sellers of residential real estate and for home inspections; and making a repeal.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator MELLOW offered the following amendment No. A0661:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7305), page 8, line 5, by striking out "ordinary" and inserting: first class

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Fumo, Senator Kitchen, and Senator Tartaglione.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, may we go over Senate Bill No. 1032 temporarily.

The PRESIDENT. The bill, as amended, will go over temporarily.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1223 — Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL AMENDED

HB 1717 (Pr. No. 2888) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the duration and amendment of protective orders and approved consent agreements.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BRIGHTBILL offered the following amendment No. A0658:

Amend Title, page 1, lines 2 and 3, by striking out "and amendment"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 6108), page 1, line 14, by striking out "36" and inserting: 18

Amend Sec. 2, page 2, line 17, by striking out "in 60 days" and inserting: immediately

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

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

YEA-34

Armstrong	Jubelir	Murphy	Tartaglione
Belan	Kasunic	Musto	Thompson
Boscola	Kitchen	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Brightbill	Kukovich	Rhoades	Wenger
Earll	La Valle	Robbins	White
Fumo	Lemmond	Salvatore	Williams
Helfrick	Loeper	Slocum	Wozniak
Holl	Madigan	Stapleton	
Hughes	Mellow	Stout	

NAY-15

Bell	Dent	Mowery	Tilghman
Conti	Gerlach	Piccola	Wagner
Corman	Greenleaf	Punt	Waugh
Costa	Hart	Schwartz	

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

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

SB 1032 CALLED UP

SB 1032 (Pr. No. 1473) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, as amended, was called up, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator LOEPER.

BILL AMENDED

SB 1032 (Pr. No. 1473) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, relating to residential real estate transfers; providing for disclosures by sellers of residential real estate and for home inspections; and making a repeal.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

Senator GREENLEAF offered the following amendment No. A0861:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7303), page 6, line 17, by striking out "in the form required by" and inserting: which satisfies the requirements of

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7304), page 6, lines 24 through 26, by striking out "The disclosures required by this chapter" in line 24 and all of lines 25 and 26 and inserting: A form of property disclosure statement that satisfies the requirements of this chapter shall be promulgated by

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7304), page 6, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "including in a property disclosure statement" and inserting: using a form of property disclosure statement that contains

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7304), page 7, line 2, by striking out "A" and inserting: The

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7304), page 7, line 30; page 8, line 1, by striking out "continue to be used by sellers." and inserting: be deemed to be the form contemplated under subsection (b).

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7313), page 11, line 2, by striking out "prescribed" and inserting: promulgated

Amend Chapter Analysis, page 12, line 22, by striking out "Prohibited acts by home inspectors." and inserting: Consumer remedies.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7502), page 13, line 30, by striking out "operated on a not-for-profit basis and is"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7502), page 14, lines 4 and 5, by striking out "has performed or participated in more than 100 home inspections and"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7503), page 14, line 25, by striking out "from performing" and inserting: to perform

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7503), page 15, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

(4) Affect the obligations or immunities of a person certified under the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), known as the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, when the person is acting pursuant to the person's license.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 15, line 30, by striking out "Prohibited acts by home inspectors." and inserting:
Consumer remedies.

(a) General rule.—The performance of a home inspection is a service that is subject to the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 16, line 1, by striking out "(a) General rule." and inserting: (b) Prohibited acts.

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 16, lines 6 and 7, by striking out "the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as"

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 17, line 10, by striking out "(b)" and inserting: (c)

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 17, line 11, by striking out "this section" and inserting: subsection (b)

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 17, line 14, by striking out "(c)" and inserting: (d)

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7505), page 17, line 17, by striking out "(a)(1)" and inserting: (b)(1)

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 7508), page 19, by inserting between lines 29 and 30: "This home inspection report is not to be construed as an appraisal and may not be used as such for any purpose."

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR MELISSA A. HART
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Hart.

Senator HART. Mr. President, it is an honor for me today to have three officials from back home visiting Harrisburg. We have been working together with them for several years on a project, and they came today from the North Hills area of Allegheny County. We have with us today the township manager for the township of Hampton in Allegheny County, Mr. Chris Lochner, and the president of the council for the township of Hampton, also an attorney in Pittsburgh, Mr. Dick Dunlap. And also joining us is our now not as newly-elected but newly-elected county councilman for northern Allegheny County in our brand-new county council that this body aided in giving us, Attorney Tom Shumaker, who is from Pine Township in Allegheny County.

I would like my colleagues in the Senate to welcome them.

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

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you for your interest and presence.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

SB 7 CALLED UP

SB 7 (Pr. No. 1709) — Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, as amended, was called up, from page 1 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator LOEPER.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 7 (Pr. No. 1709) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer fire companies.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration, as amended?

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I request that Senate Bill No. 7 go over in its order, as amended.

The PRESIDENT. The bill will go over, as amended.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1 (Pr. No. 1728) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and for the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, for certain institutions and organizations, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth 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.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet imminently in the Rules room today to consider Senate Bills No. 1173, 1200,

1202, House Bill No. 1099, Senate Resolutions No. 136, 139, and certain nominations.

RECESS

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, at this time I request a very brief recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to take place immediately in the Rules room at the rear of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to begin immediately following this announcement, this Senate stands in brief recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

February 22, 2000

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, Herman Silverman, 4560 Old Easton Road, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2002 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joan M. Kaplan, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

March 6, 2000

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 L. Strite, 7 Meadow Drive, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Ellen Houseal, Mechanicsburg, 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 PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 172 (Pr. No. 1799) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for neglect of care-dependent person; further providing for advance directives for health care; providing for out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate orders; granting powers to and imposing duties upon the Department of Health; imposing penalties; adding provisions relating to health care agents and representatives; and making editorial changes.

SB 552 (Pr. No. 1548) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 10, 1990 (P.L.404, No.98), entitled Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act, further providing for certification renewal.

SB 1101 (Pr. No. 1341) (Rereported)

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.

SB 1352 (Pr. No. 1797)

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.

SB 1353 (Pr. No. 1754)

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.

SB 1354 (Pr. No. 1755)

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.

SB 1355 (Pr. No. 1756)

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, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

SB 1356 (Pr. No. 1757)

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, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

SB 1357 (Pr. No. 1758)

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.

SB 1358 (Pr. No. 1759)

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, 2000, to June 30, 2001, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

SB 1359 (Pr. No. 1760)

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

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

SB 1173 (Pr. No. 1560) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of attempted homicide by discharge of a firearm into an occupied building.

SB 1200 (Pr. No. 1803) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled Tax Reform Code of 1971, making permanent the provisions for the calculation of the manufacturing, processing, research and development exemptions.

SB 1202 (Pr. No. 1521) (Rereported)

An Act repealing acts relating to enrollment taxes.

HB 1099 (Pr. No. 3222) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act directing the Department of Aging to conduct a study of area agencies on aging concerning waiting lists for persons in need of home and community-based long-term care services.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 136 (Pr. No. 1694)

A Resolution designating April 4, 2000, as "Human Family Day" in Pennsylvania.

SR 139 (Pr. No. 1698)

A Resolution designating April 2 through 8, 2000, as "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. The resolutions will be placed on the Calendar.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED**BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

HB 28 and HB 96 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 295 (Pr. No. 317) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the regulation of home improvement contracts and for registration of certain home improvement contractors; prohibiting certain acts; prescribing requirements for home improvement contracts; establishing the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund; and providing for claims against the fund and for the offense of home improvement fraud.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

HB 368 (Pr. No. 3122) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 54 (Names) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for change by order of court.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator LOEPER, on behalf of himself and Senator KUKOVICH, offered the following amendment No. A0945:

Amend Title, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Statutes,": delaying the date of a decennial filing relating to names; and

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, lines 5 and 6, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Sections 321, 501(a), 503, 504, 702(b)(5), 1314 and 1515 of Title 54 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 321. Decennial filings required.

(a) General rule.—Every registrant of a fictitious name registered under this chapter shall [decennially], during the year [2000] 2002 and each year thereafter divisible by ten, file in the department a report, which shall be executed in the same manner as an application for amendment of fictitious name registration, and shall set forth:

(1) The fictitious name as theretofore registered.

(2) An identification of the last preceding filing in the department with respect to the fictitious name.

(3) A statement that the business or activity set forth of record continues to be carried on, under or through the fictitious name or that the parties desire that the registration of the fictitious name be continued in effect.

(4) Such other information necessary to the administration of this chapter as the department may specify by regulation.

(b) Requirement satisfied by other filings.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a registrant which during the preceding ten years has made any filing with the department under this chapter [other than a report required by subsection (a)].

(c) Effect of failure to make [decennial] filings.—On January 1 of the year following the year during which a report is required to be filed under subsection (a), every fictitious name with respect to which no such report has been filed during the immediately preceding year shall be deemed to be no longer registered under this chapter. Such registration may thereafter be restored only by the filing under this chapter of an original application for registration of fictitious name.

(d) Cross reference.—See 15 Pa.C.S. § 134 (relating to docketing statement).

§ 501. Register established.

(a) General rule.—A register is established by this chapter which shall consist of such of the following names as are not deleted therefrom by operation of section 504 (relating to effect of failure to make [decennial] filings) or 506 (relating to voluntary termination of registration by corporations and other associations):

(1) A name registered prior to February 13, 1973 under the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.246, No.160), relating to registration of certain names.

(2) A name registered under section 502 (relating to certain additions to register).

(3) In the case of a domestic or qualified foreign corporation, a name rendered unavailable for corporate use by other corporations by reason of any filing in the department by such domestic or qualified foreign corporation.

(4) A name registered under 15 Pa.C.S. § 4131 (relating to registration of name) or any similar provision of law.

(5) In the case of a business trust which exists subject to 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 95 (relating to business trusts), the name of the trust as set forth in the instrument filed in the department under 15 Pa.C.S. § 9503 (relating to documentation of trust).

(6) In the case of a limited partnership or limited liability company subject to 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 85 (relating to limited partnerships) or 89 (relating to limited liability companies), the name of the partnership or company as set forth in the certificate of limited partnership, certificate of organization or application for registration as a foreign limited partnership or foreign limited liability company, as the case may be.

(7) In the case of a business trust which exists subject to 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 95 (relating to business trusts), the name of the trust as set forth in the instrument filed in the department under 15 Pa.C.S. § 9503 (relating to documentation of trust), or in the application for registration filed pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 9507 (relating to foreign business trusts).

(8) In the case of a registered limited liability partnership subject to 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 82 (relating to registered limited liability partnerships) that is not also a limited partnership, the name of the partnership as set forth in the statement of registration or application for registration as a foreign registered limited liability partnership.

§ 503. Decennial filings required.

(a) General rule.—Every corporation or other association whose name is registered under this chapter shall [decennially], during the year [2000] 2002 and each year thereafter divisible by ten, file in the department a report, which shall be executed by the corporation or other association, and shall set forth:

(1) The name of the corporation or other association.

(2) The address, including street and number, if any, of its registered or other office.

(3) A statement that the corporation or other association continues to exist.

(4) Such other information necessary to the administration of this chapter as the department may specify by regulation.

(b) Exceptions.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to:

(1) a corporation or other association which during the preceding ten years has made any filing in the department, a permanent record of which is retained by the department[, other than a report required by subsection (a)]; or

(2) a corporation whose name is registered pursuant to section 501(a)(4) (relating to register established).

(c) Cross reference.—See 15 Pa.C.S. § 134 (relating to docketing statement).

§ 504. Effect of failure to make [decennial] filings.

On January 1 of the year following the year during which a report is required to be filed under section 503 (relating to decennial filings required), the name of every corporation and association which has failed to comply with such section shall no longer be deemed to be registered under this chapter.

Amend Sec. 1, page 2, by inserting between lines 9 and 10:

§ 1314. Decennial filings required.

(a) General rule.—Every registrant of any insignia registered under this chapter shall [decennially], during the year [2000] 2002 and each year thereafter divisible by ten, file in the department a report, which shall set forth:

(1) The name of the organization and its address, including street and number, if any.

(2) An identification of the last preceding filing in the department with respect to the insignia.

(3) A statement that the insignia shall continue to be registered in the department.

(4) Such other information necessary to the administration of this chapter as the department may specify by regulation.

(b) Requirement satisfied by other filings.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a registrant which during the preceding ten years has made any filing with the department under this chapter [other than a report required by subsection (a)].

(c) Effect of failure to make [decennial] filings.—On January 1 of the year following the year during which a report is required to be filed under subsection (a), every insignia theretofore registered under this chapter with respect to which no such report has been filed during the immediately preceding year shall cease to be registered under this chapter. Such registration may thereafter be restored only by the filing under this chapter of an original application for registration of the insignia.

(d) Cross reference.—See 15 Pa.C.S. § 134 (relating to docketing statement).

§ 1515. Decennial filings required.

(a) General rule.—Every registrant of a mark registered under this chapter shall [decennially], during the year [2000] 2002 and each year thereafter divisible by ten, file in the department a report, which shall set forth:

(1) The name and address, including street and number, if any, of the registrant.

(2) An identification of the last preceding filing in the department with respect to the mark.

(3) A statement that the mark continues to be used in connection with the articles or supplies specified in the registration.

(4) Such other information necessary to the administration of this chapter as the department may specify by regulation.

(b) Requirement satisfied by other filings.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a registrant which during the preceding ten years has made any filing with the department under this chapter [other than a report required by subsection (a)].

(c) Effect of failure to make [decennial] filings.—On January 1 of the year following the year during which a report is required to be filed under subsection (a), every mark theretofore registered under this chapter with respect to which no such report has been filed during the immediately preceding year shall cease to be registered under this chapter. Such registration may thereafter be restored only by the filing under this chapter of an original application for registration of the mark.

(d) Cross reference.—See 15 Pa.C.S. § 134 (relating to docketing statement).

Amend Sec. 2, page 2, line 10, by striking out "in 60 days." and inserting: as follows:

(1) The amendment of 54 Pa.C.S. § 702(b)(5) shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

Senator MELLOW offered the following amendment No. A0963:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 702), page 2, line 8, by striking out "WHO IS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE" and inserting: whose name is being changed pursuant to section 703 (relating to effect on children)

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 506 and SB 565 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 688 (Pr. No. 1742) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring telecommunications carriers to change a subscriber's carrier selection for local service and regional and long distance toll service in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's verification procedures; and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

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

HB 728 (Pr. No. 3092) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act encouraging State agencies to locate facilities in a downtown area; and providing for report to General Assembly.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 945 and HB 1087 — Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1117 (Pr. No. 1740) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, clarifying provisions for repeat offenders; exempting certain military personnel from license requirements; and further providing for issuing agents.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1162 — Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1219 (Pr. No. 1542) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), entitled Cosmetology Law, further providing for the management of cosmetology shops.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION REVERTED
TO PRIOR PRINTER'S No., REREFERRED

SB 1244 (Pr. No. 1739) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), entitled, as reenacted and amended, Workers' Compensation Act, providing for payments of benefits to certain claimants who are not covered by the Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund; establishing rights and obligations of the Department of Labor and Industry relating to such payments; and providing for restriction on the amount of such benefits that may be paid.

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

MOTION TO REVERT TO PRIOR PRINTER'S No.

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

Senator KUKOVICH. Mr. President, Senator Armstrong and I have been working on Senate Bill No. 1244, and an amendment was made in committee which had been agreed to, but

later we found out that there was a problem with the language. So I would like to move to revert to prior Printer's No. 1592.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kukovich moves to revert to prior Printer's No. 1592 on Senate Bill No. 1244.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate now has before it Senate Bill No. 1244, Printer's No. 1592.

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

Senator LOEPER. Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1244, Prior Printer's No. 1592, be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The PRESIDENT. Senate Bill No. 1244, Printer's No. 1592, will be rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1259 — Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1295 (Pr. No. 1744) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of December 5, 1933 (Sp.Sess., P.L.38, No.6), entitled Spirituous and Vinous Liquor Tax Law.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1316 (Pr. No. 1727) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), entitled The Third Class City Code, further providing for residency requirements for vacancy appointments.

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

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 1356 (Pr. No. 3120) — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unlawful taking or possession of game or wildlife, for certain mandatory hunter education requirements and for the issuance of various licenses and disabled person permits.

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

HB 1370 (Pr. No. 3118) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 1, 1937 (P.L.2532, No.470), known as the Workers' Compensation Security Fund Act, further providing for contributions, for regulations and for custody and management of fund.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1443 and HB 1588 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator LOEPER.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 1601 (Pr. No. 2030) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 14, 1952 (1951 P.L.1898, No.522), known as the Funeral Director Law, further providing for licenses.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 132, ADOPTED

Senator LOEPER called up from page 6 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 132**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of feasibility of municipalities adopting and implementing ordinances to identify high-rise buildings, college dormitories and other buildings of public access housing individuals that lack fire protection systems, to require the installation of such systems, and to make a report to the Senate.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, this is really an important resolution we are about to vote on. I have been involved with this issue for a couple of years now. It started in 1989 when a high-rise fire at the Hotel Bethlehem in my district killed five

people. That is what sparked my attention. Eleven years later, all we have to do is look at today's headlines to see why we should pass this resolution today. The fire at Bloomsburg University comes 2 months after a fire occurred in a dormitory at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. In both cases, three college students died. Just like the fraternity house at Bloomsburg University, the dormitory at Seton Hall was equipped with smoke alarms, but had no fire sprinkler system.

Mr. President, all these tragedies confirm what firefighters already know: sprinklers save lives. Automatic sprinkler systems are the most effective means of extinguishing fires in college dormitories and high-rise buildings. So why did we not require high-rise buildings to be retrofitted with sprinkler systems when we passed Pennsylvania's new Uniform Construction Code last year? The answer is, we could have. We could have passed an unfunded mandate bill to require all existing high-rise buildings to be retrofitted with sprinkler systems, but passing such a bill would not have made it any easier for dorms and high-rises to be retrofitted, not because I do not think it is the right thing to do, not at all, but it is because we all recognize that the costs associated with installing sprinklers could be an enormous stumbling block. That is why Senator Waugh and I have introduced this resolution and why I hope we can vote "yes" today and not wait for another deadly fire to occur.

Mr. President, what has been so frustrating to me in dealing with this issue is that everyone, everyone out there agrees that fire sprinkler systems are the most effective way to extinguish fires and to protect lives. But, that being said, everyone is also concerned about what it will cost. So let us find out. Let us find out for sure before another fire happens in some high-rise building or another dormitory starts to burn and another college student dies.

For the record, I would like to say that the Hotel Bethlehem did install sprinklers following that fire in 1989 at a cost of \$250,000. And I am proud that Northampton County Community College in my district is now moving forward with plans to install sprinkler systems in all living quarters on campus at a cost of \$180,000. I commend Northampton County Community College for being proactive and putting sprinklers in place throughout the residence hall and in all on-campus apartments. I am sure this extra measure of fire protection will ease the concerns of parents and all of those who know what a shame it was to lose such young people.

Finally, Mr. President, once the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the State Fire Commissioner have completed their study, we will have a better idea about how to address this problem. But that is not all we are going to have. Once we have the real numbers, we can then begin to prioritize our efforts and see how we at the State level can help. And once this study is complete, we will finally have the data we need to devise some creative and innovative approaches to help put sprinklers in place. Creative financing, low-interest loans, insurance and tax incentives, technical assistance programs, all these could be leveraged by the State to encourage the installation of sprinklers and help offset some of the expenses involved.

Mr. President, Senate Resolution No. 132 represents more than just another study. It is an important first step in providing

a level of fire protection that could mean the difference between life and death for my constituents and yours.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, STOUT, FUMO, MUSTO, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, BODACK, KUKOVICH, LOEPER, BRIGHTBILL, THOMPSON, COSTA, HELFRICK, WAGNER, EARLL, STAPLETON, TOMLINSON, TILGHMAN, BOSCOLA, GERLACH, KITCHEN, SALVATORE, WENGER, HOLL, WHITE, GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, BELAN, RHOADES, SCHWARTZ, SLOCUM and MOWERY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 148**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2000 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

Senators MURPHY, BELL, LEMMOND, WENGER, BRIGHTBILL, O'PAKE, HART, THOMPSON, BELAN, WHITE, EARLL, DENT, WAGNER, SCHWARTZ, COSTA and BOSCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 149**, entitled:

A Resolution designating April 6, 2000, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote.

Senators WAGNER, ROBBINS, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, STAPLETON, CONTI, COSTA, GREENLEAF, ARMSTRONG, HELFRICK, EARLL, BODACK, SCHWARTZ, STOUT, SALVATORE, TOMLINSON, THOMPSON, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, HART, RHOADES, MELLOW, WHITE, BELL, SLOCUM, LEMMOND, BELAN, BRIGHTBILL, MOWERY, LOEPER, WENGER, DENT, O'PAKE, PUNT, HUGHES, GERLACH, HOLL, WAUGH, TILGHMAN and MUSTO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 150**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, June of this year commemorates the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. America lost 54,246 lives in Korea, with 8,177 Americans still listed as missing in action. Of that, approximately 8,593 of those individuals were Pennsylvanians.

Mr. President, the purpose of the resolution is simply to offer our gratitude for the dedication offered by all of those who served during the Korean War, and to identify the many activities that will begin in May and June of this year throughout Pennsylvania, especially in western Pennsylvania.

Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fluck and to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gross by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tadarryl Jones by Senator Hart.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Andrew James Ford, Jr., by Senators Kitchen and Schwartz.

were extended to Joseph M. Havrilla and to Monte Walker by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Elizabeth Miller by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Abington Lions Club and to the Northeastern Intermediate Unit No. 19 by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John F. Slater, Jr., Shirley A. Kuchta and to Kurt Delia by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sally Starr by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jacob Adam Dylon and to the North East High School Team by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Women's Association For Women's Alternatives, Inc., of Swarthmore, by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mimi Cahill, Beefeater's of Bradford and to Minard Run Oil Company of Bradford by Senator Slocum.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mabon Reeger and to the citizens of the Borough of Leechburg by Senator Stapleton.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Guy A. Flament, Jr., by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Irving Smiler by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Beth DuPree, Kathleen Dominick and to Sandra A. Miller by Senators Tomlinson and Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jim Leisey and to Mt. Zion AME Church of Columbia by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Cambria County Conservation District by Senator Wozniak.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator WAUGH. 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 1352, SB 1353, SB 1354, SB 1355, SB 1356, SB 1357, SB 1358 and SB 1359.

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

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR
NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

March 20, 2000

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, Dina M. Lomas, 414 Kevin Drive, Bethlehem 18017, Northampton County, Sixteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2000

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 537, 594, 599, 1284, 1285 and 1335)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 2, 4, 6, 1188, 1300, 1328 and 1350)	Room 8E-A East Wing

11:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 198, 1079 and 1281)	Majority Caucus Rm.
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11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 516, 935 and 1280; and House Bill No. 308) <u>CANCELLED</u>	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2000

1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1283 providing for distribution of Commonwealth funds to local school districts based on the Fairness in Education Funding System for education)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2000

10:00 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH and PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on prescription drug costs)	Green Tree Municipal Bldg., Green Tree, Pa.
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MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing on testimony regarding Senate Bill No. 1098)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bill No. 535, 704, 1022, 1282 and 1305; and House Bill No. 1856)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000

9:30 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on the nomination of Robert K. Bloom to the Public Utility Commission)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at 11:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 5:50 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.