Prayer

The Chaplain, Father WILLIAM FORREY, of St. Margaret Mary Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.
Eternal God, we stand before You with a spirit of awe and thanksgiving as we pray earnestly for Your guidance and assistance. Help the Members of this Chamber to enact laws and create legislation that will benefit Your people. Enlighten our minds with understanding and perception, that we may continue to discover Your truth. Endow our wills with the strength to strive for justice, collaborating together as we toil for a future that is full of hope for both the young and mature of the Commonwealth.

We gather as a people representing many faith traditions. We stand before You grateful for Your mercy and generous love that knows no boundaries or limits. We tend to take for granted the many blessings that You have bestowed upon us. Help us always to never forget the source of life and all that is holy and good. Lord of all, let us love all that is just and life-giving. Instill in us the desire for Your glory and well-being of all people. Help us to find constructive answers to the challenges that confront the citizens of Pennsylvania. May legislators and all public servants be worthy stewards of Your gifts of peace and freedom.

Almighty God, we ask all these things in Your holy name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Forrey, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

Pledge of Allegiance

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

Legislative Leaves

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I ask for a legislative leave for Senator Mowery.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill requests a legislative leave for Senator Mowery.
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

GUESTS OF SENATOR ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator SCHWARTZ. Madam President, I am very pleased to have a couple of guests visiting with me today. They are Sam Milkes, who is executive director of Pennsylvania Legal Services, and Rhodia Thomas, who is acting executive director of Mid-Penn Legal Services. They are here in the Capitol today and participated in a press conference I think some of my colleagues participated in to launch something known as Older and Wiser. It is an exciting new initiative cosponsored by the Neighborhood Legal Services Association and southwestern Pennsylvania State legislators. I saw some of my colleagues had their pictures in those brochures. It is a program to provide free legal information services to seniors on matters of importance to elderly residents and their families, and I very much enjoyed visiting with them. They came with me to a meeting of the Committee on Judiciary that had quite a full agenda this morning, so they did see us deliberate on some issues they are also knowledgeable about. So, I ask my colleagues to give them a warm welcome to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Schwartz from Neighborhood Legal Services please rise so we can give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JEFFREY E. PICCOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I am very pleased to welcome a guest Page, Rachael Penman, to the Senate today. She is the daughter of Richard and Thelma Penman of Halifax, Pennsylvania. Rachael is a high school senior, and she has been home schooled for the last 8 years. She is enjoying the challenge of an on-line advanced placement economics course. She plays the piano and participates in a home school volleyball league. After graduation from high school, she plans to attend college majoring in history, with a focus on American studies, and she is getting a close-up view on how State government works. Members of the Senate, please welcome Rachael as our guest Page today.

The PRESIDENT. Would Senator Piccola's guest please rise.

(Applause.)

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Recess adjournment.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

September 30, 2003

Senators PICCOLA, BRIGHTBILL, WENGERT, KITCHEN, CONTI, LOGAN, KUKOVICH, ARMSTRONG, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, MOWERY, CORMAN, ERICKSON, WAGNER, DENT, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, THOMPSON, ORIE, SCHWARTZ, OPAKE, WONDERLING, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, LEMMONT and COSTA presented to the Chair SR 147, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 2003 as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, September 30, 2003.

Senators MADIGAN, CONTI, KITCHEN, COSTA, ERICKSON, PUNT, LOGAN, MUSTO, PILEGGI, DENT, RAFFERTY, THOMPSON, D. WHITE, EARLL, WENGERT, LEMMONT, BOSCOLA, STOUT, FERLO, CORMAN, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, ARMSTRONG, WAUGH and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair SR 150, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to review the Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.) and make findings on the consistency and effectiveness of penalties for motor vehicle violations.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 30, 2003.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to meet in the Rules room during the Session to consider Senate Resolutions No. 138, 147, and certain nominations.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator D. WHITE, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bill:

SB 922 (Pr. No. 1187)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for custodial care facilities.

Senator MADIGAN, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following bills:

SB 895 (Pr. No. 1141)

An Act designating a portion of State Route 1040 known as Spur Road in East Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as Colonel George Howard Boulevard.
SB 913 (Pr. No. 1162)

An Act designating a bridge on State Route 553 in Alverda, Pine Township, Indiana County, Department of Transportation No. 32-0553-0190-0065, as the HM3 Charles Edward ("Doc") Mariskanish Bridge.

HB 1549 (Pr. No. 2468)

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the designation of the Governor Robert P. Casey Highway as a scenic byway; and designating a certain portion of State Route 120 as a scenic byway.

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

SB 41 (Pr. No. 1192) (Amended)

An Act providing for a sexual assault evidence collection program and for powers and duties of the Department of Health and the Pennsylvania State Police; and establishing civil immunity.

SB 93 (Pr. No. 92)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of greyhound racing; and prescribing a penalty.

SB 735 (Pr. No. 882)

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

SB 903 (Pr. No. 1151)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, by further providing for ten-year registration.

HB 485 (Pr. No. 2706) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for municipal corporation portion of fines, for immunity of State parole officers and for immunity of county probation officers.

HB 709 (Pr. No. 2707) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to animals.

HB 786 (Pr. No. 2708) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for general provisions relating to powers of attorney.

HB 1222 (Pr. No. 1469)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for summary offenses involving vehicles.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator D. WHITE, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following resolutions:

SR 81 (Pr. No. 796)

A Resolution urging the establishment of child-care and educational facility emergency preparedness.

SR 105 (Pr. No. 946)

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 124 (Pr. No. 1127)

A Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 1516.

Senator MADIGAN, from the Committee on Transportation, reported the following resolution:

SR 150 (Pr. No. 1190)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to review the Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.) and make findings on the consistency and effectiveness of penalties for motor vehicle violations.

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

RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I request a recess for the purpose of a Republican caucus, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations. We should be back in about 45 minutes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill requests a recess for the purpose of a Republican caucus, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I ask that the Democratic Members report to our caucus room, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests a Democratic caucus, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

For those purposes, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 138 (Pr. No. 1165)

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Polish-American Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 147 (Pr. No. 1189)

A Resolution designating October 2003 as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

CALENDAR

BILL WHICH HOUSE HAS NONCONCURRED IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 564 (Pr. No. 2474) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, requiring school districts to reopen their 2003-2004 budgets; imposing limitations on certain unreserved fund balances; further providing for auxiliary services; deleting provisions relating to professional teacher assessment; further providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in approved private schools and for actual cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in the four chartered schools for education of deaf and blind children; providing for the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program; further providing for Education Support Services Program, for education empowerment districts, for school improvement grants and for mandate waiver program; further providing for community college financial programs and reimbursements; nonmandated capital and for effective date of regulations relating to community colleges; further defining "educational improvement organization" and "scholarship organization"; further providing for educational improvement tax credits, for limitations on educational improvement tax credits, for payments on account of pupils enrolled in vocational curriculums and for small district assistance; providing for basic education funding for 2002-2003 school year; further providing for payments to intermediate units, for special education payments to school districts and for Commonwealth reimbursements for charter schools and cyber charter schools and for powers and duties of the State Board of Education; abrogating regulations; and making editorial changes.

Upon motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 77 (Pr. No. 2634) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions relating to consolidation or merger, for initiative of electors seeking consolidation or merger without home rule; providing for initiative of electors seeking consolidation or merger with a new home rule charter; further providing for conduct of referenda and for consolidation or merger agreement; and making editorial changes.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-47

Armstrong
Boscola
Brightbill
Conti
Corman
Costa
Dent
Earll
Erickson
Ferlo
Fumo
Greenleaf
Hughes
Jubelirer
Kasunic
Kukovich
LaValle
Lemmond
Logan
Madigan
Mellow
Mowery
Musto
O'Pake
Orie
Piccola
Pileggi
Punt
Rafferty
Rhoades
Robbins
Scranti
Schwartz
Stack
Stout
Tartaglione

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 677, HB 1018 and HB 1580 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 297 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 689 (Pr. No. 792) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further regulating duties of Department of Community and Economic Development.
Considered the second time and agreed to,  
Ordered, To be printed for third consideration.  
Upon motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by  
voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the  
Committee on Appropriations.

SB 690 (Pr. No. 830) -- The Senate proceeded to  
consideration of the bill, entitled:  
An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176),  
known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for reports to the Secretary  
of Revenue.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 834 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its  
order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 892 (Pr. No. 1138) -- The Senate proceeded to  
consideration of the bill, entitled:  
An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247),  
known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further  
providing for contents of subdivision and land development ordinance.

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

HB 1426 (Pr. No. 1994) -- The Senate proceeded to  
consideration of the bill, entitled:  
An Act amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385),  
known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, further providing for  
provisions of the redevelopment contract; and making repeals.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR  
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES  
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator ROBBINS, from the Committee on Rules and  
Executive Nominations, reported communication from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the  
following nomination, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

September 23, 2003
District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, 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 Robert Crowner, Erie, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

June 25, 2003

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Gregory Wisloski, 520 Webster Street, Ranshaw 17866, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Danville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ginny McNeil, Paxinos, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

August 15, 2003

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 Steward, 13021 Trina Drive, Philadelphia 19116, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carl Noakes, Clarks Summit, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA
SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION

July 1, 2003

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, Martin G. Bednarek, 7708 Hartel Avenue, Philadelphia 19152, Philadelphia County, Second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael Masch, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF POLK CENTER

September 9, 2003

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, Gary Hutchison, 106 Dogwood Drive, Franklin 16323, Venango County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Polk Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Peter Winkler, Franklin, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL
ESTATE COMMISSION

June 24, 2003

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, Annie Hanna Cestra, 108 Marvelwood Place, Pittsburgh 15215, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Colleen Christy, Warren, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

September 4, 2003

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Thomas M. Kissell, 15 Unity Square Drive, Greensburg 15601, Westmoreland County, Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Barthalomew Tullio, Mount Pleasant, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

July 7, 2003

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 Wallace, (Democrat), 308 W. 21st Street, Chester 19013, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Delaware County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor
NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be laid on the table.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS, That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

August 8, 2003

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 N. Logue, Dr. P.H., M.P.H., (Alternative Member), 62 Little Run Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

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To the Honorable, the Senate
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Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until his successor is
appointed and qualified, add to complement.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 138, ADOPTED

Senator BRIGHTBILL, without objection, called up from
page 1 of Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Resolution No.
138, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Polish-
American Month" in Pennsylvania.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate
adopt Senate Resolution No. 138.

On the question,
Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-47
Armstrong       Hughes       Orie          Thompson
Boscola         Jubitther    Piccola       Tomlinson
Brightbill      Kasunic     Pileggi       Wagner
Conti           Kukovich    Punt          Waugh

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I move that the
Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, at this time I ask
for a 5-minute recess for the purpose of a meeting of the
Committee on Education.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brightbill has requested a recess
for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Education.
Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 147, ADOPTED

Senator BRIGHTBILL, without objection, called up from
page 1 of Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Resolution No.
147, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Polish-
American Month" in Pennsylvania.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move the Senate
adopt Senate Resolution No. 147.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined
in the affirmative.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 147, ADOPTED

Senator BRIGHTBILL, without objection, called up from
page 1 of Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Resolution No.
147, entitled:
A Resolution designating October 2003 as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 147.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 2
SENATE RESOLUTION No. 105, ADOPTED

Senator BRIGHTBILL, without objection, called up from page 1 of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, Senate Resolution No. 105, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move the Senate adopt Senate Resolution No. 105.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator RHoades, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 83 (Pr. No. 1193) (Amended)
An Act establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

HB 538 (Pr. No. 1757)
An Act amending the act of June 29, 1996 (P.L. 434, No. 67), known as the Job Enhancement Act, establishing the Technology Work Experience Internship Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senator WAGNER, on behalf of Senator MELLO, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 152, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of October 5 through 11, 2003, as "Latex Allergy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 153, entitled:

A Resolution honoring Sewickley Borough, Allegheny County, on the 150th anniversary of its incorporation.

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

Senators STACK, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, LOGAN, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, ORIE, SCHWARTZ, BRIGHTBILL, OPAKE, FERLO, KITCHEN, DENT, CORMAN, WAGNER, COSTA, GREENLEAF, CONTI, EARLL, LaVALLE, WOZNIAK, ARMSTRONG, THOMPSON, KASUNIC and RHODES, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 154, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing October 2003 as "The Great Hunger Remembrance Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, I am privileged again this year to offer a resolution honoring those who suffered and died during the period in Irish history known as the Great Hunger. Even though it happened more than 150 years ago, the tragedy of the Great Hunger will always be remembered because it is too terrible to forget. While our country was ebbing toward a great Civil War, Ireland's Great Hunger began in the autumn of 1845 when blight destroyed the potato crop on which the nation was so dependent for food and income. The blight dragged on for 5 years, causing indescribable devastation and suffering. More than a million people died from starvation and disease. Countless others lost their homes, their livelihoods, their families, and struggled to survive in squalor. Another 1 million people were forced to emigrate. Of those, thousands died in ill-fated voyages on vessels known as coffin ships. Disease claimed the lives of hundreds of those doomed passengers, and many of these dilapidated ships never reached their destinations. But the biggest tragedy of the Great Hunger was that much of it was avoidable. In the face of such heart-wrenching impoverishment and debt, the country's wealthy class was exporting more than enough wheat to feed the entire nation. So, while the poor starved, the rich got richer, and the middle class disappeared. Blight destroyed the potatoes, but class arrogance and greed seeded and prolonged the suffering.

Yet, from the depths of this tragedy, many survived and found hope in a new land. America's Irish immigrants helped build our nation by digging canals, mining coal, building railroads, working the land, and contributing to our nation's booming growth into the Industrial Age. The descendents of these tough, hardworking famine survivors have contributed to the quality of American life in every conceivable way: medicine, business, science, technology, politics, sports, and entertainment, just to name a few. A memorial on Penn's Landing in Philadelphia stands as a symbol of honor to those who died and as a beacon of hope for those who persevered and overcame the odds. In fact, it stands as a memorial not just to Irish-Americans, but also to the indomitable spirit of human nature.
Today, the Senate again is poised to memorialize that tragic period in history. It is therefore my privilege to ask for unanimous approval of this resolution, designating October as Great Hunger Remembrance Month in Pennsylvania.

Thank you, Madam 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 SCHWARTZ, C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, ORIE, KUKOVICH, WENGER, ARMSTRONG, CONTI, RAFFERTY, BRIGHTBILL, TARTAGLIONE, D. WHITE, MUSTO, WOZNIAK, O'PAKE, DENT, RHOADES, WAUGH, PUNT, LEMMOND, GREENLEAF, LaVALLE, M. WHITE, FERLO, COSTA, LOGAN, WAGNER, MELLOW, CORMAN, EARLL, THOMPSON, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, MOWERY and WONDERLING, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 155, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2003 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators SCHWARTZ, KITCHEN, ORIE, KUKOVICH, WENGER, ARMSTRONG, CONTI, RAFFERTY, STOUT, BRIGHTBILL, TARTAGLIONE, D. WHITE, MUSTO, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, PUNT, LEMMOND, GREENLEAF, LaVALLE, M. WHITE, FERLO, COSTA, LOGAN, WAGNER, MELLOW, CORMAN, EARLL, THOMPSON, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, MOWERY and WONDERLING and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 156 entitled:

A Resolution honoring the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition on its 10th anniversary.

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

Senators ORIE, FERLO, EARLL, LOGAN, CORMAN, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, COSTA, WENGER, DENT, CONTI, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, LEMMOND, MOWERY, WONDERLING, PUNT, TOMLINSON, SCHWARTZ, C. WILLIAMS, WAUGH, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, ARMSTRONG and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 157, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the lives of those persons killed by intoxicated drivers and urging observance of October 2, 2003, as "DUI Victims Memorial Day."

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

Senators ARMSTRONG, THOMPSON, LOGAN, KITCHEN, D. WHITE, KUKOVICH, ROBBINS, EARLL, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, DENT, CORMAN, CONTI, WENGER, ERICKSON, BRIGHTBILL, WAGNER, O'PAKE, M. WHITE, LEMMOND, C. WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, WAUGH, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, COSTA and RAFFERTY, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 158, entitled:

A Resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Financial Planning Week," which is being observed October 6 through 13, 2003, to recognize the significant impact of sound financial planning on achieving life's goals and honor families and the financial planning profession for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caruthers, Mr. and Mrs. John Kostaris, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Binkle, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Weiksnr, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Keener, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Burkhart, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Shenk and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sizemore by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Phillips family, Elaine D. Pivinski, Michael R. Vreeland, Kavi Mathur, Ravi Bhagat, Meghan Starmer, Bryan Maliken, Terry E. Deutsch and to Justin Duffield by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Scott Jabbour by Senators Boscola and Dent.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dennis C. Walborn, Joseph Marko and to Fort Indiantown Gap by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Shawn Becker, Brendan Callahan, Ashley Graul, Katherine Chin, Ann Lutz Romano, Tom Redfield, Mike Carey, Ed Williams, Barbara Stratton Miller, Nicole McNichol Ventresca, Carol Morrow, Debbie Covington-White, Meghann Spratt Mannino, Kathleen Pereira and to the 1993 Central Bucks West High School Girls' Soccer Team by Senator Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hoffman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Emmert L. Maugans, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Landis, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Abram, David L. Ritter, Jr., Denise L. Dreese, Ryan Christopher Obrock, Jeffrey Hodgson, Jr., Samuel Banks Winder, Iceburg Volunteer Fire Company, Lewistown Assembly of God Church and to The Sentinel of Lewistown by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ann Peelor, Darci Langan, Earl V. Jones, Sr., Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Croatian Catholic Church and to the 29th Ward Carrick Block Watch by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Randy and Cherylee Plessor, Don and Melinda Kohn, Kenneth L. Laudenslager, Dr. David Jay Shingles, Randy L. Lariar, Ellen K. Mooney, Randall George, Marcia Felkay, Kerry-Lynn Maglione, Sheila Kasman, Barbara Ansfree, Juan Pizarro, Reverend Jim Rivera, Ashim Bhowmack, Muhlenberg College of Allentown and to Patriots Park of Allentown by Senator Dent.
Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Elaine C. Thompson, Dr. Thomas D. Meade, Sally Gammon and to Marlene Fowler by Senators Dent, Wonderling, and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John S. Heller, Carl M. Carlotti and to Beth T. Maciejewski by Senator Earl.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paul Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bottoms, Sr., Sara Farina, Nathan Auvil, Taskeen Hasan and to Cassity McGriff by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam McGuiigan, Daniel Crann, Hal McCue and to the Honorable Ralph J. Cappy by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck, Benjamin E. Bowen and to Timothy Holwick by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker and to Dr. Jacob L. Chatman by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Musselman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Helsel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dawson, Reverend Gordon A. Ross, William Sweet, Patti Sweet, George J. Harman, Mary Carbaugh, Mildred M. Dale and to General Cable's Altoona Plant by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bill Mendlow and to the Greater Bridgeville Area Chamber of Commerce by Senator Jubelirer on behalf of Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Florence Pujia, Patrick J. McShane and to the Polish Independent Political Club of Connellsville by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nate Glitsky, Jeremy Pegg, Arlene Merlino, Michael Moff, Anthony T. Solo, David B. Seminary, Virginia Mae Sheetz, Tommy Gregg, West Newton Community TV and to Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects of Latrobe by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Barski, Sr., Leslie Nicholas, Mark William Grandjean, William Vahan Pratt, Huntsville United Methodist Church and to Protection Engine Company No. 3 of Honesdale by Senator Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carol L. Centrella by Senators Lemmond and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to McKeesport Lodge No. 46 of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the United States and to St. George Lodge No. 248, Croatian Fraternal Union of America, of Clairton, by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Osman, Mr. and Mrs. John Monti, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Johnson, Anna V. Payne, Donald L. Miller and to Norman J. Cowden by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alton Arnold by Senators Madigan and Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joan Longworth, Robert Burns, Melanie D. Naro and to the Blakely/Peckville Lions Club by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph J. Hobbs by Senators Mellow and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Richcreek, Sr., C. Lynden Casner, John L. Richards, Lesley R. Kubisiak, Joseph W. Antoine and to Trinity High School of Camp Hill by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ruth E. Corcoran, Cecilia Geusic, Jeanne F. Zuber, Phyllis Dankel, Loretta Begel, Corinne Bragalone, Joan C. Wildoner, Bertha Collevecchio, Victor Bragalone, John A. Warkala, Dorothy H. Wadyak, Katherine Skillian, Kathryn Ann Serena, Anna Miller, Jean Mertz, Gloria Dercole, James Derby, Thomas S. Zubert, Joseph Arowcavage, Adam P. Kubaugh and to Michael Delconte by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Richard A. Krazt, Women's Club of Kutztown, Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress and to the Greater Berks Food Bank by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Caron Foundation of Wernersville by Senators O'Pake and Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chuck Bossong, Rowland Hartzell, Dr. Maria Higgins Eger and to Lee Saville-Andree by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Clifford Ashe III, Lorraine L. Peterson, Carolyn D. Keyes and to Joseph C. Magaro by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Red Land Little League Baseball Team by Senators Piccola and Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoag, Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church of Parkesburg and to the Polish National Alliance, Lodge No. 650, of Brookhaven, by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Bradley R. Hoch by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler McNeil and to the Linfield Fire Company by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Canfield, Dr. John Nicholson, Honorable John E. Domalakes, Donald V. Shea, Jr., Michael A. Tellep, Father Sheridan Council 748, Knights of Columbus, of Girardville, Saint Fidelis Roman Catholic Church of Mahanoy City, Historical Society of Schuylkill County and to Trinity Mission Health & Rehab of Shenandoah Heights by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Heidi Geiwitz, Elizabeth Gilliland, Matthew Eddy, Lois Joan Stuck, Duane Keith Agnew, Shenango Valley Urban League, Inc., and to Greenville Business and Professional Women by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rick Johnson, Kathy Frontera Johnson, James H. Dittman, John N. Healy and to Frank E. Geleskie by Senator Scamati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frances Armstrong, Gwendolyn Besselu-Coleman, Ivy Silver and to the Twinning Committee of Cheltenham, England, by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bill Chestnut by Senator Stack.
Congratulations of the Senate were extended to His Eminence Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua and to Nereida Lamberty by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles L. Huston III by Senator Thompson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Berry Gruver, Kelli Solly, Frank Repetski, Marci Lefkowitz, Michael J. Peterpaul, Daniel J. Rice, Chester Pogonowski, John Fitch Elementary School of Levittown, St. Charles Borromeo Church of Bensalem and to the citizens of Lower Southampton Township by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Edward Felix Novak by Senators Tomlinson and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jacob David Pendergrass, Andrew R. Brown, Salem Lutheran Church of Jacobus and to the Christ United Church of Christ of Cudoros by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Merris by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Russ Crissman, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barger, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Delacour and to Bernhard Fudor by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Doris McKissick, Christopher Worst, Morgan Gilliland and to Dr. Cynthia E. Azari by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Vivianne T. Nachmias by Senator A.H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Ay, Gary Hoover, Penn Wynne-Overbrook Hills Fire Company and to the Saints Memorial Baptist Church of Bryn Mawr by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Timothy R. Lannon by Senators C. Williams and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Honorable Kent H. Albright, Barbara Fretz Crossette, James Maza, Peter C. Dewey, North Penn High School of Lansdale, Binney & Smith's Crayola of Easton and to The 1803 House of Emmaus by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elaine D. Pivinski by Senators Wonderling and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Virgin, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund I. Falsticker, Mr. and Mrs. John Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mundok, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zepka, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fisher, Jr., and to St. John's Lutheran Church of Johnstown by Senator Wozniak.

**CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS**

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Patrick A. Sinatore by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Charles M. Wingfield by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late James A. Brahm and to the family of the late Kristal Johnson-Chappell by Senator Orrie.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John A. Komeleski, Jr., and to the family of the late Walter J. DeLury, Jr., by Senator Tartaglione.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Anne Brown Colgan by Senator C. Williams.

**POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS**

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late John Maskas was extended to the family by Senator Conti.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Dr. Richard Alderfer was extended to the family by Senator Wonderling.

**BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION**

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

SB 41, SB 83, SB 93, SB 735, SB 895, SB 903, SB 913, SB 922, HB 485, HB 538, HB 709, HB 786, HB 1222 and HB 1549.

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

**BILLS REREFERRED**

Upon motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the following bills, which were read for the first time today, were rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 485 and HB 538.

**PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES**

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I rise this afternoon to acknowledge the services of an individual whom we have had the pleasure of working with in the Pennsylvania State Senate for the last 3 years. Madam President, Jennifer Leveenogood, who worked with us, as I mentioned, for 3 years or so, will be moving on from the Pennsylvania Senate to the Department of Health in their Department of Legislative and Policy Affairs.

Madam President, Jennifer is a young lady who came to us through one of the better programs we have here in our Commonwealth in some of our State universities. She is a graduate of Oley Valley High School, Kutztown University, and as I stated, she came to us through the State System of Higher Education Legislative Intern Program. It is an exceptional program that provides to not only State Senate offices and State
House offices, but also to a variety of departments throughout the Commonwealth with interns who work full time. Madam President, Jennifer came to us in that capacity and worked as an intern, an unpaid intern, I might add, in our office 5 days a week for 40 hours a week and was an exceptional person in that capacity. She was so good, Madam President, that at the end of her term in our office, we offered her employment here in the Senate. She has been an exceptional person, a very dedicated, hardworking, intelligent young woman. You may remember the phrase from the television show "The Jeffasons," "movin' on up." Well, in this particular case, Jennifer is moving on up, and this is the first step in her career in government, which I think will be a very successful career for many years to come.

So we are appreciative of the efforts that Jennifer has provided to us in our office. On behalf of my colleagues and me, we want to thank Jennifer and wish her well and wish her great success as she moves on to the Department of Health in a position that I think she is very worthy of and will do exceptionally well.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Costa, for your kind comments on your intern, Jennifer Levengood.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

September 30, 2003

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Susan I. Schulman, Esquire, 3337 Queen Lane, Philadelphia 19129, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2006, vice The Honorable Sheldon C. Jelin, mandatory retirement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

September 30, 2003

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, Patricia Townsend, (Democrat), 1036 N. Academy Avenue, Glenolden 19036, Delaware County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Delaware County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

September 30, 2003

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 29, 2003, for the appointment of Susan I. Schulman, Esquire, 3337 Queen Lane, Philadelphia 19129, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2004, vice The Honorable Sheldon C. Jelin, mandatory retirement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Tuesday, October 14, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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