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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 25, 2001

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend D.J. PAGLIA, Associate Pastor of Evangel Assembly of God, Mt. Joy, offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us this day, that we might live and perform our duties as public servants who are dedicated to the best interests of every citizen of this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We thank You for the sincere dedication of these public servants. We thank You for their families and for every district that is represented here today. Grant to each Member of the Senate divine wisdom for every decision that will be made today.

The Bible instructs us, if any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God who gives to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly. Heavenly Father, we acknowledge our need of You in these very trying times across our nation and around the world. We ask Your blessing and protection upon our Governor, who will soon assume a very important role in the national life of our country. We pray for our Lieutenant Governor, who will assume the important role as Governor of our great State. We pray Your protection upon each of them, their families, and for each Member of the Senate. We ask Your protection for all citizens of the United States of America.

May we seek to honor You and seek Your guidance in these uncertain times. For Your blessings and watchful care, we give You thanks. This we ask in Your name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Paglia, who is the guest today of Senator Wenger.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of June 21, 2001.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT M. TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, with me today on a very historic day is the Liberty Bell Chapter of American ex-POWs, Cay Burns, Commander. She is the first woman commander in the United States, and is in her 18th year with the Liberty Bell Chapter, serving 2 years as State Commander and as Vice-Commander of the Pennsylvania State American ex-POWs.

In attendance with the group is Thomas McManamon, President of Chapter 114, Korean War Veterans, and his wife, Ann, and John Keepers, Sr., Judge Advocate. I ask that you welcome this distinguished group today.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. In a moment we will proceed to our Joint Meeting with the House of Representatives, and I think we all agree, an important assembly.

Will Members and staff please form a line in the center aisle behind the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

SB 1, 4, 35, 130, 215, 236, 237, 243, 363, 377, 379, 485, 549, 597, 626, 634, 793, 810, 811, 816, 876, 877, 916, 926, 927, 971 and SB 976.

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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 STATE BOARD
OF ACCOUNTANCY**

July 19, 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, Joseph M. Alu (Public Member), 719 Center Street, Dunmore 18512, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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 ARCHITECTS
LICENSURE BOARD**

July 19, 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, Ann Shepard Houston, 141 Jefferson Street, Bala Cynwyd 19004, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CANCER
CONTROL, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH
ADVISORY BOARD**

July 19, 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, Joel S. Noumoff, M.D., 238 Lloyd Lane, Wynnewood 19096, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christine E. Szarka, M.D., Pennlyn, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

July 19, 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, Nancy Kaplan (Public Member), 518 Glen Arbor Drive, Wynnewood 19096, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Mary Ann Navarro, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

July 19, 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, Raymond C. Braun, Jr., 1490 Letchworth Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

July 19, 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, Carl Noakes, 516 Grandview Street, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Leonard C. Campbell, Newport, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS**

July 19, 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, Richard Hudic (Public Member),

4078 Rawleigh Street, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologist[sic], 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 Margo P. Dinniman, Exton, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL
ESTATE COMMISSION

July 19, 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, George E. Meagher, III, 914 Talamore Drive, Ambler 19002, Montgomery County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

July 19, 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, Edward J. Cernic, Jr., 490 Naylor Road, Johnstown 15906, Cambria County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

July 19, 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, Judith F. Baillis (Public Member), 103 Blackberry Hill, Port Matilda 16870, Centre County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

July 19, 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, Brian V. Harpster, V.M.D., 628 Aspen Lane, Spring Hill Acres, Lebanon 17042, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION

July 23, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2006 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Norma J. Gotwalt, Camp Hill, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF DENTISTRY

July 23, 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, Samuel I. Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, 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 Kenneth D. Loeffler, II, D.M.D., Lancaster, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

July 23, 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, 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

PROTHONOTARY, ALLEGHENY
COUNTY

July 30, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4400 Colonial Road, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Prothonotary, in and for the county of Allegheny, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice The Honorable Michael F. Coyne, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF ACCOUNTANCY

July 31, 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, James P. Keasey, 2570 Grandview Park Drive, York 17404, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

July 31, 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, Ronald S. Mintz, Esquire, 2421 Bristol Road, Warrington 18976, Bucks County, Twelfth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, to serve until the July 20, 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF MAYVIEW STATE HOSPITAL

July 31, 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, Ann M. Mitchell, Ph.D., 5826 Nicholson Street, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Mayview State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard S. Evans, M.D., Pittsburgh, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

July 31, 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, Romaine J. Campenni, 23 East Sunrise Drive, Port Griffith, Pittston 18640, Luzerne County, Fourteenth 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 her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

July 31, 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, Grace Bohr, 749 Harrison Avenue, Scranton 18510, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH
POLICY BOARD

August 6, 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, Jennifer L. Hoover, 41 Evergreen Street, Shavertown, 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Charles W. Pruitt, Jr., Pittsburgh, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

REGISTER OF WILLS, RECORDER OF DEEDS,
CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT,
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

August 6, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4400 Colonial Road, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds, Clerk of Orphans' Court, in and for the County of Northumberland, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Frederick F. Reed, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES

August 7, 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, Kelly Logan, 700 Moores Mountain Road, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-First Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of General Services, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gary E. Crowell, Camp Hill, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

August 9, 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, Oliver C. Bullock, D.O., 1641 Mayland Street, Philadelphia 19138, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF BARBER EXAMINERS

August 20, 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, Elisabeth Baker, (Public Member),

P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lois K. Herr, Manheim, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY

August 20, 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, Samuel I. Cohn, (Public Member), 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment 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, vice Caroline A. Novak, Coatesville, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG[*sic*],
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD

August 20, 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, Michelle M. Grove, 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kenneth H. Heisey, D.D.S. Enola, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 20, 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, Michelle M. Grove, 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice James J. Canova, East McKeesport, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

August 20, 2001

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007 and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Blake Maria Yohe, York, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF HARRISBURG STATE HOSPITAL

August 20, 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, 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 Harrisburg State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Albert E. Myers, Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE HEALTH
POLICY BOARD

August 20, 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, Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York 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 her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dr. William G. Berger, Grove City, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

August 20, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4400 Colonial

Road, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve until February 21, 2005 or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Johnson-Smith, Elkins Park, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

COMMONWEALTH TRUSTEE OF LINCOLN
UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

August 20, 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, Jennifer Hoover, 41 Evergreen Street, Shavertown, 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a Commonwealth Trustee of Lincoln University of Pennsylvania of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until August 31, 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William A. Robinson, Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING

August 20, 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, Stephanie Moore, (Public Member), 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Ellen J.B. Toker, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PODIATRY

August 20, 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, Wha Lee, 2292 Albern Boulevard, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert L. Green, D.O., Harrisburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE POLK CENTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 20, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Polk Center Board of Trustees, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Alvin G. Kessler, Oil City, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

August 20, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Avenue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2002, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Susan Genesi, Philipsburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PSYCHOLOGY

August 20, 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, Michelle M. Grove (Public Member) 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Psychology, to serve until November 10, 2002 or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Anthony J. Fubio, Altoona, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC
TELEVISION NETWORK COMMISSION

August 20, 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, Valerie Smith, 7723 Farmdale Ave-

nue, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Joseph F. Leeson, Jr., Esquire, Bethlehem, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

August 20, 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, Wha Lee, (Public Member), 2292 Albern Boulevard, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Dennis P. McManus, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

August 29, 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, Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2002, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Audrey Reichblum, Pittsburgh, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CONTROLLER, LUZERNE COUNTY

August 29, 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, Elisabeth Baker, P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Luzerne, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Thomas P. Pizano, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

August 29, 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, Jennifer L. Hoover, 41 Evergreen Street, Shavertown 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Lawrence R. Soma, V.M.D., Glen Mills, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION**

August 29, 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, Fritz Bittenbender (District 8), 4400 Colonial Road, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Donald N. Lacy, Reading, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PODIATRY**

August 29, 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, Mark Navarro, (Public Member), 4184 Kittatinny Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Michael A. Cibik, Philadelphia, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**PROTHONOTARY, CLERK OF COURTS,
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

August 29, 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, Donna Kriner, 6320 Darlington Drive, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Jefferson, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Kae Ploucha, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**PROTHONOTARY, CLERK OF COURTS,
MIFFLIN COUNTY**

August 29, 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, Fritz Bittenbender, 4400 Colonial Road, Dover 17315, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, in and for the County of Mifflin, to serve until the first of Monday of January 2002, vice Sue Ellen Saxton, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

SHERIFF, TIOGA COUNTY

August 29, 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, John L. Perry, 25 Dantz Run Road, Wellsboro 16901, Tioga County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Tioga, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Lamar G. Green, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

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

August 29, 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, Annette Steele, 2029 Bonita Court, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Warren W. Lamm, Sinking Spring, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

August 29, 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, Michelle Grove, 220 Umberto Street, New Cumberland 17070, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as District Justice, in and for the County of Montgomery, Magisterial District 38-1-13, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice John T. Sachaczewski, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

August 29, 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, Steven A. Sandone, Esquire, 714 Crescent Drive, Darby Township 19036, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, as District Justice, in and for the County of Delaware County, Magisterial District 32-2-40, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice Leonard M. McDevitt, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

DISTRICT JUSTICE

August 29, 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, Susanne V. Steffee, 325 South Main Street, Homer City 15748, Indiana County, Forty-first Senatorial District, as District Justice, in and for the County of Indiana, Magisterial District 40-3-02, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice Michael K. Steffee/sic/, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

August 30, 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, Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Etters 17319, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, to serve until April 1, 2002, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Nora Mead Brownell, Spring House, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

SHERIFF, POTTER COUNTY

August 30, 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, Kenneth G. Sauley, 215 Earl Road, Sabinsville 16943, Potter County, Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as Sheriff, in and for the County of Potter, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice Dale I. Cogley, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CONTROLLER, MONROE COUNTY

August 31, 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, Marlo A. Merhige, R.R. 1, Box 333, Tannersville 18372, Monroe County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as Controller, in and for the County of Monroe, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice The Honorable Kelly Lewis, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

CORONER, BUTLER COUNTY

August 31, 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, William F. Young, III, Box 223 863 Halston Road, West Sunbury 16001, Butler County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as Coroner, in and for the County of Butler, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice William F. Young, Jr., resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

TREASURER, BRADFORD COUNTY

August 31, 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, Rebecca A. Clark, RR 1, Box 165, Towanda 18848, Bradford County, Twenty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Treasurer, in and for the County of Bradford, to serve until the first Monday of January 2002, vice Nancy Schrader, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

September 12, 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 David E. Hess, 6110 Chatham Glenn Way, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice the Honorable James M. Seif, replaced.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORRISTOWN STATE HOSPITAL

September 12, 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, Elizabeth Anne Gargan, PO Box 327, 113 Treetop Lane, Wallingford 19086, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas V. Gargan, West Chester, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

September 12, 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, Jennifer Hoover, 41 Evergreen Street, Shavertown 18708, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Velma C. Noonan, Carnegie, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

September 12, 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 Reverend Charles J. Charles, 18 Sweitzer Road, Mohnton 19540, Berks County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wernersville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2003, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert E. Gregory, Litiz, deceased.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE VENANGO COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

September 12, 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, Elizabeth Schehr, 65 Suffolk Road, Harrisburg 17112, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Venango County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2001, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Creeta Y. Owens, Oil City, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

September 12, 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, Barbara Kauffman, 3182 Cornerstone Drive, Lancaster 17603, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Warren County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Wanda C. Little, North Warren, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION

September 20, 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, Elisabeth Baker (District 7), P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve until June 9, 2006, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George J. Venesky, Mountaintop, commission revoked.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

September 20, 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, Henry Hart, III, Esquire, 7100 McCallum Street, Philadelphia 19119, Philadelphia County, Fourth

Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Stephen E. Levin, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION**

September 25, 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, John J. Riley (District 7), R.R. 1, Box 587, Scotrun 18355, Monroe County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve until June 9, 2006, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George J. Venesky, Mountaintop, commission revoked.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE**

September 25, 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, Ollice Bates, Jr., M.D., 309 Jade Avenue, Danville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve until March 16, 2002, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Blairanne Revak, M.D., Bloomsburg, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MEDICINE**

September 25, 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, Lisa K. Shumaker-Stokes, 332 Southview Drive, Mechanicsburg 17055, Cumberland County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Medicine, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Vivian H. Lowenstein, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

September 25, 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, Gene G. Smith, 822 Kocher Drive, Grove City 16127, Mercer County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Transportation Commission, to serve for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE SNYDER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

September 25, 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, Jamie Gibson, 10 B West Beale Avenue, Enola 17025, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Snyder County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2003, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Judy A. Jones, Selinsgrove, resigned.

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**RECALL COMMUNICATION
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 PENNSYLVANIA
GAME COMMISSION**

September 25, 2001

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated September 20, 2001 for the appointment of Elisabeth Baker (District 7), P.O. Box 59, Mt. View Drive, Lehman 18627, Luzerne County, Twentieth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve until June 9, 2006, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice George J. Venesky, Mountaintop, commission revoked.

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

THOMAS J. RIDGE
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Gov-

error of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF ACCOUNTANCY**

August 9, 2001

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

Please note the nomination dated July 19, 2001 for the appointment of Joseph M. Alu (Public Member), 719 Center Street, Dunmore 18512, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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, should be corrected to read:

Joseph M. Alu, 719 Center Street, Dunmore 18512, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Accountancy, 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.

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

June 21, 2001

HB 355 and 1686 -- Committee on Education.

HB 401 and 1289 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 453 and 1356 -- Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

HB 497, 817 and 967 -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HB 510, 590, 607 and 1331 -- Committee on State Government.

HB 729, 1670 and 1763 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 850 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

HB 1311 -- Committee on Aging and Youth.

HB 1333, 1541, 1546 and 1603 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1345 and 1605 -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

HB 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363 and 1418 -- Committee on Finance.

June 27, 2001

HB 152 and 1105 -- Committee on Transportation.

HB 830 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 1573 -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 27, 2001

Senators HUGHES, KUKOVICH, HELFRICK, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, STACK and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 1021**, entitled:

An Act providing for medical practice disclosure; imposing powers and duties on the Department of State; establishing the Medical Professional Records Check Fund; and providing for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, June 27, 2001.

Senator CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1022**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further providing for annual income limitations for PACE and PACENET; providing for best price for pharmaceuticals; establishing the Prescription Drug Access Clearinghouse Authority and providing for its powers and duties; providing for the Medicare Managed Care Fair Share Program; and establishing the Medicare Participation Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, June 27, 2001.

Senator CONTI presented to the Chair **SB 1023**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for incidence and rate of tax; providing for additional floor tax; and further providing for disposition of certain funds.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 27, 2001.

Senators MOWERY, PUNT, ORIE, ERICKSON and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 1024**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, further providing for exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 27, 2001.

July 2, 2001

Senators CONTI, CORMAN, WAUGH and ORIE presented to the Chair **SB 1025**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the sale or transfer of unused research and development tax credits and unused net loss deductions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, July 2, 2001.

Senators CONTI, KITCHEN, LEMMOND, M. WHITE, MUSTO and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 1026**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for persons ineligible for licensing and for the learner's permit fee.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, July 2, 2001.

Senators CONTI, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, BELL, LEMMOND, M. WHITE, MUSTO, KASUNIC and KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 1027**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for payments on account of standardized driver-education programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, July 2, 2001.

Senators CONTI, GERLACH, KUKOVICH, STOUT, BODACK, TILGHMAN, HUGHES, SCHWARTZ, TOMLINSON, THOMPSON, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1028**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, providing watershed zoning cooperation among adjoining municipalities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, July 2, 2001.

July 25, 2001

Senators ORIE, COSTA, HELFRICK, LOGAN, GERLACH, ERICKSON, HOLL, SCHWARTZ, THOMPSON and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 1029**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, July 25, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, LEMMOND, EARLL, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, CORMAN, ERICKSON, TOMLINSON and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 1030**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for weapons or implements for escape and for contraband; and making a conforming amendment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, July 25, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, MOWERY, MUSTO, O'PAKE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 1031**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, July 25, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, MOWERY, MUSTO, O'PAKE and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 1032**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 6, 1951 (P.L.69, No.20), known as The Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, requiring the disclosure of flood history.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, July 25, 2001.

Senator TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1033**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privileges.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, July 25, 2001.

Senators TILGHMAN, HELFRICK, LOGAN, D. WHITE, COSTA, MUSTO, ERICKSON, MOWERY and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 1034**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the payment of interest and penalties for the failure to collect sales tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, July 25, 2001.

August 13, 2001

Senator PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 1035**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Kittochtinny Historical Society, Inc., certain lands situate in Antrim Township, Franklin County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, August 13, 2001.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, TARTAGLIONE, KUKOVICH, MUSTO, LAVALLE, WAGNER, COSTA, KASUNIC, STOUT, STACK, LOGAN, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, BODACK, SCHWARTZ, WOZNIAC, KITCHEN, FUMO, EARLL and BELL presented to the Chair **SB 1036**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pharmacy Best Practices and Cost Control Program; and permitting the Commonwealth to enter into prescription drug fair pricing coalitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, August 13, 2001.

August 31, 2001

Senators GREENLEAF, PICCOLA, HELFRICK, DENT, ERICKSON and TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1052**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the rulemaking power of the Supreme Court.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 31, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, GERLACH, SCHWARTZ, ERICKSON, HOLL, LAVALLE, TILGHMAN, TOMLINSON and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1057**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, August 31, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, ORIE, SCHWARTZ, MELLOW, BOSCOLA, COSTA, HELFRICK, HOLL, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, TARTAGLIONE, TILGHMAN and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1058**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for background checks of prospective child-care personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, August 31, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, ORIE, SCHWARTZ, MELLOW, BOSCOLA, COSTA, HELFRICK, HOLL, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, TARTAGLIONE and TILGHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1059**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, further providing for criminal history record checks for employees at certain facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, August 31, 2001.

Senators TILGHMAN, THOMPSON, STOUT, BODACK, GERLACH, MOWERY, ERICKSON, MUSTO and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 1069**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, adding a definition of "continuing care retirement community"; providing for a continuing care retirement community retail license not subject to the quota system; and providing for a local option ballot question.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, August 31, 2001.

September 5, 2001

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, THOMPSON and BELL presented to the Chair **SB 1037**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, exempting municipalities and municipal authorities from bond requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, COSTA, KUKOVICH and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 1038**, entitled:

An Act providing for the protection of historic trees; conferring powers and duties on the Bureau of Forestry; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, COSTA, KUKOVICH and LAVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 1039**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, further providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with respect to parks.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, COSTA, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LEMMOND and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1040**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, further providing for rivers conservation; establishing the Water Recreation Advisory Board; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, COSTA, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 1041**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Forest Stewardship Program and the Stewardship Incentive Program in the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and establishing the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Committee and providing for its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 1043**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for procedure and for construction and exclusiveness of remedy.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, SCHWARTZ and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 1044**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for license to carry a firearm; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senator GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1046**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for parenting education.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, LAVALLE, PUNT and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 1047**, entitled:

An Act imposing civil liability on persons participating in the illegal drug market; providing for the recovery of damages by certain persons; and establishing the procedure for bringing an action to recover damages.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, O'PAKE, ERICKSON, HOLL and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1048**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the simulation of legal process and related acts; prohibiting the use of unofficial license plates; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE, ERICKSON and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1049**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for electronic monitoring systems in State correctional institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, ERICKSON and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 1051**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for court reporting contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, JUBELIRER, EARLL, GERLACH, O'PAKE, DENT, ERICKSON, ROBBINS, TOMLINSON and WAGNER presented to the Chair **SB 1053**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the limited right of jurors to take notes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, O'PAKE, M. WHITE and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 1054**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for appeals from government agencies, for the selection of judicial officers and for the discipline or removal of judges or district justices; amending provisions relating to evidentiary matters; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, LEMMOND, O'PAKE, SCHWARTZ, ERICKSON, HOLL and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 1055**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, further providing for the compensation of senior judges.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA and SCHWARTZ presented to the Chair **SB 1056**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing audiovisual coverage of court proceedings.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senator KUKOVICH presented to the Chair **SB 1061**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for ethnic intimidation; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, September 5, 2001.

Senators KASUNIC, STOUT, O'PAKE, WAGNER, MELLOW, COSTA, LOGAN, KITCHEN, LAVALLE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1063**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, further providing for restrictions on certain wastes and out-of-State wastes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 5, 2001.

Senators KASUNIC, LOGAN, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STOUT, WAGNER, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, COSTA, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1065**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, establishing a graduated payment scale for certain taxpayers liable for corporate net income tax payments.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 5, 2001.

Senators KASUNIC, LOGAN, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STOUT, WAGNER, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, COSTA, BODACK, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, TOMLINSON and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1066**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing a sales tax exemption for building materials used in construction activities in enterprise zones.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 5, 2001.

Senators KASUNIC, LOGAN, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STOUT, WAGNER, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, BODACK, KITCHEN, LAVALLE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1067**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a job retention tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 5, 2001.

Senators KASUNIC, STOUT, LAVALLE, COSTA, MELLOW, KITCHEN and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1068**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disqualification for a commercial driver's license.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 5, 2001.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

June 21, 2001

Senator GERLACH presented to the Chair **SR 89**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2001 as "Planning Great Communities Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 21, 2001.

Senator MURPHY presented to the Chair **SR 90**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and commending the contributions of Neighborhood Legal Services Association to the well-being of residents of this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 21, 2001.

Senators RHOADES, WOZNAK, ERICKSON, LOGAN, LAVALLE, ORIE, KUKOVICH, MOWERY and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SR 96**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution relating to participation in and legislative approval of recommendations and reports of the Northeast Regional Haze Planning Organization prior to implementation in Pennsylvania, and urging the Department of Environmental Protection to convene stakeholder process.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, June 21, 2001.

August 6, 2001

Senators STACK, COSTA, ARMSTRONG, LOGAN, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, DENT, SCHWARTZ, FUMO, LEMMOND, ORIE, KITCHEN, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, THOMPSON, WOZNAK, RHOADES and STOUT presented to the Chair **SR 97**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to honor Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, August 6, 2001.

Senators WAUGH, BRIGHTBILL, THOMPSON, LOGAN, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, WAGNER, LAVALLE, MOWERY, O'PAKE, COSTA, TOMLINSON, KUKOVICH, WENGER, ARMSTRONG, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, STOUT, MELLOW, GREENLEAF, SCHWARTZ, ERICKSON and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SR 98**, entitled:

A Resolution designating November 17, 2001, as "HIKE Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, August 6, 2001.

Senators TOMLINSON, STACK, THOMPSON, HELFRICK, ARMSTRONG, STOUT, LAVALLE, WAGNER, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, ERICKSON, ROBBINS, WENGER, LOGAN, M. WHITE, WAUGH, PUNT, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, HOLL, TILGHMAN, SCHWARTZ, ORIE, MELLOW, BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, DENT and GERLACH presented to the Chair **SR 99**, entitled:

A Resolution endorsing and supporting the mission of the National D-Day Museum and recognizing the dedication of the Pacific Wing of the museum, December 6 through 9, 2001.

Which was committed to the Committee on MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, August 6, 2001.

Senators ORIE, WAGNER, COSTA, LOGAN and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SR 100**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the elimination or significant reduction of property taxes as a source of funding for local school districts; to review the policies of states and jurisdictions of the United States which have eliminated property taxes as a source of funding for local school districts; to determine the consequences of such an elimination or reduction on local taxing bodies and on this Commonwealth; and to make recommendations on alternative financing methods for schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, August 6, 2001.

August 13, 2001

Senators ORIE and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SR 101**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the elimination or significant reduction of property taxes as a source of funding for local school districts; to review the policies of states and jurisdictions of the United States which have eliminated property taxes as a source of funding for local school districts; to determine the consequences of such an elimination or reduction on local taxing bodies and on this Commonwealth; and to make recommendations on alternative financing methods for schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, August 13, 2001.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

REQUEST BY STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

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

STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Office of the Chancellor
Dixon University Center
2986 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

July 27, 2001

Mr. Mark Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Room 462, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Section 20-2018-A of the State System of Higher Education's enabling legislation (Act 188 of 1982) states, in part:

Whenever the System deems that it is necessary or desirable to sell, transfer or dispose of real property acquired by and titled to it, it shall request authorization from the General Assembly to sell, transfer, or dispose of said real property; and from time to time, as necessary, the System shall submit to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate requests to sell, transfer or dispose of real property acquired by and titled to the System for consideration by the General Assembly.

On July 12, 2001, the Board of Governors of the State System approved a request from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, subject to approval by the General Assembly, to sell property at 720 East Second Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, containing a two-story, 2,500 square foot, brick and stucco single-family dwelling situated on a lot measuring 120 by 128 feet (approximately 0.4 acres). Enclosed is a copy of the Board's approval. The purpose of this letter is to request authorization from the General Assembly to sell the property.

The property was acquired in July 1988 for temporary use by the university to meet critical space deficiencies. Those deficiencies have been satisfied by permanent facilities on campus, so the property is no longer required. The university purchased the property for \$130,000. The property is in good condition, and a current appraisal values it at \$160,000.

As required by Act 188, this office requests that the required resolution to sell the property be drafted and placed on the calendar for consideration by the General Assembly at the next opportunity. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Questions concerning the property may be addressed to Vice Chancellor Edward Nolan, System Legislative Affairs Officer, at (717) 720-4020.

Sincerely,

MARY W. BURGER
Interim Chancellor

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This will appear on the Calendar as State System of Higher Education Property Request No. 1 of 2001.

RESIGNATION OF SENATOR RICHARD A. TILGHMAN

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
Room 281 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

August 30, 2001

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

Dear Governor Schweiker:

I am writing to submit my resignation from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, effective at the close of business, August 31, 2001.

It is with very mixed feelings that I write this letter, since I have enjoyed representing my constituents and working with my colleagues for the betterment of Pennsylvania.

Under our Constitution, the vacancy created by my departure must be filled by special election. I am resigning at this time so as to enable you to schedule that election to coincide with the November 6, 2001 Election. This will result in the largest possible election participation and the shortest interruption of representation for the residents of the 17th Senatorial District.

As someone who has worked with you for six and one-half years, I express my appreciation to you personally and wish you and all our associates in Pennsylvania government the very best in the future.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. TILGHMAN

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

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

August 31, 2001

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

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 1604-B of The Fiscal Code, as amended, the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1, and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of: the average annual tax revenues

deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years; the amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year; the amount of net debt as of the certification date; the difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification date; the amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued; the amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred; and the amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
Auditor General

AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a) (4)
of the
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
and

Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To The Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7(a)(4) and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999) certify as follows:

The average annual tax revenues deposited
in all funds in the five fiscal years ended
preceding the date of August 31, 2001 \$23,008,382,095

- (i) The amount of outstanding net debt
as of the end of the preceding
fiscal year \$ 4,567,293,488
- (ii) The amount of such net debt as
of August 31, 2001 \$ 4,554,304,562
- (iii) The difference between the limitation
upon all net debt outstanding as provided
in Article VIII, Section 7(a) (4) of the
Constitution of Pennsylvania and the
amount of such net debt as of the date
of August 31, 2001 \$35,710,364,104
- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled
to be repaid during the remainder of
the current fiscal year \$ 351,926,287
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law
to be issued, but not yet incurred \$32,036,905,468
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations
excluded from outstanding debt as
self sustaining pursuant to Article VIII,
Section 7(c) (1), (2) and (3) of the
Constitution of Pennsylvania \$ 3,043,494,738

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and
affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 31st day of August 2001.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.

Auditor General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO
THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of the Treasurer
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

July 19, 2001

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

Pursuant to Section 9334 of PA. Title 18, enclosed is the report of
payments made to the Office of Independent Counsel for the period July
1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. If you have any questions, please
contact my Comptroller, Frank McCormick, at 787-1792.

Sincerely,

BARBARA HAFFER
State Treasurer

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

FINAL REPORT OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

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

ANTHONY M. MARIANI, ESQUIRE
INDEPENDENT COUNSEL
36th Floor, Grant Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

June 29, 2001

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/
RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST**

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

Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk
Pennsylvania House of
Representatives
Room 129, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

**In Re: Final Report to the General Assembly of Anthony M.
Mariani, Esquire, Independent Counsel of Pennsylvania,
Pursuant to §9342(a) of the Independent Counsel
Authorization Act, 18 Pa.C.S.A. §9301 et seq.**

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to §9342(a) of the Independent Counsel Authorization
Act, 18 Pa.C.S.A. §9301 et seq., I hereby submit the report identified
above to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

ANTHONY M. MARIANI, ESQ.
INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

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

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY PROBATION
AND PAROLE OFFICERS' FIREARM EDUCATION
AND TRAINING COMMISSION FOR FISCAL
YEARS 1998-1999 AND 1999-2000**

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

COUNTY PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICERS'
FIREARM EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION
1101 S. Front Street, Suite 5600
Harrisburg, PA 17104-2522

June 29, 2001

Honorable Robert C. Jubelirer
President Pro Tempore
Senate Box 203030
292 Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

On behalf of the County Probation and Parole Officers' Firearm Education and Training Commission, I am enclosing a copy of the Commission's Combined Annual Report for fiscal years 1998-1999 & 1999-2000.

If you have any questions or would like additional copies, please contact me at the telephone number shown above.

Sincerely,

CHESTER A. KOPE
Executive Director

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

REPORT ON TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION

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

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

July 23, 2001

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

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

As required by the Job Enhancement Act of 1996, (P.L. 4343, No 67), Act 113, Section 2706, as amended, I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation for the mid-year of 2001.

This report includes:

1. a summary of volume cap allocation usage thus far for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds; and

2. a list of small issue and exempt facility allocations including the issuing authority, project name, allocation amount, and estimated jobs for each project.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL A. McCULLOUGH
Secretary

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

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WIRETAPPING AND
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CONTROL ACT**

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

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
Suite 1020
Six Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

August 14, 2001

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary/Parliamentarian of the Senate
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan,

In accordance with Section 5723(d) of the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa. C.S. §5723(d), I forward herewith the required annual report.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN P. FLAHERTY
Chief Justice of Pennsylvania

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

**REPORT ON ELECTRIC POWER OUTLOOK
FOR PENNSYLVANIA 2000-2005**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

August 29, 2001

Mr. Mark Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Room 426 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Please find under cover of this letter a copy of the Commission's report entitled Electric Power Outlook for Pennsylvania 2000-2005.

This is a statistical report summarizing and discussing the current and future electric supply and demand situation for all investor-owned electric utilities operating within the Commonwealth. The Commission is statutorily required to assemble and release this information pursuant to the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S.A. §524(b).

If you or your staff require additional copies, please contact June M. Perry, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 717-787-3256.

Sincerely,

GLEN R. THOMAS
Chairman

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS OF PHILADELPHIA

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY TRUSTS
Acting for the City of Philadelphia, Trustee
21 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3684

July 25, 2001

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

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

I am pleased to enclose herewith the One Hundred Thirty-First Annual Report of the City of Philadelphia, Trustee, acting by the Board of Directors of City Trusts.

Sincerely,

MARLENE BRENNER
Secretary

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

ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

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

August 3, 2001

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

Dear Secretary Corrigan:

I am pleased to send to you the Annual Financing Strategy of the Department of Community and Economic Development pursuant to Act 67 of 1996. The strategy is designed to provide a foundation for greater communication, consensus and collaboration on economic development financing policies and operations.

The Annual Financing Strategy for 2001 examines the impact of specific programs and outlines strategic and operational guidelines for the 2001-02 fiscal year. The strategy summarizes the Department's business financing programs for FY 1999-00.

As with every action taken by the Ridge Administration to improve economic development in Pennsylvania, this financing strategy is built upon extensive input from those who fight for Pennsylvania jobs everyday, i.e., representatives of local development organizations and local government, state agency and legislative staff, and department employees. All are committed to measures that will make Pennsylvania a national leader in job creation and retention as well as community development. Their ideas are embedded in the financing strategy.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely

SAMUEL A. McCULLOUGH
Secretary

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

APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator Gibson E. Armstrong as a member of the Eastern Canadian Provinces Committee of the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments.

Senator Jake Corman as a member of the Education, Labor and Job Training Committee of the Assembly on Federal Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Senator Jay Costa, Jr., as a Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh.

Senator Edwin Erickson as a member of the Environment/Energy Committee of the Eastern Regional Conference of the Council of State Governments.

Senator Vincent J. Hughes as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Senator Robert J. Mellow as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Senator Michael A. O'Pake as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Senator Jane C. Orie as a member of the Human Services Committee of the Assembly on Federal Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Senator Jeffrey E. Piccola as a member of the advisory board to assist in the development and implementation of the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors.

Senator Christine M. Tartaglione as a member of the advisory board to assist in the development and implementation of the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors.

Senator Robert J. Thompson as a member of the Governing Board of the Council of State Governments.

Senator Mary Jo White as a member of the Commerce and Communications Committee of the Assembly on Federal Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Senator John N. Wozniak as a member of the Science, Energy, and Environmental Resources Committee of the Assembly on State Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Mr. Leonard A. Boreski as a member of the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Mr. H. Michael Liptak as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bernard K. Murray as a member of the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Mr. Ronald G. Wagenmann as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator Harold F. Mowery, Jr., as a member of the advisory committee to conduct a study of the PACE and PACENET programs, pursuant to Section 2308 of the Tobacco Settlement Act.

Senator Timothy F. Murphy as a member of the advisory committee to conduct a study of the PACE and PACENET programs, pursuant to Section 2308 of the Tobacco Settlement Act.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 596 (Pr. No. 1322) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for election and eligibility of supervisors.

SB 771 (Pr. No. 863)

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, providing for compensation of auditors for attendance at conferences, institutes, schools and conventions.

HB 494 (Pr. No. 981)

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, providing for appropriations to conservation districts.

HB 495 (Pr. No. 533)

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, providing for appropriations to conservation districts.

HB 1219 (Pr. No. 2513) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for planning commission, for zoning ordinance amendments, for certain findings, for hearings and for governing body's functions.

HB 1405 (Pr. No. 2514) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for filling district attorney vacancies, for reports and for preparation and filing of proposed budget; and making editorial changes.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 89 (Pr. No. 1277)

A Resolution designating the month of October 2001 as "Planning Great Communities Month" in Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolution will be placed on the Calendar.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY ADJOURNMENT

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

In the Senate, September 25, 2001

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, October 1, 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 Monday, October 1, 2001, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-48

Armstrong	Gerlach	Mellow	Stack
Bell	Greenleaf	Mowery	Stout
Bodack	Helfrick	Murphy	Tartaglione
Boscola	Holl	Musto	Thompson
Brightbill	Hughes	O'Pake	Tomlinson
Conti	Jubelirer	Orie	Wagner
Corman	Kasunic	Piccola	Waugh
Costa	Kitchen	Punt	Wenger

Dent	Kukovich	Rhoades	White, Donald
Earll	LaValle	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Erickson	Lemmond	Scarnati	Williams
Fumo	Logan	Schwartz	Wozniak

NAY-0

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We have five original resolutions all dealing with the current events of the last several weeks. The Secretary has advised me that unless someone tells him to the contrary, all 48 Members other than the sponsor who is already on it will be added to the resolution, unless you tell the Secretary to the contrary. All 48 Members will be added as co-sponsors of each and every one of these five resolutions.

At this time the Chair is pleased to recognize the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins. I think it is only fitting that the Members of the Senate know that the idea of the Joint Meeting, which Speaker Ryan and I sponsored, came from Senator Robbins, who thought that this was an appropriate way for Members of the Senate and House to be able to hold an appropriate memorial service, and frankly have a good catharsis, and I publicly want to say to Senator Robbins, thank you very much for a great idea.

(Applause.)

Senator ROBBINS. Thank you, Mr. President, and I want to thank you for having that Joint Meeting because I do think it was extremely important, and extremely important for America to see that Pennsylvania is truly standing up remembering and supporting our great country.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators ROBBINS, BOSCOLA, ARMSTRONG, BELL, BODACK, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, CORMAN, COSTA, DENT, EARLL, ERICKSON, FUMO, GERLACH, GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, HART, HUGHES, JUBELIRER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, LOGAN, MADIGAN, MELLOW, MOWERY, MURPHY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PICCOLA, PUNT, RHOADES, SCARNATI, SCHWARTZ, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, WAGNER, WAUGH, WENGER, WHITE, D., WHITE, M. J., WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 107**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating and honoring the victims and heroes of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on our nation and commending the President and Congress of the United States for taking all steps necessary to care for the victims and their families, implementing measures to prevent future incidents and working to bring the perpetrators to justice.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, the events of September 11, 2001, have been permanently etched into our consciousness. Not since the War of 1812 have we suffered an attack on our nation's capital, and not since the Civil War have more Americans lost their lives on our own soil in a single act of war. As a symbol of American power came under attack, we again are reminded that the price of freedom is not cheap. Our nation has shared in this tragedy that has touched all of her people. We saw evil at its worst. We watched in silent horror the deaths of brave men and women. We have witnessed heroic deeds of all those who rushed into harm's way to save others. For those who say that love of country and patriotism is dead, they are sadly mistaken. America has never been stronger as a people than they are today. These heinous acts have brought our nation together. Today the flags of freedom fly all across this great union, in yards and windows, in front of buildings, and even on cars and the helmets of rescue workers. The Stars and Stripes will fly forever free, standing as a symbol of our great republic.

In the past several days our President has begun the process of deploying units of our Armed Forces, Reserves, and National Guard. As a Vietnam veteran, I understand firsthand what war is. As an infantry company commander and executive officer of A Company, Second of the 101st Airborne Division, I have had to put the bodies of the wounded and the dead on helicopters. Between my tours of duty, I have had the task of telling mothers that their sons had died in war. My second tour of duty, I served with a Vietnamese Infantry Regiment, and as an advisor I had to put their dead and wounded on helicopters. I understand the destruction, the pain that war can cause.

However, with that in mind, we must show our overwhelming support to our men and women who are serving this great country at this most difficult hour in our history. We must keep them constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. President, symbols of the United States were destroyed and many thousands lost their lives on September 11, but we remain undaunted by the task that is now before us. Our President has made it clear that we now are at war with the perpetrators who committed these acts of terrorism. This will be a new kind of war, taking months, possibly years, until final victory is achieved, and victory must be achieved, for without victory we will leave a legacy to our children and our children's children of living in fear. Mr. President, we as a people must now be patient and allow our President and our leaders in Congress the time to plan and implement the strategies that will win this war.

Therefore, Mr. President, I ask that the Senate adopt this resolution to make it perfectly clear to the world that Pennsylvania stands with the President of the United States and the United States Congress in the actions they deem appropriate to win this war that has been suddenly thrust upon our shoulders. Mr. President, today we are no longer Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, we are all Americans. We are all patriots standing together as one people. God bless the victims, God bless those heroes, the firemen, the policemen, the emergency services. God bless Pennsylvania and God bless America.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, so much has changed since we last stood here on the Senate floor, and I remember it was a summer day, a very starry night. I remember those stars, but it seems so long ago, and none of us knew, really how could we, that the tragic events of September 11 would change our priorities as a nation and change our lives as well. We have seen, and our nation has seen, a horrible, terrible, frightening sight. So many deaths, so much destruction in New York City and Washington, D.C., that we cannot possibly see the day we have today or the days that lie ahead of us in quite the same way.

Like many of my colleagues and like so many Pennsylvanians who watched as the airplanes crashed and people died, and two of our tallest buildings fell to the ground, it is hard to find the right words or to describe how we feel today, because there are just too many emotions, and some of them do not feel right: anger, fear, bitterness, grief. But all these emotions have brought us together. They have brought us together. And I know that we are united in our prayers and our hearts ache for the victims of this terrible national tragedy. This is a time for us to grieve together, to pray together, to mourn together, in each community, in every family, as State Senators, and as proud Americans.

When I think of the thousands of people who died on September 11, the first casualties of a senseless act of war, I think of men and women hard at work, with pictures of their families on their desks, and I think of fellow travelers all hoping to reach different destinations, all flying toward that same destiny, and I think of the brave heroes calling loved ones on their cell phones to say good-bye, because they looked beyond themselves and they knew what they had to do. And each and every one, each and every man and woman who died was the most important person in someone else's life, and their families and their friends and their loved ones miss them very, very much.

Mr. President, if there is one thing that we can pull from the rubble, something that is so much larger than the numbers of those missing and those who have died, it is how precious each and every person is and how the loss of one single person's hopes and dreams and joy for life matters so much more than all of our own daily struggles and setbacks and disappointments. Today, we are united as one legislative body, as one State Senate, as proud Americans, one and all. My heart goes out, my prayers, my tears, to all the families who have suffered so much. I hope we never forget how their suffering and their loss has become our suffering and our loss. And I hope we never forget that we represent a family, too, and that family is called Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Dent.

Senator DENT. Mr. President, obviously, the events of September 11 have touched us all. I remember being in Harrisburg on a cold winter day in 1993 when a bomb went off in the World Trade Center, and I received calls from family members about my cousin, Steve McIntyre, and we were terribly concerned about his plight. Several hours later we learned he was okay, but it was quite a scare. And then September 11, 2001, occurred and the horrible spectacle that we saw, and again my immediate thought was of Steve. It was just a horrible moment for me and for my family, as it was for thousands and perhaps

tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of other Americans to watch that.

We were panicked. We knew it had happened again and that he was high up in the World Trade Center. We also knew at the time, we were certain that he had been at work. He was there early every morning. Luckily, we found out shortly afterwards that he was okay, harmed, but okay. I did not get to speak to him until Sunday evening after the attack, and his story was just incredible about how his office, he works in the American Bureau of Shipping as a naval architect, all 11 of his staff on the 91st floor of the first building that was hit, Tower 1, escaped. Although, I will tell you, it was a close call for him. The plane, they believe, struck the 93rd floor, and they are not aware of anyone on the floor above him in that building getting out alive. But for him the worst was not the actual crash into the building, it was what happened when he got down to the bottom of the Trade Center.

When he got down there, he told me that he had been paired up with a woman who had a bad ankle. They had been pairing people on the stairs, the able-bodied with the people who had trouble. And he took her down to the plaza between the two buildings, he said, and I do not quite understand how it looks, but he told me they were very close to the escalator and could see the light of the street, and then he said a horrible explosion occurred, and that explosion he thought was the subway blowing up, when in fact it was the second tower that had collapsed. He said all he remembered was a wind. It picked him up and he flew across the plaza. He then told me that the woman whose hand he was holding, he has no idea what happened to her. Everything went black. He said he thought he was entombed. He said it was so dark he could take his hand and put it against his face but he could not see his hand, but he could breathe. I said, Steve, how did you get out? It was dark. He said people were panicking and yelling and screaming and he said there was a flashlight, somebody with a flashlight. He went over to the flashlight, and it was a firefighter. He grabbed his belt and went out. He walked out bleeding, cut, but he is fine, under the circumstances. Unfortunately, as we know, many other families, many other individuals were not so fortunate as Steve.

Just this morning I got off the phone with a constituent, Barbara Merdinger, whose husband, Alan, worked at Cantor Fitzgerald. His funeral was held last week. I talked to her at some length. She has three children in college and asked what we can do to help her. Our thoughts and our prayers are with her. My daughter's math teacher, Mrs. Sugra, her son, William, from Allentown, is also among the missing and unaccounted for. So what do we do?

Well, we have to support our leaders, our President, our leaders of Congress, and I am proud of them all. This beastly, dastardly, hideous attack on the greatest imperial city and in the Empire State shall not stand. This seething mass of criminality and barbarism they have committed is a mortal crime for which there shall be no forgiveness. For what they have done, these terrorists, is united us. They have lit a fire that is burning in America, it will spread, it will rage, and it will roar until these criminals are burnt off this planet. And we all know that what they have done is united us, and in my community they have united people of all faiths and of all ethnic backgrounds. I

represent a community with a very large Arab-American population, wonderful people, solid Americans, great patriots. They share our anger, our outrage, and our grief. Just on Sunday I spent time in the Islamic Center of Lehigh Valley. They opened up their doors for all of us to see how they worship and how they live and to show us the beauty of their traditions in the faith of Islam. Not long after that we went to the Jewish Community Center in Allentown for an interfaith service with Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, people of all faiths. It was exhilarating, a wonderful moment for all of us in our community. I know this is happening throughout the country.

Again, the terrorists have united us, and I suspect that they now live in terror, and I hope they do. Because he who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwinds, and that is what they are about to reap. Lady Justice has been horribly abused. And as Winston Churchill said after the Allied advances in Europe and while the Americans and the Royal Air Force were bombing many German cities, he made a comment that what we were witnessing was Lady Justice grimly reclaiming her rights. And she will reclaim her rights and justice will be done, and what was perhaps the darkest moment in American history on 11 September 2001, like 7 December 1941, another day that shall live in infamy, we shall overcome this and we will take that dark moment and hopefully out of it we will have developed and will have grown into what is becoming, I think, perhaps our nation's finest hour. I believe, and I have faith in the future and I have faith in this country and faith in the goodness of all people, that under providence, all will be well. God bless America. As a nation, we will be stronger and we will be better in this long, protracted ordeal which I suspect we will be engaged in, one which will show what kind of fiber we are made of as a country, and we are up to the challenge. Again I say to all of you, God bless America. Thank you.

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

Senator RHOADES. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of this resolution and to pay tribute to the many men and women who should be known as American heroes. So often in the history of our nation, American heroes have been ordinary people who perform extraordinary deeds in the most trying circumstances.

In the aftermath of the terrorists' attacks in New York and Washington and the downing of the terrorist-held plane in Somerset, our nation has seen its citizens perform many extraordinary deeds. We have seen men and women risk their lives to save others, men and women who even today hold out hope for rescues that in another time, in another place, would have long since been abandoned. We have seen men and women give their lives, knowing that their sacrifice would save countless others. We have seen Americans of all races, creeds, come together under the flag of our nation to rally and support their countrymen, the men, women, and children who were victims of these terrorists attacks. These extraordinary deeds have inspired Americans from one shore to the other to respond with a unity of purpose that goes far beyond our nation's quest for justice.

In piercing the shield of America's borders, the terrorists who carried out these evil, despicable, cowardly attacks intended to divide Americans with the slings and arrows of fear, uncertainty, and rage. However, we have seen quite a different result, quite a different resolve. Across this country, across this

Commonwealth, in big cities and small towns, in offices and fields, in halls of government and around kitchen tables, Americans have displayed a resolve that makes us unique among all the world's nations. In the ripples of flags hanging in somber respect and the flicker of candles lit to search for peace and the songs of prayer offered to soothe the pain of war, Americans have spoken with a single, clear voice to say that we shall meet terror with justice, cowardliness with bravery, and despair with hope.

We have seen this resolve as we look to our President and found a true leader to guide us through troubled times. We have seen this resolve in the police and firefighters of New York and the numerous other volunteers who refuse to give up their search for survivors. We have seen this resolve in the men and women of our Armed Forces who are ready to serve their nation at a moment's notice. And now, Mr. President, we see this resolve in our own Governor, who has been called to again serve his nation as the Director of the Office of Homeland Security. I want to take this opportunity to wish Governor Ridge well as he rises to meet this new challenge. He is a great leader who will soon make the nation as proud as he has made all of us here in Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, today I submit that the extraordinary deeds we have seen over the last 2 weeks can inspire us all to become heroes in our own way. Although we may never be called upon to offer the kind of sacrifices we have witnessed since these attacks, the very fact that we are Americans requires us to pay tribute to those heroes by reflecting upon their bravery.

So today, Mr. President, I suggest that we keep our flags flying, keep our candles lit, and keep our prayers loud and strong, and that we continue to discipline ourselves, to constantly remind ourselves, this body, this Commonwealth, this nation, that acts of terrorism, evil, despicable, cowardly acts of inhumanity upon innocent citizens will not stand, will not be tolerated, because this is America, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, as the resolution before us states, September 11, 2001, is another day that will live in infamy. But unlike Pearl Harbor, which was half a world away, this attack happened so close to every one of us. It seemed like we were there, glued to our television sets which brought this unbelievable destruction into every home in America and throughout the world. Like watching a horror movie, we saw the planes strike, the buildings fall, the rubble burying thousands of bodies. We heard the cell phone messages of innocent, terror-stricken men and women at work, on hijacked planes, coming face to face with death, saying their last good-byes to their loved ones. We watched the brave and heroic response of firefighters, police, emergency personnel, clergy, sacrificing their lives to search and save victims of this tragedy.

Mr. President, about one month before that September 11 attack, I was in lower Manhattan cruising on a boat with some other Pennsylvanians, passing between those twin towers and the Statue of Liberty at sunset. It was a special moment for me because 45 years ago as a high school student I wrote a speech which focused on the Statue of Liberty as the symbol of our freedom, our most precious heritage, and as you recall, her inscription says:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

I reflected that August night on what the Statue of Liberty would say about that New York City she was watching, a magnificent, brightly-lit skyline, tall buildings reaching almost into heaven, the hustle, bustle, and roar of the wealthiest, most comfortable nation in the history of the world. I felt warm and thankful that night on that cruise ship, God had truly blessed America. And then one month later we suffered the unthinkable. We were attacked not by nuclear bombs or by missiles launched by a foreign country, but by an evil conspiracy of hate-filled terrorists living the culture of death to the extreme. How could this happen, Americans asked? Why? Why? Thousands of innocent people were entombed in tons of rubble and debris, with clouds of asbestos-laced smoke blanketing their broken bodies. Those horrible pictures with the soundtrack of the anguished cries of people who lost loved ones are indelibly etched in our senses and in our psyche as we struggle to find ways to cope and respond. Remember this: They destroyed the buildings that symbolized our economic prosperity. They almost destroyed the building that symbolizes our military might, but they did not and cannot destroy our soul and our spirit. In an unprecedented way, Americans have responded with a public display of unity and resolve. Our churches have been filled, our blood donor centers have long waiting lines, our monetary donations to the Red Cross and other charities have been generous. We continue to pray for and work to help the victims and their suffering families.

But beyond this outpouring of compassion, what will be America's real long-term response to this terrorist attack? Certainly, the anger and injustice must be dealt with. We pray that our President, the CIA, the FBI, Governor Ridge, and all political leaders throughout the world make the right decisions in the weeks and months ahead. Justice must be done and further attacks must be prevented. As all of us who have suffered the loss of a loved one know, it is our faith and our family that get us through the sorrow and the heartbreak. Now is the time for all faiths and all Americans to stand together as one family under God, to make our neighborhoods better, to make our communities better, and yes, to make ourselves better, more compassionate citizens.

America must do more than wipe out terrorist camps from which hatred spreads like a deadly virus. We must renounce injustice and evil, and overcome hate wherever we see it, replace this virus of hate with a renewed commitment to community, to caring for one another, to justice for all, regardless of race, color, creed, ethnic background, origin, gender, economic status. There is enough violence and injustice among our own people and in our own communities here in Pennsylvania. Life is so fragile, so uncertain, we cannot control tomorrow, we must do our best today. The tears we have shed must give away to action and trust in God. Now is the time for all of us to respond to get our own priorities straight. That can be America's best and most positive long-range response to the terrorists.

Today, we have been hit but not beaten, injured but not deterred. Our arms remain strong, our hearts and our minds

undiminished, and our vision clear. The great tasks of justice and freedom in our own neighborhoods as in the world remain before us. And when the sun rises tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, may our commitment and focus grow stronger and stronger and stronger, and in this perseverance now and always, may God bless our efforts, may God bless America and all its people.

Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators KASUNIC, ARMSTRONG, BELL, BODACK, BOSCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, CORMAN, COSTA, DENT, EARLL, ERICKSON, FUMO, GERLACH, GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, HART, HUGHES, JUBELIRER, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, LOGAN, MADIGAN, MELLOW, MOWERY, MURPHY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PICCOLA, PUNT, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWARTZ, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, WAGNER, WAUGH, WENGER, WHITE, D., WHITE, M. J., WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 108**, entitled:

A Resolution condemning the acts of terrorism committed on September 11, 2001, and honoring the heroism of the passengers of United Airlines Flight 93.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, my words today cannot adequately describe the mix of emotions that I and many Americans have felt since September 11. The outpouring of compassion, the grieving, the donations, the volunteerism, and the overall patriotism shown by our fellow Americans certainly buoys the pain, the fear, the frustration, and the anger that we all feel. For us in Pennsylvania, the fact that one of the four plane crashes happened so close to home, near Shanksville, in Somerset County, makes us all realize the difference between this new war we are facing and ones in the past.

Mr. President, I rise today to offer a resolution condemning the acts of terrorism committed on that fateful day of September 11, 2001, and honoring the heroism of the passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 and the relentless efforts of emergency personnel and the State and local agencies who responded so quickly to the crash and who continue to work with Federal officials in the investigation.

The flight bound from Newark, New Jersey, to San Francisco, California, was overcome by terrorist hijackers who were ultimately defeated by the heroism of the passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93. Little did they suspect that the Americans would act in the manner that they did. I am sure they were quite surprised of the resolve and the grit that was shown by

the passengers of that plane. And certainly they were shocked when they found out that these patriots, these heroes, were not going to just lay down. These passengers defeated the enemy. The black box recording from the flight confirms the passengers tried to overtake the hijackers to ensure the plane was not used like others, as a weapon of greater destruction. For their heroism and ultimate success in preventing further casualties, we honor them today with this resolution. These brave passengers were average Americans, much like you and I. Many of them traveling home, some of them going on vacations, some going to visit other family members. Maybe they were going on a business trip. However, their behavior, when faced with the knowledge their flight was doomed and another, more vengeful, purpose was happening, the events that took place and as they unfolded was certainly extraordinary.

America's strength, and this was talked about in the Joint Meeting, America's strength is not found in the beauty of this nation, in the beauty of its cities, in its vast mountain ranges, the seashores, or the great plains, America's strength is found in the hearts and the souls of every freedom-loving American, of every Patriot. These individuals join so many other Americans who on that horrific day showed all of us how to behave with grace and valor in the face of death and terror. Now that we live with the threat and future terroristic threats, we must remember those Americans we have lost because of these tragic crashes and the course of events. These individuals will be remembered forever with others. And I repeat that, these individuals will be remembered forever with others in our nation's past who have died fighting for the principles of freedom.

This new war may have new weapons and a new plan for combat, but its mission remains the same: to preserve the right of freedom for our citizens here in America, for the right to pursue the American dream, for the right to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Through this resolution let the Senate resolve, as President Abraham Lincoln said at Gettysburg nearly 138 years ago, "that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

May God bless the victims and their families in this time of mourning, and may God bless the greatest nation on the face of the earth, the greatest nation ever to exist. May God bless the USA.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Senator KITCHEN. Mr. President, on September 11, 2001, just 2 weeks ago, our nation suffered a tremendous tragedy. The ruthless terrorist attack was not just an attack on Americans, but an attack on all humanity. But this cowardly act could not destroy the spirit of Americans. The road to recovery will be long, but we will make it; the threat of a war brings new anxieties, but a new hope for a life without terrorism. We have been warned of the sacrifices needed to fight this war. I am going to ask my fellow Americans to look to our American heroes from wars of the past, but also we can look to the heroes still with us today - our volunteer firefighters, police officers, blood donors, and scores of others who have contributed to the relief effort. Along with a

new war comes a new greatest generation of Americans willing to do what it takes to win the war against terrorism and maintain our democracy. These ordinary citizens performed extraordinary deeds. Many made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. We must remember the ordinary man who chose to stay with the disabled gentleman bound to a wheelchair in the World Trade Center so he would not die alone. His extraordinary sacrifice is one we should never forget.

I ask you to remember Todd Beamer, a victim of United Flight 93 that crashed in Somerset County. Mr. Beamer was the gentleman who decided with three others to try to take control of the plane from the hijackers. The men knew of the hijackers' plan to take more lives and do more harm to our nation's capital. Let us not forget the firefighters and police officers who were the first to run into a vulnerable building looking for those who needed help. Hundreds of these fallen heroes never waited for someone to ask for help. They simply gave it. So when we find ourselves shaken in these upcoming months, let us not forget those who shone so brightly during the darkest day in America, September 11, 2001. Their example is one we should follow as we move into the next phase of our lives. As we watch the rescue efforts, let us remember that we are all Americans. And, Mr. President, I do want to say that it did personally affect our lives, too. My daughter had a very good friend who lost his life in that tragedy that day. So we can all stay together as Americans.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, shock, sadness, and anger are among the emotions I know I have shared with so many Americans during the past 2 weeks as the images of unspeakable pain, anguish, and damage have flooded our television screens and newspapers. I express my deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who perished, as well as to those who were injured in these cowardly acts of madness. I applaud the many thousands who have contributed to the rescue and recovery efforts in New York City, Washington, and Somerset County. I am confident the citizens of Pennsylvania and this great nation will continue to give unselfishly of their time and talents as America recovers from these darkest days and ultimately brings the perpetrators of these heinous crimes to justice. Here within these hallowed walls I pledge to work diligently with all of my colleagues and to do whatever we can do to help in this time of great need and vexing uncertainty.

God, guide our Governor as he faces an unprecedented challenge in our nation's capital, and God bless America.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators TOMLINSON, ARMSTRONG, BELL, BODACK, BOSCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, CORMAN, COSTA, DENT, EARLL, ERICKSON, FUMO, GERLACH, GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, HART, HUGHES, JUBELIRER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LEMMOND,

LOGAN, MADIGAN, MELLOW, MOWERY, MURPHY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PICCOLA, PUNT, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWARTZ, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, WAGNER, WAUGH, WENGER, WHITE, D., WHITE, M. J., WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 109**, entitled:

A Resolution commending Pennsylvania's and the nation's military personnel for their service and supporting the President of the United States as Commander-in-Chief of our armed services.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, earlier today, actually this morning, I had 50 of America's greatest generation here, 50 ex-POWs and their wives and widows actually walked on this Senate floor, and I showed them this beautiful Chamber, and Cay Burns, the first woman president of that chapter, pinned this lapel pin on me, a POW lapel pin, and honored me with that. I was very pleased to introduce these 50 great citizens of this country and heroes of this country to this General Assembly before we went to our Joint Meeting, and I was pleased to have them here today. We had planned this trip months and months ago, before the devastating events of September 11, but it was so fitting and I was so honored to have them here today, these heroes, these ex-POWs, the greatest generation, to be here and witness the unity that we displayed today in that Joint Meeting, to witness the unity and resolve that we show and how we are getting behind our leaders here in Pennsylvania, and the unity and resolve and the support we show for our new Governor, Governor Schweiker from Bucks County.

And it is with that, Mr. President, that I rise to urge my colleagues to support Resolution No. 109, which I am introducing in the wake of those terrible events of September 11, the terrorist attacks on our nation. Since that dark day our nation has rallied behind its leaders and presented a united front to the world. The outpouring of patriotism and charity has been truly inspirational. With this resolution Pennsylvania government will add its official support to our President and the U.S. government as our leaders move forward and seek justice, using every means at our disposal, including economic sanctions and military actions.

Mr. President, our nation is being tested and will continue to be tested in the days to come. It is crucial that we do everything we can to lend our voice and backing to the actions of our Federal government, as we see on so many signs today on the lawns of our neighbors, "united we stand." This resolution will add the official seal of the Pennsylvania Senate to the long list of names of American citizens who are standing behind those words, and I urge its support. God bless America, God bless this country, God bless our State.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators WAUGH, LOGAN, ARMSTRONG, BELL, BODACK, BOSCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, CORMAN, COSTA, DENT, EARLL, ERICKSON, FUMO, GERLACH, GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, HART, HUGHES, JUBELIRER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, MADIGAN, MELLOW, MOWERY, MURPHY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PICCOLA, PUNT, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWARTZ, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, WAGNER, WENGER, WHITE, D., WHITE, M. J., WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 110**, entitled:

A Resolution expressing gratitude for and commending the heroic and selfless participation of rescue workers in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and expressing condolences for those who died.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

GUESTS OF SENATOR MIKE WAUGH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, before discussing this resolution, I would like to just take a moment to introduce two guests who have joined us today in the Senate. Joining us today are my friends and brothers in the fire service, our own State Fire Commissioner from the Commonwealth, Ed Mann, and Chief Charlie Myers, who is the Chief Emeritus of the Vigilant Hose Company in Shippensburg, Cumberland County, but also more importantly today, Chief Myers is president of the Firemen's Association for the State of Pennsylvania. I welcome both of you here today, and I would like to thank both of you, along with Chief Paul Schaefer from the York County Firefighters' Association and John Brenner of the Pennsylvania Fire Services Institute for helping to put together this resolution and the ceremony we are about to have today.

Mr. President, every day police, firefighters, emergency medical service workers across this nation engage in heroic acts: stopping criminals engaged in violent crime, saving homes from the destruction of fire, floods and other natural disasters, and administering immediate medical care to those who need it. We see them patrolling our neighborhoods. We see them in many of our communities here in Pennsylvania running from their homes to the fire station, our volunteers, and we see them responding from fire stations at a moment's notice to strangers, often strangers and neighbors in need. These people, these everyday heroes, are the subject of the resolution that I present today. I do not need to describe the events of September 11. We have all seen the footage, probably seen it way too many times, time and time again on our television sets. We have heard about it on radios, read about it in the newspaper, and talked about it around the water fountain. Quite frankly, the events of that terrible day

have occupied our thoughts and prayers since we first saw or heard of them some 15 days ago now.

The level of devastation is simply beyond our comprehension, and the human casualties are the worst this nation has ever seen in a single day or event, but these everyday heroes answered the call. Countless firefighters, police officers, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical service providers, doctors, and other volunteers from a multitude of jurisdictions answered the call of a nation in distress. Through their efforts, an untold number of lives were saved. We hear the losses and think about the number of lives that have actually been saved in the last couple of weeks by the response of emergency service personnel.

The collapse of the towers of the World Trade Center took the lives of more than 300 of these public servants, all of whom placed the safety and well-being of the people of New York City over their own. They rushed into buildings to ensure that others escaped, and they sacrificed so that others might live.

My first view, and we all have our first recollection of when we heard about this, I happened to be at home that morning, I actually had a meeting at my house, and when I heard about this I immediately turned on the television. The first tower had collapsed and when I turned on MSNBC, the first image that came on to my television set was a street full of fire service and EMS personnel marching in to this scene while people outside of them were running and screaming in the opposite direction. Amazing. And the next image, within about 5 minutes, was the second tower crashing down on all those people marching in. It was dreadful. These were the everyday heroes under extraordinary circumstances. I would like to take just a moment now to recount how Pennsylvanians, our fellow statesmen and women, answered this call.

On the morning of September 11, Pennsylvania's Task Force One, an urban search and rescue unit headquartered right here in Harrisburg, was immediately mobilized to provide search and rescue service at the scene of the World Trade Center collapse. For 8 days and countless hours, 83 fire and EMS personnel and professionals from this Commonwealth stood shoulder to shoulder with emergency responders from other jurisdictions at Ground Zero searching for survivors. As a matter of fact, I had a chance to talk to one of our PEMA information folks last week, and I am actually honored and very proud to say that our Task Force One, our trained urban search and rescue crew from across the State, people from across our State who serve on that crew, were the first federally-certified urban search and rescue team at Ground Zero. They left here Tuesday evening and started work early Wednesday morning at Ground Zero. I am very proud of those folks and they are to be commended for the service that they provided.

In Shanksville, Somerset County, hundreds of State and local police, municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service personnel provided support at the scene of the crash of United Airlines Flight 93. We have all seen those images and heard the stories. When the Governor made the call for Pennsylvanians to stand ready to assist the disaster relief efforts in Virginia, at the Pentagon, and in New York, an additional 4,821 firefighters and emergency medical service personnel responded to that call by either responding or having their name placed on a list to be a responder, if needed. In just days,

Pennsylvania's everyday heroes helped to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars of financial support for the families of the fallen firefighters and emergency service personnel in New York City. You have seen them in each and every community across this Commonwealth over the weekend standing at the shopping malls with their boots, giving of their time and doing it often with teary eyes to help provide for those who have fallen, our brothers and sisters in emergency services.

On September 10 there seemed to be a shortage of role models for so many of our young people. Yet on the morning of September 11, role models by the thousands emerged to tend to a nation's pain. The police, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, search and rescue teams and others who responded in this time of crisis are the finest examples of heroism, bravery, and courage. Each of us have looked for ways to comprehend this tragedy, to grieve for those who are lost, and to help heal those who still remain.

To honor fallen firefighters and ease their anguish in the time of their loss, the Cranberry Township Fire Department in Butler County posted a poem entitled, "Men of Flame, I Am Free." In part, the poem reads as follows: (*Reading*)

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

If parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now, He set me free.

There is also in our fire stations a centuries-old fire service tradition to sound a fire bell to memorialize the loss of one of our own. In the past, it was the fire bell that signaled the beginning of the firefighters' shift. Each alarm was sounded by a bell which summoned these heroes of days gone by to fight fires and to place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their neighbors. Once the fire was extinguished and the alarm had come to an end, the bell would be sounded again to signal the completion of the call. When a firefighter makes the supreme sacrifice, it is the somber toll of the bell that announces a comrade's passing. This tradition honors those who have given so much and have served so very well. To symbolize the devotion of these men and women of flame and their duty to the fire service, the fire department of New York City uses a special signal of five rings, four times, commonly referred to as the four-fives alarm. This represents the end of our comrades' duties and the fact that he or she will be returning to quarters for their final time. The number of police, firefighters, EMS personnel who died in the collapse of the World Trade Center, quite frankly, is still unknown, but it is estimated to be better than 300. To all of those who have selfishly given their lives for the good of their fellowman, we honor them here today. Their tasks complete, their duties well done, they are free.

At this time I would like to ask the Members of the Senate and all guests to rise to observe a moment of silence and then the tolling of the four-fives in honor of these brave souls.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed, followed by the tolling of the four-fives, in honor of the rescue workers who fell in the line of duty on September 11, 2001.)

Senator WAUGH. May God bless them.

Thank you, Mr. President

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators BOSCOLA, ARMSTRONG, BELL, BODACK, BOSCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, CONTI, CORMAN, COSTA, DENT, EARLL, ERICKSON, FUMO, GERLACH, GREENLEAF, HELFRICK, HART, HUGHES, JUBELIRER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LEMMOND, LOGAN, MADIGAN, MELLOW, MOWERY, MURPHY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PICCOLA, PUNT, RHOADES, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWARTZ, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, TOMLINSON, WAGNER, WAUGH, WENGER, WHITE, D., WHITE, M. J., WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 111**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing and applauding the efforts of Pennsylvanians who volunteered in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, the men and women who risked their lives to save the lives of so many victims of this terrorist attack on September 11 would be the first ones to say I am no hero, I was only doing my job, I did what I had to do. That is because our policemen and women, our firefighters, our emergency response teams do not do what they do for the glory, or the fame, or any kind of special treatment. They do it because they care. And they care enough to put themselves in danger in order to help others.

A hero does whatever it takes, no matter what the cost, no matter what the risk. Heroes pull together. Heroes make sacrifices that have to be made. And by their example, they show all of us how to live a human lifetime under any circumstances. The circumstances that they faced on September 11 have never been faced by anyone in the course of our nation's history, yet they showed us how to live, and they showed us how to act and overcome the feeling of helplessness in the grips of this tragedy. The men and women we honor in this resolution showed all of us how to conquer fear and the terror and the despair surrounding the sheer enormity of the aftermath of the attack.

I ask for an affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

DISCHARGE PETITION

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

September 25, 2001

A PETITION

To place before the Senate the nomination of James A. Mancuso, Jr., as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital.

TO: The President Officer of the Senate:

WE, The undersigned members of the Senate, pursuant to section 8 (b) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, do hereby request that you place the nomination of James A. Mancuso, Jr., as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, before the entire Senate body for a vote, the nomination not having been voted upon within 15 legislative days:

Raphael J. Musto
Robert J. Mellow
Michael A. O'Pake
Jack Wagner
Richard A. Kasunic
J. Barry Stout
Vincent J. Fumo

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The communication will be laid on the table.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Henkel, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Constein, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Denlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bare and to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cunningham by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Mayer by Senator Bell.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bisko, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Russo and to Norma Newhart by Senator Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schroeder by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James DeSantis, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Breskiewicz and to Mr. and Mrs. Rolland D. Nungesser by Senator Helfrick.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul M. Shipley and to Steven Robert Dugger by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Susan Schubert, Sherry Breon, Kimberly L. Rauscher, Dr. Anthony J. Colistra, Maryann Brenneman and to Marcia Davis by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Judith Casper Bohorad and to Robert N. Bohorad by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Powell, Glenn Dillon, Joyce Stevenson and to the First Presbyterian Church of North East by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to West Chester Business and Professional Women's Club and to the Brandywine River Museum by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bethlehem Baptist Church of York by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jonathan M. Zaun by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Howard by Senator D. White.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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 Aubrey L. Hanford, Jr., by Senator Brightbill.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John B. Samuel, to the family of the late Emma F. Dawkins, to the family of the late George David Joynes and to the family of the late Douglas Robinson by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John M. Drake and to the family of the late Dolores Ann Riley by Senator Jubelirer.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Wade David Peters, to the family of the late Honorable Elaine F. Farmer, to the family of the late Thomas Louis Moyes, to the family of the late Robert Crawford, to the family of the late Robert H. Waldfogle and to the family of the late R. Mabel Karsch by Senator Orie.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Katie Lee Mumford Dirckston and to the family of the late Alex Christian by Senator Schwartz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Beatrice Alice Pritchett Chew and to the family of the late George Robert Freeman by Senator Williams.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

SB 596, SB 771, HB 494, HB 495, HB 1219 and HB 1405.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

10:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 706 and 979; Senate Resolution No. 90; and House Bills No. 910 and 1541)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2001

10:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 75)	Winnett Building College of Philadelphia
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider Senate Bill No. 859)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2001

10:00 A.M.	JUDICIARY (public hearing to consider Senate Bill No. 1084)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, before I move to adjourn for the day, this afternoon we will have a Republican caucus immediately after we adjourn and that will be in the Majority Caucus Room, and I remind each and every Member that tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. we will have a special caucus for purposes of electing a chairman to the Committee on Appropriations.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, September 26, 2001, at 12 noon, Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 4:22 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.