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SENATE

TUESDAY, November 1, 2005

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. DAVID KANDOLE, of Global Outreach Christian Center, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, we thank You for the gifts of peace, love, and the life of purpose. Thank You for our great leaders that You have appointed to represent Your people in this great State of Pennsylvania.

Lord, I pray this day that You will grant our Senators wisdom, understanding, and insights into answers to meet the challenges they face in their assignment, and give them boldness to stand for what is good and right for the people of Pennsylvania. God, lead them, guide them, and walk with them as they talk, debate, discuss, and vote for the future of all citizens.

Lord, I ask You to keep them and their families healthy and strong. We are also thankful for all that they do for us. In Your great name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Dr. Kandole, 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 Dauphin, Senator Piccola.

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Madigan.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Piccola requests a legislative leave for Senator Madigan.

Senator O'Pake requests a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. A quorum of the Senate being present, the Clerk will read the Journal of the preceding Session of October 31, 2005.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding Session.

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, I move that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and that the Journal be approved.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-50

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Vance
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	Wenger
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Donald
Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wonderling
Fontana	Musto	Stout	Wozniak
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Thompson	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
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 introduce to the Senate a young lady who is shadowing me today from Halifax, Pennsylvania. Her name is Shannon Mateer, and she is the daughter of Gary and Thresa Mateer. She is a junior at Halifax Area High School, and she is involved in chorus, student

plays and musicals, and she will very soon be helping in the set-up and production of the spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast."

Shannon plans to go to Bradley Academy for the Visual Arts to get her interior design degree, as well as to Central Penn College for a criminal justice and psychology degree. I would be very grateful if the Senate would welcome Shannon to the Hall of the Senate today.

The PRESIDENT. Would Shannon please rise so we can give you a round of applause.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CONSTANCE H. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Connie Williams.

Senator C. Williams. Madam President, I am happy today to introduce to the Senate some guests of mine who are here because they had a winning bid on a day in Harrisburg with me. They did this at the Delaware County Art Auction, and they are actually constituents of Senator Thompson, who had the opportunity to say hello to them.

In the gallery today are Tracy DeVliieger and her daughter, Madeline, from Paoli, and Lisa Stroud and her daughter, Courtney, from Malvern. Madeline and Courtney are fifth grade students at Villa Maria Academy, and they are having a nice visit in Harrisburg, so I ask the Senate to welcome them.

The PRESIDENT. Will Senator Connie Williams' guests please rise so we can give you a round of applause.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MIKE WAUGH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, for a number of years now, I have had the honor of hosting a gentleman from West York by the name of Roy Wescher. He is a self-employed businessman who takes time every year or so to host and guide young people who are here as foreign exchange students.

We have six students in the gallery this afternoon, and I would like to introduce them to the Senate. They are Kathrin Kuegler, Mary Jane Lesske, Rebecca Henrich, and Ulrike Warzok from Germany, Laurence Raud from France, and Eugene Machekhin from Ukraine.

They are here with Mr. Wescher, and if we could welcome them to the Senate this afternoon, I would appreciate it.

Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT. Roy, would you please stand with your students from Ukraine, Germany, and France.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR LEANNA M. WASHINGTON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator WASHINGTON. Madam President, I am pleased to introduce to the Senate my granddaughter, BriYana R. Crocker,

who is my guest today. She is a fourth grade student at Holy Cross Parish School, and she has just been elected class representative for her classroom.

The PRESIDENT. Will BriYana please rise so we can give you a round of applause.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Madam President, today I have with me Sandy Young, who is a third grade teacher at the Thomas Holme School in Philadelphia, and she has brought her two sons, Ryan, 11, and Gavin, 9, who are both students at our Lady of Fatima School in Bensalem. Sandy, Ryan, and Gavin are here to spend the day with me to observe how we run the government in Pennsylvania. Actually, Sandy is from Philadelphia. She is Senator Stack's constituent, but originally was from Levittown and migrated down into the Philadelphia area. Both boys, Ryan and Gavin, are enjoying their wonderful day in Harrisburg, and I ask the Senate to give them a warm welcome, please.

The PRESIDENT. Will Sandy Young and her sons please rise so we can give you a warm round of applause.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. STACK PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, I am honored to introduce the Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce who are sitting in the gallery. The Chamber represents many businesses in my district, and it is a vital member of our community. They are visiting the Capitol to learn more about State government, and to watch the legislature in action. I am hoping that this visit and future visits will help to create a win-win for our State government and our local businesses as they exchange ideas and learn from each other.

As you know, Madam President, the Chamber has met with Madam President and a deputy secretary from DEP. They are also scheduled to meet with Governor Rendell today, as well as other cabinet members and Members of the House and Senate. I am so glad they could join us, and I ask the Senate to give them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Northeast Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia please rise so we can give you a round of applause.

(Applause.)

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1179** and **1717**.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT ACT
ANNUAL REPORT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Education

October 17, 2005

Subject: Education Empowerment Act Annual Report

To: The Office of the Governor
The Secretary of the Senate
The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
The Chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate
The Minority Chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate
The Chairman of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives
The Minority Chairman of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives

From: GERALD L. ZAHORCHAK, D.Ed.
Acting Secretary of Education

Pursuant to 24 P.S. 17-1711-B, I forward this report to you on the implementation of the Education Empowerment Act for the school year 2004-2005.

The report addresses each area of interest noted in the statute by providing the following information:

- An overview of the Education Empowerment Act;
- The names of school districts on the Education Empowerment List or certified as Education Empowerment Districts and the date of placement on the list or certification;
- The name of any school district removed from the Education Empowerment List, or which is no longer certified as an Education Empowerment District;
- A progress report consistent with the School District Improvement Plans; and
- Any recommended changes to the Education Empowerment Act.

If you would like additional copies of the report, please call the Office of Government Relations at 787-7575.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAND
RECYCLING PROGRAM**

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Rachel Carson State Office Building
P. O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

October 28, 2005

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Senate Post Office Box 203053
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have enclosed the 2004-05 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority. We are pleased at the success of our first solicitation, which included \$6.5 million in grants and loan awards for 16 clean, alternative energy projects. These projects, which are located all around the Commonwealth, involve some of the most promising alternative energy technologies, including wind, solar, biomass, energy efficiency, waste coal, combined heat and power and fuel cells and will create as many as 450 permanent and construction jobs. We look forward to working with you in the coming years to bring more clean energy projects and energy manufacturing jobs to Pennsylvania and to increasing investment in this important, fast-growing sector of our economy.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Leighton, Director of Legislative Affairs, by telephone at 717-783-8303 or by e-mail at jleighton@state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN A. MCGINTY
Chairman

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

**2006-07 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

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

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Suite 1102, Commerce Building
300 North Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

October 31, 2005

Hon. Edward G. Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Hon. John M. Perzel
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2020
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

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

Dear Governor Rendell, Senator Jubelirer and Representative Perzel:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §391.41 *et seq.*, and Section 610 of the Administrative Code of 1929, I am submitting the enclosed Budget Request of the Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Copies are also being delivered today to the Secretary of the Budget and Administration, the Secretary of Community and Economic Development, and the Insurance Commissioner.

As explained in detail in the enclosed Budget Request, the total expenses that the OSBA estimates it will incur in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for both its utility and insurance regulatory activities are \$1,159,000. None of the money used to support the OSBA comes from the general funds of the Commonwealth. The OSBA's utility regulatory activities are funded by assessments on public utilities, while the money to support OSBA's activities concerning workers' compensation insurance rates comes from assessments on the insurance companies that issue such policies in Pennsylvania.

Please let me know if you or members of your staff have any questions or would like to meet with me to discuss this Budget Request.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM R. LLOYD, Jr.
Small Business Advocate

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

BILLS SIGNED

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

HB 746, HB 1179 and HB 1717.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator LEMMOND, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bills:

SB 881 (Pr. No. 1180)

An Act amending Title 26 (Eminent Domain) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for limitations on the use of eminent domain; and making a related repeal.

SB 897 (Pr. No. 1187)

An Act amending Titles 26 (Eminent Domain), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding provisions relating to eminent domain; and making related repeals.

HB 1318 (Pr. No. 3022) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for requirements relating to voter identification; further providing for powers and duties of county boards, for public buildings to be used where possible and portable polling places and for prohibiting polling places in buildings where malt or brewed beverages or liquors are sold; providing for polling places in other buildings; further providing for affidavits of candidates; providing for restrictions on voting by convicted felons; and further providing for voting procedures, for manner of applying to vote, for date of application for absentee ballots, for canvassing of official absentee ballots and for violation of provisions relating to absentee voting.

HB 1509 (Pr. No. 1843)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to F & L Group, Inc., an access and utility easement across certain lands situate in the Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County.

HB 1967 (Pr. No. 3023) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 20, 2004 (P.L.886, No.121), entitled "An act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority and to Robert L. and Karen N. Doult, Leona B. Disbrow, Louise F. Waller, Mary Schabacker, Paul D. and Mary Ann Brugger, and Ralph and Janet Toland, Sr., certain lands situate in the City of Erie, County of Erie; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Derry Township Municipal Authority a certain easement for sanitary sewer purposes, together with an existing sanitary sewer line and appurtenances, situate in Derry Township, Dauphin County; authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Summerdale Associates, L.P., certain lands situate in the Township of East Pennsboro, County of Cumberland; and authorizing and directing the Department of Gen-

eral Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey to the Borough of Doylestown certain lands situate in the Borough of Doylestown, Bucks County," further providing for conveyance to the Borough of Doylestown, Bucks County.

Senator CONTI, from the Committee on Game and Fisheries, reported the following bill:

HB 1690 (Pr. No. 3025) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for unlawful devices and methods and for license requirements.

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

SB 486 (Pr. No. 520)

An Act providing for grants to public schools to purchase advanced emergency alerting devices; and making an appropriation.

HB 172 (Pr. No. 1175)

An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program.

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bills:

SB 868 (Pr. No. 1304) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1929 (P.L.1798, No.591), referred to as the Forest Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law, increasing distribution of annual charge; and making editorial changes.

SB 995 (Pr. No. 1305) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for registration of snowmobile or ATV.

HB 1114 (Pr. No. 1946)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1996 (P.L.1478, No.190), entitled "An act relating to the recycling and reuse of waste tires; providing for the proper disposal of waste tires and the cleanup of stockpiled tires; authorizing investment tax credits for utilizing waste tires; providing remediation grants for the cleanup of tire piles and for pollution prevention programs for small business and households; establishing the Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program and management standards for small business hazardous waste; providing for a household hazardous waste program and for grant programs; making appropriations; and making repeals," further providing for the definition of "waste tire"; defining "recycled tire product" and "waste tire recycling facility"; and further providing for the disposal of whole waste tires, for Environmental Quality Board regulations, for waste tire registry and for remediation liens.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator LEMMOND, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following resolution:

HR 354 (Pr. No. 3024) (Amended)

A Concurrent Resolution designating the Garden of Reflection in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County, as an Official State Memorial to the Victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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

SR 169 (Pr. No. 1189)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action to address the hydrogen shortage in the United States due to factory shutdowns caused by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following resolutions:

SR 137 (Pr. No. 968)

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a task force to study issues concerning the renewal and management of this Commonwealth's forests; providing for an advisory committee; and directing the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee to provide administrative support to the task force.

HR 88 (Pr. No. 560)

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a task force to study issues concerning sewage management and treatment at publicly owned treatment facilities and systems throughout this Commonwealth, providing for an advisory committee and directing the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee to provide administrative support to the task force.

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

CALENDAR**HB 1539 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER**

HB 1539 (Pr. No. 2408) -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 5 of the Second Consideration Calendar, by Senator PICCOLA, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
AND REREFERRED**

HB 1539 (Pr. No. 2408) -- 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; and establishing and providing for appropriation to the Emergency Energy Assistance Fund.

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator PICCOLA. Madam President, at this time I request a recess of the Senate, first for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Labor and Industry to be held in the Rules room, and then for a Republican caucus.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, the Democrats will also caucus after the meeting of the Committee on Labor and Industry.

The PRESIDENT. For a meeting of the Committee on Labor and Industry, and Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate will stand in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Appropriations to add to its agenda for the off-the-floor meeting today House Bill No. 1743.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED****SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS
AS AMENDED**

HB 761 (Pr. No. 2998) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of invasion of privacy; and providing for actions involving products or services used to invade privacy.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to House Bill No. 761?

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to House Bill No. 761.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-50

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Vance
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Wagh

Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	Wenger
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Donald
Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wonderling
Fontana	Musto	Stout	Wozniak
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Thompson	

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 inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 127 (Pr. No. 2996) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for certain rights of resource parents; and further providing for duties of county agencies and private agencies.

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-50

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Vance
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	Wenger
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Donald
Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wonderling
Fontana	Musto	Stout	Wozniak
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Thompson	

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.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 384 (Pr. No. 1285) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for administrative duties of board.

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

SB 384 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 384, Printer's No. 1285, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 583 (Pr. No. 607) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for arson and related offenses.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, very quickly, this bill would prevent anyone convicted of arson from serving as a member of a local volunteer fire department. Under Pennsylvania law, anyone convicted of a felony such as arson is currently prohibited from serving as a paid member of a municipal fire department. However, the law does not apply to the State's 2,664 volunteer fire departments. I was shocked to learn that there are more arsonists than people realize serving side-by-side with local volunteer firefighters right this very moment. I feel that permitting arsonists to serve on volunteer firefighting crews could compromise the safety of innocent people and other firefighters.

I think this bill is a matter of common sense, and I think it is long overdue. This bill is needed, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Vance
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Waugh
Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	Wenger
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Donald
Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	White, Mary Jo
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wonderling
Fontana	Musto	Stout	Wozniak
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Thompson	

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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SB 595 (Pr. No. 1265) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for qualifications of directors.

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-39

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Musto	Stout
Boscola	Hughes	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Orie	Washington
Browne	Kasunic	Pileggi	Waugh
Corman	Kitchen	Punt	White, Donald
Costa	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Erickson	Lemmond	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Fontana	Logan	Robbins	Wonderling
Fumo	Madigan	Scarnati	Wozniak
Gordner	Mellow	Stack	

NAY-11

Conti	Piccola	Thompson	Wenger
Earll	Pippy	Tomlinson	White, Mary Jo
Ferlo	Rafferty	Vance	

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

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

RECESS

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I ask for a recess of the Senate for a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, which will begin immediately. We expect to be back on the floor in approximately 10 minutes.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, there will be a 10-minute recess for a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations. The Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 629 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 759 (Pr. No. 1266) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for decree of court.

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-50

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Tomlinson
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Vance
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Washington
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Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wonderling
Fontana	Musto	Stout	Wozniak
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Thompson	

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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 775 and HB 1049 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1579 (Pr. No. 2997) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for certain responsibilities of county and private agencies regarding resource families.

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-48

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Orie	Tartaglione
Boscola	Hughes	Piccola	Thompson
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pileggi	Tomlinson
Browne	Kasunic	Pippy	Vance
Conti	Kitchen	Punt	Washington
Corman	LaValle	Rafferty	Waugh
Costa	Lemmond	Regola	Wenger
Erickson	Logan	Rhoades	White, Donald
Ferlo	Madigan	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Fontana	Mellow	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Fumo	Musto	Stack	Wonderling
Gordner	O'Pake	Stout	Wozniak

NAY-2

Earll White, Mary Jo

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having vote "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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 111 (Pr. No. 2995) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further defining "case" and "eligible entity"; providing for extension of existing license to cover additional area; and further providing for breweries, for surrender of certain licenses for benefit of licensee, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, for hours of operation relative to manufacturers, importing distributors and distributors and for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees.

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

SB 940 (Pr. No. 1303) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Fund; providing for the Land Trust Reimbursement Program, for proceeds from sales by the Department of Agriculture and for grants for agricultural land conservation assistance; and making a related repeal.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 87 and SB 178 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 603 (Pr. No. 676) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "enforcement officer" to include certain Pennsylvania Game Commission employees.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 656, SB 660, SB 676 and SB 895 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 925 (Pr. No. 1216) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1980 (P.L.1241, No.224), known as the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Act, further providing for sunset provisions.

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

SB 929 (Pr. No. 1218) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act prohibiting the advertising and conducting of certain live musical performances or productions; providing for enforcement; and imposing a penalty.

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

HB 1361 (Pr. No. 1636) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 16, 2002 (P.L.315, No.46), known as the Community Services Block Grant Act, further providing for the expiration of the act.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1400 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1606 (Pr. No. 2949) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing a program for breast and cervical cancer screening services for certain eligible women; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Health.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 862 (Pr. No. 1319) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board; providing for applicability of other statutes; further providing for powers and duties of board; providing for code of conduct; further providing for licensed entity application appeals from board, for license or permit application hearing process, for board minutes and records, for collection of fees and fines, for order of initial license issuance, for slot machine license application and for slot machine license application business entity requirements; providing for licensing of principals, for licensing of key employees, for recusal and disqualification of members, for alternate members, for initial applica-

tions and for code of conduct; and further providing for occupation permit application, for gross terminal revenue deductions, for transfers from the State Gaming Fund, for public official financial interests, for political influence and for enforcement.

HB 515 (Pr. No. 3036) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing, in sales and use tax, for the definition of "manufacture"; and further providing, in personal income tax, for imposition and, in corporate net income, for definitions and imposition.

HB 1743 (Pr. No. 2944) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for assessment limits on counties of the second class; and providing for effect of appeal, escrow and payment under protest.

Senator SCARNATI, from the Committee on Labor and Industry, reported the following bills:

SB 243 (Pr. No. 244)

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.

SB 437 (Pr. No. 1306) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending benefits to corrections employees; and making an editorial change.

SB 736 (Pr. No. 1307) (Amended)

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for applicability on certain uncertified buildings.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 198**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2005 as "Pennsylvania Epilepsy Awareness Month."

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, epilepsy is a condition that affects nearly 120,000 Pennsylvanians, and 2.3 million people across this country. This condition is the third most common neurological disorder, sometimes referred to as a seizure disorder. It is a chronic condition produced by a temporary change of electrical functions in the brain causing seizures, which also affects awareness, movement, and sensation in individuals.

Madam President, it is also important to note that over the past several years statistics have increasingly shown that the number of young children and teens diagnosed with this disability have increased significantly. The public's misunderstanding about epilepsy has created new and difficult social barriers, both at home and school, for many individuals who suffer with this disability. Oftentimes peers are unfamiliar with epilepsy, and are naive in exploring factors related to the causes and also its consequences. Nearly half of the American teens who were recently surveyed indicated that they did not understand the disease nor had they heard of it. Young children and teens, as you know, Madam President, ordinarily experience very difficult hardships growing up in these very impressionable times, and they do not need to have additional pressure and embarrassment thrust upon them by trying to explain the deficiencies associated with epilepsy.

Madam President, public education programs are very important and much needed to help inform all Pennsylvanians about epilepsy, and to dispel and dismiss misconceptions regarding this disorder. To that end, the Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Central Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania and the National Epilepsy Foundation, continuously conduct public outreach awareness programs to educate the public about epilepsy, as well as seizure disorders.

Madam President, nearly 70 percent of epilepsy cases have unknown causes, but many times causes may stem from several factors, including head trauma, brain trauma and tumors, strokes, infection, and poisoning, all of which create medical, social, and economic hardships to the individuals who are suffering from this condition.

Madam President, the passing of this very important resolution will demonstrate to the epilepsy community and residents of our Commonwealth that we stand ready and poised to support issues that are impacting them. The resolution by this Senate symbolizes that we will continue to work to carry out the mission of the Epilepsy Foundation, to protect the civil rights, provide available and affordable health care resources, and continue to search for means to eradicate this disorder.

I thank my colleagues for the opportunity to present this resolution and respectfully request their support.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raoul Pugin by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles G. Haynes by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Walt Alan Stoy by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William H. Reynolds and to Ryan Franklin Hook by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert O. Long by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam D. Eckert by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to The Lighthouse of Philadelphia by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Queen E. Sumbler by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert W. Bogle by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Moore by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jack Schollenberger, McKaig Nature Education Center of King of Prussia, King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company and to the Upper Merion Park and Historic Foundation of King of Prussia by Senator C. Williams.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1743 (Pr. No. 2944) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for assessment limits on counties of the second class; and providing for effect of appeal, escrow and payment under protest.

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

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator FERLO. 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 by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 243, SB 437, SB 486, SB 736, SB 868, SB 881, SB 897, SB 995, HB 172, HB 1114, HB 1318, HB 1509, HB 1690 and HB 1967.

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

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:

**PROTHONOTARY, CLERK OF THE COURTS AND
CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT OF PIKE COUNTY**

November 1, 2005

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, Denise Fitzpatrick, 176 Hawthorne Drive, Milford 18337, Pike County, Twentieth Senatorial District, for appointment as Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, in and for the County of Pike, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice Joyce Z. Helms, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

November 1, 2005

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Stephanie Moore, 40 Red Barberry Drive, Eiters 17319, York County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve until June 13, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John S. Detrick, Carlisle, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

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

November 1, 2005

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

Please note the nomination dated October 6, 2005, for the appointment of Joseph J. Resta, (Public Member), 6145 Hawthorne Street, Philadelphia 19135, Philadelphia County, Second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Flanigan, Villanova, whose term expired, should be corrected to read:

Joseph J. Resta, (Public Member), 11860 Basile Road, Philadelphia 19154 Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years or until

his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Flanigan, Villanova, whose term expired.

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:

Weekly recess.

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:

November 1, 2005

Senators MELLOW, SCARNATI, LOGAN, RHOADES, KASUNIC, CONTI, STOUT, EARLL, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FERLO and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 910**, entitled:

An Act providing for collective bargaining dispute resolution between public school employees and their public employers; imposing duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Legislative Reference Bureau; imposing penalties; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, November 1, 2005.

Senators RAFFERTY, JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, BOSCOLA, PUNT, FONTANA, ERICKSON, GORDNER, PIPPY, ORIE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES, WAUGH, BROWNE, REGOLA, C. WILLIAMS, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, CONTI, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, COSTA, M. WHITE, THOMPSON, O'PAKE, SCARNATI, WONDERLING, ROBBINS and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 972**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for abatement program.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, November 1, 2005.

Senators CONTI, ERICKSON, WENGER, WONDERLING, PIPPY, BROWNE, FONTANA, COSTA, REGOLA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, STACK, FERLO and LaVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 977**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for election day procedures and the process of voting; and requiring a voter-verified permanent paper record.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, November 1, 2005.

Senators BOSCOLA, BROWNE, WONDERLING, M. WHITE, FONTANA, RHOADES, ERICKSON and STACK

presented to the Chair **SB 978**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, "average wholesale price."

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, November 1, 2005.

Senators ORIE, BRIGHTBILL, STOUT, RHOADES, THOMPSON, MELLOW, STACK, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, M. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, WAUGH and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 979**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364), known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act, further providing for the definition of "basic health services"; and providing for the definition of "cervical cancer screening".

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, November 1, 2005.

Senators ORIE, COSTA, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, PIPPY, M. WHITE, STACK, WAUGH, BROWNE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 980**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Early Childhood Education Fund; providing funding for enhancement of the Head Start Program and other similar programs; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 1, 2005.

Senators ORIE, COSTA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, RHOADES, WOZNIAK, C. WILLIAMS, BROWNE, STACK and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 982**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the disclosure of certain criminal history record information and certain information related to abuse to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and to any domestic violence fatality review team; establishing the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Program, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and domestic violence fatality review teams and providing for their powers and duties and fixing penalties for certain violations related to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 1, 2005.

Senators WONDERLING, PICCOLA, JUBELIRER, BRIGHTBILL, CORMAN, FONTANA, ERICKSON, PIPPY, PUNT, WENGER, ORIE, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, MADIGAN, GREENLEAF, RHOADES, ARMSTRONG, PILEGGI, REGOLA and ROBBINS presented to the Chair **SB 984**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 25 (Elections) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for methods of voter registration; and providing for registration application by Internet for military electors and for Internet voting for military electors.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, November 1, 2005.

Senators RHOADES, FUMO, CORMAN, O'PAKE, LEMMOND, HUGHES, TOMLINSON, LOGAN, BRIGHTBILL, PUNT, EARLL, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, KITCHEN, D. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, VANCE, BROWNE, KASUNIC, STACK, STOUT, REGOLA, CONTI, GREENLEAF, FERLO, THOMPSON, SCARNATI, WOZNIAK, LAVALLE and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 985**, entitled:

An Act requiring student loan companies to provide certain programs and levels of funding; and providing for funding of the State grant program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 1, 2005.

Senators LEMMOND, THOMPSON, PUNT, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, COSTA, VANCE, WAUGH, WENGER, PILEGGI, O'PAKE, FONTANA, CORMAN, M. WHITE, ORIE, EARLL and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 986**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, November 1, 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2005

Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider House Bill No. 1539)	Rules Com. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Com. Conf. Rm.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2005

10:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing on Act 183 of 2004 as it relates to municipal wi-fi networks)	Villanova University
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Brightbill.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, November 2, 2005, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 6:51 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.