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**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2006

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, GRETCHEN CASTLE, Director of Leadership and Training, Friends of Service for the Aging, Doylestown, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, we come to this day with gratitude and anticipation. Know how grateful we are to be alive, to be here this day, to be called here today to this service. Let us rise to the edges of greatness. Let us rise to the immensity of Your love. Allow us to listen deeply to one another with open hearts and minds, and as we experience the challenges of working together, let us see God in every person, assuming the best in each other.

In this place, in this sacred moment, remind us that all of life is sacred, and remind us that peace is more than an ideal. As we pray for peace around the world, may we know that peace begins within each of us. Help us create peace in each moment, within ourselves, and with each other.

Help us open to You, O God, that You may teach us to live and to love. Allow us, O God, to be co-creators for all that is dear to us, for all that we care passionately about. For all the work and self-sacrifice that goes into making this a better world, help us know that we are never alone. Even as we gather others in collaboration, let us be ever mindful of Your presence in all things, remembering that beyond our human limitations, Your guidance, O God, stretches out like the ever-present horizon, pleasing us with its beauty and its expanse.

William Penn said, "There is no peace without justice, no justice without order, and no order without government." We pray for Your wisdom to bring more than order, to bring truth and tolerance in government. We pray for each of you to bring your best selves to your service, that you might feel satisfaction and peace in your calling to this work, in service to the people of Pennsylvania and to this great nation, and to the privilege of this office. As William Penn also said, let us see what love can do. Let us continue this holy experiment. Let us hold firmly to the early Quaker vision of tolerance and freedom and peace and truth, and in the Quaker tradition, let us pause for just a moment of personal prayer and reflection.

(Moment of silence.)

For all this and so much more, we are ever grateful. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Gretchen Castle, who is the guest today of Senator Conti.

**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 February 7, 2006.

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

**CALENDAR**

**HB 1401 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER**

**HB 1401 (Pr. No. 1691)** -- Without objection, the bill was called up out of order, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator BRIGHTBILL, as a Special Order of Business.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 1401 (Pr. No. 1691)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge on State Route 150 crossing the Beech Creek in Clinton and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania, as the Beech Creek Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

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-49

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Wenger
Conti	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	LaValle	Regola	White, Mary Jo

Costa	Lemmond	Rhoades	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Robbins	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Scarnati	Wonderling
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	Wozniak
Fontana	Musto	Stout	
Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Tomlinson	

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 without amendments.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 640 (Pr. No. 1491)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, providing for donation of property in lieu of taxes; further providing for claims for taxes, water rents or rates and lighting, power and sewer rates and for contents of claims; and providing for a public record of all properties against which taxes were levied and remain unpaid.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 640?

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 640.

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-47

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	Madigan	Robbins	Williams, Anthony H.
Erickson	Mellow	Scarnati	Williams, Constance
Ferlo	Musto	Stack	Wonderling
Fumo	O'Pake	Stout	Wozniak
Gordner	Orie	Tartaglione	

NAY-2

Fontana	Logan
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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**

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 563, HB 750, SB 780, SB 935 and SB 1003** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL OVER IN ORDER TEMPORARILY

**HB 1525** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order temporarily at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**HB 1955** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 733 (Pr. No. 1497)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), known as The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, providing further benefits; and making an appropriation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

**SB 1062 (Pr. No. 1498)** -- 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, requiring the Bureau of Alcohol Education to make certain reports to the General Assembly.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED, AMENDED

**SB 1081 (Pr. No. 1499)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "combat zone"; and further providing for limitations and eligibility in educational assistance program.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator ROBBINS offered the following amendment No. A5860:

Amend Title, page 1, line 2, by striking out "defining "combat zone"; and"

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 3206), page 5, line 1, by removing the period after "PARAGRAPH" and inserting: unless extended under section 3202(c)(6).

Amend Sec. 2 (Sec. 3206), page 5, line 5, by removing the period after "PARAGRAPH" and inserting: unless extended under section 3202(c)(6).

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 957** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

#### BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

**SB 1025 (Pr. No. 1415)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act limiting the authority of the Environmental Quality Board over the Pennsylvania Clean Cars Program; and abrogating a regulation.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1050, HB 1285 and HB 2054** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator BRIGHTBILL.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, would the Members of the Republican Caucus come to the podium, and we will have a brief caucus here on the floor.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Members of the Republican Caucus please approach the podium for a brief meeting.

The Senate will be at ease.

(The Senate was at ease.)

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT THE GOVERNOR TO THE HALL OF THE HOUSE

The PRESIDENT. The time has come in our order of business to assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives for a Joint Session. The President pro tempore has appointed the following Senators to act as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Governor to the Joint Session: The gentleman from

Lehigh, Senator Browne, Chair; the gentleman from Luzerne, Senator Lemmond; and the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Fontana. The committee will leave immediately to discharge its duties.

#### SENATE PROCEEDS TO HOUSE TO HEAR GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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

#### RECESS

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

#### 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 Rules and Executive Nominations to meet in the Rules room to consider House Bill No. 599.

#### 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 the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will begin immediately. We expect to be back on the floor in approximately 5 minutes.

The PRESIDENT. There will be a 5-minute recess for a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, which will begin immediately. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

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

#### BILLS SIGNED

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

**SB 640 and HB 1183.**

#### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

**HB 599 (Pr. No. 3528)** (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of July 31, 2003 (P.L.73, No.17), known as the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act, further providing for award of grants and for expiration of authority; and making an appropriation.

Senator D. WHITE, from the Committee on Community and Economic Development, reported the following bill:

**HB 983 (Pr. No. 2397)**

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing a film production grant program; and repealing provisions of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 relating to film production tax credits.

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE**

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

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**HB 599 (Pr. No. 3528)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 2003 (P.L. 73, No. 17), known as the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act, further providing for award of grants and for expiration of authority; and making an appropriation.

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

Senator D. WHITE. Madam President, I rise today in support of House Bill No. 599, which would provide \$25 million to the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act for the current fiscal year. As we all know, this program received strong support from both the Senate and House last year, but the funding was not included as part of the budget for fiscal year 2005-06 that we approved last July. Therefore, I am very pleased that this important grant program is part of the proposed 2006-07 budget, but more importantly, we are establishing the funding for this year through House Bill No. 599 as amended so that the Commonwealth can offer these grants to our emergency responders this year.

As in previous years, these grants will be used to improve and enhance the capabilities of volunteer fire companies and ambulance services across the Commonwealth. Madam President, we owe a great debt of gratitude, as we all know, to our volunteer firefighters and EMS crews. They provide a tremendous and invaluable service to our communities, and with these grants, we

can show our support for their fine work. We can help them buy the equipment they need, improve the stations, and help the people they serve, and I think it is about time.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

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

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, I rise today to also support House Bill 599. As the chairman indicated, this bill is extremely important for the health and success of the volunteer fire and ambulance companies across this Commonwealth. House Bill No. 599 would extend \$25 million from the General Fund to the Volunteer Fire and Volunteer Ambulance Grant Program for this fiscal year. I think it is a bit unfortunate that we waited until the last half of the fiscal year, but at least we are approving it today, and hopefully the commissioner's office will be able to get these grants into the hands of our volunteers as soon as possible.

This program has become, and really is, the most direct funding link that we have in providing State assistance to the fire, rescue, and EMS volunteers across this Commonwealth, and there are many of them, and I mean many, thousands in fact, who brave the perils of the job of keeping us safe and helping us all in times of trouble.

So, thank you, Madam President, and I encourage all Members to strongly support House Bill No. 599.

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

Senator FERLO. Madam President, I rise to also support this appropriate legislative appropriation. I do want to offer thanks to Senator Logan from Allegheny County, in particular, because of his leadership in the past on this issue. I represent probably a three-county region in addition to the city of Pittsburgh, which, as we know, has a professional firefighting work force, a well-paid professional work force that is an expensive part of the city of Pittsburgh's operating budget, but I also proudly represent a large number, as do many of my colleagues on the floor, of volunteer firefighting companies, as well as emergency ambulance service companies.

I want to thank Senator Logan for his leadership on this issue. Over a year ago, we fought hard to make sure that some of the gaming proceeds that would be anticipated would be, indeed, directed towards this very vital local municipal public safety service. Until those funds are provided, however, from anticipated gaming, it is important that we step up to the plate. We did that this past year. There was a strong commitment in the Governor's Budget Address today to continue this funding this year, as well as next year.

So I proudly vote in support of this legislation. I also want to point to a joint study done by the House and the Senate that had a series of recommendations coming out of an analysis and review of the operations of our local volunteer fire companies. So, in addition to the action today to financially support this grant program, a grant that could be as little as \$2,500 and possibly as much as \$15,000 for a particular volunteer firefighting company, there is another set of recommendations that I hope the State Senate will continue to be supportive of, a broad range of issues confronting local firefighting volunteer companies.

So today I proudly will be casting an "aye" vote, and I want to thank Governor Rendell for his leadership on this legislation.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, this is indeed a day for which we waited a long time. As was mentioned, the Supreme Court struck this money out of the gaming legislation. We have waited a long time, and as a result of the bipartisan cooperation of a lot of Senators from both sides of the aisle, finally we will be able to give the volunteer firefighters what they need very badly, now more than ever before, with all the concerns about security and emergency response.

I would also like to add that another piece of the package, which I hope we will address soon, is legislation which I introduced to give tax credits to the individual volunteers who respond to fire and emergency calls, and that number is dwindling throughout Pennsylvania. We need an additional incentive to not only help the fire companies, but also to encourage more individuals to participate as volunteers to save property, to save lives, and respond to hazardous and other accident situations.

This is important, it represents a lot of work from a lot of Senators, and we urge its support on this side of the aisle and hope that we can consider the other piece recommended in the study, which is to help with tax credits to have more people join and serve and respond as volunteers throughout Pennsylvania.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, is there somebody who can answer a question with regard to this legislation? I am trying to get an answer, and I could not get one in the last 5 minutes.

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, we will entertain all questions, but have no guarantees on answers.

Senator BOSCOLA. Okay, Madam President. When is the application period? When can a fire company apply for a grant?

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Well, Madam President, the language of the amendment makes it through April 30 of this year.

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, April 30. So a fire company has up until April 30 to apply. When is a decision made on those applications?

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, by June 30.

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, I thank the gentleman. I knew he would be able to answer my question.

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Well, Madam President, I had help.

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-49

Armstrong	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Boscola	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Brightbill	Jubelirer	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Kasunic	Punt	Wenger
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Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione	
Gordner	Orie	Tomlinson	

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.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

HB 1525 CALLED UP

HB 1525 (Pr. No. 2743) -- Without objection, the bill, which previously went over in its order temporarily, was called up, from page 2 of the Third Consideration Calendar, by Senator BRIGHTBILL.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1525 (Pr. No. 2743) -- 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 providing for limiting the number of retail licenses to be issued in each county.

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-49

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

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.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Carlton Bridgeman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Freiler and to Dustin M. Greiner by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Austin Yadush, William Adam Nelson, James Anderson, Edward Uherick, Alexander J. Trotsky and to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Bethlehem by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Sirignano, Peter A. Terry and to the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Afa and Lynn Ainoa'i and to the Allentown Police Department by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Johnson by Senators Browne and Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to The Harry C. Trexler Trust of Allentown by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua M. Henkin, Stephen H. Blumenthal, Ryan J. Doherty, Michael T. Coyle and to Danny Quill by Senator Conti.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Clifford S. Thomas by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Howard W. Hanna III and to Andrew Michael Prascak by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elmer Smee by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Troxell, Sandra Hopkins, Ethan Paul Yocum and to Eric Daniel Smith by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Mishler Theatre of Altoona by Senator Jubelirer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Dr. Wade L. Kuhlewind and to Angeline Metropulos by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Brush and to Josephine Lombardo by Senator Mel-low.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William Gendall by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Andrew Barilla, Jr., by Senators Musto and Lemmond.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kyle A. Dierolf, Tyler A. Loeb and to the Reading Police Beneficial Association by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pauline Marnoni and to Matthew G. Sinko by Senator Orié.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mario Lemieux by Senator Orié and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Harrisburg Urban Studio and The Pennsylvania State University by Senators Piccola and Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Mason Clark, Andrew Charles Jarvis, Gregory Charles Smith and to Gregory Clark Henderson by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Felbinger by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Amos Rawley and to St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church of Chambersburg by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph C. Stemple by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wade K. Washabau, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Nabuda, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Little, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin L. Silko, Johnathan Richard Asbee and to Kenneth Christopher Smithhammer by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Francis Michael Dugan by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ryan Shaffer by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Vucic, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William Nourigat, Jr., and to Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Headlee by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Honorable H. Warren Hogeland and to Charles Morton by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Born by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel D. Blake by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Raymond A. Boarts by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Taylor and to Frederick Erick Bitter by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Radnor Fire Company of Wayne by Senator C. Williams.

### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John Nelson Thomas, Sr., by Senator Armstrong.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable George T. Depman by Senator Greenleaf.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Adeleno Jamar Oliver-Horton by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John H. Burk, to the family of the late Bryan W. Bessor and to the family of the late Mary Lou Castellano Zydell by Senator Orié.

**BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION  
AND RECOMMITTED**

Senator FERLO. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to.

The bill was as follows:

**HB 983.**

And said bill having been considered for the first time.

Upon motion of Senator BRIGHTBILL, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was recommitted to the Committee on Community and Economic Development

**RECESS**

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

Senator BRIGHTBILL. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, February 13, 2006, at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:28 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.