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No. 14

**SENATE**

TUESDAY, February 13, 2007

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Reverend JACK CRANS, Chaplain of the Chester County Prison, West Chester, offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

Most Holy God, we bow before You this afternoon and realize the awesome responsibility of government, where You have delegated Your authority into the hands of men and women of leadership, who in one respect have become the princes of our cities, counties, and nation. Lord, I thank You this morning that Your Holy Scriptures call us to have hearts that are broken for the fatherless, for the poor, for the prisoner, for the alien, and we thank You also, Father, that Your Scriptures call us to pray for all in authority.

It is my prayer today that in this Senate Chamber, not only today but in the days to come, You will find men and women whose hearts sigh and cry over the things that break Your heart, and that in this room there will be those who are valiant for that which is true. I ask today that in this Senate Chamber, on this winter day, that You will surround every delegate, every representative here, with Your wisdom, courage, integrity, and above all, a sense of accountability to You, who gave the power to lead. We give You the honor and the glory. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Crans, who is the guest today of Senator Dinniman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 13, 2007

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, Robert Daniels, Esquire, 625 Creighton Road, Villanova 19085, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Superior Court, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Joseph A. Del Sole, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

JUDGE, SUPREME COURT  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 13, 2007

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 James Fitzgerald, 201 Rex Avenue, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

STATE TREASURER

February 13, 2007

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, Robin Wiessmann, One Greenbriar Circle, Newton 18940, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for appointment as State Treasurer, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, vice The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr., resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**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.**

**GENERAL COMMUNICATION**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 6, 2007

Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III  
President Pro Tempore  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
292 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

I am temporarily standing aside as a member of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

GERALD LaVALLE  
State Senator  
47th Senatorial District

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO STANDING  
COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE**

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

Senator Vincent J. Hughes as a member of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

**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:

February 13, 2007

Senators PICCOLA, EARLL, RAFFERTY, D. WHITE, FOLMER, PUNT, ARMSTRONG, EICHELBERGER, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, WOZNAK, ORIE, SCARNATI, REGOLA and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 44**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for compensation of judges and district attorneys and for exclusive jurisdiction of Supreme Court; and making related repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 78**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of Transportation to erect sound barriers on certain sections of Interstate 95 in Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to pay certain costs associated with the project.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, PIPPY, RHOADES, GORDNER, WONDERLING, COSTA, FONTANA, BRUBAKER, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, ORIE, FERLO, BROWNE, EARLL, LOGAN, WAUGH and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 79**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for joint payment for emergency service organization.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, RHOADES, STOUT, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, ORIE, O'PAKE, GORDNER, BROWNE, REGOLA, MUSTO, STACK and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 80**, entitled:

An Act providing for a freeze on real estate taxes for senior citizens.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, ERICKSON and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 82**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for taxation exemptions and special provisions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, COSTA, PUNT, RAFFERTY, ARMSTRONG and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 83**, entitled:

An Act designating State Route 132 in Bucks County as the Armed Forces and Veterans Memorial Highway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, ORIE, STOUT, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, COSTA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, PUNT, RAFFERTY, C. WILLIAMS, ROBBINS, RHOADES, LAVALLE, GORDNER, FERLO, PIPPY, BROWNE, REGOLA, O'PAKE, EARLL, LOGAN and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 84**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of phishing.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, COSTA, PUNT, RHOADES, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 85**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361), known as The Private Detective Act of 1953, providing for a code of ethics for private detectives.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, RHOADES, GORDNER and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 86**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 2, 1947 (P.L.143, No.62), entitled "An act regulating the sale and resale for profit and the carrying on of the business of selling or reselling tickets or other devices for admission to places of amusement; providing for the licensing of persons reselling such tickets for profit; providing for the suspension and revocation of such licenses; imposing duties on licensees and owners or operators of places of amusement; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Revenue, county treasurers, district attorneys, and the receiver of taxes, and city solicitors in cities of the first class; making disposition of moneys collected and providing penalties," further providing for reselling of tickets and for printing prices on tickets.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 13, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, SCARNATI, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, PUNT, BRUBAKER, RAFFERTY, C. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, FERLO, RHOADES, ROBBINS, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, REGOLA, MUSTO, PILEGGI, MELLOW, STACK, LOGAN and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 87**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for contracting with veteran-owned businesses; and imposing duties on the Department of General Services.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 13, 2007.

## GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

### ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ADULTBASIC HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME ADULTS

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Insurance Department  
1326 Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 7, 2007

Honorable Don White  
Chairman  
Banking and Insurance Committee  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
281 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Anthony DeLuca  
Chairman  
Insurance Committee  
PA House of Representatives  
115 Irvis Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Michael Stack  
Minority Chairman  
Banking and Insurance Committee  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
543 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Nicholas Micozzie  
Minority Chairman  
Insurance Committee  
PA House of Representatives  
45 East Wing  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: adultBasic Annual Report

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 1303(e)(7) of Act 2001-77, the Department is pleased to provide you with this report regarding adultBasic, Pennsylvania's health insurance program for low-income adults, for the period January 2006 through December 2006.

The response to adultBasic has been extraordinary and the application volume continues to be substantial. During this reporting period, 68,639 applications have been received and processed in addition to 35,656 renewal applications. Average monthly enrollment was 50,271 persons. Attached to the report are 12-month "snapshots" of both active enrollment and waiting list data for the reporting period.

We are pleased to be a part of providing this much-needed program to the citizens of the Commonwealth who would otherwise have no health insurance coverage. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me or Deputy Commissioner George L. Hoover at (717) 346-1366.

Sincerely,

M. DIANE KOKEN  
Insurance Commissioner

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

### ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Insurance Department  
1326 Strawberry Square  
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February 7, 2007

Honorable Don White  
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Honorable Nicholas Micozzie  
Minority Chairman  
Insurance Committee  
PA House of Representatives  
45 East Wing  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Children's Health Insurance Program Annual Report

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 2311(g)(4) of Act 1998-68, the Department is pleased to provide you with this report regarding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for the period January 2006 through December 2006.

During this reporting period, CHIP has continued outreach to increase children's enrollment in the program. We are pleased to report there were 150,819 children enrolled in CHIP in December 2006. In addition, December was the tenth month in a row of consecutive, increased enrollment.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me or Deputy Commissioner George L. Hoover at (717) 346-1366.

Sincerely,

M. DIANE KOKEN  
Insurance Commissioner

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

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

#### SB 73 (Pr. No. 92)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and codifying Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for temporary release from county correctional institutions, for parole without board supervision, for judicial power to release inmates and for transfers of inmates needing medical care; further providing for State intermediate punishment; providing for other criminal provisions; amending the heading of Title 61; adding definitions, provisions relating to general administration of correctional institutions, State correctional institutions, county correctional institutions, the Philadelphia County Prison, house of detention for untried inmates and witnesses, inmate labor, medical services, visitation, motivational boot camp, execution procedure and method, miscellaneous matters relating thereto, probation and parole generally, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, County Probation and Parole Officers' Firearm Education and Training, and correctional institution interstate compacts; and making repeals relating to codification.

#### SB 116 (Pr. No. 93)

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

#### SB 150 (Pr. No. 94)

An Act relating to the protection of victims of sexual violence.

#### SB 151 (Pr. No. 95)

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

#### SB 397 (Pr. No. 122) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a central or regional booking fee on criminal convictions to fund the start-up, operation or maintenance of a central or regional booking center; and providing for a countywide booking center plan.

Senator PICCOLA, from the Committee on State Government, reported the following bill:

#### SB 21 (Pr. No. 29)

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to enter into an agreement or other legal instrument with Chester County to alter use restrictions and reversionary covenants on real estate conveyed to Chester County, situate in Newlin and West Bradford Townships; and making inconsistent repeals.

### RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

#### SR 9 (Pr. No. 13)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of violent crime, to establish an advisory committee to review proposals that address the issue of violent crime and to report to the Senate with its findings and recommendations.

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Don White.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a legislative leave for Senator Don White.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator Mellow requests a legislative leave for Senator Ferlo.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator ROBBINS and Senator M.J. WHITE, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

### CALENDAR

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 14 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 2 of the Calendar, as a Special Order of Business, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution resolving that it is the intent of the Pennsylvania General Assembly to appropriate no additional funds for the construction of the North Shore Connector, the twin tunnels which are slated to be built under the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

**YEA-47**

Armstrong	Fontana	Musto	Stout
Baker	Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Boscola	Gordner	Orie	Tomlinson
Browne	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Brubaker	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Corman	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Costa	Kitchen	Punt	White, Donald
Dinniman	LaValle	Rafferty	Williams, Anthony H.
Earll	Logan	Regola	Williams, Constance
Eichelberger	Madigan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
Folmer	Mellow	Stack	

**NAY-1**

Ferlo

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  
GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I would like to formally welcome Reverend Jack Crans, who did our invocation. For many years, Reverend Crans has been the chaplain of our Chester County Prison. You will be happy to know that the prison is located in Senator Pileggi's district, and in addition to being chaplain of our county prison, he also heads up the County Corrections Gospel Mission, and is also a team leader for Appointment Leadership Institute, which is a worldwide effort to work with law enforcement officials throughout the world to teach them the essentials of leadership, often in a faith-based and values-based way. Jack has been in the leadership of this, and it is a pleasure and an honor that he has come to give our invocation today, and I welcome you, Reverend Crans.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. STACK III  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, I would like to introduce a constituent of mine, Izzy Hernandez, the son of Harry and Niki

Hernandez, who is serving as a guest Page today. He is a sixth grader at AMY 5 Middle School, one of the finest middle schools in the Philadelphia School District. He has academically excelled throughout his school career, has made the honor roll every marking period since the third grade, and he has also received a merit award for safety patrol, a certificate for outstanding achievement, and also the President's education award for outstanding academic excellence. After graduating from high school, Izzy would like to continue his academic and athletic career at the University of Miami, where he would like to play collegiate football and be a wide receiver.

He is accompanied today by his grandfather, Harry Engasser, a member of my district office staff, and one of my best, who is also a ward leader for Philadelphia's 45th Ward, and I ask the Senate to give Harry and Izzy its usual warm welcome.

Thank you, Madam President.  
(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES T.  
McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Madam President, it is my pleasure today to introduce Tina Mazaheri, a good friend and great constituent from Doylestown. With Tina is her nephew, Alex Alfieri, a seventh grade student from Holicong Middle School, and without trying to stereotype the Doylestown area, I would also like to say Alex is a yoga student and a sushi connoisseur. Please join me in giving them a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would our guests please rise so that we can give you a warm welcome.  
(Applause.)

**CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED**

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 10 (Pr. No. 107)** -- 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 guidelines and procedures, for award of grants and for expiration of authority; providing for publication and notice, for special provisions and for a Legislative Budget and Finance Committee performance review; and repealing an obsolete act.

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 gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Madam President, I rise to ask my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 10. Certainly, we all know the important role of professional emergency services are provided by volunteers in our community, and this bill will do much to help advance their cause. Nothing can illustrate that point more than something that I attended over the weekend on Saturday evening, and it was illustrated by the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Company honoring a 50-year member, Mr. Robert Besecker.

Mr. Besecker has served my community and my hometown for many years, and at that award presentation, it became even more clear about their role in our communities. A gentleman presented to Mr. Besecker a note and a newspaper article specifying what occurred 37 years before when Mr. Besecker helped save this gentleman's life as a newborn infant when the ambulance was called to his parents' home.

So, today I stand and ask my colleagues to support this bill to help continue the effort for our volunteer firefighters, and I ask for your concurrence.

Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Regola.

Senator REGOLA. Madam President, I would like to thank Senator Baker for her comments and for bringing Senate Bill No. 10 out of her committee, but I rise today to submit my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

*(The following prepared remarks were made a part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator REGOLA:)*

Madam President, since 2000, the General Assembly has regularly appropriated \$25 million to PEMA to provide needed assistance to volunteer fire and EMS departments.

As a legislator and an honorary volunteer fireman, I have seen the positive results of this program. It has reached all corners of our Commonwealth, helping stations purchase equipment, improve facilities, and pay for training. With these volunteers standing on the front lines every day to protect our communities, this grant program aims to make their job protecting us easier.

Thanks to the efforts of legislators like Senator Mike Waugh of York County, chairman of the Senate Firefighters and Emergency Services Caucus, the initial grant program was created in 2000. Thanks to Senator Tommy Tomlinson of Bucks County, Act 66, a permanent funding stream, was put in place last year.

This year, 28 of my colleagues joined me in sponsoring Senate Bill No. 10, which, as introduced, would reauthorize the grant program for 2007. Traditionally, the program begins in the spring. As such, this legislation was deemed a top priority of the Senate Republican Caucus. During the committee process, discussions began with Senator Lisa Baker of Luzerne County to make this a multiyear program, rather than on a year-to-year basis. Yesterday on the Senate floor, we unanimously adopted an amendment that would reauthorize the program for 5 years.

When this bill is signed into law, firefighters and EMS providers will no longer have to guess when this critical funding will arrive. They will know the program will begin 30 days after the bill is signed into law, and for the 2008 program, the process will begin this August so that the funds can be delivered in the spring of 2008. Now that the funding stream has been put into place, it is only appropriate that the grant program be squared away. The legislature will no longer have to scramble to get this done on a year-by-year basis. Rather, we will be able to review the program every 5 years and make adjustments when needed.

I am honored to see the support among my colleagues and from first responders for this program. As a Senator, I have visited many of the outstanding volunteer fire and emergency services corps in Westmoreland County. What strikes me most about these folks are two things. First, they represent such a broad section of our community. They come from all walks of life, across social, ethnic, and financial backgrounds, but that all changes when the siren goes off and the turnout jacket or stethoscope goes on. That brings me to my second point. These men and women share a true dedication to their calling. It takes a brave soul to battle a fire or tend to those injured in an automobile accident.

We are well aware of the financial and recruiting problems these organizations face. Vehicles cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Clothing and equipment can cost thousands of dollars, and construction and maintenance of stations can go beyond the means of many departments. It is truly a shame that these volunteers work out of substandard stations or use outdated equipment. That is why this grant program is so important for our communities. By authorizing this program for 5 years, we can show our emergency responders that we are truly committed to providing the essential financial support they need.

Thank you.

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

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, in the Session of 2003, Senate Resolution No. 60 called for a special commission to be formed. The commission was made up of 26 representatives from various fire and emergency service organizations, local municipalities, and other groups across the State. What came from their work in November of 2004 was the Senate Resolution No. 60 report. It was a very concise document that was put together with the help and assistance not only of those 26 very expert individuals, but also the organizations that represent emergency medical service, fire service, rescue service, hazmat organizations, and others across the State.

This bill, the bill that we are about to vote today, addresses one of the 23 recommendations that the commission submitted in their report, and I would like to read from recommendation number 6 from the SR 60 report. It reads as follows: "The legislature should provide for permanent funding so that the grant program," that is the Volunteer Assistance Grant Program, "can be administered in an efficient manner, without taking monies from other much needed emergency services programs. The Grant Program should become permanent...starting in 2006."

Well, we did not miss it by much. Here we are in 2007, Madam President, and in fact we now have a dependable funding source in place, and this bill will in fact make the program permanent, albeit with a 5-year sunset. In reality, history shows us that we have been somewhat inconsistent for various reasons, and it is not anyone's fault in particular, but this proposal by Senator Regola will now in fact put in place a permanent program that we can depend upon on a regular basis year in and year out for some 2,500 fire services and 1,500 emergency medical services statewide.

So I would like to first of all thank and congratulate Senator Regola for his work on this issue, and also commend Chairman Baker for moving this bill in swift order so that we can today vote it and move it on to the House of Representatives.

Thank you very much.

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, on behalf of my colleagues on this side of the aisle, I just want to rise as well and voice our affirmative support for Senate Bill No. 10. We, too, recognize how important these resources are to our local volunteer fire companies and EMS personnel and what they mean to our communities. I think we all recognize that it is something we need to do at the State level that we have done for a number of years, and to be able to say that for the next 5 years hopefully we will be able to do this, provide these resources to these organizations, I think is very, very important.

All we need to do is think about the weather for the past couple of weeks, how terrible in terms of the cold, and today the snow and the like, we know that these individuals who represent and work with these organizations, if we have any situation that needs to be addressed by them, they are there. They leave their families, they leave their homes and they come out and work to make certain that they provide us the safety and the security that we need in our own communities.

So, Madam President, we rise to support this legislation, and we look forward to it passing this Chamber and moving on to the House and ultimately to the Governor's desk for his signature.

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-48**

Armstrong	Folmer	Mellow	Stack
Baker	Fontana	Musto	Stout
Boscola	Fumo	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Browne	Gordner	Orie	Tomlinson
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Piccola	Vance
Corman	Hughes	Pileggi	Washington
Costa	Kasunic	Pippy	Waugh
Dinniman	Kitchen	Punt	White, Donald
Earll	LaValle	Rafferty	Williams, Anthony H.
Eichelberger	Logan	Regola	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Rhoades	Wonderling
Ferlo	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak

**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 71, SB 154, SB 155, SB 157, SB 158 and SB 219 --** Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL REREFERRED**

**SB 246 (Pr. No. 25) --** The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Clean Indoor Air Act; imposing duties upon the Department of Health; imposing penalties; and repealing a related provision of the Fire and Panic Act.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. 29, ADOPTED**

Senator PILEGGI without objection, called up from page 2 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 29**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

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. 33, ADOPTED**

Senator PILEGGI without objection, called up from page 3 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 33**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 6, 2007, as "Lymphedema D-Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WONDERLING. Madam President, I rise to support the resolution declaring Lymphedema D-Day, and I do this annually out of respect and honor to an employee of our Senate, Donna Stchur, who has since moved on from my Senate office and now works in the employ of Senator Baker.

Donna's mother, Theresa Lynch, suffers from lymphedema D. In fact, she is one of 400,000 individuals in this country who suffer from this very, very painful ailment. For the information of the Members, lymphedema D is actually an affliction that occurs to a female who has beaten breast cancer. There are approximately 2 million citizens each year who beat the disease, but because the chemotherapy and treatments have impacted the lymph nodes, your body does not make enough fluid and what you end up with is very, very retching pain in certain areas of your body.

So, Madam President, I offer this resolution to not only recognize Mrs. Theresa Lynch, but also the other 400,000 folks in this country who suffer from lymphedema D.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators MADIGAN, CORMAN, ROBBINS, BRUBAKER, MUSTO, LAVALLE, COSTA, FERLO, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, PILEGGI, McILHINNEY, EARLL, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, PUNT, LOGAN, FONTANA, PICCOLA, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, ORIE, PIPPY, WAUGH, STOUT, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, WONDERLING, REGOLA, WOZNAK, TOMLINSON, D. WHITE, DINNIMAN, M. WHITE, ARMSTRONG and BAKER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 38**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the contributions of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc., on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bradford, Senator Madigan.

Senator MADIGAN. Madam President, I am pleased to rise today to offer a resolution recognizing the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs on their 75th anniversary of conservation here in our great Commonwealth. Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs is one of the oldest and largest sportsmen's organizations in Pennsylvania, representing approximately 95,000 members statewide. Since 1932, the mission of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs has been to provide a statewide united voice for the concerns of all sportsmen and conservationists. The Federation ensures that their rights and interests are protected, and works to preserve and enhance the environment and our natural resources.

Having previously served as vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Game and Fisheries, I have worked closely with many members and representatives from the Federation to enact effective legislation that will improve and promote our outdoor resources.

Among their many lists of accomplishments over the years, the Federation has long been supportive of our youth and their active role in the outdoors. Most recently, legislation was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Rendell, which established a Mentor Youth Hunter Program. This law allows youth under the age of 12 to take part in a hunt with proper supervision. We are currently working very closely with the Game Commission to move these regulations forward, and Pennsylvania is now the first State in the nation to pass legislation promoting the Families Afield initiative.

I commend and congratulate the federation for all that they have done and all that they continue to do. They not only have a rich heritage in our Commonwealth, but a bright future as advocates for our environment, our youth, and our precious natural resources. I ask my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this resolution, and I ask for an affirmative vote.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mastriana, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Craig Kane, Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Leaman, Cory W. Helder, Eric J. Hassara and to Nell Audi Atty by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeremy T. Cooper, Maureen M. Bufalino, Victoria Zaledonis and to the Rotary Club of Dallas by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Alfred Petro, Frank R. Bialobrzski III, Benjamin Adams, Jonathan Adams, Ernest E. Gerhart, Sr., and to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Bethlehem by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board (LVWIB) and WLVT PBS-39 by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Johann Szautner by Senators Boscola, Rhoades and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties by Senators Boscola, Browne and Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pat Schantzenbach, Jessica B. Rehrig, Olive Garden of Whitehall, TGI Friday's of Easton, Unclaimed Freight of Bethlehem and to Ollie's Bargain Outlet of Allentown by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul J. Siegfried, Jr., Dorothy R. Knauss, Honorable Charles Dent, Erin Kelly, Alvin H. Butz, Inc., of Allentown, Lehigh County Historical Society and to Wegman Food Markets, Inc., by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph and Rita Scheller, Sandy McGill, Dyanne Podwika, Alice Watson, Donna Goldman, Thomas Delmastro, Benjamin Yorgey, Peter Wisocky, Gregory Werner, George Hersh, Tristan Roatch, Brooke Snyder, Donna Benner, Dennis Klusaritz, Andy Klusaritz, Dr. Charles D. Snelling, Adrienne Angeletti and to DELTA Industries by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Daniel McGrath, Karl Oberg, Stephen A. Latanishen, Paul Robert Sullivan and to Robert John Cardos by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Andrews, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fritz, Hulda L. Zinn, Pauline A. Kresovich, Matthew Gray, John A. Gido, Kevin Lake, Travis Specht, Orpha A. Sieber, Matthew Dalton Szekeres, Ben Sholly, Nancy J. Valdez, Susan Marie Smith, Robert Reck, John Frederick Mader Grimes, Laura Belle Jodon and to Juniata County Conservation District by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy Cornell by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Varley, Theodore G. Pease, George L. Hughes, Dr. Clifford Evans DeBaptiste, James DiBello, Antoinette C.

Hoffacker, Kathleen M. Pearse, Joseph C. Leitner, Kevin R. Ryan, Betty Colmery, June C. Williams, Gail Newton, Jabez Anderson, Louise Steele, Matthew B. Alford, citizens of East Vincent Township and to Charlestown Playhouse, Inc., by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Surrey Services for Seniors of Berwyn by Senators Dinniman and Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend John L. Crans, Karen Vollmecke and to Southeastern Veterans' Center by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ann T. DiTullio by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sarah Labus, Marley Sarra, Heather Heeter, Rebecca Estep and to Mira Brunner by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Greg Fisher, Carolyn Houlahan, Molly Houlahan, Daniel J. Egges, Edward E. Vogel III, Michael Bertolino, Sean Nowell, Thomas J. Scheuerman, Reverend Edward R. Oswald, Kathleen Lens and to Daniel C. Smith by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marsha E. Clay by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ross William Hirschfeld, Russell Faust and to Joseph A. Vater by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Giovannina Palmieri, James McCloskey and to John S. Nigrelli, Sr., by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stellar, Mr. and Mrs. William Laubach, Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Fenstermaker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Nichols, Clair and Deborah Esbenshade, Aleesa Makuch, Codie C. Ridall, Anne S. Poler, John Muldoon, Michael Vincent Hannon, Tiffany Dyer, LeFevre Wilk Architects of Selinsgrove and to Heister House Millworks, Inc., of Mt. Pleasant Mills by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David G. Colvin, Lillian Burnley, Edward Bauman, Reverend Gerald L. Chapman, Sr., Joseph Pallis, Thomas William Zaki, Sean Nagy, Warminster Symphony Orchestra and to Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bess W. Ball and to the Barbershop Talk Human Family Day Foundation, Inc., by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan Edward Luczki and to Joan A. Popovich by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to B.J. and Frederick Douglass IV and to Amelia Wallace by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Zischkau and to the Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harman, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill V. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Fredo, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bloom, Mr. and Mrs.

Richard L. Retorick, Sr., and to Kody Leisenring by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Connor A. Przybyszewski, Brian Alexandrowicz, Matthew K. Wecker, Bryan Anthony Veni, Margaret Dator, Nathaniel M. Thorne and to Chris Simon by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Susan H. Taylor by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rudalavage, Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Avvento, Patrick J. Hilson, Eleanor Santee, Gladys M. Brown and to Dr. Gregory D. Borowski by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Thomas M. Tigue, Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn and to Thomas A. Medico by Senators Mellow and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Redick, Robert Crampsie, James F. Bannon and to the Honorable Thomas F. Burke, Jr., by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carl Baer, Andrew R. Franck, Ryan A. Martin, Matthew Bradley Blatt, Sarah Kathryn Bauer, Richard C. Bennett, Reading Police Beneficial Association, Thunderbolts Production Unit of Reading, Home Builders Association of Berks County, Exeter Township Senior High School Cross-Country Teams of the 1960s, Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals and to Sposto Interactive of Kutztown by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wayne Seifarth and to the Reverend John D. Castellani by Senators O'Pake and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ralph M. Periandi by Senators O'Pake and Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel Cardone, Mark Gissendaner, Eric M. Sepich, Michael Dittmar, Evelyn Lage, Michael Studeny II, Wesley L. Shaw, Robert W. McCrackin, Charles Hemma, Kathleen Margaret Seaton and to David C. Spink by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Biesecker, Frances Ann Roberto, Samuel A. Marsico and to the Blue Mountain Chapter of Safari Club International by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick J. McFadden, Bessie Wilson and to Jeremey Robert Falkenau by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephen Michael Schott and to South Fayette Middle School of McDonald by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patricia A. Babinecz by Senators Pippy and Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kurt Roberts, Sharon Nalbone Richardson, William Bradley Horstmann, Aaron M. Bobb, Mary R. Sullivan, Andrew Hall and to Coatesville Area Senior Center by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herchelroath, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sober, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Constantine, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. George Wineman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Aston, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Francese, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Lunn, Mr. and

Mrs. William D. Faltz, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blystone, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Krouse, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fennell, Justin Mochar, Jason Satira, Patrick Shidel, Joshua Forringer, John Gill, Keith Gray, Shawn Stitely, Robert Swenson, Maria Pealstrom and to Thomas Thatcher Artis McDowell by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Matthews, Adam E. Houghton, Carl R. Oliver, Ian J. Fitzpatrick, John A. Hutta II, Brendyn Augustine, Sharon L. Hartman, Alexander J. Gross, Samuel M. Bond and to the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gruber, Anna F. Bocan, Patrick M. Dever, Kendra Mariacher, Dennis L. Mihoci, Eugene B. Hart, Dorothea Elder Anderson and to Hydetown Volunteer Fire Department by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Krach, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shaffer, Paul Joseph Martin Ross, Jonathan R. Loudon, Reverend Leo J. Gallina, Katherine Greco, Catherine Ostrom, Rebecca Charles, Mark Bowne, Lena Lewis Rieppel, Iva Sayre, Eva M. Seyler and to the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc., by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Leo Kennedy, Christopher Schindle, Dennis Kelly, Rita Ungaro-Schiavone, Norman Cohen and to Kirk Kopacz by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Harold O. Kelley by Senator Stout.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Monsignor Charles E. McGroarty, Wayne Palmer, Wendell W. Young III, Dr. Regina Benjamin and to Temple University Hospital's Cradle to Grave Program by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Terry L. Frost, Jr., Terry L. Frost, Sr., Melissa Taylor, Christopher C. Crose, Scott Carroll, Earl R. King, Marianne Seborowski, Susan M. Brookes, James W. McGuire III, Alexander D. Thoele, Stephen J. Kingsbury, Alexander J. Augunas, Louisa Wissman, Kevin Carr, Carl Breig, William J. Gill, Harry William Fawkes, Sr., Edward Donnelly, Honorable Marjorie Osterlund Rendell, Dr. Beth Baughman DuPree, Daniel Frenock, Reverend Dennis M. Mooney and to Planned Parenthood Association of Bucks County's Girlfriends Club by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert Lacivita by Senators Tomlinson and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Suessenguth, Susan K. Wert, Sister Clare Carty, Elizabeth Wood Fritsch and to Helen Ridge by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Glessner, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Boldosser, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollowbush, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Cohick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edward Hoffman, William Edward Dailey III, John P. Stevens, Robert H. Egolf IV, Shane Patrick Jones, Scott Pezzuto, Benjamin M. Knisely, Jerin Oberdorf, Eugene C. Mattson, Edward Ernest Lahr, David J. Brenneman, Lobar Inc., CV Red Team, Silver Spring Elementary School of Mechanicsburg, CV Red Team, Hampden Elementary

School of Mechanicsburg, CV Red Team, Green Ridge Elementary School of Mechanicsburg and to the Big 33 Football Classic by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Luticia Gary and to Allan DePue by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas Dreisbach, Daniel K. Marsteller, Thomas E. Schryver, Jr., Shirley Markle, Scott Rabenstine, Cletus Wentz, Kevin Amoss, William Darryl Nalson, Laura Taylor, Dave Byerly, Joseph Dell, Dr. John Dooley, James Knisely and to Brad Dauberman by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Libecco, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schroth, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stuck and to L. Blaine Grube by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Benjamin A. Clark, Arden J. Brown, Mary Lenhart, David Lee Rutkowski, Paula Cupples, Gary L. Fry, Golden Living Center of Clarion County, Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., and to the Clarion County Economic Development Corporation by Senator M. J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tindley Temple United Methodist Church of Philadelphia and to the Delaware County Firemen's Association by Senator A. H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sean Delaney by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Taylor Caton by Senators C. Williams and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Finnen, Larry Ehrie, Dr. Gail Vogel, Lillie Lewis, Fannie Mineo and to Mark Van Dyke by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brown-Daub Chevrolet-Volvo of Nazareth by Senators Wonderling, Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred H. Frombach, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Kling, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Winslow, Tyler Kress Haussener, Adam J. Shuster, Joshua M. Shuster, Jim Pollock, Jason Matthew Giger, Jerry Clark, Keith McHenry, Renee Miller, Troy Miller, Thomas Mitchell, Lynn Moon, Megan Montarsi, Denise Shoemaker, Gayle Welshans, Dawn Winters, Chad W. Howell, Catherine Yarnell, Judy Yost, Andrew J. Gleason, L. Robert Kimball, Salvatore Valenty, Samuel Coco, Carmel Coco, Ginny Sorgen, Taryn Sprague, Jim Strouse and to the First Church of Christ of Lock Haven by Senator Wozniak.

## 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 Honorable William Nicholas Sanquilly by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. Willard Y. Grubb, to the family of the late Joseph E. Leonard, to the family of the late Wade R. Heggenstaller, to the family of the late Joseph Chvala, to the family of the late Arthur E. Pallan, to the family of the late Robert E. Sullivan, to the

family of the late David Bradley Williams, to the family of the late Alan C. Lorish, to the family of the late Thomas V. Brown, to the family of the late David J. Gibson, to the family of the late Richard C. Klinger, Jr., to the family of the late Terrance D. Nagel, to the family of the late George Edward Ramage, Jr., to the family of the late Clinton C. Rader, to the family of the late Frank Capan, to the family of the late Adolph R. Young, to the family of the late Arthur C. Winterhalter and to the family of the late Jack A. Stayert by Senator Orié.

### BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bills were as follows:

**SB 21, SB 73, SB 116, SB 150, SB 151 and SB 397.**

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

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

To: Honorable Mark R. Corrigan  
Secretary of the Senate

From: SENATOR JOSEPH P. SCARNATI, III  
President Pro Tempore

Subject: Senate Committee on Ethics and Official Conduct

Date: February 13, 2007

Pursuant to Senate Rule XXXV, and in the case of the Minority members upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, I hereby appoint the following Senators to the Committee on Ethics and Official Conduct:

Senator John R. Gordner, Chairman  
Senator Robert J. Mellow, Vice Chairman  
Senator Roger A. Madigan  
Senator Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr.  
Senator Michael A. O'Pake  
Senator Raphael J. Musto

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

10:00 A.M. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS Four Seasons Produce Ephrata, PA  
(listening sessions to gather input from Commonwealth citizens who are directly or indirectly affected by the actions taken by this Committee)

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007

9:00 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Constitutional Convention) Duquesne Univ. School of Law, Pgh., PA

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

9:30 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

10:30 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Attorney General) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:15 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

3:00 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State System of Higher Education) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007

9:00 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of State) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

10:30 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Auditor General) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:15 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor and Industry) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

2:45 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

9:00 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

10:30 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Insurance Department) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:15 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Liquor Control Board) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

3:00 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

9:00 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Gaming Control Board) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

10:30 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:15 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Community Colleges) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007

9:30 A.M. APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Military and Veterans Affairs) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

11:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Treasury Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education )	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Public Welfare)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Community and Economic Development)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
2:45 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Police)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Public Utilities Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Dept. of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider the nomination of the Hon. Jeffrey A. Beard, Ph.D., as Secretary of Corrections)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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**RECESS**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, March 12, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:40 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.