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SENATE

TUESDAY, October 14, 2003

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

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend MICAH McMILLEN, of Old Mahoning Baptist Church, Home, offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

Dear God, as we bow our heads and our hearts together, we are humbled to come before You with our requests and our concerns. We thank You for the privilege to be an American, for the privilege to be a resident of this Commonwealth. We thank You for these Senators who are willing to represent their areas in this capacity. We ask You to give wisdom, patience, and understanding to them as they face difficult issues, as they discuss, as they vote, and may Your will be done in this realm.

We do ask You to protect our nation from harm and danger, to be with the systems that are within, whether it be education, military, with all the different capacities that we have that You will guide and direct. Bless this day. Thank You for the blessings You have given us. Bless each Senator and their families with long lives, health, prosperity, wisdom, patience, and understanding. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend McMillen, who is the guest today of Senator Donald White.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of September 30, 2003.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

SB 8 and SB 265.

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

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

October 2, 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 F. Matta, Ph.D., 2730 Hershey Road, Erie 16509, Erie County, Forty-ninth 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 his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS

October 3, 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, Michael J. Yeosock, 40 South Main Street, Plains 18705, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District,

for appointment as a member of the State Board of Funeral Directors, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Andrew Mamary, Wilkes-Barre, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

October 6, 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 Gallagher, D.O., 323 Warren Road, Wayne 19087, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment 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, vice John F. Callahan, D.O., Pittston, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

October 6, 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, The Honorable Dan Frankel, 5329 Fair Oaks Street, Pittsburgh 15217, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a Commonwealth Trustee of the University of Pittsburgh of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, to serve until October 5, 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Samuel A. McCullough, Wyomissing, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BERKS COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

October 6, 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, Jamie Fleet, 122 E Middle Street, Gettysburg 17325, Adams County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Berks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2004, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Linda M. Matthews, Birdsboro, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

October 10, 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, Linda G. Trabucco, Esquire, (Public Member), 3 Douglas Lane, Chester Springs 19425, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

October 10, 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, Paul R. Hoffer, 340 Rock Hill Road, Millersville 17551, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

October 10, 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, Anthony Perno, (Democrat), 24 Johnson Avenue, Uniontown 15401, Fayette County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Fayette 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

MEMBER OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

October 10, 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 Rabbitt Zajac, (Democrat),

128 Hutchinson Street, Uniontown 15401, Fayette County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Fayette 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

MEMBER OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

October 10, 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, Frank V. Sylvester, (Republican), R.D. 2, Box 459 Matthews Road, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Lawrence 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

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

October 10, 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 August 6, 2003, for the appointment of Jacquelyn D. Fisher, (Democrat), 725 West 6th Street, Lewistown 17044, Mifflin County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Mifflin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

October 10, 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 August 6, 2003, for the appointment of George E. Rheam, Jr., (Democrat), 168 Woodland Circle, Reedsville 17084, Mifflin County, Thirty-

fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Mifflin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 846**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 77**.

SENATE BILL RETURNED WITH AMENDMENTS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 461**, with the information the House has passed the same with amendments in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

The PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV, section 5, this bill will be referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE RESOLUTION

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HR 348**.

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:

October 8, 2003

HB 138 -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.

HB 146, **HB 1041** and **HB 1822** -- Committee on Finance.

HB 172 and **HB 1597** -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

HB 509 -- Committee on Game and Fisheries.

HB 857 -- Committee on Law and Justice.

HOUSE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following resolution for concurrence, which was referred to the committee indicated:

October 8, 2003

HR 394 -- Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

October 1, 2003

Senators CORMAN, C. WILLIAMS, JUBELIRER, RAFFERTY, KUKOVICH, WONDERLING, PICCOLA, WOZNAK, M. WHITE, MADIGAN, RHOADES, SCARNATI, LAVALLE, WAUGH, EARLL, STOUT, ORIE, PUNT, MOWERY and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 30**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; providing for alternative regulation of telecommunications, for network modernization options, for implementation authority, for targeted deployment areas and for broadband business services.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, October 1, 2003.

Senators CORMAN, C. WILLIAMS, JUBELIRER, RAFFERTY, KUKOVICH, WONDERLING, PICCOLA, WOZNAK, M. WHITE, MADIGAN, RHOADES, SCARNATI, LAVALLE, WAUGH, EARLL, STOUT, ORIE, PUNT, MOWERY and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 900**, entitled:

An Act relating to telecommunications; establishing the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Commission; providing for assessments, rates and ratemaking; establishing the Bureau of Broadband Deployment and the Broadband Deployment and Telecommunications Fund; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, October 1, 2003.

October 8, 2003

Senators KASUNIC, MELLOW, O'PAKE, WAGNER, STOUT, COSTA, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, SCHWARTZ, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 920**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 15, 1939 (P.L.134, No.65), referred to as the Fireworks Law, further imposing restrictions on displays of fireworks.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 8, 2003.

Senators RAFFERTY, JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, HUGHES, EARLL, LEMMOND, MOWERY, KASUNIC, CORMAN, ORIE,

STACK, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNAK and THOMPSON presented to the Chair **SB 924**, entitled:

An Act requiring certifications by tobacco product manufacturers; providing for a directory of cigarettes approved for stamping and sale; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Attorney General and the Department of Revenue; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, October 8, 2003.

Senators ORIE, COSTA, KITCHEN, STACK, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 925**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, increasing penalties for certain crimes committed in the presence of children.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 8, 2003.

Senators ORIE, COSTA, KITCHEN, LOGAN, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, WONDERLING and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 926**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child Testing Act, providing for the selection of an authorized laboratory; establishing the Newborn Screening Advisory Council; and providing for quality and accountability standards for screening tests.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, October 8, 2003.

Senator BRIGHTBILL presented to the Chair **SB 927**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for the governing board of a third class county convention center authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, October 8, 2003.

Senators GREENLEAF, CONTI, WAGNER, LEMMOND, KUKOVICH, MOWERY and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 928**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing a board to regulate home inspectors.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, October 8, 2003.

Senators PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, ORIE, LOGAN, MUSTO, COSTA, M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, MELLOW, KASUNIC, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, PUNT, WAUGH, KUKOVICH, STOUT, CORMAN, THOMPSON, LAVALLE, HUGHES, RHOADES, BOSCOLA and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SB 930**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law,

extending the payment of the salary, medical and hospital expenses to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, October 8, 2003.

Senators PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, THOMPSON, KUKOVICH, STOUT, CORMAN, HUGHES, RHOADES, BOSCOLA, LEMMOND, LAVALLE, ORIE, LOGAN, MUSTO, COSTA, PICCOLA, M. WHITE, GREENLEAF, MELLOW, KASUNIC, STACK, PUNT and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 931**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1998 (P.L.980, No.129), known as the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act, extending the Postsecondary Educational Gratuity Program to certain children of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, October 8, 2003.

Senators C. WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE, WAGNER, MUSTO, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, COSTA, ORIE, MOWERY, MELLOW, STACK, BOSCOLA, KUKOVICH and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 932**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission for Women; and providing for its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, October 8, 2003.

Senators C. WILLIAMS, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE, WAGNER, MUSTO, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, COSTA, ORIE, MELLOW, BOSCOLA, KUKOVICH and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 933**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Women's Business Ownership Council; providing for its powers and duties; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, October 8, 2003.

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:

October 8, 2003

Senators WAUGH, STOUT, KUKOVICH, BRIGHTBILL, EARLL, WAGNER, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, D. WHITE, MELLOW, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, KITCHEN, CONTI, FERLO, CORMAN, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, MUSTO, COSTA, ERICKSON, WENGER, DENT, ARMSTRONG, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, PUNT, LEMMOND, GREENLEAF, MOWERY, SCHWARTZ, LAVALLE, MADIGAN, ROBBINS, THOMPSON and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SR 151**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2003 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 8, 2003.

Senators COSTA, MELLOW, BRIGHTBILL, MUSTO, O'PAKE, HUGHES, STOUT, KUKOVICH, SCHWARTZ, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON, CORMAN, ORIE, LOGAN, D. WHITE, WAGNER, MOWERY, CONTI, DENT, ERICKSON, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, ARMSTRONG, C. WILLIAMS, EARLL, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, STACK, RHOADES, LEMMOND, LAVALLE, ROBBINS, FERLO, WONDERLING, PILEGGI and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SR 159**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2003 as "Pennsylvania Epilepsy Awareness Month."

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, October 8, 2003.

Senators ORIE, KUKOVICH, COSTA, ERICKSON, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY and LEMMOND presented to the Chair **SR 160**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the feasibility of establishing an alternative to the existing liability system with regard to medical professional liability actions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, October 8, 2003.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE DISPOSITION OF TORT CLAIMS PURSUANT TO THE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY ACT

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

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of Attorney General
Harrisburg, PA 17120

September 18, 2003

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

Dear Senator Jubelirer:

Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Act of September 28, 1978, P.L. 788, No. 152 (the Sovereign Immunity Act), the Office of Attorney General is required to report annually to the General Assembly regarding the institution and disposition of tort claims against the Commonwealth.

In response to that requirement, we are pleased to submit the enclosed report for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003.

Sincerely yours,

MIKE FISHER
Attorney General

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

**PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY'S
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Philadelphia Parking Authority
3101 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2807

October 8, 2003

Mark Corrigan,
Secretary of the Senate
Senate Box 203053
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-3053

Re: The Philadelphia Parking Authority
Fiscal Year 2003 Audit

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Attached hereto, please find an original bound copy of The Philadelphia Parking Authority's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003. As you can see the audit was conducted by the independent certified public accounting firm of Mitchell & Titus, LLP. This report is being provided pursuant to Act No. 2002-230, 53 Pa. C.S. §5510.1 (e).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,
The Philadelphia Parking Authority

DENNIS G. WELDON, Jr.
Co-General Counsel

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

**APPOINTMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

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

Senator Lemmond as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Jubelirer, Senator Wonderling, and Senator Mowery.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Piccola requests legislative leaves for Senator Jubelirer, Senator Wonderling, and Senator Mowery. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests a legislative leave for Senator Tartaglione. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator PIPPY remains on military leave pursuant to Senate Rule XXI(3).

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY ADJOURNMENT

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

In the Senate, October 14, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Monday, October 20, 2003, 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 20, 2003, 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-47

Armstrong	Hughes	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Boscola	Jubelirer	Orie	Thompson
Brightbill	Kasunic	Piccola	Tomlinson
Conti	Kitchen	Pileggi	Wagner
Corman	Kukovich	Punt	Waugh
Costa	LaValle	Rafferty	Wenger
Dent	Lemmond	Rhoades	White, Donald
Earll	Logan	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Williams, Anthony H.
Ferlo	Mellow	Schwartz	Williams, Constance
Fumo	Mowery	Stack	Wonderling
Greenleaf	Musto	Stout	

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.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR DONALD C. WHITE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Donald White.

Senator D. WHITE. Madam President, today our opening prayer was given to us by Pastor Micah McMillen from the 41st district from Old Mahoning Baptist Church in Home, Pennsylvania, and he had the pleasure of bringing his family with him today. They had a very extensive tour of the Capitol and also a very extensive conversation with our Lieutenant Governor,

which they very much appreciated. So, with Pastor McMillen today is his wife, Debra, and his children, Micah, Jr., Heather, and Shawn.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Donald White please stand so we can recognize you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Greenleaf.

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, I rise to acknowledge guests of mine who are here today, the eighth grade of the St. David School in Willow Grove, the community where I live, and their teachers, Mrs. Wilkowski and Mr. Smith, as well as the pastor of the school, Monsignor Bolger. I would appreciate it if the Senate would welcome them.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Greenleaf from St. David School in Willow Grove and their pastor and teachers please rise so we can give you a nice round of applause.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 677, SB 892 and HB 1018 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

BILL REREFERRED

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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1580 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 41 (Pr. No. 1192) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 83 (Pr. No. 1193) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 93 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 297 (Pr. No. 312) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensure of individuals providing sign language interpreting and transliterating services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; and imposing duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Department of Labor and Industry.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 709 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 735 (Pr. No. 882) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 786 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 834 (Pr. No. 1014) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974, further providing for roll-back taxes and special circumstances.

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

SB 895 (Pr. No. 1141) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 903 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 913 (Pr. No. 1162) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 922 (Pr. No. 1187) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1222 and HB 1549 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PICCOLA.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 124, ADOPTED

Senator PICCOLA, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 124**, entitled:

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

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. 150, ADOPTED

Senator PICCOLA, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 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.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators ARMSTRONG, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, MOWERY, WENGER, KUKOVICH, LOGAN, THOMPSON, COSTA, O'PAKE, CORMAN, PUNT, GREENLEAF, MADIGAN, PICCOLA, EARLL, ORIE, WOZNIAK, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, DENT, ROBBINS, LEMMOND, WAGNER, MUSTO and SCHWARTZ, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 162**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 12 through 18, 2003, as "Credit Union Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

RECESS

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate, first for a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations in the Rules room, then for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a brief reconvening of the Senate for the reports of those two committees, and then for a Republican caucus.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Piccola requests a recess for a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, and then a Republican caucus.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, the Democrats, likewise, will caucus at the rear of the Chamber after the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations and the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests a Democratic caucus after the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations and the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR
REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

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

**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

**MEMBER OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

October 10, 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 August 6, 2003, for the appointment of Jacquelyn D. Fisher, (Democrat), 725 West 6th Street, Lewistown 17044, Mifflin County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Mifflin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE MIFFLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

October 10, 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 August 6, 2003, for the appointment of George E. Rheam, Jr., (Democrat), 168 Woodland Circle, Reedsville 17084, Mifflin County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Mifflin County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2005, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, add to complement.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I move that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nominations will be returned to the Governor.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ROBBINS, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF
CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

September 11, 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, Samuel J. Patterson, 110 Leighton Drive, Bryn Mawr 19010, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF NURSING**

September 16, 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, K. Stephen Anderson, CRNA, 1442 Biebel Avenue, Erie 16509, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD

September 16, 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, Richard Urbano, 604 Elliot Drive, McKees Rocks 15136, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Planning Board, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard W. Hayden, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

September 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, Dale M. Wehr, 1007 Willowbrook Road, New Castle 16101, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2007, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, Cheryl Craig, Pittsburgh, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

September 16, 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, Bradley G. Olson, Sr., (Democrat), 411 E. Hillcrest Avenue, New Castle 16105, Lawrence County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Lawrence 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 271 (P. No. 1059) (Rereported) (Concurrence)

An Act renaming State Route 424 in Luzerne County from the Hazleton South Beltway to the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Beltway; and designating a portion of State Route 837 in Allegheny County as the Charles R. McDevitt Highway.

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

SB 145 (Pr. No. 138) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for municipal police education and training definitions, training, certification and reimbursement.

SB 689 (Pr. No. 792) (Rereported)

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.

SB 690 (Pr. No. 830) (Rereported)

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.

HB 106 (Pr. No. 1991) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, further providing for licensing.

HB 538 (Pr. No. 1757) (Rereported)

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.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM
COMMITTEE**

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

SR 151 (Pr. No. 1212)

A Resolution designating the month of November 2003 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 159 (Pr. No. 1213)

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2003 as "Pennsylvania Epilepsy Awareness Month."

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

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 Helen Strause Moyer and to Mark A. Wickenheiser by Senator Brightbill.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the West Mifflin Lions Club by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Orthopaedic Associates of Allentown & Rheumatology Institute by Senators Dent, Wonderling, and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Sisko, Arthur Thomas Donato, Sr., and to the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Brockington Ensemble by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Honorable Frank DelBene, Jr., Rudy Bohince, Tiffany Monaco, Jean Palochik, John A. Longo and to Ron Vivio by Senator Kukovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Lead Safe Pittsburgh Coalition by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew D. Springer by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Geiger by Senator Mowery.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lew Fisher by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Childspace Cooperative Development, Inc., of Philadelphia, by Senator Schwartz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to East Petersburg Fire Company, Southern Manheim Fire Company, Upper Leacock Fire Company, Rohrerstown Fire Company, Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 Staff and to the Lancaster Township Fire Company by Senator Wenger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cody M. Klingler by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Richard Godshall by Senator Wonderling.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, I stand here today to thank my colleagues for their vote on Senate Resolution No. 124. This resolution supports and memorializes the bipartisan effort by the House of Representatives of the United States Congress to locate a veterans cemetery in southeastern Pennsylvania and affords the opportunity for the Governor to appoint a blue ribbon panel for site selection for that cemetery. The southeast is home to some 400,000 veterans, a number of those are World War II veterans, and they have indicated to me on a number of occasions that they are not ready to cash in their chips until we get a veterans cemetery in Pennsylvania. Enjoying their company, I said, well, in that instance, I hope it will be many years down the road, but realizing that we need a resolution to this issue of locating a cemetery in the southeastern section, I am happy with the Senate's efforts today in doing that. As a member of the Southeast Veterans Center Advisory Committee, I can tell you this was a topic of discussion last week as well, so it is in the forefront of issues being discussed by our veterans, and it is certainly a step in the right direction. Once again, I thank my colleagues for their vote today.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator WAGNER. Madam President, I rise to offer a few comments in regard to two previous Senate resolutions that were passed in the month of September, Senate Resolution No. 146 and Senate Resolution No. 148, which coincide with a rally and press conference that were held today in the Rotunda. The rally and the press conference were in relation to domestic violence awareness month and day. Today it was chaired by Senator Orie, and a number of Senators participated in that event, along with the Secretary of Public Welfare, Secretary Estelle Richman. The other Senators, Madam President, who took part were Senator Stack, Senator Connie Williams, Senator Schwartz, Senator Conti, Senator Erickson, Senator Don White, Senator Rafferty, and myself. Madam President, the rally and press conference were very important to bring awareness to domestic violence, the crime that it is, and to help victims of domestic violence.

Madam President, it is a severe problem here in Pennsylvania and throughout the country. In Pennsylvania alone, in 2002, 150 domestic violence homicides occurred right here in our State, and, Madam President, in the year 2003, approximately 100 have occurred this year already, so it is a huge problem right here in Pennsylvania. In my senatorial district, Allegheny County, during the timeframe of 2002-03, there were 25 homicides. Madam President, the more we can do to help the entire issue of domestic violence, obviously, the greater potential we have to reduce those numbers and the greater potential we have to eliminate this "poison" that was termed by Senator Stack this morning, a poison that exists within families, communities, and society.

Madam President, my purpose for rising is not to just echo the comments made by my colleagues today and in Senate Resolutions No. 146 and 148, but my purpose for rising is to call attention to the budget deficit that relates to domestic violence. In the 2003-04 budget, we cut approximately \$2.6 million related to domestic violence, and those dollars were cut from the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and also a very significant service that is provided called the Civil Legal Representation, \$2 million for that. That was entirely cut out of the budget, Madam President. Consequently, a very important service to victims of domestic violence has been eliminated in Pennsylvania.

The reason that I bring this to the attention of the General Assembly today and to the public is that we still have not completed the budget process. There has been significant discussion about mass transit restoration of funding, drug and alcohol restoration of funding, library restoration of funding, certainly education, public education, the portion of the budget that has not been completed. Madam President, we need to also elevate the discussion and the awareness to restoring the funds related to domestic violence, and the reasons are obvious. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence helps 100,000 victims in Pennsylvania each and every year, and that is a huge number. It provides services such as counseling, legal assistance, shelters, children's programs, and referrals to a variety of agencies, especially related to the traumatic situations that exist within families and especially with children related to domestic violence.

Madam President, we need to make certain that this issue is not lost in the shuffle, not lost in the upcoming discussions and debates related to the restoration of funding, and it has already

been identified by the Governor that \$2 million in unobligated Federal TANF welfare funds that are there right now and are available could be utilized in terms of the restoration of the funding.

So, Madam President, I rise today to simply make sure that that issue is part of the thinking process of the General Assembly, and obviously, the administration, and I know it is within your office. Madam President, we in Pennsylvania have done some great things in the past relating to domestic violence. We have some fantastic agencies working each and every day helping hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians, but we have curtailed their ability to help people and we need to restore that funding. Pennsylvania can again become a leader on this issue, and in order to do that, we have to back it up with the dollars that are necessary to help the people in need, so I am simply rising today to ask that that issue be as important in the discussion of restoring funds to the budget as any other.

Thank you, Madam President.

BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bills:

SB 846 and HB 77.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2003

- 9:30 A.M. LAW AND JUSTICE (to consider Senate Bill No. 877; and any other business that may come before the Committee) Room 8E-B East Wing
- 10:00 A.M. AGING AND YOUTH (to consider House Bill No. 888; and any other business that may come before the Committee) Room 8E-A East Wing
- 10:00 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Resolution No. 98; House Resolutions No. 256 and 394; and House Bill No. 165) Room 461 Main Capitol
- 10:30 A.M. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (to consider House Bill No. 525, Abandoned Business Facilities Act) Room 8E-B East Wing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003

- 9:30 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 900) Room 8E-B East Wing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

- 10:00 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (informational briefing on Pennsylvania's

Statewide emergency preparedness initiatives)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

- 10:30 A.M. LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider House Bill No. 88; and any other business that may come before the Committee) Rules Com. Conf. Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003

- 10:30 A.M. LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 290; and any other business that may come before the Committee) CANCELLED Council Cranberry Twp., 2525 Rochester Rd. Cranberry Township

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2003

- 10:00 A.M. LABOR AND INDUSTRY (public hearing on the loss of manufacturing jobs in PA) DuBois

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY WHIP

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, before I move to adjourn, I request that immediately upon adjournment all Members of the Republican Caucus report to the caucus room for a Republican caucus.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 3:26 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.