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SENATE

TUESDAY, January 2, 2001

The PRESIDENT. This is the constitutional day and hour for the convening of this 185th Regular Session of the General Assembly.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Mark S. Schweiker) called the Senate to order at 12 m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, The Most Reverend EDWARD P. CULLEN, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown, offered the following prayer:

Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Lord, help each of us to know that we cannot bring joy and help to public office unless we dwell with You, and that we cannot dwell with You and rejoice in You unless we accept Your call to be living signs of hope for those whom we serve.

Lord, teach us to be humble and charitable in spirit. Take from us all false confidence in our own strengths and never allow us to place our deepest hope in forms of earthly power. Fill us with a thirst for justice and a zeal for compassion.

Lord, liberate us from all personal selfishness. Set us free from those values which would have us serve only those who can repay us. Let us rejoice in serving those who have nothing to offer except their need and their dignity as human beings. Foremost, let us never forget the multitudes who are impoverished, exploited, and oppressed.

Aware of Your abiding presence, we ask You for the blessings of insight and friendship, which through service in this Senate can come into our lives. Encouraged by Your unconditional love and conscious that the future is unknown, we prayerfully seek renewed spiritual strength for every elected official in this Commonwealth. We ask this of You, Our Father, Lord of creation, and God of all. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Bishop Cullen, who is the guest today of Senator Brightbill and Senator Dent.

PRESENTATION OF ELECTION RETURNS

The PRESIDENT. As the first order of business, the Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will present the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kim Pizzigrilli.

Secretary PIZZINGRILLI. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the returns and the statement of campaign expense compliance for the offices of Attorney General, Auditor General, State Treasurer, and Senator in the General Assembly for the election held November 7, 2000.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Secretary Pizzigrilli.

ELECTION RETURNS FOR STATE TREASURER, AUDITOR GENERAL, AND ATTORNEY GENERAL LAID ON TABLE

The PRESIDENT. The returns for the election of State Treasurer, Auditor General, and Attorney General will lie on the table.

ELECTION RETURNS OF SENATORS

The PRESIDENT. The returns of the Senators will be read by the Clerk.

The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

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| THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Philadelphia | Shirley M. Kitchen (D) | 61,895 |
| FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Philadelphia | Mike Stack (D) | 46,980 |
| | Hank Salvatore (R) | 42,416 |
| SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Philadelphia | Vincent Hughes (D) | 69,777 |
| NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Delaware | Clarence D. Bell (R) | 66,345 |
| ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Berks | Michael A. O'Pake (R/D) | 81,926 |
| | Jennaro Pullano (G) | 4,405 |
| THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Lancaster | Gibson E. Armstrong (R) | 63,581 |
| | Ricci Dehl (D) | 28,964 |
| FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Dauphin | Jeffrey E. Piccola (R) | 65,718 |
| | D. Ann Smilek (D) | 31,881 |
| SEVENTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Montgomery | Richard A. Tilghman (R) | 57,664 |
| Delaware | Lynn H. Yeakel (D) | 56,892 |
| NINETEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Chester | Robert J. Thompson (R) | 70,210 |
| | Thomas J. Bosak (D) | 40,749 |

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| TWENTY-FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Venango | Mary Jo White (R) | 73,423 |
| Clarion | Vernon L. Etzel (L) | 10,405 |
| TWENTY-THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Bradford | Roger A. Madigan (R) | 67,698 |
| TWENTY-FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Jefferson | Joseph B. Scarnati, III (I) | 29,346 |
| Elk | Joseph J. Calla, Jr. (D) | 29,149 |
| Warren | Bill Slocum (R) | 28,209 |
| Warren | Alan R. Kiser (C) | 2,460 |
| TWENTY-SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Northumberland | Edward W. Helfrick (R) | 61,335 |
| TWENTY-NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Schuylkill | James J. Rhoades (R/D) | 87,397 |
| THIRTY-FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Cumberland | Harold F. Mowery, Jr. (R) | 66,112 |
| | James H. Hertzler (D) | 34,227 |
| THIRTY-THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Franklin | Terry Punt (R/D) | 92,456 |
| THIRTY-FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Cambria | John N. Wozniak (D) | 66,625 |
| | J. Anthony Connell (R) | 19,799 |
| THIRTY-SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Allegheny | Tim Murphy (R) | 73,198 |
| | Joseph Rudolph (D) | 40,661 |
| THIRTY-NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Westmoreland | Allen G. Kukovich (D) | 54,358 |
| | Gene Porterfield (R) | 40,017 |
| FORTY-FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Indiana | Don White (R) | 46,239 |
| | James McQuown (D) | 39,629 |
| FORTY-THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Allegheny | Jay Costa, Jr. (D) | 71,210 |
| FORTY-FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Allegheny | Sean F. Logan (D) | 56,775 |
| | Laurie Zacharia MacDonald (R) | 36,183 |
| FORTY-SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Beaver | Gerald J. LaValle (R/D) | 86,647 |
| FORTY-NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Erie | Jane M. Earll (R) | 53,617 |
| | John Paul Jones (D) | 39,254 |

*Party Designation - (C) Constitutional, (D) Democrat, (G) Green, (I) Independent, (L) Libertarian, (R) Republican

Whereupon, the following named persons were declared duly elected Senators in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Third District—Shirley M. Kitchen
 Fifth District—Mike Stack
 Seventh District—Vincent Hughes
 Ninth District—Clarence D. Bell
 Eleventh District—Michael A. O'Pake
 Thirteenth District—Gibson E. Armstrong

Fifteenth District—Jeffrey E. Piccola
 Seventeenth District—Richard A. Tilghman
 Nineteenth District—Robert J. Thompson
 Twenty-first District—Mary Jo White
 Twenty-third District—Roger A. Madigan
 Twenty-fifth District—Joseph B. Scarnati, III
 Twenty-seventh District—Edward W. Helfrick
 Twenty-ninth District—James J. Rhoades
 Thirty-first District—Harold F. Mowery, Jr.
 Thirty-third District—Terry Punt
 Thirty-fifth District—John N. Wozniak
 Thirty-seventh District—Tim Murphy
 Thirty-ninth District—Allen G. Kukovich
 Forty-first District—Don White
 Forty-third District—Jay Costa, Jr.
 Forty-fifth District—Sean F. Logan
 Forty-seventh District—Gerald J. LaValle
 Forty-ninth District—Jane M. Earll

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. For the record, the Chair has been informed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth that all Senators-elect have filed in her office the accounts and affidavits as required by the Act of June 3, 1937, Public Law 1333, Section 1632.

The Chair would also add, prior to Chief Justice Flaherty providing the administration of the oaths of office, the Chair requests the cooperation of the news photographers and others who would like to take pictures that during each of the actual oath-taking ceremonies there will be no picture taking. Those Senators who are sworn in are asked to please, at the conclusion of the actual administration, stay at the bar for a few minutes for the convenience of any person who would like to take pictures and at that point the rest of us will be at ease for a few minutes for the opportunity to take those photographs.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO REPUBLICAN SENATORS-ELECT

The PRESIDENT. The next order of business will be the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected Senators. It is a distinct honor and privilege to have with us today from the Supreme Court the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, the Honorable John P. Flaherty.

He has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oaths to our Senators-elect and Officers in accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania.

We will now proceed to the administration of the oath of office for the Republican Senators-elect.

For this purpose, will the Republican Senators-elect present themselves at the rostrum, and please bring with you the Bibles which have been placed on your desks.

Please rise.

I now present Chief Justice Flaherty, who will administer the oath of office to the Republican Senators-elect as soon as the Republican Members are in place. I like this problem.

Chief Justice Flaherty.

Mr. Chief Justice FLAHERTY. All right, it appears that all are ready.

Would you please place your left hand upon the Holy Writ and, raising your right hand, repeat after me:

I, (your name), do solemnly swear that I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties of the office of Senator with fidelity, so help me God.

You may lower your hands. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Our guests are encouraged to take their seats. The photographers may come forward to take pictures, and we will take a few minutes for that purpose.

The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO DEMOCRATIC SENATORS-ELECT

The PRESIDENT. It follows that the next order of business will be the administration of the oath of office to the Democratic Senators-elect by Chief Justice Flaherty. Will all of the Democratic Senators-elect present themselves at the front of the rostrum, and of course bring with you the Bibles which have been placed on your desks.

Please rise.

Mr. Chief Justice FLAHERTY. You may place your left hand on the Holy Writ, raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

I, (your name), do solemnly swear that I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties of the office of Senator with fidelity, so help me God.

You may lower your hands.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. For those who would like to take photographs, you may do so at this time.

The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

QUORUM PRESENT

The PRESIDENT. The Clerk will now call the roll to determine if a quorum is present. Will the Senators please answer "present" when your name is called. The Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Senators were present:

Second District—Christine M. Tartaglione

Third District—Shirley M. Kitchen

Fourth District—Allyson Y. Schwartz

Fifth District—Mike Stack

Seventh District—Vincent J. Hughes

Eighth District—Anthony H. Williams

Ninth District—Clarence D. Bell

Tenth District—Joe Conti

Eleventh District—Michael A. O'Pake

Twelfth District—Stewart J. Greenleaf

Thirteenth District—Gibson E. Armstrong

Fourteenth District—Raphael J. Musto

Fifteenth District—Jeffrey E. Piccola

Sixteenth District—Charles W. Dent

Seventeenth District—Richard A. Tilghman

Eighteenth District—Lisa M. Boscola

Nineteenth District—Robert J. Thompson

Twentieth District—Charles D. Lemmond

Twenty-first District—Mary Jo White

Twenty-second District—Robert J. Mellow

Twenty-third District—Roger A. Madigan

Twenty-fourth District—Edwin G. Holl

Twenty-fifth District—Joseph B. Scarnati, III

Twenty-seventh District—Edward W. Helfrick

Twenty-eighth District—Michael L. Waugh

Twenty-ninth District—James J. Rhoades

Thirtieth District—Robert C. Jubelirer

Thirty-first District—Harold F. Mowery, Jr.

Thirty-second District—Richard A. Kasunic

Thirty-third District—Terry L. Punt

Thirty-fourth District—J. Doyle Corman

Thirty-fifth District—John N. Wozniak

Thirty-sixth District—Noah W. Wenger

Thirty-seventh District—Tim Murphy

Thirty-ninth District—Allen G. Kukovich

Fortieth District—Melissa A. Hart

Forty-first District—Don White

Forty-second District—Jack Wagner

Forty-third District—Jay Costa, Jr.

Forty-fourth District—James W. Gerlach

Forty-fifth District—Sean F. Logan

Forty-sixth District—J. Barry Stout

Forty-seventh District—Gerald J. LaValle

Forty-eighth District—David J. Brightbill

Forty-ninth District—Jane M. Earll

Fiftieth District—Robert E. Robbins

The PRESIDENT. Forty-six Senators having answered to their names, a quorum is present.

How about a rousing hand for the newly elected Members of this body.

(Applause.)

I think I speak for all when I say that these moments make this assembly and this procedure certainly unforgettable, and on behalf of Governor Ridge and I think 12 million Pennsylvanians, we certainly wish you only the best in your legislative endeavors.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WELCOMED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. At this time I think it important and appropriate to acknowledge former Members and distinguished Pennsylvanians. Well, you are all distinguished Pennsylvanians, but former Members of the Senate and those also holding office in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, beginning with a former Member and now the Attorney General, Michael Fisher.

(Applause.)

Auditor General, Bob Casey.

(Applause.)

A former Senator and my predecessor, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, Mark Singel.

(Applause.)

Mayor of Philadelphia, the Honorable John Street.

(Applause.)

And seated to my left, certainly an important indication of the support that we will provide to this Senate and certainly the new Members, Governor Ridge's entire cabinet. Will you please stand.

(Applause.)

Thank you all for your interest in being here. With that, we will take up some procedural steps.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, prior to taking up the procedural steps, can we recognize Senator Bob Rovner. He and I were elected to the Senate together and sworn in January 5, 1971, 30 years this coming Friday.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Bob, for being with us today.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. Before taking up the next order of business dealing with the election of the President pro tempore and several Officers of the Senate, the Chair would like to continue the practice started a few Sessions ago, and that is if there is only one candidate for each of the many offices, the Chair will dispense with the roll call and ask for a simple voice vote on the nomination. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The next order of business before the Senate will be the election of a President pro tempore of this Senate for the 2001 Session. This is in accordance with Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

For this purpose and for the nomination, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, the opening day of each new legislative Session is traditionally a time for celebration, excitement, and festivity. As the new year begins, we gather today with family and friends to take part in swearing-in ceremonies to mark the beginning of a 23-month legislative Session.

For Senators and their families, this day is the culmination of many months of hard work, relentless campaigning, and election night jitters. It also represents an acknowledgment by a majority of voters that their prior contributions to our society have merited them the honor to sit in this Chamber as State policymakers. Now we have the opportunity and the responsibility to use our skills for the benefit of those who have elected us, joining together to solve problems and meet new challenges.

Today we take the very important step of electing a President pro tempore to lead us in the months and years ahead. This act of electing a pro tempore is critical to the success of our legislative Session. It not only helps define our goals, but puts people in place as committee chairs to achieve them. No vote is more important than this one. The President pro tempore has no easy task. It is often difficult to deal with the pressures and the con-

stant challenges that come before this body. This job requires a person who has the experience, integrity, and leadership to make difficult decisions, promote consensus and compromise, and to accomplish the necessary policy changes for the people of Pennsylvania. Having the right person at the helm is crucial to the work we do here every day on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania.

Clearly, Senator Robert C. Jubelirer is that person. He is a friend, a colleague, and someone I respect enormously for his tenacity, his energy, and his respect for and commitment to this institution and the legislative process. More than that, however, he is someone who deserves great respect for his ability to correctly interpret the will of the people and to translate that into good legislation. He is a leader who has proven his effectiveness since January 1985 as President pro tempore, the second longest tenure in the history of Pennsylvania. Bob Jubelirer was the only freshman Republican Senator elected in 1974. He achieved uphill wins by narrow margins in both the primary and general elections. His outspoken tendencies and good judgment and wide interest in issues helped mark him as leader material. Bob Jubelirer made the jump from Minority Committee Chairman to Majority Leader in 1981. He had no mentor.

Bob Jubelirer gets things done because he truly believes that public service is a privilege. He knows it is the people we serve who empower us to do their work, and that is a position he takes pride in and does unfailingly and with great enthusiasm.

Bob Jubelirer won my personal respect 19 years ago in a phone conversation that changed my life. He has never let me down. Even when we disagree, it is because of a good-faith difference in the direction of Pennsylvania's public policy. And even when he has been unable to fulfill a request, it is because his eye was focused on the larger picture, while mine was directed locally. During the past 2 months it has been my privilege to work even more closely with Senator Jubelirer. He again demonstrated his commitment to this institution. He worked to be fair in making committee assignments and striking the balance necessary to allow us all to be productive, as individuals and Members and as an institution. These qualities we have learned to expect from him. To me, though, working with this 26-year veteran of this process, I was most impressed by his level of enthusiasm, his high level of enthusiasm. After a quarter-century of service, Senator Jubelirer has that same zest for this process that one expects from those of you who were sworn in for the first time today.

It is truly my honor and privilege to nominate Senator Robert C. Jubelirer as President pro tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, I stand before you and the Members of the Senate and our guests today as the leader of the loyal opposition, and as an individual who understands exactly what the job of President pro tempore is all about. I had the opportunity for a short period of some 17 months back in the 1990s to serve as President pro tempore of the Senate. I understand, Mr. President, firsthand what an awesome responsibility it is, and how you must separate your political character from the character that you have with regard to running the operation of the Senate,

which has to be done as an individual who is interested in all 50 Members of the Senate.

Mr. President, Senator Jubelirer was unanimously elected to serve as the interim President pro tempore, he was unanimously elected to serve in the last Session that we had as President pro tempore of the Senate, and there is no question in my mind that when the roll call is taken today, once again Senator Jubelirer will be unanimously elected by the Members of this body to serve as President pro tempore. Mr. President, we do that and we do it on a bipartisan basis because of the character that is possessed by Bob Jubelirer. He is a man of high character, he is a man of extreme honesty and of extreme integrity. I admire the passion he brings to the job. He brings passion legislatively and when there are political differences, and he brings extreme passion to the job, Mr. President, as head of the institution, because there are many times when he has to change gears, he has to switch, if you will, from being Bob Jubelirer Republican to Bob Jubelirer President pro tempore, which means he must address the issues of all Members of the Senate, and he has done that, as far as I am concerned and all the Members on this side of the aisle are concerned, in a very fair and compassionate manner.

Mr. President, there is only one other individual I would rather be nominated today or accepting the nomination to serve as President pro tempore, but I admire Senator Jubelirer. I think he has done an excellent job. We have had the opportunity to work very closely together in a bipartisan manner on several legislative issues, and the agenda has been a mutual agenda, the respect is a mutual respect, and I think Bob Jubelirer is the right person at the right time because of his character, his honesty, and his integrity.

I am honored to stand here before you as the Democratic Leader of the Senate and second the nomination for my friend, Senator Robert C. Jubelirer, to serve as President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Mr. President, it is with great pride and honor that I, too, rise to second the nomination of Robert Jubelirer for the position of President pro tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania. Leading a legislative body like the Senate of Pennsylvania is a very challenging task. The Senate is made up of 50 different personalities coming from different regions of a very diverse State. Each of us has our own priorities, our own ideology, our own agenda. But Bob Jubelirer, like a great conductor of a great symphony orchestra, with baton or gavel in hand, leads us to make beautiful music in the form of good public policy. Some of us play the harmony and some of us play the melody, but together it usually sounds pretty good, editorial writers to the contrary notwithstanding. He does this by encouraging each of us to pursue what we believe is in the best interest of our constituents and in the best interest of Pennsylvania. Bob Jubelirer's leadership allows every man and woman of the Senate, and through us, in this representative democracy, every Pennsylvanian the opportunity to change the law and to make our Commonwealth a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

It is an honor to be able to second the nomination of such a leader. It is an even greater honor to be able to call him a friend.

Thank you, Mr. President.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDENT. Are there any other nominations or seconds? If not, the Chair will declare the nominations for President pro tempore of the Senate closed.

The candidate for the office of President pro tempore is the Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer of Blair County. All those in favor of the Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer for President pro tempore will please signify by saying "aye"; those opposed, "no."

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair declares Senator Robert C. Jubelirer unanimously elected President pro tempore.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. That is certainly richly deserved, and you are kind to provide that applause.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT TO THE ROSTRUM

The PRESIDENT. The Chair now takes pleasure in appointing the following committee to escort the President pro tempore-elect to the rostrum for the administration of the oath of office: the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Tilghman; the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow; and the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman. The committee will bring the good Senator to the rostrum.

(Whereupon, the President pro tempore-elect was escorted to the rostrum of the Senate.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT

The PRESIDENT. The oath of office will again be administered by Chief Justice Flaherty.

Please rise.

Mr. Chief Justice FLAHERTY. Will you place your left hand on the word of God, your right hand raised, and repeat after me:

I, Robert C. Jubelirer, do solemnly swear that I will discharge the duties of President pro tempore of the Senate and that I will, with fidelity, support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so help me God.

(Applause.)

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the President pro tempore of the Senate, Robert C. Jubelirer.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate, families and guests. I have been here before, and I have had this great honor bestowed upon me for, as Senator Brightbill said, nearly 15 years. I have never been up here at any time that I do not get goose bumps, I do not look out at this magnificent body and have many memories and a great deal of humility in what happens here.

I am so deeply honored to be here today, and particularly I think Senator Mellow and I, and his name is probably reflective of both of us these days, we both have mellowed. When we each were blessed with grandchildren, I think it changed us a little bit.

It is my pleasure today to, first of all, introduce some very special family and friends, and I would like to introduce my daughter Laurie and her husband, Chuck Langman; and of course the two--Bob, I have the microphone so I can say this--most beautiful grandchildren anywhere, Sam Langman and Rebecca Langman; my son, Jeff Jubelirer; my lifetime friend, Henry Weinberg; and a very special friend, Renee Cohn, and I would just like them all to stand because their being here makes it even more special for me.

(Applause.)

I want to welcome all of you - family, friends, public officials - who join us on this very special day. Bishop Cullen, thank you, sir, for launching this day and this legislative Session with thoughtful and very inspirational prayer.

Two years ago we stepped away from tradition and had Chief Justice Flaherty administer the oath to Members of both parties, and Mr. Chief Justice, we are so honored to have you here again this year. You honor us by your presence. We thank you for lending your prestige to this constitutionally ordained event.

Senator Brightbill, Chip; Senator Mellow, Bob; Senator Piccola, Jeff; thank you for your very generous words of nomination, and as has been set forth, your words of friendship mean so very much to me. Sitting there and listening, the challenge of living up to that is very high, and I assure you all that I will make every effort to do that, and the one thing that is clear is I have never lost my passion and my excitement for this job. There are so many rewarding aspects to Senate service, not the least of which is serving with such capable and experienced leaders who contribute so much to our deliberations and the records of results we produce.

I want to congratulate the Members who moments ago took the oath of office. For those who were reelected, it is deserved affirmation from the voters of the service and leadership you have provided. We are pleased to welcome four new Members: Sean Logan, Joe Scarnati, Mike Stack, and Don White. Each of you impressed the voters with your message and your promise, and we look forward to the perspectives and the energy that you will bring to our work. It is hard for me to believe, as I look back, that some 26 years ago I was a freshman Senator walking into this body wondering, oh, my God, I won, what do I do next? Well, you will find out quickly, and I assure you, you will make a major contribution not only to this body, but to your constituencies and to the Commonwealth in general.

There is a bittersweet aspect to this day because we say goodbye to Senator Melissa Hart, who will be part of the incoming Session of the United States Congress.

(Applause.)

That is not where you were supposed to applaud, but it is okay.

Melissa is an exceptional legislator and an unrelenting catalyst for action. The groundbreaking nature of her election was just the beginning of her impact. She changed the nature of our debates, she added to our record, she added to our accomplishment, and she made sure that we never settled into just accepting the sys-

tem. Melissa, it has been an absolute privilege serving with you these past 10 years, and we are confident you will have an impact on Congress in the years ahead.

(Applause.)

There is another individual I would like to recognize today, as I always do. He is a man whom I respect from the tip of my toes to the top of my head. It goes to an individual who sets a new record of service every time he walks into this Chamber. Senator Clarence Bell already holds the Pennsylvania record for Senate service and legislative service, but we find there is no legislator anywhere in these 50 United States with longer continuous service than Senator Clarence Bell. Yet, I do not believe that many of us could ever match the schedule he keeps. He is amazing. He just ran without opposition - no Republican opposition, no Democrat opposition. He is amazing for his unceasing commitment to the folks back home, for his attention to the details of process and policy, and for his political savvy and acumen. Clarence, I hope you will forgive me for this, but on this day of appreciation and recognition, your incredible record deserves acknowledgment and tribute by this body. Thank you.

(Applause.)

We begin this Session with a sense of optimism. We appreciate that so many are here in the Chamber, and that so many others are viewing these proceedings from elsewhere in the Capitol and across the Commonwealth. Our comeback may not be as stirring as Mario Lemieux's, but then what could be? But we, too, return to score some important goals for Pennsylvanians, and we are so grateful for your support. The challenges that Pennsylvania faces and the requests coming from communities and families are such that there is never a sense of complacency, there is never a sense that we have done all that we can do. The work of recent years has taken Pennsylvania in a positive and productive direction. From the stability in State finances, to the improved economic numbers, to the rise in public confidence, the benefits of our efforts are apparent. And this body and the House of Representatives, working with the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge, and his outstanding cabinet are certainly to be congratulated for the way in which we have all worked together for the best interest of Pennsylvania.

In recent weeks, we have seen encouraging announcements about the impact of measures we have adopted: Growing Greener, Keystone Opportunity Zones, school safety and achievement programs. We act with high hopes and good intentions, but the most important thing is that these programs and efforts are working. In many areas State funds are supporting the best of local initiatives and satisfying local priorities. The agenda contains no surprises, for it is well understood where we need to concentrate effort. In many instances, the divide is not partisan. Differences in philosophy, differences in regional perspectives can complicate solutions. The debate will frequently revolve around the degree and direction of State involvement. Ultimately, we must fit priorities into funding, combining common sense, innovation, and fiscal responsibility to accomplish the greatest good.

Certainly, there is an urgency in resolving the final questions about the distribution of the tobacco settlement moneys. Much has been decided with the money being directed solely to health care, and the broad categories of investment outlined by the Gov-

error getting wide support from the public and advocacy groups. But you see, the test comes in squeezing the maximum needs into the anticipated money, taking care that we do not set up deficits for tomorrow. Nothing has been lost in doing this right, but it is time for Pennsylvania's families and communities to start receiving the advantages of broader coverage, expanded research, and enhanced preventative care.

The events of the last few weeks have put overhauling the election system on the agenda. No one wants to see Pennsylvania in the spotlight in the manner in which Florida has been, and without reform, it is possible in any given election. The United States Supreme Court observed it is likely legislative bodies nationwide will examine ways to improve the mechanism and machinery for voting. Foul-ups can mess up an election as surely as fraud can. What happened in 2000 cannot be treated like a 100-year storm, a freak political meteorology unlikely to repeat itself anytime soon. Rather, we must move to ensure that the voting methods employed are not shutting out potential voters or imperiling fair elections. And if a close one comes, we want to be certain Pennsylvania can sort it out in an accurate, timely, and convincing fashion.

You may have seen the list circulating of some of the things that set Pennsylvanians apart. "You know you are from Pennsylvania if: You have an uncontrollable urge to buy bread and milk when you hear the word 'snow.' Your local paper covers national and international headlines on half a page, but gives six pages to sports coverage. School closings on snow days take radio stations half an hour to cover, because nearly every town has its own school district. There are still places you can stop along the road to buy fruits and vegetables and crafts on the honor system. You think the start of deer hunting is a national holiday." I think it is in Pennsylvania.

There are many things uniquely Pennsylvanian that we do not want to tinker or tamper with, no matter what folks elsewhere would think. There are other areas of controversy, though, where the demands of modern competition collide with the manner in which things have always been done.

Time magazine recently had a special section devoted to innovations and inventions in the realms of machines and medicine and intelligence and incredible stuff: a minipress to make metal parts, replacing giant machines, using technology that goes back to the Industrial Revolution; nanosensors that would seek out and track individual cancer cells, more effective and less invasive than chemotherapy. If this kind of advance can occur in the labs of industry, in the labs of health care, why should we not be challenged to believe that similar advances should occur in this laboratory of democracy as well?

My friends and my colleagues, the challenge for us is to replace age-old policy assumptions where we must, revamping the education system and rebuilding and revitalizing our cities, in reshaping health care to ensure broader access and consistent quality. Where we have challenged assumptions, such as happened with welfare reform and industrial site reuse, we have achieved more than advocates hoped without suffering the dire consequences the critics constantly warn us of.

In this Session we need evermore to devote time and talent to breakthrough developments for students, for those who live in cities, Mr. Mayor, for those who depend on health care. It is said

about one world leader that another world leader never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity. We never want to be open to such characterization, and fortunately, the record gives no proof of it. If there is a common thread tying our efforts together, it is the pursuit, the pursuit of opportunity, capturing the opportunity of more jobs, creating the opportunities of better schools, and extending the opportunity that comes from community development.

I am so grateful, I am so humbled by the trust you have shown, for the responsibility of this position, and, Mr. President, I look forward to sharing this with you, this responsibility of administering and presiding over this Senate, and for the opportunity to work with each of you. When I look out here, I do not see Democrat, Republican, male, female, I see 50 Members of the Senate, each with his or her own agenda, working for the betterment of his or her district, for the betterment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I pledge to you that I want to share that with you to try to work those things out for the betterment of your district, for the betterment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to work with each of you to find the answers, to achieve the goals, and to push Pennsylvania much farther down the road of progress and prosperity.

My dear friends, I thank you again, and I wish each and every one of you and your families and friends the best of the year 2001, a happy and healthy new year. May we all gather here again soon. God bless you all, and thank you very much.

(Applause.)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. That brings us to the order of business before the Senate of the election of the Secretary of the Senate.

For this purpose, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Venango, Senator White.

Senator M.J. WHITE. Mr. President, I think I am the senior Senator White.

I have the honor of placing in nomination the name of the Honorable Mark R. Corrigan as Secretary of the Senate. He is the 11th person to have held this office. Upon his election here today, he will have the distinction of being the longest serving Senate Secretary in the history of this body.

The Secretary's duties are varied. The responsibilities are prescribed by Article VII of our Senate rules, and they include assisting the Presiding Officer while the Senate is in Session, and serving as Parliamentarian. The less visible but equally important duties include certifying documents, preparing and publishing the Calendar, numbering and printing bills, and keeping a record of all Senate action on a bill that comes out of committee and transmitting them to the House of Representatives.

The Secretary also supervises the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Senate Library, the Senate Bill Room, the Senate Print Shop, the Official Reporter's Office, and the Page service. Under Secretary Corrigan's leadership, all of these functions move smoothly and efficiently. He is a member of the bar and a graduate of Dickinson Law School. He has performed his duties to this body with professionalism, integrity, and dedication.

It is with pleasure that I place his name in nomination for the position of Secretary of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, on behalf of the Democratic Caucus, I am happy to once again have the opportunity to second the nomination of the Honorable Mark R. Corrigan as Secretary of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

As Senators, we take many things for granted. One of the things we take for granted, because so often our reelection depends on it, is the efficient and effective running of the many offices that come under the jurisdiction of Mark, the Secretary. Some of them include, as was pointed out, the Senate Bill Room, the Senate Library, the Page service, the Print Shop, the Official Senate Reporter's Office, and Senate Security, to name just a few. I can assure our new Members that they will very soon come to appreciate the many professional services of Mark Corrigan. We have taken these for granted, and for the last 20 years we have been served, as was pointed out, with distinction.

It is indeed a pleasure to second the nomination and to make Mark R. Corrigan the longest-serving Senate Secretary in modern history. As Democratic Whip, I am proud to second the nomination of Mark Corrigan, and look forward to his continuing effective and dedicated service, both as Parliamentarian in some very tight situations, but even more so on a day-by-day basis to help all of us with the jobs that are so important to us and our constituents.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator O'Pake, and certainly the same to Senator White, for those reflections.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDENT. Are there any other nominations or seconds? If not, the Chair will now declare the nominations for Secretary of the Senate closed. The sole candidate for the office of Secretary of the Senate is Mark R. Corrigan of Dauphin County. All those in favor of Mark R. Corrigan for the office of Secretary please say "aye"; those opposed, "no."

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair declares Mark R. Corrigan unanimously elected Secretary of the Senate.

(Applause.)

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The next order of business before the Senate is the election of the Chief Clerk of the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Rhoades.

Senator RHOADES. Mr. President, I am going to follow what Senator Jubelirer said. Now I have the microphone, so I have to do something, too. I have to admit what Senator Jubelirer admitted for himself and Senator Mellow, probably the greatest thing in the world is having grandchildren. My son Jimmy and his wife, Colleen, presented us with our first grandchild on November 4, Meredith Rose. I do not want to sound prejudiced, but she is the most beautiful little girl I have ever seen. One thing I have to say, though, is she does make my heart leap with joy and love.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Rhoades, that is exactly why we have a Parliamentarian, but you can continue.

Senator RHOADES. Mr. President, that is why they did not let me nominate him.

Mr. President, I rise on this special day to place in nomination the name of W. Russell Faber as the Chief Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

In 1981, Russ was confirmed as both the youngest and the first ever CPA to serve as Chief Clerk of the Senate. He served as Chief Clerk until 1986, whereupon he entered the private sector. Three years later he returned to public life as Director of the House Bipartisan Management Committee. In 1993 he returned to the Senate as Chief Clerk, a position he has held ever since. Such tenure speaks well of the high and fine qualities of Russ Faber. To serve a 17-year tenure while meeting the needs of Senators and Representatives elected from very diverse and different districts speaks well of Russ Faber's abilities. I would note that Russ Faber has been nominated and elected as Chief Clerk of the Senate by both Republican and Democratic majorities.

Russ is not only respected for his abilities and performance, but he is also liked. He makes himself readily accessible to answer the questions or solve the problems that we or our respective staffs present to him. When one adds to his regular office responsibilities the Senate renovation projects and its inherent design, construction, and renovations, and the moving of each Senator's offices and Senate staff offices, one can only add to the admiration that one has for Russ.

The professionalism of Russ Faber and his respective staff point to a strong sense of responsibility, integrity, and dedication. We are fortunate to have Russ Faber as our manager who knows how to professionally cross the T's and dot the I's, but even more, Russ Faber, the leader, has the vision to help us guide this institution in the 21st century.

And so, Mr. President, with great pride, respect, and pleasure, I nominate W. Russell Faber for the position of Chief Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania.

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

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, I do not have any grandchildren.

The PRESIDENT. That is exactly why we have a Parliamentarian.

Senator WAGNER. Mr. President, on behalf of the Democratic Caucus, I am honored, and it is a pleasure, to second the nomination of Mr. Russell Faber as the Chief Clerk of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Faber and his excellent staff have done an exceptional job overseeing the financial operations and rules of the Senate, and I might add, Mr. President, that Mr. Faber has done this not just in a professional way, but in a very bipartisan way under the President pro tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader of the Senate. And, Mr. President, each and every one of us has sought his advice and counsel at numerous times, and he has provided excellent counsel and advice in a very professional way.

Mr. President, it is an honor to second the nomination of Mr. Russell Faber as the Chief Clerk of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDENT. Are there any other nominations or seconds? If not, the Chair will now declare the nominations for the position of Chief Clerk of the Senate closed. The candidate for the office as stated is W. Russell Faber of Dauphin County. All those in favor of W. Russell Faber for the office of Chief Clerk will please say "aye"; those opposed, "no."

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

The PRESIDENT. The Chair declares W. Russell Faber unanimously elected Chief Clerk of the Senate.

(Applause.)

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE SECRETARY-ELECT AND TO THE CHIEF CLERK-ELECT

The PRESIDENT. The Secretary-elect and the Chief Clerk-elect will approach the rostrum in order that the oath of office may be administered.

Once again, I will ask Chief Justice Flaherty to step forward to administer the oath to both the Secretary-elect and to the Chief Clerk-elect.

Congratulations.

Mr. Chief Justice FLAHERTY. With your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I (Mark R. Corrigan and W. Russell Faber), do solemnly swear that I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties so assigned with fidelity, so help me God.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Those words of praise are certainly deserved. Their work behind the scenes, I might add, folks, is impeccable.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

PROVIDING FOR BROADCASTING OF SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY

Senators BRIGHTBILL and MELLOW, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution (*Senate Resolution No. 1*), which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

A RESOLUTION

Providing for broadcasting of Senate floor activity.

WHEREAS, Broadcasting of Senate floor activity is in the public interest; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this resolution represent the ongoing recommendations of the Committee on Management Operations as heretofore submitted providing for broadcasting of sessions of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That except as provided in this resolution, filming, videotaping, televising or broadcasting of any session of the Senate Chamber be prohibited and that violation of this resolution be dealt with

as the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations shall direct; and be it further

RESOLVED, That television and radio coverage of session proceedings in the Senate Chamber be authorized on a continuing basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That coverage provide a complete unedited record of what is said on the floor of the Senate, be an informative documentary and not a staged performance, and be free from commentary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That to the extent possible only the presiding officer and the persons actually speaking be covered by the cameras during the proceedings and debate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, during roll call votes and other votes, the cameras be focused on the presiding officer or the appropriate clerks until the announcement of the vote tabulation by the presiding officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That during recesses of the Senate or when the Senate is at ease, cameras shall be turned off; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk consult with the Secretary of the Senate in developing, maintaining and enhancing television and radio coverage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk be responsible for the acquisition, installation and maintenance of equipment and for the continued development and operation of the television broadcast, including the hiring of the necessary personnel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all equipment be operated by Senate personnel so that the Senate can more effectively supervise the broadcasts and prevent disruption of the normal proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any changes in the provisions established by this resolution be made only by Senate resolution but that the Committee on Management Operations have the continuing authority to adopt regulations which do not contravene this resolution as it deems necessary to ensure the proper availability of television and radio coverage of Senate proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That continuous broadcast of the Senate be provided free of charge to any licensed television or radio station or cable television outlet but that the Committee on Management Operations may, however, authorize other entities, such as government agencies and universities, to receive broadcasts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Management Operations be authorized to direct that a copyright application be filed with the Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, to determine the subject matter of activity in the Senate which may be protected by copyright laws and copyrighted to the extent permitted by applicable law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no television or radio coverage be used or made available for political or campaign purposes, whether in paid political broadcasts or otherwise and that use of the coverage so provided be subject to all Federal and State laws relating to elections and campaign practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no part of such coverage or any recording thereof be used in any commercial advertisement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any live coverage be without and presented without any commercial sponsorship, except when it is part of a bona fide news program, public affairs program or a show produced with a legislative purpose by Senate employees for members in their official capacity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing in any contract entered into by the Office of the Chief Clerk regarding installation or maintenance of equipment shall permit any control over microphones in the Senate Chamber to be exercised by anyone but the appropriate Senate officers and employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President pro tempore, any other presiding officer and any member, officer or employee of the Senate be prohibited from editing any portion of the broadcast and that the President pro tempore or any other presiding officer be prohibited from ordering, without consent of the Senate, that any segment of a floor session not be broadcast or recorded; and be it further

RESOLVED, That funding for the implementation and operation of the broadcasting system be provided through such Senate appropriations as are designated by the President pro tempore.

PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Senator BRIGHTBILL, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution (**Senate Resolution No. 2**), which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, That the Rules of the Senate adopted during the 1999-2000 Regular Session be adopted for the government of the 185th and 186th Regular Session until amended, repealed or otherwise altered or changed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERSHIP

The PRESIDENT. The Chair has been informed by the Majority Caucus that they have elected the following: as Majority Leader, Senator Brightbill of Lebanon County; as Whip, Senator Piccola of Dauphin County; as Caucus Chairman, Senator Wenger of Lancaster County; as Appropriations Chairman, Senator Tilghman of Montgomery County; as Caucus Secretary, Senator Robbins of Mercer County; as Policy Committee Chairman, Senator Conti of Bucks County; as Caucus Administrator, Senator White of Venango County.

The Chair has been informed by the Minority Caucus that they have elected the following: as Democratic Leader, Senator Mellow of Lackawanna County; as Whip, Senator O'Pake of Berks County; as Caucus Chairman, Senator Wagner of Allegheny County; as Appropriations Chairman, Senator Fumo of Philadelphia County; as Caucus Secretary, Senator Musto of Luzerne County; as Policy Committee Chairman, Senator Kasunic of Fayette County; and as Caucus Administrator, Senator Stout of Washington County.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. We are now ready to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized.

SENATE RESOLUTION

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE

Senator ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, That a committee of three Senators be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized in Regular Session and ready to proceed to business.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE HOUSE

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to the resolution just adopted, the Chair wishes to announce the following committee to notify the House that the Senate is organized: the gentleman from Northumberland, Senator Helfrick, as chairman; the gentleman

from Franklin County, Senator Punt; and the gentleman from Fayette County, Senator Kasunic.

The committee will leave immediately and begin to discharge its duties.

SENATE RESOLUTION

NOTIFICATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

Senator MADIGAN, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, That a committee of three Senators be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and inform him that the Senate is convened and organized in Regular Session and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to the resolution just adopted, the Chair wishes to announce the following committee to notify the Governor that the Senate is organized: the gentlewoman from Erie, Senator Earll, as chairman; the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Murphy; and the gentleman from Washington County, Senator Stout.

The committee will leave immediately to discharge its duties.

SENATE RESOLUTION

THANKS OF SENATE TENDERED TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN P. FLAHERTY FOR ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS

Senators THOMPSON and MUSTO, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Senate is hereby tendered to The Honorable John P. Flaherty, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, for his services in qualifying the newly-elected Senators and Officers.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECESS ADJOURNMENT

Senator BRIGHTBILL offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Tuesday, January 23, 2001, 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 Tuesday, January 23, 2001, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

HOUSE NOTIFIES SENATE IT IS ORGANIZED

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present a committee on behalf of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT. Would you bring the committee forth, please.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the chairman of the committee, the Honorable George Kenney.

Representative KENNEY. Mr. President, we have been appointed as a committee by the House to inform the Senate the House is organized and is ready to proceed with the business of this Session.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Representative Kenney and the committee from the House.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

JOINT SESSION

Senator SCARNATI offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 2, 2001, in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and computing the official returns of the election for Attorney General, Auditor General, and State Treasurer, held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, in the several counties of the Commonwealth, and to elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION

TELLER TO COMPUTE AND COUNT VOTE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, AUDITOR GENERAL, AND STATE TREASURER

Senator D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

RESOLVED, That the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Senator Melissa Hart, be appointed Teller on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of witnessing the opening, computing, and counting of the votes for Attorney General, Auditor General and State Treasurer.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would just take privilege for one moment and offer an acknowledgment to a former Member of this Senate, Senator Mike Bortner. Would you stand for a moment?

(Applause.)

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Joint Session.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. In a moment the Senators will begin to assemble for a special procession to the great Hall of the House. I emphasize this: The Chair requests that all guests remain seated until the Members of the Senate leave for the House. It will eliminate considerable confusion and help us to make our way to the House. Thank you in advance.

HOUSE NOTIFIES SENATE IT IS READY TO CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present a committee on behalf of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT. Please bring the committee forth.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the chairman of the escort committee, the Honorable Jere Strittmatter.

Representative STRITTMATTER. Mr. President, we are a committee of the House appointed to inform the Senate that the House is ready to receive the Members of the Senate for a Joint Session and to escort the Senate to the Hall of the House.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Representative Strittmatter and the committee from the House.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Members of the Senate will please form a line in the center aisle immediately behind the Sergeant-at-Arms and the House committee in order that we may proceed to the Joint Session.

The Chair now declares a recess of the Senate for one-half hour.

AFTER RECESS

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

**TELLER'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF
JOINT SESSION OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE OPENING,
COUNTING AND PUBLISHING OF VOTES FOR
STATE TREASURER, AUDITOR GENERAL,
ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE ELECTION
OF A DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCE BUREAU**

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

Senator HART. Mr. President, the President and Members of the Senate and the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives met in the Hall of the House of Representatives on this day, and the President of the Senate, Mark S. Schweiker, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, did then and there proceed to open, count, and publish the official returns of the election of State Treasurer, Auditor General, and Attorney General, held on the seventh day of November, anno domini two thousand, in the city of Philadelphia and several counties of the Commonwealth.

Also, Mr. President, I beg to report that during the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives today assembled elected Carl L. Mease as Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and the oath of office was administered to Carl L. Mease.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would like to thank Senator Hart for a job well done, as always.

SENATE RESOLUTION

**PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF
FINANCIAL OPERATING RULES OF THE SENATE**

Senator BRIGHTBILL, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution (**Senate Resolution No. 3**), which was read as follows:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the adoption of Financial Operating Rules of the Senate.

RESOLVED, That Financial Operating Rules of the Senate be adopted for the government of the 185th and 186th Regular Session until amended, repealed or otherwise altered or changed.

(2001-2002)

FINANCIAL OPERATING RULES OF THE SENATE

I. PERSONNEL

1. Central Office.

The office of the Chief Clerk of the Senate shall serve as the central office of the Senate for all personnel and payroll matters.

2. Employees of the Senate.

(a) Personnel Files.

Before any person is placed on any payroll of the Senate, there must be in the office of the Chief Clerk a payroll file containing:

- (1) Full name of employee.
- (2) Full address including county.
- (3) Date of employment/termination/or job transfer.
- (4) Actual functional job title or description to include general hours of work, general job responsibilities and job location.

(5) The name of the Senator or Officer responsible for monitoring the employee's performance.

(6) Letter of appointment signed by the authorizing Senator or Officer including a delineation of the account from which the employee is to be paid.

(7) The current compensation level with signature approval of the authorizing Senator or Officer. Overtime payments may be authorized only in emergency maintenance and security situations with the signature approvals of the Senator or Officer responsible for monitoring performance, the authorizing Senator or Officer and the President Pro Tempore.

(8) All information necessary for tax withholding and benefit eligibility.

(9) Employment Eligibility Verification Form.

(b) Maintenance of the Personnel Files.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Clerk to develop procedures necessary to maintain this payroll file information on a current basis. All payroll changes shall be reflected by the next appropriate payroll period providing said change is received in the office of the Chief Clerk prior to processing of the payroll.

(c) Reclassification of Employees.

Any reclassification of employees under the Senate of Pennsylvania Pay Plan and Job Classifications shall be submitted by the Member or Officer authorizing such reclassification to the Committee on Management Operations for approval or disapproval. The Committee on Management Operations established a bi-partisan subcommittee of the members of the Committee on Management Operations to consider and approve or disapprove all such requests subject to an appeal by the Member or Officer for consideration of the reclassification by the Committee on Management Operations.

3. Personal Service Contracts.

(a) Personal Contract Files.

For any person retained on a contractual basis by any Officer or Member of the Senate, there shall be in the office of the Chief Clerk a file containing:

(1) A copy of the contract signed by the authorizing Senator or Officer including:

(i) Full name, address, including county and social security number of person (or Federal tax identification number) from whom the services are contracted.

(ii) Duration of the contract. No contract may extend beyond the expiration of the term of the Member or Officer.

(iii) Cost of the contract and terms of payment.

(iv) Clear, detailed description of the type of service to be performed or product to be delivered.

(2) The name of the Senator or Officer responsible for monitoring the contractor's performance.

(b) Contract Review.

All personal service contracts shall be submitted to the Chief Clerk for review and approval regarding conformity with applicable laws and rules.

(c) Payment.

Payments under contract shall be made in accordance with provisions of the contract provided that a voucher for such payment is received in the office of the Chief Clerk before the applicable deadline date. Contractor performance shall be reviewed by the monitoring individual so named in the file (Rule I.3.(a)(2)), who under conditions of satisfactory performance and conformity to the contract shall approve the voucher prior to processing.

4. Authorized Accounts.

Salaries, wages and related benefits shall be paid from accounts so authorized by the General Appropriation Act. Such accounts also may pay expenses related to personal service contracts.

II. TRAVEL ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

1. Member Travel.

Travel allowances or reimbursements may be paid to a Member who is engaged in travel in the performance of legislative duties. Travel payments may be claimed in connection with the following:

(1) One round trip between home district and Harrisburg for each week a Member is in actual attendance at a session of the Legislature ("Session Mileage").

(2) Round trip travel between home district and Harrisburg for

other legislative activities.

(3) All travel on intradistrict and interdistrict legislative business.

(4) All travel to attend committee meetings, hearings, conferences and seminars.

2. Employee Travel.

Travel reimbursement may be paid to employees engaged in travel from their work place to the place of legislative business provided that the travel is necessary for the performance of official business. Except as provided in Rule II.3.(c), employees are not authorized to lease vehicles on a long-term basis, and no payments will be made with respect to long-term lease vehicle expenses incurred by employees. When away from the Harrisburg area and from their work place, employees may rent cars on a short-term basis for a period not in excess of that needed to carry out official business.

3. Rental of Vehicle or Conveyance.

(a) Long-Term Rental.

A Member who leases a vehicle or conveyance on a long-term basis may be reimbursed for an amount, not to exceed 95% of the cost of such lease payments, a net amount not to exceed such amount as may be authorized by the Senate Committee on Management Operations. Expenses attributable to insurance and operation of the vehicle or conveyance are not included in determining the cost of the lease. No lease reimbursements will be made for any period after a Member has left office. For rules regarding reimbursement of expenses of operation, see Rule II.4.(a)(3). No reimbursement is permitted for lease purchase agreements.

(b) Short-Term Rental of Vehicle or Conveyance.

A Member whose long-term rental is unavailable may be reimbursed for an amount, not to exceed 95% of actual expenses for a short-term rental. A Member or employee who rents a vehicle or conveyance on a short-term basis (other than a Member's temporary replacement of a long-term rental) may be reimbursed only on an actual cost basis for the cost of the rental payments and expenses of operation.

(c) Vehicle Rental by Chief Clerk.

The Chief Clerk is authorized to lease no more than three vehicles for the operation of the Senate. The actual expenses of the lease and operation shall be paid by the Senate's Incidental Expense Account. The Chief Clerk is also authorized to enter into a master lease agreement with the Department of General Services for the long-term lease of automobiles to be used by Members of the Senate. Rules relating to the payment of expenses relating to vehicles leased through the Department of General Services to be used by Members of the Senate shall be promulgated by the Senate Committee on Management Operations.

4. Allowable Transportation Expenses.

(a) General.

(1) Common or Chartered Carrier. A Member or employee may be reimbursed for reasonable actual costs of carriage when traveling by common or chartered carrier, including expenses for parking, taxis, limousines and tolls. Claims for payment based on miles traveled cannot be paid.

(2) Personal Vehicle and Noncommercial Conveyance. A Member or employee who uses a personal vehicle may be reimbursed on such mileage basis as may be established by the Senate Committee on Management Operations. Reimbursement for use of other noncommercial vehicles or noncommercial aircraft shall be made on such basis as may be established by the Senate Committee on Management Operations.

(3) Leased Vehicle other than Department of General Services Vehicles. A Member who uses a vehicle leased on a long-term basis other than one provided through the Department of General Services may elect to be reimbursed either on a mileage basis (Rule II.4.(a)(2)) or an actual cost basis. However, having elected to receive reimbursement on a mileage basis after having been reimbursed on an actual cost basis, the Member shall offset against future expense claims an amount equal to the paid but unused portion of automobile insurance for that vehicle. Such Member may be reimbursed for an amount, not to exceed 95% of the actual vehicle operating expenses. Actual vehicle operating expenses shall include gasoline, oil, lubrication, repairs, tires, supplies, insurance, maintenance and other reasonable incidental items necessary to the operation of the vehicle. A Member may not be reimbursed for the use

of a personal vehicle during any period of time that the Member is being reimbursed for a leased vehicle, except when the leased vehicle is unavailable for reasons beyond the control of the Member.

(4) Session Mileage. The mileage rate for Session Mileage payments under Rule II.1.(a) shall be as set forth by law.

(5) Out-of-State Travel.

(i) Nonmember Officers of the Senate and their employees may claim expenses for travel outside the Commonwealth, provided that such travel is approved in the manner described in Rule XI. All claims for Members' and employees' travel outside the Commonwealth shall be filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk in the manner described in Rule XI.

(ii) Members of the Senate may claim expenses for travel outside the Commonwealth provided that the travel is necessary to attend a conference, seminar or meeting regularly or specially scheduled by an organization which conference, seminar or meeting has a legislative purpose. Members shall submit a copy of a registration and agenda, in addition to any other documentation required by these rules.

(iii) Members of the Senate may also claim expenses for travel outside the Commonwealth when the travel has a legislative purpose, but is not for attending a conference, seminar or meeting, provided the purpose is approved by the Committee on Management Operations, and provided further that approval is not required for legislative business in Washington, DC.

(b) No Duplication.

(1) Session Mileage. Members claiming reimbursement for actual expenses of leased vehicle operation shall reduce such claim by an amount equal to the "session mileage" entitlement for the same period. Likewise, a Member electing to travel to the session by common carrier shall reduce such claim by an amount to the "session mileage" entitlement.

(2) Reimbursement From One Source. If a Member or employee is entitled to reimbursement from more than one source for legislative business performed on behalf of more than one committee or group, payment shall be received from only one source.

5. Documentation.

(a) Expense Voucher.

All requests for travel payments must be made on an expense voucher showing:

(1) Dates of travel.

(2) Legislative purpose of travel described in reasonable specificity. For all claims involving out-of-state travel, the voucher must be supported by sufficient documentation to describe the legislative purpose of the travel. Claims for out-of-state travel shall also include such information as may be required under Section 4.(a).

(3) The number of miles traveled when claiming reimbursement on a mileage basis. Such mileage claims also should reflect an itinerary including point of origin, furthest destination, and intermediate points and the legislative purpose of the trips.

(b) Receipts.

Receipts must be submitted to support the cost association with claims for:

(1) Travel by common or chartered carrier.

(2) Leased vehicle or conveyance operation. Receipts for gasoline and maintenance shall include the license number of the vehicle and the location of the purchase. In addition, a copy of such lease and vehicle registration certificate must be on file with the Office of the Chief Clerk.

(3) Parking, limousine, toll charges and other miscellaneous incidental items when any of these items exceed \$10.

6. Authorized Accounts.

Travel payments can be made from any of the following accounts. Long-term vehicle or conveyance rental payments may be made from all accounts except (3) and (6). Authorized accounts are:

(1) Leadership Operations Accounts.

(2) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

(3) Legislative Management Committee Accounts, exclusive of expenses for leased car.

(4) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.

(5) Contingent Accounts.

(6) Senators' Mileage and Expense Accounts for "session mileage" travel.

(7) Incidental Expense Account.

(8) Senators' District Office Expense Account.

III. MEALS AND LODGING

1. General.

A Member may receive payments attributable to ordinary and necessary expenses for meals, lodging and incidental items provided that the Member is engaged in the performance of legislative duties. Depending on the nature and location of the activity, as explained below, payments may be made in one of the following forms: per diem allowance; reimbursement for actual costs incurred; or, in the case of lodging rental payments, a combination of partial per diem allowance and reimbursement of the cost of lodging rental.

2. Lodging Rental in the Harrisburg Area.

A Member who resides outside of Harrisburg and who rents lodging in the Harrisburg area may claim payments for the cost of the lodging lease and related expenses. No lodging rental payments will be made for any period after a Member's term expires.

3. Per Diem Allowance.

(a) Per Diem Entitlement.

A Member is entitled to receive a per diem allowance for each day the Member is in the performance of legislative duties while in the Harrisburg area (defined as within Dauphin County or otherwise within a 10-mile radius of the Capitol) or elsewhere in the Commonwealth but away from home. Specific legislative duties include attendance at sessions of the Senate, attendance at official committee meetings and participation in all other activities necessary or appropriate to the carrying out of the responsibilities of the Member.

(b) Types of Per Diem Allowance.

(1) Full Per Diem. A full per diem allowance not to exceed such amount as maybe established by the Senate Committee on Management Operations may be claimed as an allowance for meals and lodging.

(2) Partial Per Diem. A Member who claims the cost of lodging rental as provided in Rule III.2., may not receive a full per diem allowance except when the per diem entitlement derives from attendance at official committee meetings outside of the Harrisburg area. When the per diem entitlement derives from the performance in the Harrisburg area of the specified legislative duties defined in Rule III.3.(a), a Member may receive a partial per diem allowance up to an amount established by the Senate Committee on Management Operations for meals and incidentals.

4. Actual Costs.

A Member may claim actual costs for lodging, meals and other incidental items incurred in the performance of legislative duties. Expense claims for costs of lodging, meals and other incidental expenses incurred in the performance of legislative duties outside of the Commonwealth may be reimbursed on an actual expense basis or through a per diem allowance.

5. Employees' Travel.

If an employee is engaged in travel away from the normally assigned place of work necessary for the performance of official business, the employee may be reimbursed for reasonable actual cost of lodging, meals and other incidental items. For rules regarding Out-of-State travel, see Rule XI.

6. Payment From One Source.

If a Member is entitled to a meal and lodging claim from more than one source for legislative business performed on behalf of more than one committee or group, payments shall be received from only one source.

7. Review.

All authorized and approved meals and lodging claims shall be reviewed for inadvertent duplication by the Office of the Chief Clerk prior to processing and payment.

8. Record Keeping.

Where a per diem allowance or reimbursement is paid by a legislative service agency cofunded between both Houses of the General Assembly, a copy of the approved claim shall be furnished to the Office of the Chief Clerk.

9. Documentation.

(a) Per Diem Allowance.

For payment of a per diem allowance, a Member must submit a voucher showing the date, the legislative activity in which the Member was engaged on that date, and the location of the activity.

(b) Actual Expenses of a Member or an Employee.

For payment of actual expenses, a Member or employee must submit a voucher showing the date, amount, place and the legislative activity in which the Member or employee was engaged and must submit a vendor or credit card receipt or invoice for each item exceeding \$10.

(c) Lodging Rental.

A copy of each lease must be on file with the Office of the Chief Clerk. A Member must submit a voucher and, if appropriate, an invoice or receipt for any related expenses.

10. Authorized Accounts.

(a) Attendance at Sessions.

Payments shall be made from the Incidental Expense Account for authorized Per Diem Allowances only for attendance at sessions of the Senate during which roll call votes are recorded.

(b) Lodging Rental Payment.

Payments shall be made from Senator's Legislative Accountable Expense Account for lodging rental payment.

(c) Authorized Accounts.

Payment may be made from the following accounts for other authorized per diem meal and lodging claims:

(1) Leadership Operations Accounts.

(2) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

(3) Legislative Management Committee Accounts.

(4) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.

(5) Contingent Accounts.

(6) Incidental Expense Account.

(7) Senators' District Office Expense Account, meals only.

IV. EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING CONTROL AND INVENTORY

1. Purchases, Improvements, Renovations.

The Office of the Chief Clerk shall act as the sole agent for improvements or renovations to Senate facilities at the Capitol Complex and for the purchase, rental, control and inventory of durable equipment, furniture and furnishings with a useful life of one year or more and a cost greater than the limit established by the Committee on Management Operations for utilization in both the Capitol and District Offices. Nonrecoverable items including, but not limited to, carpeting, draperies and air conditioners for use in and improvements or renovations to district office facilities shall be purchased pursuant to standards developed by the Senate Committee on Management Operations. The Chief Clerk shall serve as the sole agent for the purchase of United States and Pennsylvania flags.

2. Approval of Purchase or Rental.

All requests for the purchase or rental of such equipment, furniture and furnishings must be reviewed and approved by the Chief Clerk.

3. Member/Officer Inventory.

All approved requests shall be processed by the office of the Chief Clerk, which shall maintain a full and current inventory of all durable equipment, furniture and furnishings secured on behalf of a Member, Officer or employee of the Senate.

4. Pricing and Service.

The Chief Clerk shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that the purchase or rental of durable equipment, furniture and furnishings with a useful life of one year or more and a cost greater than the limit established by the Committee on Management Operations shall be transacted at the lowest available price for the quality, compatibility, availability and service of the items being purchased or leased.

5. Dissemination of Literature.

The Secretary of the Senate shall provide for the publication and dissemination of educational or informational literature pertaining to the Senate of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the Government of the United States.

6. Public Inspection of Records.

The records of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk shall be considered public records and be available for public inspection in the manner similar to that provided in these Rules.

7. Documentation Required.

(a) Request for Purchase or Rental Showing:

(1) Date of request.

- (2) Item requested.
- (3) By whom request made.
- (4) Purpose.
- (5) Signature approvals.
- (6) Record of Rule IV.4. actions taken.
- (b) Vendor's invoice or receipt detailing:
 - (1) Date of purchase or rental.
 - (2) Vendor's identity.
 - (3) Description of item purchased or rented.
 - (4) Length of rental contract when applicable.
 - (5) Cost and payment terms of the purchase or rental.

8. Authorized Accounts.

- (a) Legislative and Printing Expense Account as provided in General Appropriations Act.
- (b) The account as provided in the General Appropriations Act for the purchase of flags.
- (c) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts for the purchase of flags and for the rental of durable equipment, furniture and furnishings.
- (d) Senators' District Office Expense Account for the purposes set forth in subsection (c).

V. DISTRICT OFFICE EXPENSES

1. Authorized Expenses.

Expenses authorized shall include:

- (a) Aggregate office rental, utilities and telephone in accordance with policies as may be established by the Senate Committee on Management Operations. Whenever a Member or any of his immediate family has an equity interest in a district office, the Chief Clerk shall obtain an independent appraisal of the office rental cost.
- (b) Insurance
- (c) Printing services.
- (d) Telephone and answering services.
- (e) Postage and mailing services.
- (f) Publications and subscriptions.
- (g) Nondurable supplies.
- (h) Member, employee and visitor parking.
- (i) Janitorial maintenance and cleaning services.
- (j) Other items authorized for expenses as defined in the General Appropriations Act and policies of the Senate Committee on Management Operations.

2. Documentation Required.

A copy of the district office lease indicating the amount and payment terms shall be filed with the office of the Chief Clerk. Such copy may be referenced on the voucher and serve as appropriate documentation of the expense. Vouchers appropriately documenting expenses and legislative purpose for each expenditure. Receipts or invoices shall be included for all expenditures in excess of \$25 per occurrence.

3. Authorized Accounts.

Accounts authorized include:

- (1) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.
- (2) Chief Clerk Employees' Salary and Expense Account.
- (3) Legislative and Printing Expense Account.
- (4) Senators' District Office Expense Account.

VI. CAPITOL OFFICE EXPENSES

1. Types of Expenses Authorized.

Expenses authorized shall include:

- (1) Utility services.
- (2) Insurance.
- (3) Printing services.
- (4) Telephone and answering services.
- (5) Postage and mailing services.
- (6) Publications and subscriptions.
- (7) Nondurable supplies.
- (8) Employee parking.
- (9) Janitorial maintenance and cleaning services.
- (10) Other items authorized for expenses as defined in the General Appropriations Act.

2. Documentation Required.

Documentation required shall include vouchers appropriately documenting expenses and legislative purpose for each expenditure. Receipts or invoices shall be included for all expenditures in excess of \$25 per occurrence.

3. Authorized Accounts.

Accounts authorized include:

- (1) Legislative Printing and Expense Account.
- (2) Postage Account of Chief Clerk (for postage only).
- (3) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.
- (4) Contingent Accounts and Incidental Expense Accounts.
- (5) Leadership Operations Accounts, exclusive of office rental.
- (6) Appropriations Committee Accounts, exclusive of office rental.
- (7) Legislative Management Committee Accounts, exclusive of office rental.

VII. OFFICIAL EXPENSES

1. General.

While engaged in the performance of legislative duties, a Member, Officer or employee expressly authorized by a Member may claim actual expenses as set forth below.

2. Participation in Conferences and Seminars.

Expenses, such as registration fees, incurred in participating in legislative conferences and seminars may be claimed. Related travel expenses incurred are discussed in Rule II. Related meals and lodging expenses incurred are discussed in Rule III.

3. Conducting Meetings.

Expenses attributable to conducting legislative meetings may be claimed. Such expenses may include: food and refreshment, meeting room rental, and incidental items.

4. Official Entertainment.

Expenses incurred in connection with official entertainment may be claimed. Such expenses may include: meals, refreshments, and related items which are ordinary to the performance of a Member's legislative duties, and for which there is a legislative purpose. In general, these entertainment expenses will be incurred during, immediately preceding or immediately following a substantial and bona fide legislative business discussion.

5. Documentation.

- (a) Participation in Conferences and Seminars.

Vouchers shall show the amount, date, place and legislative purpose. Registration or other receipts must be attached.

- (b) Conducting Meetings.

Vouchers shall show or reference to records which show the amount, date, place and legislative purpose. Restaurant, hotel, or credit card receipt or invoices must be attached.

- (c) Official Entertainment.

Vouchers shall show or reference to records which show the amount, date, place, legislative purpose and if claimed by a Member, the portion of the amount attributable to his entertainment expense. Restaurant, hotel or credit card receipt or invoices must be attached.

- (d) Claims by Nonofficer Employees.

Vouchers involving any official expenses claimed by nonofficer employees shall reflect the formal authorization by a Member.

6. Authorized Accounts.

Payments shall be made from the following accounts:

- (1) Leadership Operations Accounts.
- (2) Appropriations Committee Accounts.
- (3) Legislative Management Committee Accounts.
- (4) Senators' Legislative Accountable Expense Accounts.
- (5) Contingent Accounts.
- (6) Incidental Expense Account.
- (7) Senators' District Office Expense Account.

VIII. SPECIAL EXPENSES

1. Authorized Expenses.

Expenses authorized include:

(a) Flowers, baskets of fruit or other appropriate items or memorial contributions to designated charities not to exceed \$35 or such other amount as may be established by the Senate Committee on Management Operations. Recipients are limited to instances of death or illness for Members, Officers, employees or their immediate families, or former Members or their immediate families or dignitaries including both incumbent or former elected or appointed officials or their immediate families.

(b) Rental of common carrier and other expenditures inherent thereto for attendance at funerals of a Member or members of a Mem-

ber's immediate family, former Members, dignitaries, or Officers.

2. Documentation Required.

Documentation required shall include receipt, vendor invoice and general invoice showing: recipient, instance, description of items delivered, date delivered and cost.

3. Authorized Accounts.

Payment shall be made only from Contingent Accounts or the Incidental Expense Account.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Committee Proceedings.

Rental of meeting rooms and hearing facilities and payments to qualified court reporters or stenographers to record the proceedings authorized by the chairman of a standing or special committee of the Senate, including the cost of transcripts. Witnesses served with a subpoena to testify before such proceedings shall be paid witness fees and travel expenses as provided by Section 5903 of the Judicial Code.

2. Printing and Mailing.

Committee printing and mailing costs for mailings relating to legislative business.

3. Publications and Subscriptions.

Publications and subscriptions.

4. Documentation Required.

Vouchers or vendors receipts or invoices stating vendor's name, services or amount of postage, date, place, and total amount due or paid. Postage purchases shall require a receipt stamped by the Postmaster.

5. Authorized Accounts.

Accounts authorized include:

- (1) Legislative Management Committees Accounts.
- (2) Leadership Operation Accounts.
- (3) Appropriations Committee Accounts.

X. COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

1. Duties.

In addition to duties imposed by law or otherwise by these rules, the duties of the Senate Committee on Management Operations shall be:

(1) To arbitrate a decision of the Secretary or Chief Clerk of the Senate relating to these Rules, in the event that a Member, Officer or employee shall disagree with a decision of the Secretary or Chief Clerk of the Senate.

(2) To make a final decision in case of a dispute on a question of legislative intent or legislative purpose regarding an expenditure.

(3) To make a continuing review of these Rules as to expenditures and the reporting of expenditures, and, from time to time, to make such recommendations as are appropriate.

2. Records.

A record of the committee's decisions shall be maintained. The Chief Clerk shall be responsible for maintaining such records.

XI. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

1. Request for Approval.

No nonmember Officer of the Senate or any employee of any nonmember Officer shall be reimbursed nor shall any of his or her expenses be paid for any travel outside the Commonwealth unless such travel has been approved by a majority of the membership of the Committee on Management Operations. All requests for such approval shall be made to the Chief Clerk, and shall include information relating to the destination, the estimated cost of such travel, the number of days involved, and the relationship that the travel has to the duties of the Officer or employee making the request. In the case of an employee, the request shall also be approved by the Officer.

2. Filing of Request.

All such requests, whether approved or disapproved, shall be filed with the office of the Chief Clerk and shall be made available for public information on request to the Office of the Chief Clerk.

3. Time Limit for Filing.

A copy of any request for reimbursement or for the payment of any expenses relating to out-of-state travel by a Member or employee assigned to a Member shall be filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk within 30 days of such travel. Copies of these requests shall be made available for public information on request of the Office of the Chief Clerk.

XII. LIST OF EMPLOYEES; DOCUMENT ACCESS

1. Publication and Distribution.

(a) The Chief Clerk shall have published quarterly and shall mail to each Member's residence a listing of all employees of the Senate or any of its Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Members and all persons holding purchase of service contracts with the Senate or any of its Officers, Committee Chairmen and Members. The list for employees shall contain the full name of the employee, county of residence, the job title of the employee, the compensation of the employee, and the name of the Member or Officer for such employee. For individuals holding purchase of service contracts with the Senate, the list shall contain the name of the contractor, the address of the contractor, a statement of the nature of the duties of the contractor, and the fee of the contractor as well as the name of the Member or Officer responsible for monitoring the performance of the contractor.

(b) The list shall be submitted by February 1, for the quarter ending December 31; by May 1, for the quarter ending March 31; by August 1, for the quarter ending June 30; and by November 1, for the quarter ending September 30. Said list shall also be updated on a monthly basis including additions and deletions and shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Chief Clerk.

2. Public Inspection of Vouchers and Requisitions.

All vouchers and requisitions relating to all expenditures, expenses, disbursements and other obligations out of all appropriated funds of the Senate shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Chief Clerk or at such other location within the Capitol as the Chief Clerk shall prescribe.

3. Request to Review Vouchers and Requisitions.

All requests to review payroll and independent contractor records of the Senate or any other vouchers or requisitions for funds appropriated to the Senate shall be made to the Chief Clerk, in writing, at least three working days prior to the date on which the review is requested. The request shall be signed by the individual who will be making the review and it shall indicate the name of the person, organization or entity the individual is representing. The request shall also include the address and telephone number of the individual submitting the request. The Chief Clerk shall establish a time during normal business hours for the review to occur and he shall provide that the review shall not interfere with the necessary functioning of the Chief Clerk's Office.

4. Photocopies of Records.

Photocopies of financial records maintained in the Office of the Chief Clerk shall be limited to the vouchers which are normally submitted by the Members on a monthly basis. Cost of copies will be determined by the Chief Clerk.

5. Monthly Accounting of Other Disbursements.

For any appropriation to any Officer or Member for which the records are not maintained in the office of the Chief Clerk, the Officer or Member receiving the appropriation shall monthly file with the Chief Clerk an accounting of all disbursements made from the fund which shall include a separate listing for each expenditure and the address of the payee and which shall include as a minimum the information required for public review by this section. Such accounting shall be filed monthly in the office of the Chief Clerk not later than 15 days after the end of the month. Such accounting shall be open for public inspection as in the case of other records provided for herein.

XIII. PERSONNEL POLICIES

1. Preparation of Rules and Regulations.

The Senate Committee on Management Operations created pursuant to Section 1.1 of Act No. 417 of 1967 is authorized to prepare and adopt rules and regulations for uniform personnel policies and procedures, job specification and pay plans including periodic increments for Senate Officers and employees.

2. Approval of Rules and Regulations.
Each such rule or regulation or any amendment thereto shall be prepared in resolution form and shall be placed on the Senate calendar for final approval or disapproval. The committee may when approved by at least five Members of the committee and by both Floor Leaders implement such rules and regulations pending final Senate consideration of them. Such resolution shall have the force and effect of law in accordance with its terms when it has been approved by the full Senate.

XIV. ACCOUNTING AND OPERATIONS MANUAL

1. Preparation and Approval.

The Chief Clerk shall prepare an Accounting and Operations Manual with separate sections applicable to Members and their employees and fund custodians. This Manual shall be submitted to the Senate

Committee on Management Operations for its approval.

2. Distribution.

Upon approval applicable sections of the Accounting and Operations Manual shall be distributed to all Members and Officers. A complete manual shall be forwarded to the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission.

3. Maintenance and Updating.

The Chief Clerk shall be responsible for maintaining and updating this manual as a result of revisions or amendments promulgated by the Senate Committee on Management Operations.

XV. DURATION TO RULES

These rules shall be in full force and effect until altered, changed, amended or repealed as provided herein.

XVI. CHANGES TO RULES

The consent of a majority of the Senators elected shall be necessary to alter, change or amend these rules.

XVII. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING RULES

All alterations, changes or amendments to these rules shall be by resolution which shall not be considered until first referred to and reported from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

XVIII. EXPIRATION

The provisions of Rules II.6(8), III.10(7), IV.8(d), V.3(4) and VII.6(7) shall expire on June 30, 2001, unless the Committee on Management Operation shall by resolution provide for their continued application.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

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| Armstrong | Helfrick | Mowery | Tartaglione |
| Bell | Holl | Murphy | Thompson |
| Boscola | Hughes | Musto | Tilghman |
| Brightbill | Jubelirer | O'Pake | Wagner |
| Conti | Kasunic | Piccola | Waugh |
| Corman | Kitchen | Punt | Wenger |
| Costa | Kukovich | Rhoades | White, Donald |
| Dent | LaValle | Robbins | White, Mary Jo |
| Earll | Lemmond | Scarnati | Williams |
| Gerlach | Logan | Schwartz | Wozniak |
| Greenleaf | Madigan | Stack | |
| Hart | Mellow | Stout | |

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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO
NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR**

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

Senator EARLL. Mr. President, I have the honor to report that the committee appointed by the President pro tempore to inform the Governor that the Senate has convened and organized in Regular Session has performed that duty.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Senator Earll.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators HUGHES, KITCHEN, WILLIAMS, MELLOW, OPAKE, WAGNER, MUSTO, STOUT, KASUNIC and FUMO, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution (Senate Resolution No. 4), entitled:

In the Senate, January 2, 2001

A Resolution designating the week of January 14 through 20, 2001, as "Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Week."

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, is it possible to leave the resolution available for additional cosponsors?

The PRESIDENT. Certainly, and that will be available for signature at the desk.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

The PRESIDENT. The resolution is available for additional signatures of cosponsorship.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

November 21, 2000

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cord, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lecey, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Rines, Ronald R. Miller, Jr., Daniel Kuhlman and to Rodney Laube by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palmer, Daniel Witucki, Elizabeth Larson, Terence H. McCool, Officer Lester Smith and K-9 Andy and to the East Stroudsburg University Men's Soccer Team by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mike Zaia and to BethIntermodal Inc., of Bethlehem by Senators Boscola and Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Chandler Fellencer by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Packer, Lee Shields, Mark Martin, William C. Schultz, William J. Shaffer, Emory F. Harshbarger, RUTGERS Organics Corporation of State College, University Area Joint Authority of State College and to the Task Force on Dirt and Gravel Roads by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marcia Cereza and to Virginia Craig by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balliet and to the citizens of the Borough of Catasauqua by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to The Honorable Nicholas A. Cipriani by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joe Baxter, Nick Miller, Austin A. Gross and to James Edward Cameron by Senator Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew J. O'Donnell, Emily Oleksiuk and to Mildred K. White by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ledoux, Jordan Greene, John Poepoe and to Edward W. Monroe by Senator Hart.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carl Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Rakos, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Connor, Sr., and to Nathan B. Heim by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Glenn C. Corby by Senators Holl and Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeArment and to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Mitchell by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jessica May and to Keith Ryan Kaufman by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bernard J. Seth III by Senators Kasunic and Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elbert Warren Bynum, Norbert Ferrence, Benjamin Blair Brallier, Gary Clifford Biehls, Bert Allen Failor and to Frank Policaro, Jr., by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gries, Sr., and to Myer the Florist Incorporated of Milford by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Charles McMeekin by Senator Loeper.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Neuffer by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles H. Rogovin and to the Pocono Mountain School District High School Marching Band by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McAndrew by Senators Mellow and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas G. Lett, Fred A. M. Scott, Paul E. McCauley, Darcy B. Goshorn and to Phyllis D. Detz by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elain Bertolet and to the Volunteers of Berks County by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Blair Dietrich by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zerbe and to Matthew W. Jones by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Devin Courtney, Sarah Hickernell, Kimberly Marks and to Lee Norman Dilley by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Brandenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kubasik, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Zubritsky, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Orndoff, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horvath, Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Rizor, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Scheider, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Romanus, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. August Rose, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Gove and to Community Bank, N. A., of Washington by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David T. Hayes, Jr., Charles B. Daylor, Ben Settle, Howard C. Stevens and to West Chester Recreation by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Delvin French by Senator Tilghman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirby, Kevin Diabelko and to the Reverend Esther Elizabeth Ford by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Keith A. Kreisel by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hook by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kopriva, Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Cascino, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sherman and to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Petrick by Senator Wozniak.

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Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Horst, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rohm, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Berkheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shenk, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murr, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borgard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Suter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shenk, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ressel, Charles J. Murza, Adam C. Blough, Dr. Bihong Guan, R. Steven Graybeal, Trevor McClenathan and to the Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals (PASAP) by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Irene Angstadt, David A. Heagerty, Daniel P. Bonner III and to Daniel J. Brooks by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Keller, The Honorable James C. Hogan, The Honorable Joseph W. Battisto, Joe Timmer, Pocono Mountain School District High School Marching Band, Cherry Valley Vineyards and to the Pennsylvanians With Disabilities Day Committee by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Ralph Grayson Schwarz by Senators Boscola and Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wengers of Myerstown and to the Inaugural Prayer Luncheon for Unity and Renewal by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam James Harbaugh, Frank W. Swope, Jacob D. Bartells, David Krieger, Jillian Parry, Thomas W. Free and to Denise Sandy by Senator Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Vail P. Garvin, Christina Paugh-Greenwood, Elizabeth Franco and to Sylvia Lefcourt by Senators Conti and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin M. Towsey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Carter, Paul Michael Grego, Juniata County Courthouse and to the Lock Haven Kiwanis Club by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rose Julia Mainelli by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geary, Julio A. Guridy, Anna Pavelko and to Ian Keith Anderson by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephen Schleicher and to Family Health Council, Inc., of Pittsburgh, by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard C. Bullick and to Edward J. Piszek by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Travis Dane Miller and to the Pottstown YWCA by Senator Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Malvoso, Kiwanis Club of Old York Road of Willow Grove and to the Horsham Hawks 95-pound Football Team by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Egli and to Peter Allen Namet by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frances M. Lyons, Randy W. Granger and to Mike Zeock by Senator Holl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia A. White, Kenneth James Fetsurka, Madeline Dunn and to Michael A. Klimowicz by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Casaday, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Green, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Stoudt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trego, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kensinger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ellstrom, Mr. and Mrs. David C. Plank, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Guyer, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Palazzi and to Francis H. and Mary M. Wilson by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Katherine Denna McKellar-Carter by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel Ellis Caldwell, Kenneth Paul Reed, Renee Marie Baker and to Mount Pleasant Emergency Medical Service, Medic 10, by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wood, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Gail Scott, Lee R. Hockenberry, Peter Charles Van Loon, Dr. George E. Cimochoowski and to Brian P. Downey by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carrie E. Winter, Duane Sheffler, Marvin Otto and to Neil Wiater by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. LaRue E. Pepperman, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hartsock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ray Spotts, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Engel, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Clees, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Andrews, Sr., Harold Bixby, Brenda Houck, Paul E. Heise and to the Lycoming County Medical Society by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Henry L. Heck by Senators Madigan and Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Christian, Gloria McKarn, Nazzarema Assunta Giovannelli and to Charles H. Rogovin by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Reese W. Jenkins, Charles E. and Vivian C. Myers, Andrew Spurgeon, Chris Bittinger, James E. Rendler and to Jay L. Stoner by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Utlak, Jr., John David Crawford, Christopher M. Hefferan, Francis X. Wagner, Sr., Seth A. Spill, Brian P. Cronin, Jonathan W. Thurner, Peter G. Howell, F. Daniel Pokrifka and to the Mt. Lebanon High School Girls' Soccer Team by Senator Murphy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Aquilina, Mathew Kalinay, Anastasia Salus Drake, The Reverend Robert J. Coyle, Peter Bielecki, Sr., Peter Bielecki, Jr., and to Thomas A. Keeney by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charlie Wagner, Morton Powder Coatings of Reading, the citizens of Berks County for celebrating the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through the MLK Community Luncheon and to the Brandywine Minstrels by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Andrew Hetes, Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Donald, Harvey J. Smith, John J. Wilk and to James L. Durrell by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Todd Shultz by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Scully, Mr. and Mrs. George Cope, Jack S. Snyder III, Matthew Ostella, George T. McKinley, William H. Bayer and to William B. Quinn by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pocono Mountain School District High School Marching Band by Senators Rhoades and Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel A. Poland and to William W. Corner by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carl and Helen Still, William Blumquist, Dolores Timco, James Cowden, Paul Brohn, Todd Fantaskey, Carolyn Yurick, R. Elizabeth Dropp and to Michael L. Barraclough by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Evelyn Byrd-Felder, Carolyn A. Flint and to Dr. Ruth Smith Wells by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rutan, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wiencek, Mary Paraska and to Sarah Janie Headlee Renner by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Kitchen by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward A. McConnell, Margaret R. Halfpenny, Jason LeBresco, Justin W. Colella, J. Donald Reimenschneider, Samuel J. Talucci III, Bryant Battenfelder, Daniel Paugh, Dick Hutton, J. Keath Fetter, Communications Test Design, Inc., of West Chester, and to Lamb, Windle & McErlane of West Chester by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Downingtown Senior High School Girls' Soccer Team by Senators Thompson and Gerlach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zetta F. Rittenhouse by Senator Tilghman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas D. Mills by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia K. Poprick by Senators Tomlinson, Conti, and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Hershner by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Warwick High School Girls' Field Hockey Team by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Art Rimer and to Larry Berg by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William J. Harvey III by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vancas, Ashley Joseph Wilson and to Lucas P. Sheehan by Senator Wozniak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late J. Wayne Yorks by Senator Helfrick.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Wilson L. Driver and to the family of the late Honorable Davis Hall, Sr., by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable Joseph S. Walko by Senator LaValle.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Michael A. Starker by Senator Mowery.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Joseph Edward Coleman by Senator Schwartz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Nathan James Gullette by Senator Williams.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

COMMISSIONER OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

December 1, 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, The Honorable Albert H. Masland, 258 Conway Street, Carlisle 17013, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, to serve until superseded, vice Dorothy M. Childress, Lemoyne, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

December 12, 2000

o 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, Helen-Ann Comstock, 231 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia 19106, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2002, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON AGING

December 12, 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, Marion T. Spellman, 837 North Lincoln Avenue, Scranton 18504, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2002, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

December 12, 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, Franklin K. Schoeneman, Route 61 North, P.O. Box 600, Pottsville 17901, Schuylkill County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG, DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

December 12, 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, Gayle A. Cotchen, 1097 Woodhill Drive, Gibsonia 15044, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Diane Zilinskas, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION

December 12, 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, Frederick J. Hartwigsen, 6 Devonshire Square, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2004 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Earl H. Horton, Landisville, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 12, 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, Susan J. Navish, 27 North Meadowcroft Avenue, Pittsburgh 15216, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 12, 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, Charles W. Pruitt, Jr., 300 Fox Chapel Road, Apartment 407, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 12, 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, Joseph J. Reilly, 510 Arlington Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. Vail P. Garvin, Wayne, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 12, 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, Carl A. Sirio, M.D., 50 Quail Hill Road, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH POLICY BOARD

December 12, 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, Steven R. Stroul, 229 Woodbriar Lane, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 12, 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, Christine J. Toretta, 2428 Oak Drive, Indiana 15701, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2002 and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 12, 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, David L. Johnson, 3000 Harmosa Lane, Havertown 19083-1125, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher

Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

December 12, 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, David E. Tungate, 148 Glo Min Drive, Pittsburgh 15241, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2007 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Morris J. Dean, Bryn Mawr, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE MILK
MARKETING BOARD**

December 12, 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, Barbara Ann Grumbine, 970 Halfway Drive, Myerstown 17067, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Milk Marketing Board, to serve for a term of six years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice J. Robert Derry, Indiana, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

December 12, 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, Robert V. Smith, 2909 Willowood, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve until March 11, 2001 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice David A. Metcalf, Warren, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE TAX
EQUALIZATION BOARD**

December 12, 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, Gloria Vannucci Goldy, 275 Blossom Hill Drive, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Tax Equalization Board, to serve until November 14, 2003, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles H. Dougherty, Philadelphia, declined appointment.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 12, 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, Jerry L. Volpe, 767 Ashton Road, Bensalem 19020, Bucks County, Sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a Commonwealth Trustee of Temple University-of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 14, 2004, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James A. Williams, Holland, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

December 12, 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, Barbara Pinker, 7434 Brimway Lane, Reading 19606, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joy L. Ellwanger, Pennsylvania Furnace, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 12, 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, Andrea M. Wagner, 80 Cobham Park Road, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2006, or until her

successor is appointed and qualified, vice Martha E. Pfusch, Erie, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

December 12, 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, Solomon P. Bidding (Republican), 1637 Pulaski Avenue, Coal Township 17866, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Northumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas M. Culver, Sunbury, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE YORK COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

December 12, 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, Earl L. Williams, Jr., (Republican), 130 North Findlay Street, York 17402, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gene S. Abel, York, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
CONDEMNATION APPROVAL BOARD

December 13, 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, Norman L. Morrison, 90 Mortimer Road, Transfer 16154, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
CONDEMNATION APPROVAL BOARD

December 13, 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, Ross W. Orner, Jr., R.D. 1, Box 88, Rockton 15856, Clearfield County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE

December 13, 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, Howard K. Goldstein, Esquire (Public Member), 765 Arden Road, Jenkintown 19046, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

December 13, 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, Frederick D. Kessler, Esquire, 43 Market Street, Lewisburg 17837, Union County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

December 13, 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, Thomas R. Czarnecki, D.O., 4101 Ridgeview Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC
TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION

December 13, 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, Jerry Thompson, 1714 Sturbridge Drive, Sewickley 15143, Allegheny County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Rania L. Harris, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL
ESTATE COMMISSION

December 13, 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, Sandrina J. Taraszki, 3725 Amherst Road, Erie 16506, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, 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

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

December 13, 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, Michael J. Winn, 1941 Glendower Drive, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Alfredo R. Bustaque, Leola, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 13, 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, Sharon E. Guise, 93 South Main Street, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufac-

turers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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

SECRETARY OF BANKING

December 14, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4400 Colonial Road, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Banking, to serve until the second Tuesday of January 2003 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice David E. Zuern, Fairview, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
BUTLER COUNTY

December 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, Alexander H. Lindsay, Jr., Esquire, 186 Iron Bridge Road, Sarver 16055, Butler County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice The Honorable Martin J. O'Brien, mandatory retirement.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 27, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2002 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. Muriel M. Berman, Allentown, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

SECRETARY OF REVENUE

December 27, 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, Mark Navarro, 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Revenue, to serve until the second Tuesday of January 2003 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Robert A. Judge, Sr., Glenolden, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

December 27, 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, Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Pattee J. Miller, Reading, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**CORRECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

**MEMBER OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

December 14, 2000

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

Please note the nomination dated December 12, 2000 for the appointment of Solomon P. Bidding (Republican), 1637 Pulaski Avenue, Coal Township 17866, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Northumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Solomon P. Bidding (Republican), 1637 Pulaski Avenue, Coal Township 17866, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Northumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2003 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

December 14, 2000

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

Please note the nomination dated December 12, 2000 for the appointment of Earl L. Williams, Jr., (Republican), 130 North Findlay Street, York 17402, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2000 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Earl L. Williams, Jr., (Republican), 130 North Findlay Street, York 17402, York County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2003 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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:

Recess adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO: The Honorable Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate

FROM: Senator ROBERT C. JUBELIRER
President Pro Tempore

SUBJECT: Standing Committees of the Senate
Appointments - 2001-2002 Sessions

DATE: January 2, 2001

Pursuant to Rule XV, as President Pro Tempore, I hereby appoint the following Senators to the Standing Committees of the Senate for the 2001-2002 Sessions of the Senate. The appointment of Minority members is based on the recommendation of the Minority Leader and the naming of Minority chairmen by designation of the Minority Leader.

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
SESSIONS OF 2001-2002**

AGING AND YOUTH

Murphy, Chairman
Corman, Vice Chairman

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| Robbins | Earl | Schwartz |
| Tomlinson | Kukovich* | Stack |
| M. J. White | O'Pake | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Waugh, Chairman
Wenger, Vice Chairman

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| Madigan | D. White | Logan |
| Punt | O'Pake* | Wozniak |
| Scarnati | Kitchen | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

APPROPRIATIONS

Tilghman, Chairman
Tomlinson, Vice Chairman

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| Bell | Gerlach | Boscola |
| Holl | Thompson | Hughes |
| Greenleaf | M. J. White | Mellow |
| Rhoades | Murphy | Musto |
| Wenger | Dent | O'Pake |
| Brightbill | Fumo* | Stout |
| Madigan | Bodack | Wagner |
| | | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Holl, Chairman
Armstrong, Vice Chairman

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| Greenleaf | Murphy | Schwartz |
| Helfrick | Corman | Tartaglione |
| Wenger | Wagner* | Williams |
| Mowery | Costa | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

COMMUNICATIONS AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY

Corman, Chairman
Conti, Vice Chairman

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| Robbins | D. White | Logan |
| Murphy | Hughes* | Wozniak |
| Dent | Boscola | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Punt, Chairman
D. White, Vice Chairman

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| Robbins | Scarnati | Musto |
| Gerlach | LaValle* | Wozniak |
| Waugh | Kukovich | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Bell, Chairman
Dent, Vice Chairman

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| Greenleaf | M. J. White | LaValle |
| Tomlinson | Boscola* | Kukovich |
| Piccola | Fumo | Jubelirer ex-officio |

EDUCATION

Rhoades, Chairman
Mowery, Vice Chairman

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| Piccola | Conti | Kukovich |
| Murphy | Schwartz* | LaValle |
| Earll | Hughes | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

M. J. White, Chairman
Scarnati, Vice Chairman

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| Helfrick | D. White | Williams |
| Rhoades | Musto* | Wozniak |
| Brightbill | Stout | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

FINANCE

Earll, Chairman
Helfrick, Vice Chairman

Armstrong
Lemmond
Dent

Corman
Wozniak*
Fumo

Logan
Williams
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

GAME AND FISHERIES

Helfrick, Chairman
Madigan, Vice Chairman

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| Robbins | Scarnati | Fumo |
| Waugh | Kasunic* | Wozniak |
| Corman | Boscola | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Conti, Chairman
Holl, Vice Chairman

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| Tilghman | Scarnati | O'Pake |
| Thompson | Stack* | Tartaglione |
| Corman | Bodack | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

JUDICIARY

Greenleaf, Chairman
Lemmond, Chairman

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| Helfrick | M. J. White | Kukovich |
| Brightbill | Earll | O'Pake |
| Gerlach | Costa* | Schwartz |
| Piccola | Boscola | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Armstrong, Chairman
Gerlach, Vice Chairman

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| Wenger | Thompson | Kasunic |
| Madigan | Tartaglione* | LaValle |
| Mowery | Bodack | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

LAW AND JUSTICE

Thompson, Chairman
Greenleaf, Vice Chairman

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| Holl | Conti | Stack |
| Tilghman | Bodack* | Tartaglione |
| Rhoades | Logan | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Gerlach, Chairman
Waugh, Vice Chairman

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| Lemmond | Scarnati | Stack |
| Thompson | Logan* | Williams |
| Conti | Boscola | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Tomlinson, Chairman
Robbins, Vice Chairman

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| Bell | D. White | Stack |
| Lemmond | Kitchen* | Wagner |
| Punt | Hughes | Jubelirer, ex-officio |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Mowery, Chairman
Murphy, Vice Chairman

Gerlach
Piccola
M. J. White

Waugh
Hughes*
Costa

Kitchen
Schwartz
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Brightbill, Chairman
Piccola, Vice Chairman

Bell
Holl
Tilghman
Wenger
Armstrong
Lemmond

Robbins
Mowery
Conti
Mellow*
Fumo
Kasunic

Musto
O'Pake
Stout
Wagner
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

STATE GOVERNMENT

Lemmond, Chairman
Thompson, Vice Chairman

Bell
Wenger
Punt

Dent
Williams*
Bodack

Logan
Tartaglione
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

TRANSPORTATION

Madigan, Chairman
Punt, Vice Chairman

Bell
Rhoades
Armstrong
Tomlinson

Earl
D. White
Stout*
Costa

Kasunic
LaValle
Tartaglione
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

Dent, Chairman
Earl, Vice Chairman

Tilghman
Brightbill
Piccola

Waugh
Kitchen*
Fumo

Stack
Williams
Jubelirer,
ex-officio

*Minority Chairperson

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

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

MAJORITY CAUCUS CHAIRMAN
Senate of Pennsylvania
The State Capitol
Senate Box 203036
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3036

November 29, 2000

Honorable Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Room 462, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mark:

Please be advised that the Majority Caucus--consisting of the Senators and Senators-elect who will serve during the 2001 Session--met in

an Organizational Caucus on November 20, 2000, and elected the following members to positions in the Majority Leadership.

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| David J. Brightbill | - | Majority Leader |
| Jeffrey E. Piccola | - | Majority Whip |
| Noah W. Wenger | - | Majority Caucus Chairman |
| Robert D. Robbins | - | Majority Caucus Secretary |
| Richard A. Tilghman | - | Majority Appropriations Chairman |

The Caucus also nominated Robert C. Jubelirer for election as President Pro Tempore for the Sessions of 2001 and 2002.

Finally, the Caucus also nominated the following members to the President Pro Tempore for appointment to the offices indicated.

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| Joe Conti | - | Majority Policy Chairman |
| Mary Jo White | - | Majority Caucus Administrator |

Should you need further information regarding the Majority Leadership, please let me know.

Sincerely,

NOAH W. WENGER
Majority Caucus Chairman

APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointments:

Senator Mary Jo White as Majority Caucus Administrator.

Senator Joe Conti as Majority Policy Chairman.

Senator Timothy F. Murphy as Chairman of the Stroke Prevention Task Force.

Senator Robert C. Jubelirer as a member of the Tuition Account Programs Advisory Board.

APPOINTMENTS BY MINORITY LEADER

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

Senator Vincent J. Hughes to serve on the Board of Directors of the State System of Higher Education, and the Stroke Prevention Task Force.

Senator Vincent J. Fumo to serve on the Legislative Data Processing Committee.

Senator Leonard J. Bodack to serve on the Legislative Data Processing Committee.

Senator Allen G. Kukovich to serve on the Stroke Prevention Task Force.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

RESIGNATION OF SENATOR MELISSA A. HART

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
Senate Box 203040
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3040

December 29, 2000

The Honorable Mark S. Schweiker
Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 200 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Lt. Governor Schweiker:

Effective upon my swearing in as a United State Congresswoman at noon on January 3, 2001, I submit my resignation as a member of the State Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It has been a distinct honor to serve as a member of this dedicated legislative body since my election to the Senate in November 1990.

During my ten years in the Senate, I have proudly served the citizens of the 40th Senatorial District. My goal has been to advance our Republican position and seek solutions to the problems facing our state. As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I took justifiable pride in delivering an aggressive tax reform agenda.

It has been exciting to work with you, my 29 Republican counterparts, and the minority members throughout the previous Legislative Sessions. I am grateful for the trust and support that the members have given me and I will continue to be a strong supporter of the Majority Caucus. In 2001, as we continue with strong, effective Republican leadership in the State Senate, a Republican majority in the House and the Ridge Administration, Pennsylvania remains a better place to live and work.

As Congresswoman-elect, I am ready to represent the constituents of the Fourth Congressional District of Western Pennsylvania. I look forward to focusing on an innovative and cooperative agenda while addressing many challenges and opportunities as a member of my new Republican team in Washington.

Sincerely,

MELISSA A. HART

ANNUAL REPORT OF PENNVEST

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNVEST
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
22 South Third St., Harrisburg, PA 17101

November 20, 2000

Dear Member of the General Assembly:

Enclosed is a copy of PENNVEST's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. This report details all of the projects that have been approved by the PENNVEST Board since its inception in 1988.

If you have any questions on this report, or would like to receive additional copies, please do not hesitate to call me at 783-4496.

Sincerely,

PAUL K. MARCHETTI
Executive Director

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

REPORT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SENATE RESOLUTION No. 103

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Public Employee Retirement Commission
P.O. Box 1429, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1429

November 21, 2000

The Honorable Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary
Senate of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Corrigan:

The enclosed report was prepared by the Commission in response to the direction provided by Senate Resolution Number 103, which was passed on October 26, 1999. The resolution directed the Commission to study the funding methods used for cost-of-living adjustments in the Commonwealth and other states and to report its findings and recommendations on funding cost-of-living adjustments no later than December 28, 2000.

The report presents a general discussion of the issues involved in the provision of cost-of-living adjustments, a brief commentary on the Commonwealth's past practices with respect to cost-of-living adjustments, and a summary of the survey conducted by the Commission to determine the funding practices in other states that provide cost-of-living adjustments. As directed by Senate Resolution Number 103, the report also contains the Commission's recommendations on a method for funding the liabilities incurred in the provision of future cost-of-living adjustments.

On behalf of the Commission, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the report. The Commission is hopeful that the information provided in the report on this important and costly aspect of public employee retirement system administration will be beneficial to you.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. HALLIWELL
Chairman

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVATION CORPS

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

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 1700, Labor & Industry Building
Seventh and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120

December 31, 2000

Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary of the Senate
and
Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) annual report for fiscal year 1999-00, the Corps' sixteenth year of operation.

Last year, 468 young men and women were given the opportunity to gain self-confidence and improve their employability as members of the PCC. Eighty corpsmembers completed courses at vocational-technical schools, community colleges and other educational institutions; 39 were offered GED-preparation classes; and 28 took part in mentoring

with local businesses and individuals. Nearly half of all corpsmembers moved directly into jobs upon leaving the Corps.

During the fiscal year, the PCC completed 53 projects in 37 counties. Corpsmembers constructed or renovated 23 cabins, 21 playgrounds and 62 support buildings; improved or developed 213 miles of trails and 122 acres of wildlife habitat; helped preserve 10 historic sites; and planted more than 41,000 seedlings and trees -- to name just a few of their accomplishments.

In summary, FY 99-00 reflected a tradition of challenges, opportunities and accomplishments, all of which are documented in the pages that follow.

Sincerely,

JOHNNY J. BUTLER
Secretary

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

December 13, 2000

Dear Member of the General Assembly:

In accordance with The Energy Conservation and Assistance Act, 62 P.S. §§3011-3019, specifically, 62 P.S. §3015(c)(2)(ii), enclosed is the Annual Report of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the period July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Marilyn Eckley, Official-in-Charge, Office of Legislative Affairs, at 783-2554.

Sincerely,

FEATHER O. HOUSTON
Secretary

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EARLY INTERVENTION INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council
Office of Mental Retardation
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, PA 17105

December 27, 2000

The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge
Room 225 C, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Ridge:

The annual report of Pennsylvania's Early Intervention activities is being submitted from the Departments of Health, Education and Public Welfare, and the State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC). The report highlights the major activities for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 212-1990, the Early Intervention Services System Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Executive Summary representing the I.D.E.A. Part C activities administered by the Department of Public Welfare and required by the U.S. Department of Education is also enclosed.

Pennsylvania is a leader in the development and implementation of the federal requirements under I.D.E.A. We offer these reports as a celebration of life for families involved in early intervention activities. The Departments of Health, Education and Public Welfare have served 46,370 children and families this fiscal year in the early intervention system. This report accounts for expenditures of state and federal allocations and is a summation of special achievements.

The interagency collaboration with providers of early intervention services and families on a state and local level has been facilitated by the State ICC. The State ICC continues to assist and advise the Departments of Health, Education and Public Welfare.

My daughter benefited tremendously from early intervention, so I am especially appreciative of your interest and support on behalf of initiatives for young children. Early intervention is of the utmost importance to children and their families and our report reflects statewide accomplishments of which you can be very proud. The Council continues to offer our assistance and support in promoting an early intervention system that strengthens parents' abilities to raise their children with special needs in their home.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

KATHY BRILL, Chair

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

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

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

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
Office of Financial Affairs
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122

December 5, 2000

The Honorable Mark R. Corrigan
Senate Secretary/Parliamentarian
462 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Corrigan[sic]:

On October 30, 2000, in compliance with Act 31A of June 22, 2000, we submitted our audited financial statements. I now submit to you herewith the Report of the Treasurer of Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY C. O'ROURKE
Associate Vice President
and Controller

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator MELLOW. Mr. President, just very quickly, first, it is important to offer our congratulations not only to the Members who were sworn in who have served as Members of the Senate, but also to the four new individuals who were sworn in for the first time. I think they will find their experience will be a rather unique experience, and probably outside of interests they have with their families, it will be the greatest experience they have ever had the opportunity to be involved in.

And, Mr. President, secondly, earlier this afternoon when we adopted the Rules of the Senate, not the Financial Operating Rules of the Senate, a unanimous vote was taken for the Rules of the Senate, and with that we have no problem, except I think it is important for the Chair to note, and for it to be noted on the record, that those of us basically on this side of the aisle are not overly happy with the way the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations has been operating over the last several years. Mr. President, the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations has been used as a supercommittee here in the Senate at the exclusion of Members who are not on the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, and those of us who have worked in this Chamber for a number of years know exactly what I am talking about.

A bill on final concurrence will be considered in the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, Mr. President, by Members of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations. It will then come out on the floor of the Senate, and without a suspension of the overall rules of the Senate, the Members of the Senate who are not Members of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations have no opportunity to offer any input on the floor of the Senate.

So what we are going to try to do and hope that we will have the indulgence of the Republican Leader, Senator Brightbill, once we reconvene later this month, we are going to offer a resolution. I would hope that Senator Brightbill, who is chairman of Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, will at least give it the opportunity of being considered in the Rules room. This resolution basically, Mr. President, will not make the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations a supercommittee at the exclusion of the Members of the Senate who are not Members of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, but in fact will give us an opportunity that once a bill is reported from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations on third consideration or on final passage, or a bill that has been amended in the House that has been reported to the floor of the Senate, that we will not have to suspend the rules of the Senate for the purpose of giving the 50 Members of the Senate the opportunity to offer amendments on the floor for, in many cases, some legislation that is of extreme importance to the 12-plus million people who live in Pennsylvania. The only way now a Member would have the opportunity to offer an amendment to that particular bill would be to have the rules suspended.

So, it is something we are very much concerned with, Mr. President. We did not want to talk about it today because it is a

ceremonial day, but now that we are under the position in the order of business of Petitions and Remonstrances, we think it is so important that that is reflected in today's Journal so that when we talk about this later on in the legislative year it will not come as a surprise to anyone, even though we did vote unanimously today to accept the rules.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, Senator Hart has provided some comments for the record.

(The following prepared statement was made a part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator HART:)

On this day of new beginnings, I believe it is only fitting that one of us who is exiting reflect on the wonderful and rare opportunity to serve as a Member of the Pennsylvania Senate. I leave today for a new opportunity to serve Pennsylvania as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, but it is a bittersweet departure. I truly loved serving here in this architectural treasure that is our State Capitol.

Though we are surrounded by splendor as we do our work here, we all know that our service as Senators goes far beyond the ceremony and formality of this Chamber. Service in the Senate of Pennsylvania is more than just a job or a prestigious position, it is a vocation. We are always Senators. We all know too well that our Sunday church services may turn into constituent meetings. We also know that because of the position, any service project or community cause with which we become involved is more likely to succeed. The time demands are great, but the reward is worth it -- fulfillment is an elusive goal in life, but it is less elusive if we use our power to effect change for the greater good.

It is a wonderful gift to be able to touch many lives in a positive way. Writing a bill to fund a State program to educate domestic violence victims, changing the tax code to make sure that a young entrepreneur will start her business in Pennsylvania, or making sure that emergency food assistance is available for needy families are just a few things that come to mind. This is an opportunity that too few people are willing to take, and one too often squandered by some who get elected.

It is my departing wish for all of the Members, both current and future of this august body, that they use their time here to "do good," as we always say in caucus. Enjoy and learn from your wonderful colleagues here in the Pennsylvania Senate. I am pleased and honored to have done so in my 10 years here. I wish you all the best.

RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate, as we still have some further business.

The PRESIDENT. The Senate will stand in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ELECTION RETURNS OF SENATOR-ELECT VINCENT J. FUMO

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. I would ask all Members and guests to please take their seats so that we can proceed to do the

special swearing-in of the Senator-elect from the First Senatorial District. I ask the Clerk to read the returns from the First Senatorial District.

The Clerk read the election returns as follows:

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| FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT | | |
| Philadelphia | Vincent J. Fumo (D) | 64,877 |
| | George Jacob (R) | 15,114 |

Whereupon, the following named person was declared duly elected Senator in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

First District—Vincent J. Fumo

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. For the record, the Chair has been informed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the Senator-elect has filed in her office the accounts and affidavits as required by the Election Code.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Would Senator-elect Fumo please come to the bar of the Senate.

Please rise.

I now have the great honor, the absolute great honor to present one of the outstanding people, let alone outstanding jurists, in this Commonwealth, the Honorable Renee Hughes.

Judge Hughes.

Judge HUGHES. Thank you so much, President pro tempore Jubelirer. It is an extraordinary honor for me to be here today, and although I know that it was not nice to be late, I am really glad you were late today because it is a real pleasure for me to have the honor to swear in this special Senator.

Would you please place your left hand on your Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, Vincent J. Fumo, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, so help me God.

You are duly elected, and you are now duly sworn to the office of Senator of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Congratulations.

Senator FUMO. Thank you.

(Applause.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUEST OF SENATOR VINCENT J. FUMO PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Fumo.

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, I would just like to introduce Peter Nero, who has come with us. He is a great artist in Pennsylvania, and we want to make sure he is here with us.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair is pleased to recognize on the floor one of the great legends of music in this country, and someone I have had the pleasure of hearing many times and admired and respected, and I think all of us have had that. You do us a great honor by being here, and we are delighted to welcome you.

(Applause.)

Senator FUMO. Mr. President, I made him promise to come back when we get the piano tuned.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. If he soothes you, Senator Fumo, we will have him back every day.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

January 2, 2001

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, The Honorable Thomas Paese, 2518 North Second Street, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, to serve until January 1, 2004 and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel Sanzotto, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

ADJOURNMENT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I move the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.