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## SENATE

MONDAY, March 12, 2007

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

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

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend GARY SHEW, Pastor of Landisburg Church of God, Landisburg, offered the following prayer:

O God, as I stand before these great men and women who have taken the challenge to step out and make a difference in this great State and nation of ours, I thank Thee for the privilege to come before You, O God, and perch Thy great throne of grace and mercy. O Lord, the longer I live, the more I see, and I am convinced that it is by Thy grace and truth that You have shown and given that affairs of men and women are governed by.

I am reminded as Paul wrote to Timothy, a young man in life, these words, "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made before all men, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet life of all godliness and honesty, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior, who will have all men saved and come unto the knowledge of truth, for there is one God, one mediator, one between God and men, the man of Christ, who gave himself as ransom to all."

As Abraham Lincoln prayed during the great time of our nation, grant, O merciful God, that with malice toward none, with charity to all, with firmness in the right as Thou givest us to see the right, may we strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves with all nations.

Lord, give us faith that right makes might. Be with our young men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces and serving on foreign soil, fighting for freedom. Grant them the peace and the safety to return home to their loved ones. Give them the safety net that will carry them back to this soil. May we stand tall and honorable among all men, today and forever.

O Lord, God almighty, may we never lose sight of what You started so long ago, that is having all men worthy of their calling, no matter where they are in their walk of life. Give us the spirit

of those men who stood in the chambers much like this one so long ago and looked beyond what their eyes could see and saw a great nation and great States.

Give insight today to these men and women who are called to make laws that will keep many safe from the harm of others who have no desire to help this nation, to become a greater and safer land for all mankind. O God, grant the insight and anoint these men and women to look to You for wisdom beyond their years. Guide them to do the task of leading people of this great State of Pennsylvania, that it may be a better place for all mankind who make their homes here, work here, and are educated here.

Thank You, God, for allowing us to make an impact on this day. Thank You for Your grace and peace that is for all mankind. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Shew, who is the guest today of Senator Corman.

## 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:

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF  
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

February 15, 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, David W. Klingerman, Sr., 127 Church Road, Bloomsburg 17815, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice David J. Petrosky, Moscow, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINORITY  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

February 15, 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, Reverend James Moore, Sr., 3814-20 Parrish Street, Philadelphia 19104, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority, to serve until June 2, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gerri Walker, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS**

February 20, 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, Valentino H. Pasquarella, Jr., 402 Densmore Road, Philadelphia 19116, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period; vice Raymond Book, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL  
ESTATE COMMISSION**

February 20, 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, Joseph J. McGettigan, Sr., 237 Long Lane, Second Floor, Upper Darby 19082, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

February 20, 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, John A. Hicks, PhD., 416 Deer Run Road, Slippery Rock 16057, Butler County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Orvan Peterson, Butler, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

February 20, 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 S. Taylor, P.O. Box 1010, Doylestown 18901, Bucks County, Tenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

February 20, 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, Joshua Young, 2303 Longview Drive, Coatesville 19320, Chester County, Forty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kenneth Blair, Sarver, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF  
CHIROPRACTIC**

February 28, 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, Joseph T. Grice, D.C., 207 Huch Farm Lane, Mars 16046, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Chiropractic, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified,

but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John K. Slavek, D.C., Telford, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR  
SCOTLAND SCHOOL FOR VETERANS' CHILDREN**

February 28, 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, Roy William Happel, 1566 Wilson Avenue, Chambersburg 17201, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees for Scotland School for Veterans' Children, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Terry A. Bergman, Reinholds, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WARREN STATE HOSPITAL**

February 28, 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, Michael A. Hostovich, 35 Elmwood Drive, Warren 16365, Warren County, Twenty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Warren State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
GAME COMMISSION**

March 12, 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, James Jay Delaney, Jr., (District 7), 275 Mayock Street, Wilkes-Barre 18705, Luzerne County, Fourteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice John Riley, Scotrun, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**RECALL COMMUNICATIONS  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the

Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA**

February 15, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 22, 2007, for the appointment of The Honorable M. Diane Koken, 1102 Oakmont Drive, Lancaster 17601, Lancaster County, Thirteenth Senatorial District, as Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF COSMETOLOGY**

February 27, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 10, 2007, for the appointment of Debra Jean Jablonski, 4 White Drive, Honey Brook 19344, Chester County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Aginah Shabazz, Wynnewood, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF WHITE HAVEN STATE HOSPITAL**

March 7, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 17, 2007, for the appointment of Edward J. Matisak, R.R. 2, Box 536, Sugarloaf 18249, Luzerne County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of White Haven State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

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:

#### JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 15, 2007

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

Please note the nomination dated February 13, 2007, for the appointment of 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, should be corrected to read:

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

### CORRECTION TO 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:

#### JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

March 1, 2007

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

Please note the nomination dated February 13, 2007, and corrected February 15, 2007, for the appointment of 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, should be corrected to read:

JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA, The Honorable James Fitzgerald, 201 Rex Avenue, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to serve until the first Monday of January 2008, vice The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman, resigned.

### 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 15, 2007

Senators TOMLINSON, RHOADES, FONTANA, CORMAN, M. WHITE, COSTA, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, O'PAKE and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 88**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in open meetings, for executive sessions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 15, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, RHOADES, FONTANA, KITCHEN, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, PUNT, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 89**, entitled:

An Act requiring health insurers to disclose fee schedules and all rules and algorithms relating thereto; requiring health insurers to provide full payment to physicians when more than one surgical procedure is performed on the patient by the same physician during one continuous operating procedure; and providing for causes of action and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 15, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, RHOADES, FONTANA, KITCHEN, COSTA, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, ERICKSON and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 90**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for charitable contributions by taxpayers.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 15, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, MADIGAN, COSTA, WONDERLING and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 91**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for malt or brewed beverage taxation; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 15, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, CORMAN, RHOADES, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, PUNT, VANCE, M. WHITE, ORIE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 92**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for fees chargeable by Department of State; and providing for a uniform form.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 15, 2007.

Senators DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, O'PAKE,

ORIE, PUNT, WASHINGTON, ROBBINS, LOGAN, FERLO and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 93**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 11, 1968 (P.L.149, No.84), known as the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act, further providing for structure.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 15, 2007.

Senators D. WHITE, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, STOUT, RHOADES, ERICKSON, WOZNIAK, ORIE, LOGAN and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 94**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonschool service; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 15, 2007.

Senators D. WHITE, WAUGH, KITCHEN, CORMAN, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, FONTANA, EARLL, VANCE, RHOADES, MADIGAN, COSTA, PUNT, WONDERLING, MUSTO, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, TOMLINSON, ORIE, LOGAN, GORDNER, FERLO, PIPPY and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 96**, entitled:

An Act establishing a grant program for volunteer emergency service organizations to provide incentives for establishing partnerships; conferring powers and duties on the Governor's Center for Local Government Services within the Department of Community and Economic Development; and providing for funding.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 15, 2007.

Senators D. WHITE, ARMSTRONG, CORMAN, EARLL, PUNT, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER, WOZNIAK, PIPPY, BROWNE, STACK and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 97**, entitled:

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 bank and trust company shares tax, for ascertainment of taxable amount and exclusion of United States obligations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 15, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, BOSCOLA, M. WHITE, WONDERLING, STOUT, COSTA, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 98**, entitled:

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 personal income tax, for operational provisions relating to checkoffs.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 15, 2007.

March 2, 2007

Senators MUSTO, BOSCOLA, M. WHITE, COSTA, STOUT, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 99**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1982 (P.L.597, No.170), known as the Wild Resource Conservation Act, further providing for limitation on General Fund money.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 2, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, LAVALLE, FERLO, BROWNE, PILEGGI, STACK and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 100**, entitled:

An Act providing for the regulation of home improvement contracts and for the registration of certain contractors; prohibiting certain acts; and providing for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 2, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, BOSCOLA, COSTA, STOUT, D. WHITE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 101**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of the electors, of \$1,000,000,000 for the control of discharges from combined sewer overflows; and establishing the Combined Sewer Overflow Grant Program under the administration of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 2, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, M. WHITE, FONTANA, STOUT, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, WOZNIAK, RHOADES and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 105**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, authorizing the members of the Environmental Quality Board to retain independent legal counsel to the performance of its duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 2, 2007.

Senator MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 106**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the use of alternate railroad lines in third class cities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 2, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, KASUNIC, FONTANA, COSTA, MUSTO, PUNT,

TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, KITCHEN, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, GORDNER, REGOLA, STACK, ORIE, BROWNE, EARLL, MELLOW, LOGAN and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 107**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for an exclusion relating to veterans' organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 2, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, KASUNIC, FONTANA, COSTA, MUSTO, PUNT, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, KITCHEN, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, GORDNER, REGOLA, STACK, ORIE, BROWNE, EARLL, MELLOW, LOGAN and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 108**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, providing for an exemption relating to veterans' organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 2, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, FERLO, VANCE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, WONDERLING, FONTANA, COSTA, PUNT, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, BRUBAKER, C. WILLIAMS, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, GORDNER, REGOLA, ORIE, BROWNE, EARLL and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 109**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of the Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Program for historic commercial and residential sites; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 2, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, RHOADES, WONDERLING, PUNT, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, REGOLA, ORIE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 111**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for background checks of prospective employees and for conviction of employees of certain offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 2, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, RHOADES, WONDERLING, COSTA, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, REGOLA, ORIE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 112**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for the Office for Safe Schools and for reporting by school entities.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 2, 2007.

March 5, 2007

Senators MELLOW, MUSTO, KASUNIC, COSTA, RAFFERTY, EARLL, STOUT, BOSCOLA and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 20**, 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, March 5, 2007.

Senators CORMAN, PICCOLA, SCARNATI, MADIGAN, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, TOMLINSON, WAUGH, D. WHITE, WONDERLING, REGOLA, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BRUBAKER, EICHELBERGER and FOLMER presented to the Chair **SB 50**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation laws allowed to the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators D. WHITE, ARMSTRONG, STOUT, PUNT, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNAK, RHOADES and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 95**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of carrying a false identification card.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 5, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, ROBBINS, PUNT, CORMAN, FERLO, REGOLA, ORIE and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 113**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for qualified majority vote by members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 5, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, WONDERLING, COSTA, PUNT, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, O'PAKE, BRUBAKER, ROBBINS, C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, FERLO, REGOLA, STACK, ORIE, RHOADES, BROWNE, EARLL, MELLOW and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 114**, 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, March 5, 2007.

Senators PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER, PUNT, RHOADES and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 115**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, further providing for incompetence to proceed on criminal charges and lack of criminal responsibility as defense.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, STOUT, EARLL, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, BROWNE, FERLO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 117**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the establishment and operation of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in the Department of Justice; prescribing its powers and duties; making an appropriation; and repealing provisions relating to Juvenile Court Judges' Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, KITCHEN, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, ORIE, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, PIPPY, MUSTO, STACK, RHOADES, LOGAN and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 118**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentencing procedure for murder of the first degree.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, KITCHEN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, MUSTO, STACK, LOGAN and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 120**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for loss of property rights to the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, KITCHEN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, ORIE, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, PIPPY, MUSTO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 121**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, ORIE, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, RHOADES, LAVALLE, O'PAKE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 122**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, BROWNE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 123**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading the offense of deceptive or fraudulent business practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, PUNT, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, STOUT, KITCHEN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, ROBBINS, ERICKSON, GORDNER, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, CORMAN, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, ORIE, PICCOLA, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, EARLL, O'PAKE, BRUBAKER, PIPPY, MUSTO, BROWNE, MELLOW, RHOADES, LOGAN and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 124**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for obscene and other sexual materials and performances and for sexual abuse of children.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, RHOADES and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 125**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exceptions to prohibitions of intercepting and disclosure of communications.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, FONTANA, PIPPY, WASHINGTON, RHOADES, BROWNE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 126**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1176, No.261), known as the Mobile Home Park Rights Act, further providing for disclosure of fees; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, VANCE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, BROWNE, O'PAKE and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 127**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, adding definitions, expanding adult basic coverage insurance; and providing for a health insurance tax credit for small employers.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, BROWNE and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 128**, entitled:

An Act requiring the Insurance Department to develop various standardized basic health insurance plans that insurers may offer to individuals and small employers; and providing for the filing of rates by insurers and for disclosure statement.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, EARLL, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, BROWNE, O'PAKE and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 129**, entitled:

An Act authorizing privately established and operated health insurance purchasing cooperatives; and providing for the regulation of health insurance purchasing cooperatives by the Insurance Department.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators MELLOW, WOZNAK, STOUT, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, ORIE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, MUSTO, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, LOGAN, GREENLEAF, LAVALLE, O'PAKE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 130**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for retirement eligibility.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, WAUGH, KITCHEN, COSTA, RAFFERTY, PUNT, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, STOUT, FONTANA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, REGOLA, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 131**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Volunteer Emergency Service Personnel Educational Assistance and Loan Forgiveness Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, TOMLINSON, MUSTO, WAUGH, O'PAKE, COSTA, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, PUNT, WONDERLING, STOUT, FONTANA, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, REGOLA, FOLMER, KITCHEN, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 132**, entitled:

An Act establishing a tuition credit program for certain members of volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads and their dependent children and spouses.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 5, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, ORIE, TOMLINSON, PUNT, CORMAN, O'PAKE, COSTA, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, WONDERLING, FONTANA, KASUNIC, FOLMER, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, REGOLA, BAKER and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 133**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 16, 1998 (P.L.980, No.129), known as the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act, extending benefits to certain surviving spouses; further providing for title of act and for short title; defining "surviving spouse"; and further providing for Postsecondary Educational Gratuity Program, for report to General Assembly and for retroactivity.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 5, 2007.

Senators KITCHEN, MELLOW, COSTA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, ORIE, RHOADES, LAVALLE, BROWNE, STACK, LOGAN, FERLO and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 134**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for a training and education program for certain individuals eligible for public assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 5, 2007.

Senators KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 135**, entitled:

An Act providing for requirements relating to portable fire extinguishers and for enforcement and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, RAFFERTY, COSTA, KITCHEN and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 136**, entitled:

An Act declaring and adopting the poem "Hail to Our Pennsylvania" by Anna Helen McDonald, as the State poem of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, BROWNE, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, WOZNAK and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 137**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of the initiative and referendum as powers reserved to the people.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, GREENLEAF, WONDERLING, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, CORMAN, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, ROBBINS, STACK, M. WHITE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 138**, entitled:



An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for credited school service; providing for optional creditable sick leave; and further providing for member contributions for creditable school service.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, GREENLEAF, BRUBAKER, WONDERLING, COSTA, FONTANA, CORMAN, EARLL, KASUNIC, FOLMER and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 139**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, further providing for registration fees and late filing fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, PUNT, O'PAKE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 140**, entitled:

An Act requiring host municipality agreements for certain municipal and residual waste facilities; and establishing a moratorium.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, ORIE, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, COSTA, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, STOUT, PIPPY, TARTAGLIONE, PUNT, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, MUSTO, WAUGH, FOLMER, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, REGOLA, STACK, MELLOW and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 141**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, further defining "income" for pharmaceutical assistance to exclude certain veteran disability payments.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, KITCHEN, FONTANA, STOUT, PUNT, KASUNIC, MUSTO, ROBBINS and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 142**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Biosolids Land Application Study Commission.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, RAFFERTY, PUNT, ORIE, KITCHEN, COSTA, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, TARTAGLIONE, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, WAUGH, FOLMER, O'PAKE, WONDERLING, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, BROWNE and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 143**, entitled:

An Act exempting military personnel from occupational assessment, per capita, poll or other similar taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, CORMAN, FONTANA, KASUNIC, MUSTO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 144**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for staffing levels and limitations on inmate capacity at State correctional institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators RHOADES and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 145**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for dam project loans; authorizing certain indebtedness; providing for a referendum; and establishing the Dam Project Fund and the Dam Project Revolving Loan Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, RHOADES, FONTANA, STOUT, KITCHEN, COSTA, ORIE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, PUNT, WONDERLING, ERICKSON, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, O'PAKE, GORDNER, FERLO, PIPPY, REGOLA and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 146**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, mandating health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 147**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 2, 1993 (P.L.345, No.48), entitled "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," providing for inspectors and for responsibilities for licensees; and further providing for civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 5, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, PILEGGI, STOUT, COSTA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, RHOADES, BRUBAKER, TARTAGLIONE, MADIGAN, CORMAN, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, FERLO, BROWNE, STACK and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 148**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an aid ratio guarantee.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 5, 2007.

Senators GORDNER, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, BAKER, RHOADES, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, LAVALLE, LOGAN, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 263**, 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.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 5, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, MUSTO, D. WHITE, PUNT, FOLMER, SCARNATI, ROBBINS, REGOLA, RHOADES, WAUGH, BAKER, ERICKSON and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 354**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the Environmental Quality Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, MUSTO, EARLL, STOUT, MADIGAN, SCARNATI, FONTANA, BROWNE, PUNT, BRUBAKER, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, WOZNAK, D. WHITE, PICCOLA, RHOADES, GORDNER, FERLO and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 355**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119, No.787), known as the Air Pollution Control Act, further providing for public review of State implementation plans.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators M. WHITE, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, STOUT, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, COSTA, RHOADES, O'PAKE, GORDNER, FERLO, BROWNE and MADIGAN presented to the Chair **SB 356**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 22, 1993 (P.L.105, No.24), known as the Environmental Education Act, providing for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education and the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education Board; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, GORDNER, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, MUSTO, PUNT, ORIE, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, O'PAKE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, LOGAN, GREENLEAF, C. WILLIAMS, BROWNE, BAKER and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 375**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 11, 1968 (P.L.149, No.84), known as the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act, further providing for structure of volunteer firefighters' relief associations.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 5, 2007.

Senator PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 431**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Game Commission, being conveyed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands being conveyed to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, solely for the use of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Adams County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2007.

Senators REGOLA, WAUGH, LOGAN, ROBBINS, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, McILHINNEY, O'PAKE, BAKER, BROWNE, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, D. WHITE, EARLL and VANCE presented to the Chair **SB 437**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for the adoption of regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 5, 2007.

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Senators GREENLEAF, PUNT, STOUT, TOMLINSON, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, WONDERLING, C. WILLIAMS, MUSTO, WAUGH, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 152**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; providing for regulation and operation of neighborhood electric vehicles; and further providing for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, WAUGH, COSTA, KASUNIC, STOUT, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, GORDNER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 153**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Child Welfare Workers Loan Forgiveness Program for Commonwealth residents who graduate from institutions of higher education and who apply their degrees to careers in child welfare work.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, WOZNAK and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 156**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for dates and times of school terms and sessions.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, MUSTO, TOMLINSON, LAVALLE, WONDERLING, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, GORDNER, STACK, PUNT, MADIGAN, KASUNIC, COSTA, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, STOUT, WOZNAK, LOGAN, PIPPY, O'PAKE, WAUGH, D. WHITE, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 159**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for school lunch and breakfast reimbursement.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 160**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for number and election of board of school directors in school districts of the second, third and fourth classes and for terms of their offices.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, MUSTO, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, D. WHITE and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 161**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for required training and instruction for certain school directors.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators KITCHEN, COSTA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, BROWNE, STACK and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 162**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, authorizing the digital divide tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, MELLOW, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, STOUT, O'PAKE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, STACK, ORIE, RHOADES and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 164**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for intimidation of witnesses or victims.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2007.

Senators EARLL, D. WHITE, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, PICCOLA, WAUGH, FERLO and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 165**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in consolidation and merger of municipalities, for initiative of electors with new home rule charter.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 6, 2007.

Senators ERICKSON, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, COSTA, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, GORDNER, D. WHITE, STACK, O'PAKE, ORIE, FERLO, M. WHITE, WASHINGTON, ARMSTRONG, PIPPY, REGOLA, RHOADES, WAUGH and McILHINNEY presented to the Chair **SB 166**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, authorizing a solar energy tax credit.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, FERLO, ORIE, MUSTO, RHOADES, BROWNE, O'PAKE, FONTANA, COSTA, C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 167**, entitled:

An Act providing for an intergenerational family care pilot program which seeks to aid persons who are not the biological or adoptive parents in raising children; and providing a model for a possible full-scale intergenerational family care program.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 6, 2007.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, STOUT, WASHINGTON, RHOADES, BROWNE, O'PAKE, FONTANA, COSTA, C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, FERLO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 168**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, providing for use of credit history of insureds; and further providing for penalties imposed by Insurance Department.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, COSTA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, STOUT, ORIE, WAUGH, WASHINGTON, BROWNE, STACK, FERLO, LOGAN and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 169**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for space on form for contributions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, KITCHEN and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 170**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for liability of metropolitan transit authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, MELLOW, ORIE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KASUNIC, COSTA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, STOUT, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, STACK, RHOADES, LOGAN and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 171**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Grandparent Caregiver Support Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 6, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, COSTA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, STOUT, KITCHEN, TOMLINSON, PUNT, C. WILLIAMS, PICCOLA, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, WASHINGTON, STACK, ORIE, MELLOW, RHOADES, LOGAN, REGOLA, BAKER and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 172**, entitled:

An Act relieving members of the United States Armed Forces or other civilians serving in the Persian Gulf area or in support of the armed forces from certain local tax filing deadlines; and making an inconsistent repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 173**, entitled:

An Act providing for flammability and labeling standards for certain upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs and other bedding products, for duties of the Department of Labor and Industry and for enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 6, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, MELLOW, ORIE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, COSTA, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, STOUT, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, STACK, RHOADES, LOGAN and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 174**, entitled:

An Act establishing a subsidy guardianship program for grandparent or relative caregivers of children in the custody of children and youth services.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, COSTA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, MUSTO, WOZNIAK and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 176**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 8, 1949 (P.L.418, No.58), entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the accumulation, investment, and expenditure of funds by cities, boroughs, incorporated towns and townships for preparing plans for sewage disposal systems, and for the construction, improvement or replacement of sewage disposal systems for which plans have been approved by the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth," further providing for definitions and for expenditure of fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, COSTA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, EARLL, TARTAGLIONE, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, FOLMER, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, REGOLA, M. WHITE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 177**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a personal income tax credit for long-term care premiums paid by individuals; and imposing duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, KITCHEN, COSTA, WONDERLING, ORIE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, FOLMER, ROBBINS, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, BROWNE, REGOLA, M. WHITE, BAKER and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 178**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, defining, in personal income tax, "disaster losses"; and providing for, in personal income tax, classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, ORIE, COSTA, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, GREENLEAF, BROWNE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 179**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, increasing the amount of tax relief provided to senior citizens.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, PUNT, COSTA, STOUT, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, ROBBINS, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, D. WHITE, ORIE, FERLO, REGOLA, WOZNIAK, PILEGGI, M. WHITE, LOGAN, WAUGH and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 180**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for burial details for veterans.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, ARMSTRONG, COSTA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, FOLMER, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, BROWNE, REGOLA, STACK, WAUGH and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 181**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of dealing in infant children.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, KITCHEN, PUNT, COSTA, WONDERLING, ORIE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, STOUT, ARMSTRONG, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, MUSTO, FOLMER, TOMLINSON, WOZNAK, BROWNE, REGOLA, STACK, LOGAN and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 182**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, RHOADES, COSTA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, WOZNAK, BROWNE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 183**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for impersonating a public servant.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, EARLL, BROWNE, LOGAN, FOLMER, VANCE and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 184**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for mandatory testing for alcohol and drugs in certain cases.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 6, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, STOUT and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 185**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for inducement of minors to buy liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 6, 2007.

Senators FUMO, O'PAKE, FONTANA, COSTA, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNAK and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 186**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the imposition of a graduated income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, LAVALLE, COSTA, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, STOUT, PUNT, O'PAKE, ORIE, MUSTO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 187**, entitled:

An Act authorizing senior citizens to claim an exemption from tax increases as to certain real property; and providing for termination of the exemption.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 6, 2007.

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Senators TOMLINSON, STOUT, COSTA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, CORMAN, D. WHITE and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 81**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of unlawful procurement, sale or receipt of telephone records.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 7, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, STOUT, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON and LAVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 119**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1976 (P.L.1163, No.259), referred to as the Generic Equivalent Drug Law, providing for epilepsy prescription products.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators TOMLINSON, KITCHEN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, STOUT, RAFFERTY, CORMAN, D. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, FERLO, COSTA, REGOLA, RHOADES and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 149**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 2006 (P.L.281, No.60), entitled "An act relating to confidentiality of Social Security numbers; and making a related repeal," further providing for title of act; extending privacy provisions to certain confidential individual information; and further providing for applicability.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, March 7, 2007.

Senators KITCHEN, MELLOW, FUMO, COSTA, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, CORMAN, EARLL, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, MUSTO, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, RHOADES, LAVALLE, BROWNE, STACK, HUGHES, WOZNIAK, FERLO and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 163**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for eligibility for subsidized child day care.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, ORIE, FONTANA, GORDNER, MUSTO, EARLL, PUNT, REGOLA, RHOADES, STACK and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 175**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, requiring sellers of cellular phones to keep a record of each sale.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, LAVALLE, COSTA, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, STOUT, PUNT, O'PAKE, ORIE, MUSTO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, RHOADES and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 188**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemption from payment of real estate taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, GORDNER, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, STOUT and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 189**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for blood donation education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, COSTA, ORIE, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, EARLL, BROWNE, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, MUSTO, STOUT and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 190**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.626, No.294), referred to as the Second Class County Assessment Law, further providing for powers and duties of the Board of Property Assessment, Appeals and Review.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, O'PAKE, COSTA, ORIE, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, EARLL, BROWNE, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, MUSTO, STOUT and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 191**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 1931 (P.L.1379, No.348), referred to as the Third Class County Assessment Board Law, further providing for assessment appeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, FONTANA, COSTA, ORIE, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, EARLL, BROWNE, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, MUSTO, STOUT, RHOADES and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 192**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.571, No.254), known as The Fourth to Eighth Class County Assessment Law, further providing for appeal notices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, BROWNE, STACK, BOSCOLA, STOUT, MUSTO and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 193**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, further providing for administration by Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, BROWNE, STACK, BOSCOLA, STOUT, MUSTO, M. WHITE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 194**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, further providing for administration by Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, BROWNE, STACK, BOSCOLA, STOUT, MUSTO and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 195**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for quality assurance inspections.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, BROWNE, STACK, BOSCOLA, STOUT, MUSTO and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 196**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, further providing for term and content of licenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, WOZNAK, LOGAN, BROWNE, STACK, BOSCOLA, STOUT, MUSTO and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 197**, entitled:

An Act providing for nursing home performance information; and requiring nursing homes to maintain inspection reports and to distribute reports to patients or designees.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, MUSTO, RHOADES, COSTA, FONTANA, KITCHEN, STOUT, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, GORDNER, STACK and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 198**, entitled:

An Act requiring school districts to establish a program to monitor and control Internet access by students; establishing the Internet Content Control Software Fund and its funding source; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, STOUT, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 199**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the illegal use of a laser pointer.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, STOUT, BOSCOLA, STACK, FONTANA, KITCHEN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 200**, entitled:

An Act establishing a motivational boot camp system for juveniles; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare and the Department of Health; and providing for a performance audit.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, STOUT, BOSCOLA, STACK, FONTANA, KITCHEN, RHOADES and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 201**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing disposition of delinquent children to motivational boot camps.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators MELLOW, STOUT, KASUNIC, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, MUSTO, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, LAVALLE, STACK and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 202**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, providing for sales of Pennsylvania lottery tickets in State liquor stores.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 7, 2007.

Senators MELLOW, COSTA, KASUNIC, STOUT, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, LOGAN, BROWNE, O'PAKE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 203**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting unreasonable restraints of trade; imposing penalties; and providing for enforcement.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators MELLOW, STOUT, KASUNIC, ORIE, COSTA, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, BROWNE, STACK and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 204**, entitled:

An Act providing for security reports of mental health and mental retardation facilities; and imposing a civil penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators MELLOW, FONTANA, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, MUSTO, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, COSTA, ORIE, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 205**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 23, 1959 (P.L.970, No.400), referred to as the Second Class A City Employee Pension Law, further providing for credit for military service.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators MELLOW, FONTANA, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, MUSTO, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, COSTA, ORIE, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 206**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1947 (P.L.1242, No.507), entitled "An act relating to police and firemen's pension funds in cities of the second class A, and directing such cities to appropriate certain moneys thereto, and requiring reports and audits," further providing for credit for military service.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators MUSTO, FONTANA, STOUT, COSTA, MELLOW, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, LOGAN and LAVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 207**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for cafeterias.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2007.



Senators MUSTO, RHOADES, BOSCOLA, STOUT, FONTANA, COSTA, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 208**, entitled:

An Act providing for demonstration programs and grants; providing for the establishment of an advisory committee; authorizing the Department of Education to administer funding of the selected demonstration projects; and establishing the Horticultural Education and Demonstration Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, ORIE, EARLL, FERLO and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 210**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Judicial Education Program in Domestic Violence; and requiring judges to attend and successfully complete the program.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, RHOADES, COSTA, O'PAKE, ORIE, WASHINGTON and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 212**, entitled:

An Act restricting the location of waste disposal facilities near schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, WONDERLING, COSTA, WASHINGTON and LAVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 213**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for educational support services providers and for payments of grants.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, COSTA, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, RHOADES, VANCE, WAUGH and PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 214**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, establishing the Nurses Health Program; and making an allocation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, EARLL, RHOADES and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 215**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, RHOADES, WONDERLING, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, WAUGH and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 216**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, COSTA, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, WASHINGTON and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 217**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, further providing for declaration of policy, for patient safety definitions, for powers and duties of the Patient Safety Authority and for powers and duties of the Department of Health; and providing for whistleblower protection.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators STACK, STOUT, LAVALLE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, WASHINGTON, MUSTO, COSTA, RAFFERTY, ORIE, ROBBINS, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, RHOADES, KITCHEN, VANCE, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, REGOLA, FUMO and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 221**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of firearms not to be carried without a license and for license to carry firearm.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators STACK, FONTANA, STOUT, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, ARMSTRONG and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 222**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921, further defining, in risk-based capital requirements, "company action level event."

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, COSTA, KITCHEN, RHOADES and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 223**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for the sale of certain containers of malt or brewed beverages by distributors and importing distributors.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, ORIE, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, EARLL and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 224**, entitled:



An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, further providing for medical professional liability insurance.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, FERLO, O'PAKE, GORDNER, WOZNIAK, EARLL, M. WHITE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 225**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, further providing for Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, M. WHITE, ORIE, MUSTO, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 226**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, adding provisions relating to assisted outpatient treatment programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, O'PAKE and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 227**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for municipal police serving process and enforcing orders.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, PUNT, MELLOW, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, FONTANA, STOUT, D. WHITE, WONDERLING, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, LAVALLE, COSTA, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 228**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for eligibility for limited early retirement.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, COSTA, FERLO, REGOLA, TARTAGLIONE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 229**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for safe schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, STACK, FONTANA, KITCHEN, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, FERLO, O'PAKE, MELLOW and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 230**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, M. WHITE, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, C. WILLIAMS, ARMSTRONG, FERLO and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 231**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of greyhound race simulcasting; and prescribing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 7, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, FERLO and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 232**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for criminal history record expungement.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senator KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 233**, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Somerset County certain lands situate in Somerset Township, Somerset County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, MELLOW, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, COSTA, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, MUSTO, STOUT, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, LOGAN, FERLO, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 234**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the Tobacco Settlement Act, further providing for use of Tobacco Settlement Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, STOUT, BOSCOLA, STACK, FONTANA, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, ORIE, KITCHEN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 235**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, STOUT, BOSCOLA, STACK, FONTANA, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, MELLOW, KITCHEN, RHOADES, M. WHITE, BRUBAKER and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 236**, entitled:

An Act requiring the termination of a corrections officer or other employee of a correctional facility who delivers a controlled substance to an inmate of such facility.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 7, 2007.

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Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, STOUT, BOSCOLA, STACK, FONTANA, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, KITCHEN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 237**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for loss of property rights to the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, ORIE, KITCHEN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 238**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for schedules of controlled substances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, STOUT, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, MUSTO and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 239**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disqualification for commercial driver's license.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, STOUT, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, MUSTO, KITCHEN and LAVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 240**, entitled:

An Act requiring testing of State correctional facility personnel for controlled substances; providing for a review of certain hiring policies; and requiring reports.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, STOUT, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, LAVALLE, MUSTO, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, RHOADES and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 241**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 2007.

Senator PUNT presented to the Chair **SB 242**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1242, No.428), known as the State Highway Law, providing for reclamation of certain bridges in counties of the sixth class formerly part of the State highway system.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators PUNT, LAVALLE, RHOADES, CORMAN, FONTANA, COSTA, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, KITCHEN and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 243**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting persons under 18 years of age from possessing tobacco products.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 8, 2007.

Senators PUNT, WASHINGTON and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 244**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1093, No.219), known as the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, providing for the operation of green field quarries.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 8, 2007.

Senators PUNT, LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, COSTA, STOUT, KASUNIC, WOZNIAK, MELLOW, KITCHEN, EARLL, O'PAKE, FERLO, WAUGH, McILHINNEY and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 245**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, further providing for unfair acts.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, KITCHEN, FONTANA, MADIGAN, STOUT, D. WHITE, STACK, GREENLEAF, FERLO, ORIE, COSTA, WOZNIAK, MELLOW and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 247**, 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, March 8, 2007.

Senators PIPPY, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, ORIE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER, D. WHITE, LOGAN, GREENLEAF, PICCOLA, BROWNE, REGOLA, TOMLINSON, EARLL, M. WHITE and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 248**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 8, 2007.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, KITCHEN, MUSTO, WASHINGTON, RHOADES, BOSCOLA and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 249**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions and for ignition interlock; providing for duties of the Secretary of Transportation, for ignition interlock service providers and for ignition interlock system violations; further providing for illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock; and providing for an ignition interlock system fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, WOZNIAK, COSTA, M. WHITE, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, RHOADES, WAUGH and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 250**, entitled:

An Act regulating the amount of property insurance coverage required by certain lenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, O'PAKE, FERLO, WAUGH, WONDERLING and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 251**, entitled:

An Act providing targeted assistance to urban school districts to improve early learning and development so children are better prepared to succeed in school.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, COSTA, EARLL, ARMSTRONG and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 252**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 11, 1990 (P.L.465, No.113), known as the Tax Increment Financing Act, further providing for the definition of "tax increment" and "tax increment base."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, ORIE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, M. WHITE, ARMSTRONG, RHOADES, WAUGH, PIPPY, WONDERLING and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 253**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a sales and use tax discount for motor vehicle registered dealers.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, ORIE, ERICKSON, M. WHITE, FERLO, PIPPY and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 254**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for a quality instruction program; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, FONTANA, MUSTO, ROBBINS, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, KASUNIC, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, ERICKSON, M. WHITE, KITCHEN, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, VANCE, WAUGH, PIPPY, WONDERLING, BAKER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 255**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from the sales and use tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, COSTA, M. WHITE and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 256**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, COSTA, M. WHITE, ARMSTRONG, O'PAKE, VANCE, WAUGH and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 257**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1996 (P.L.1066, No.159), known as the Accident and Health Filing Reform Act, further providing for required group rate filings.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, GORDNER, ORIE, KASUNIC, COSTA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, ARMSTRONG and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 258**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment, implementation and administration of a comprehensive retiree welfare-to-work mentoring program for certain individuals; and imposing additional powers and duties on the Department of Aging.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, CORMAN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, M. WHITE, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, FERLO, WONDERLING, BAKER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 259**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 8, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, SCARNATI, ORIE, RAFFERTY, PUNT, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, MUSTO, O'PAKE, MADIGAN, GREENLEAF, STACK, KITCHEN, WAUGH, BAKER, LOGAN, TOMLINSON, COSTA, LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, FERLO, McILHINNEY, D. WHITE, PIPPY, MELLOW and PILEGGI presented to the Chair **SB 260**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, further providing for definitions, for unfair acts and for exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators GORDNER, PILEGGI, COSTA, RHOADES, FONTANA, WONDERLING, STACK, FOLMER, ORIE, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, WAUGH and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 261**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exclusions from sales and use tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators GORDNER, MADIGAN, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, CORMAN, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, MELLOW, MUSTO, ORIE, PUNT, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, RHOADES, ROBBINS, C. WILLIAMS, PIPPY, WAUGH, BAKER, WONDERLING and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 262**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for commercial driver's license qualification standards.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, COSTA, WASHINGTON and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 264**, entitled:

An Act establishing a pilot program to enrich classroom instruction in primary grades by increasing the teacher instructional time per pupil through the placement of a teaching aide in participating classrooms.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, RHOADES, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, LAVALLE, MUSTO, LOGAN, STACK, C. WILLIAMS and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 265**, 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 insurance coverage for infertility treatment services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, COSTA, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, STACK, FERLO, BROWNE, VANCE, WASHINGTON, O'PAKE, FONTANA, FUMO, McILHINNEY, MELLOW, KITCHEN, TOMLINSON, DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, A. WILLIAMS and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 266**, entitled:

An Act providing for a report on potential global warming impacts and economic opportunities for this Commonwealth, for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection, for an inventory of greenhouse gases, for creation of stakeholder process, for a voluntary registry of greenhouse gas emissions and for a climate change action plan.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 8, 2007.

Senators ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, PICCOLA, FOLMER, M. WHITE, D. WHITE, WASHINGTON, EARLL, PILEGGI, RHOADES, WAUGH, McILHINNEY and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 267**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for vacancies in election boards and for election boards in new districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 8, 2007.

Senators ERICKSON, C. WILLIAMS, RHOADES, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, PICCOLA, ARMSTRONG, REGOLA, VANCE and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 268**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, making an editorial change; further providing for loss of property rights to Commonwealth; providing for vehicle forfeiture when driving under the influence; and further providing for procedure with respect to seized property subject to liens and rights of lienholders, for grading and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 8, 2007.

Senators ERICKSON, C. WILLIAMS, KITCHEN, FONTANA, STOUT, RAFFERTY, ORIE, ARMSTRONG, MUSTO, O'PAKE, MADIGAN, WONDERLING and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 269**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes,

providing for funding for victims of domestic violence from marriage and divorce fees; and making a related repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 8, 2007.

Senators RHOADES, RAFFERTY, ORIE, KASUNIC, REGOLA, LOGAN, STOUT and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 270**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for contributions for the purchase of credit for creditable nonstate service by certain mine workers.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators GORDNER, CORMAN, PIPPY, BAKER, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, ORIE, STACK, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KITCHEN, MUSTO, D. WHITE, COSTA, BROWNE, PUNT, EARLL, MELLOW and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 271**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Public School Employees' Retirement Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senator RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 272**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the release of Project 70 restrictions imposed on certain land owned by the Department of General Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being conveyed by the Commonwealth in return for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on certain land being conveyed to the Commonwealth by Skippack Township, Montgomery County.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 8, 2007.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, COSTA, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, MUSTO, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, STOUT, WOZNAK, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, LOGAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 273**, 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 health insurance reimbursement for prostate specific antigen examinations.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, COSTA, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, MUSTO, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, STOUT, WOZNAK, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, LOGAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 274**, entitled:

An Act mandating health insurance coverage for cancer prevention and early detection programs; and providing for powers and duties of the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators O'PAKE, COSTA, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, MUSTO, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, STOUT, WOZNAK, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, C. WILLIAMS and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 275**, entitled:

An Act providing for insurance coverage for routine patient care costs when an insured, enrollee or subscriber participates in approved cancer clinical trials; establishing the Pennsylvania Cancer Clinical Trial Review Board to adjudicate disputes involving third-party reimbursement for routine patient care costs incurred in association with approved cancer clinical trials; and providing for hearings and appeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, COSTA, LAVALLE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, MUSTO, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, STOUT, WOZNAK, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, LOGAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 276**, entitled:

An Act providing for State assistance for certain cancer screening; conferring powers and duties on the Department of Health; establishing the Cancer Screening Fund; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 8, 2007.

Senators CORMAN, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, VANCE, M. WHITE, WONDERLING, FOLMER, WAUGH, GORDNER and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 548**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Long-Term Care Partnership Program; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

Senators D. WHITE, ERICKSON, RHOADES, ARMSTRONG, RAFFERTY, ORIE, O'PAKE, VANCE, EARLL, STACK and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 550**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, further providing, in insurance holding companies, for definitions, for acquisition of control of or merger with domestic insurer and for acquisitions involving insurers not otherwise covered; and making an inconsistent repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 8, 2007.

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Senators COSTA, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, WOZNAK, LOGAN, LAVALLE, BROWNE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 277**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the definition of "compensation" for personal income tax purposes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, RHOADES, ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, BRUBAKER, WOZNIAK, PIPPY, LOGAN, GREENLEAF, LAVALLE, BROWNE, GORDNER, FERLO and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 278**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for exemptions from the realty transfer tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, ORIE, KITCHEN, STOUT, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, RHOADES, LAVALLE, BROWNE and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 279**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; providing for related powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; establishing and providing for the powers and duties of the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Board; establishing the Landslide Insurance Fund and the Landslide Assistance Fund; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 9, 2007.

Senators ORIE, KITCHEN, FERLO, FONTANA, LOGAN, WASHINGTON, PIPPY, O'PAKE, MELLOW and STOUT presented to the Chair **SB 280**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination, housing and public accommodation; defining "marital status"; and further providing for unlawful discriminatory practices.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 9, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, ORIE, KITCHEN, STOUT, WASHINGTON, BROWNE and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 281**, 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 tax relief and use of disbursements.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 282**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 25, 1933 (P.L.1050, No.242), referred to as the Second Class City Firemen Relief Law, further providing for requirements of membership, for married persons and pensions to surviving spouses and for eligibility of surviving spouses; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, LOGAN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 283**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1915 (P.L.596, No.259), referred to as the Second Class City Employee Pension Law, further providing for pensions for surviving spouses.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, EARLL, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, RHOADES and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 284**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of utility service.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, EARLL, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 285**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for payment agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, EARLL, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, RHOADES, BROWNE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 286**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cash deposits and household information requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, RHOADES and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 287**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of utility service.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, STOUT, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, KITCHEN, COSTA, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, LAVALLE, WOZNIAK, BROWNE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 288**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for courses of study in high school.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 9, 2007.

Senator FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 289**, 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 eminent domain.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, STOUT, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, BROWNE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 290**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of theft of motor vehicle certificate of inspection; further providing for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection; and adding provisions relating to theft of certificate of inspection.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, PIPPY, EARLL, BROWNE, BOSCOLA and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 291**, entitled:

An Act providing for a constitutional convention with limited powers; providing for a referendum on the question; providing for the selection, nomination and election of delegates; defining the powers and duties of the convention; providing for its operation; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, officers of the General Assembly and county election boards; providing for a referendum on the convention's report; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 292**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 24, 1945 (P.L.991, No.385), known as the Urban Redevelopment Law, further providing for the preparation and adoption of redevelopment proposal.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 9, 2007.

Senators FERLO, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, ORIE, C. WILLIAMS, VANCE and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 293**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for shipment of wine into Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 9, 2007.

Senators C. WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK, EARLL and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 294**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding and changing definitions; further providing for the unified judicial system; establishing the appellate division of the Medical Professional Liability Court; providing for transfers between intermediate appellate courts, for lien of judgments for money, for direct appeals to the Supreme Court from courts of common pleas, for allowance of appeals from Superior Court and Commonwealth Court, for appeals to Superior Court from courts of common pleas, for original jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Court, for appeals to the Commonwealth Court from courts of common pleas, for the jurisdiction of the appellate division of the Medical Professional Liability Court and for the organization and jurisdiction of the Medical Professional Liability Court; establishing the Medical Professional Liability Court Fund and providing for receipts and payments; and further providing for right to appellate review and for appeals generally.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 9, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, FERLO, COSTA, RAFFERTY, ORIE and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 295**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for idling requirements and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STOUT, KITCHEN, FONTANA, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, EARLL, FERLO, COSTA, M. WHITE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 297**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for possession or transportation of liquor or alcohol.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, ORIE, RHOADES and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 298**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for the offense of tampering with package or receptacle; and prescribing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, ORIE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 299**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for administration of the act by requiring notification regarding theft or loss of controlled substances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 9, 2007.



Senators FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 300**, entitled:

An Act providing for a Statewide comprehensive health care system; establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care Plan and providing for eligibility, services, coverages, subrogation, participating providers, cost containment, reduction of errors, tort remedies, administrative remedies and procedures, attorney fees, quality assurance, nonparticipating providers, transitional support and training; and establishing the Pennsylvania Health Care Agency, the Employer Health Services Levy, the Individual Wellness Tax and the Pennsylvania Health Care Board and providing for their powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, ORIE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 301**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for automatic changes to schedules of controlled substances.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, ORIE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 302**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for records of distribution of controlled substances.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, ORIE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 303**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for records of distribution of controlled substances.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, ARMSTRONG, C. WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, ORIE, COSTA, REGOLA, PICCOLA, STACK, LOGAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 304**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading and penalties for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, STOUT, GORDNER, KITCHEN, FONTANA, MUSTO, RHOADES and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 305**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, further providing for permit and license application requirements and for enforcement orders; and providing for repeat violations.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, EARLL, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, M. WHITE, BAKER and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 306**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, EARLL, FERLO, REGOLA and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 307**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for millage rate increase.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, CORMAN, EARLL, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, COSTA, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, M. WHITE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 308**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.396, No.86), entitled "An act requiring notice of rate increases, policy cancellations and nonrenewals by property and casualty insurers," further providing for notice of increase in premium and for notice requirements for midterm cancellations.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, FONTANA, ERICKSON, RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, ORIE, REGOLA, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, MELLOW, M. WHITE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 309**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 3, 1986 (P.L.396, No.86), entitled "An act requiring notice of rate increases, policy cancellations and nonrenewals by property and casualty insurers," further providing for notices.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, REGOLA, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, MUSTO, O'PAKE, GORDNER, FERLO and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 310**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, further providing for criminal penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 9, 2007.



Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, LOGAN, RHOADES and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 312**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, providing for educational impact fee and assessment in certain school districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STACK, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 313**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions; and providing for registration, qualifications and supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, FERLO and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 314**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, further providing for clean indoor air.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, FONTANA, RHOADES, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, TOMLINSON, FUMO, O'PAKE, GORDNER, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, COSTA, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, BRUBAKER, STACK, LOGAN and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 315**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for sales and use tax exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, ROBBINS, ERICKSON, WAUGH, WONDERLING, KASUNIC, CORMAN, TOMLINSON, LOGAN, EARLL, O'PAKE, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, ORIE, COSTA, PICCOLA, STACK, M. WHITE and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 316**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for the meeting of election officers on election day.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, CORMAN, O'PAKE, COSTA and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 317**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for filing fees and certificates of filing.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 9, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, GORDNER, BRUBAKER, COSTA, GREENLEAF, STACK, MELLOW, BAKER, LOGAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 318**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the Pennsylvania State Police; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 9, 2007.

### March 12, 2007

Senators RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, ROBBINS, GORDNER, MADIGAN, FERLO, ORIE, COSTA, GREENLEAF, LOGAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 319**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the Pennsylvania State Police; and making a repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, PICCOLA, RHOADES and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 320**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for limitations on discovery of certain information in cases involving driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, PICCOLA, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, M. WHITE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 321**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for department vehicle registration records.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, STOUT and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 322**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for applicability of provisions relating to planned communities, for meetings and for quorums of unit owners' associations of planned communities, for proxies and for association records.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, C. WILLIAMS, COSTA, MUSTO, STACK, LOGAN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 323**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for penalties for selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, FONTANA, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, C. WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, ORIE, COSTA, PICCOLA, PIPPY, LOGAN, RHOADES and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 324**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors resulting in injury or death.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, WONDERLING, KASUNIC, O'PAKE, ORIE, COSTA, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, RHOADES and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 325**, entitled:

An Act providing for tax credits to employers against their corporate net income tax liability for hiring employees 55 years of age or older for full-time employment.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, ORIE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, RHOADES, WONDERLING, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, CORMAN, WAUGH, COSTA, REGOLA, PICCOLA, PIPPY, STACK and MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 326**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, eliminating the statute of limitations for certain civil actions and sex offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators SCARNATI, CORMAN, FOLMER, ROBBINS, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, PUNT, PIPPY, REGOLA, GORDNER, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, WAUGH, McILHINNEY, BRUBAKER and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 328**, entitled:

An Act providing for civil immunity for food purveyors under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators ROBBINS, PILEGGI, ARMSTRONG, WONDERLING, LAVALLE, REGOLA, MADIGAN, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, RHOADES, COSTA, D. WHITE, FONTANA, GORDNER, WASHINGTON, ORIE, PUNT, RAFFERTY and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 329**, entitled:

An Act providing for a program to address the illicit manufacture of methamphetamines in underground laboratories.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 12, 2007.

Senators ROBBINS, PIPPY, MELLOW, BAKER, LAVALLE, D. WHITE, COSTA, ORIE, WOZNIAK, ARMSTRONG, LOGAN, PUNT, MUSTO, REGOLA, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, STOUT, M. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, PICCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, FOLMER, FERLO, RHOADES and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 330**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for employers of members of a reserve component of the armed forces.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, WONDERLING, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, ROBBINS, STOUT, CORMAN, STACK, PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, ARMSTRONG, COSTA, REGOLA, BRUBAKER and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 331**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, ORIE and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 332**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for supplemental funding for new students; establishing a special account; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, CORMAN, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, ARMSTRONG, GORDNER, EARLL, M. WHITE, BAKER and MADIGAN presented to the Chair **SB 333**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, ORIE, REGOLA, GORDNER, COSTA, ERICKSON, WAUGH, PIPPY, WONDERLING, FERLO, BAKER and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 334**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for classes of income for purposes of the personal income tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, FERLO, RAFFERTY, COSTA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 335**, entitled:

An Act regulating tax refund anticipation loan and check providers; providing for the powers and duties of the Secretary of Banking; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, BAKER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 336**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 3, 1959 (P.L.1688, No.621), known as the Housing Finance Agency Law, further providing for agency membership.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, COSTA and WOZNAK presented to the Chair **SB 337**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for drug nuisances; providing for drug nuisance abatement; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, ORIE, RHOADES, COSTA and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 338**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs; making repeals; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, ORIE, RHOADES, COSTA, ERICKSON, VANCE, FERLO and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 339**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for the definitions of "clinical trial" and "pharmaceutical drug" and for drug manufacturer clinical trials reporting; and further providing for prohibited acts and penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, FOLMER, ORIE, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, WONDERLING, MADIGAN, BAKER, WOZNAK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 340**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, RAFFERTY, ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, REGOLA, RHOADES, COSTA, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, LOGAN, WAUGH, PIPPY, WONDERLING, STACK, MUSTO, WOZNAK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 341**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions and for unwanted telephone solicitation calls.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 12, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, CORMAN, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, ORIE, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, FERLO and FUMO presented to the Chair **SB 342**, entitled:

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 personal income tax, for classes of income; and providing, in corporate net income tax, for applicability of Federal law.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, MELLOW, FONTANA, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, MUSTO, KASUNIC, FERLO, LAVALLE and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 343**, entitled:

An Act providing for election day registration; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, LAVALLE, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, MUSTO, WAUGH and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 344**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, setting forth a concise statement of voter's rights; requiring that the statement of voter's rights be visible in voter registration offices and polling places; providing for polling place accessibility; further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries and for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; providing for procedure for unenrolled electors to cast primary ballots and for form of declaration of party enrollment; and further providing for persons entitled to vote and challenges and for voting check lists.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, STACK, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, BROWNE, KITCHEN, PIPPY and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 346**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for a Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Bureau for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, PIPPY and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 347**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of the indirect initiative and referendum as powers reserved to the people.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, MELLOW, LOGAN, MUSTO, STOUT, LAVALLE, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, KITCHEN, COSTA, STACK, WAUGH and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 348**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L. 736, No. 338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further defining "occupational disease"; and further providing for the scope of "injury," "personal injury" and "injury arising in the course of his employment."

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 12, 2007.

Senators BOSCOLA, LOGAN, MUSTO, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, FERLO, LAVALLE, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, KITCHEN, COSTA, STACK, WAUGH and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 349**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program; providing for the powers and duties of the State Fire Commissioner; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 12, 2007.

Senators RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, WONDERLING, EARLL, ORIE, O'PAKE, COSTA, REGOLA, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, LOGAN and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 350**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators ROBBINS, MADIGAN, FUMO, ARMSTRONG, WOZNIAK, ORIE, MUSTO, REGOLA, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, FONTANA, BROWNE, PIPPY, STACK and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 351**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing certain charitable organizations to solicit funds on highways.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators ROBBINS, SCARNATI, MELLOW, ERICKSON, ORIE, COSTA, VANCE, KITCHEN, WAUGH, O'PAKE, M. WHITE, STOUT, WONDERLING, MUSTO, MADIGAN,

WOZNIAK, REGOLA, LOGAN, EARLL, KASUNIC, PICCOLA, STACK, D. WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FERLO, GREENLEAF, GORDNER, FONTANA, BRUBAKER, PUNT, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, BAKER and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SB 352**, entitled:

An Act providing for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program eligibility, allocation of funds and resources; imposing duties on the Department of Public Welfare; and providing for compliance and fraud prevention procedures.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 12, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, O'PAKE, ORIE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 353**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, MUSTO, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, STACK and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 357**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for defacing, injuring or destroying property used for school purposes and for authority of teachers, vice principals and principals over pupils; providing for school policies for drug or alcohol violations, for conflict resolution training and for the requirements for governing adjudicated delinquents; further providing for the suspension and expulsion of pupils, for exceptional children, their education and training, for reporting of incidents of school violence and for transfer of records; providing for school violence reporting requirements for school employees, for school safety committees and for notification to parents and guardians of victims of school violence; and further defining "school."

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, BROWNE, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, O'PAKE, ERICKSON, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, STACK and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 358**, entitled:

An Act providing for reforms in pilot school districts designed to reduce or eliminate school violence, for duties of the Secretary of Education and the Department of Education and for penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, WAUGH, COSTA, FERLO, WOZNIAK, LOGAN, STACK and A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 359**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for home inspections; establishing the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors; and providing for licensure of home inspectors and for disciplinary proceedings by the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, BROWNE, MELLOW, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, FONTANA and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 360**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for general requirements for school buses.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ARMSTRONG, O'PAKE, ORIE, MUSTO, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, COSTA, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, LOGAN and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 361**, entitled:

An Act providing for an exemption from increases in school real property taxes for eligible taxpayers because of their age and income level and for the reimbursement of school districts by the Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WONDERLING, WOZNIAK, M. WHITE, BOSCOLA and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 362**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for statement of financial interests.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, ORIE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 363**, entitled:

An Act providing for the rights of law enforcement officers concerning certain complaints and grievances.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ORIE, KITCHEN, O'PAKE, COSTA, STACK, FERLO and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 364**, entitled:

An Act requiring information relating to parenting and prenatal depression, postpartum depression, postpartum psychosis and other emotional trauma counseling and screening to be provided to a pregnant woman; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Health.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, ERICKSON, REGOLA, TOMLINSON, WAUGH and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 365**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for senior judge operational support grants.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 366**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in divorce, for legislative findings and intent, defining "companion animal"; and further providing for effect of agreement between parties and for equitable division of marital property.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, FOLMER, ORIE, MELLOW, RAFFERTY, ARMSTRONG, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, COSTA, LAVALLE, MUSTO, PIPPY, WOZNIAK, BROWNE, M. WHITE, RHOADES and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 367**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for powers and duties of county boards of election.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, M. WHITE, COSTA, ERICKSON, STACK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 368**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for following too closely, for driving vehicle at safe speed and for maximum speed limits.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, EARLL, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, COSTA, ERICKSON, VANCE, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 369**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restrictions on use of limited access highways, for maximum speed limits, for alteration of maximum speed limits and for regulation of traffic on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, COSTA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, FERLO and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 370**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for restrictions on gasoline taxes and motor license fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2007.

**RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

March 5, 2007

Senators ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, COSTA, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RHOADES, ORIE, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING, LAVALLE, KASUNIC, FERLO, BROWNE, LOGAN, O'PAKE, PIPPY, PILEGGI, McILHINNEY, DINNIMAN, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, MELLOW and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SR 40**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to ensure that the Congress of the United States reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) as soon as practicable to secure Federal funding for Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and urging the Governor to pursue CHIP expansion.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 5, 2007.

Senators WONDERLING, PILEGGI, PICCOLA, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, FOLMER, GORDNER, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, WAUGH, RHOADES, BROWNE, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, VANCE, BAKER and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SR 41**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to investigate the Department of General Services strategic sourcing initiative for State and local government procurement; to accurately measure actual saving and costs of strategic sourcing; to review alternative plans examined by the department; to examine the department's development and implementation of strategic sourcing, especially with regard to the impact on Pennsylvania small business; and to analyze procurement spending data.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 5, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, ERICKSON, FERLO, EARLL, COSTA and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SR 42**, entitled:

A Resolution establishing a task force to study the current system for providing services to indigent criminal defendants, to review how other states provide these services and to make recommendations to the Senate.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 5, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, MUSTO, STOUT, COSTA, O'PAKE, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, LOGAN, BROWNE, RHOADES and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SR 43**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Governor to reestablish the Pennsylvania Energy Office.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2007.

Senators ROBBINS, PILEGGI, COSTA, ORIE, LAVALLE, ARMSTRONG, WAUGH, TARTAGLIONE, MADIGAN, RHOADES, C. WILLIAMS, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, PIPPY, STOUT, WONDERLING, LOGAN, D. WHITE, KASUNIC, EARLL, FONTANA, ERICKSON, FERLO, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, McILHINNEY and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SR 44**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "Youth Art Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, March 5, 2007.

Senators KITCHEN and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SR 45**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to provide equitable funding to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operation of quality affordable housing.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 5, 2007.

March 7, 2007

Senators FONTANA, FERLO, COSTA, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, C. WILLIAMS, STOUT, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, HUGHES, DINNIMAN, FUMO, KASUNIC, LOGAN, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STACK, WASHINGTON, A. WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SR 39**, entitled:

A Resolution opposing military escalation in Iraq.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 7, 2007.

March 12, 2007

Senators ORIE, PUNT, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, FERLO, BRUBAKER, COSTA, ERICKSON, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, WAUGH, RHOADES, REGOLA, EARLL, BROWNE, PIPPY, DINNIMAN, D. WHITE, WOZNIAK and BAKER presented to the Chair **SR 46**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to investigate and make recommendations for the establishment and administration of a voluntary, opt-in Statewide system for health care and other employment-related benefits, including and excluding pensions for purposes of comparison, for uniformed and nonuniformed employees of local government units.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 12, 2007.

**GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS****ANNUAL FINANCING  
STRATEGY REPORT**

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Department of Community and Economic Development  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 16, 2007

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

**RE: ANNUAL FINANCING STRATEGY REPORT**

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Enclosed herewith is the report as required by Act 12 of 2004 that sets forth in detail an Annual Financing Strategy Report for business financing and Economic Stimulus programs that are administered by the department for Fiscal Year '04-'05. This document includes the Department's goals, objectives and strategy for each of the programs outlined in Act 12.

The Department continually refines and improves upon the tools available to help businesses and communities prosper and we appreciate your support in helping us achieve our economic development goals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Christian Muniz in DCED's Legislative Affairs Office at 717-783-1886 should you have any questions regarding this document.

Sincerely,

DENNIS YABLONSKY  
Secretary

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

**ANNUAL REPORT ON SMALL MALT BEVERAGE  
BREWERS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

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

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Revenue  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
17128-1100

February 7, 2007

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan  
Secretary of the Senate  
462 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

In accordance with provisions of Article 20 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971, the enclosed report represents employment, production, expenditures and tax credits authorized under Section 2010, relative to small malt beverage brewers in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

GREGORY C. FAJT  
Secretary of Revenue

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

**2005 ANNUAL LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE  
WASTE PROGRAM REPORT**

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

March 1, 2007

Mark R. Corrigan  
Secretary of the Senate  
Senate Post Office Box 202020  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Enclosed is the Department of Environmental Protection's *Annual Low-Level Radioactive Waste Program Report to the Pennsylvania General Assembly*. This report covers the calendar year 2005.

The report provides a summary of the current activities of the Appalachian States Low-Level Waste Compact, a list of all low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) generators in the compact, and the amounts of LLRW disposed by volume. It also contains a discussion of LLRW generation trends, including waste minimization and financial statistics, relating to all aspects of the Compact.

The Pennsylvania Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act (Act 1988-12) requires that this report be prepared each year. The enclosed report is based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's Manifest Information Management System (MIMS). MIMS is a national database that contains the actual volume and radioactivity of LLRW disposed of at the three existing LLRW disposal facilities in the country.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Leighton, Director of Legislative Affairs, by e-mail at [jleighton@state.pa.us](mailto:jleighton@state.pa.us) or by telephone at 717-783-8303.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN A. McGINTY  
Secretary

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

**MINUTES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING  
CONTROL BOARD MEETING**

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

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

March 6, 2007

Mr. Mark Corrigan  
Secretary  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
Main Capitol Building, Room 462  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mark:

I have enclosed copies of the December 4, December 13 and December 20, 2006 minutes of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board meeting. The minutes, which have been approved by the Board at its December 20 and February 27, 2007 public meetings and certified by



Executive Director Anne LaCour Neeb, are being provided under the provisions of Act 71 Section 1206(c).

Please know that the minutes are also available on the Board's website at [www.pgcb.state.pa.us](http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (717) 214-4736.

Sincerely,

PAUL RESCH  
Board Secretary

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

## RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
New Jersey Senate  
State House  
P.O. Box 099  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0099

March 1, 2007

Senate Secretary Mark R. Corrigan  
462 Capitol Building  
Senate Box 203053  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3053

Dear Senate Secretary Corrigan:

The Senate of the State of New Jersey adopted Senate Resolution No. 66 at the February 22, 2007 Voting Session of the Senate. A copy of the Resolution, sponsored by Senator Robert E. Littell (District 24) and Senator Anthony R. Bucco (District 25), is enclosed.

Senate Resolution No. 66 respectfully urges the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Federal Transit Administration and the New Jersey Transit Corporation to work together for a timely completion of the Lackawanna Cutoff rail passenger service restoration project.

If you have any questions about Senate Resolution No. 66, please contact my office.

Very truly yours,

ELLEN M. DAVENPORT  
Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
SR66 [1R] LITTELL, BUCCO

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A SENATE RESOLUTION respectfully urging the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Federal Transit Administration, and the New Jersey Transit Corporation to work together for a timely completion of the Lackawanna Cutoff rail passenger service restoration project.

WHEREAS, When the Lackawanna Cutoff was built in the early 1900s, it was considered an engineering marvel and provided freight and passenger service from Scranton, Pennsylvania through the Pocono region of northeastern Pennsylvania into northern New Jersey and ending in Hoboken, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Passenger service on the line ended in 1970 and freight service ended in 1982; and

WHEREAS, In 2001 the 28 miles of right-of-way in New Jersey were purchased by <sup>1</sup>[New Jersey Transit] the New Jersey Department of Transportation<sup>1</sup> in order to reserve them for the restoration of the rail passenger service; and

WHEREAS, The populations of the Pocono region in Pennsylvania and Warren and Sussex Counties in New Jersey are growing significantly, and large numbers of these residents are driving or taking bus service into New York City to work; and

WHEREAS, The restoration of the rail passenger service from northeastern Pennsylvania through northern New Jersey and continuing into New York City would improve the quality of life of those who now undertake these lengthy commutes and would also reduce motor vehicle traffic congestion and its resulting air pollution throughout these areas; and

WHEREAS, Congress has provided <sup>1</sup>initial<sup>1</sup> funding for the Lackawanna Cutoff rail passenger service restoration project under the provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit has submitted the environmental assessment for the New Jersey portion of the restoration project to the Federal Transit Administration <sup>1</sup>[and stands ready to proceed with the necessary hearings once the Federal Transit Administration has established the review schedule for the project] and held four public meetings in January 2007 to share the results of the environmental assessment<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit <sup>1</sup>[plans to begin design work for the New Jersey portion of the project in 2006 and could start construction in 2008 and complete the New Jersey portion in 2011, with rail passenger service beginning in New Jersey by 2012] will take all necessary steps to permit initiating service in 2012<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of northeastern Pennsylvania and northern New Jersey and the commuters who will use the service for this restoration project to progress as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna Cutoff rail passenger service restoration project can best be completed in its entirety and in a timely manner if all those who have a role in the project work together in a spirit of diligent cooperation and make completion of the project a priority; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Federal Transit Administration, and the New Jersey Transit Corporation are respectfully urged to work together in a spirit of cooperation to complete the Lackawanna Cutoff passenger rail service restoration project and to make the completion of the project a priority.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the Governor and each member of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration in the United States Department of Transportation, and the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate STR committee amendments adopted February 8, 2007.

SENATE No. SR66 SCA

SENATE,

February 22, 2007

This bill having been three times read in the Senate,

RESOLVED, That the same do pass.

By order of the Senate.

SHIRLEY K. TURNER  
President of the Senate.



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

### REPORT ON TAX-EXEMPT BOND ALLOCATION FOR 2006

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Department of Community and Economic Development  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

February 26, 2007

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary of Senate  
Office of Secretary of Senate  
462 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

As required by the Job Enhancement Act of 1996, (P.L. 434, No 67), Act 113, Section 2706, as amended, I am providing a report on tax-exempt bond allocation for the year-end of 2006.

This report includes:

1. a summary of volume cap allocation usage for small issue, exempt facility, housing, and education bonds; and
2. a list of small issue and exempt facility allocations including the issuing authority, project name, allocation amount, and estimated jobs for each project.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

DENNIS YABLONSKY  
Secretary

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

### AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Office of the Auditor General  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

March 1, 2007

The Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati  
President Pro Tempore  
PENNSYLVANIA SENATE  
292 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator Scarnati:

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 of 1999), the Auditor General is required on or before each March 1, and September 1 to make certifications to the Governor and the General Assembly of:

- the average annual tax revenues deposited in all funds in the five preceding fiscal years;
- the amount of outstanding net debt as of the end of the preceding fiscal year;

- the amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- the difference between the limitation upon all net debt outstanding as provided in Section 7(a)(4) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and the amount of net debt as of the certification date;
- the amount of such debt scheduled to be repaid during the remainder of the fiscal year in which the certificates are being issued;
- the amount of debt authorized by law to be issued, but not yet incurred;
- and the amount of outstanding obligations excluded from outstanding debt as self-sustaining pursuant to Section 7(c)(1), (2) and (3) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

A duplicate original of my certificate is enclosed.

Sincerely,

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General

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### AUDITOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to  
ARTICLE VIII, Section 7(a) (4)  
of the  
CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA  
and

Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act

To The Governor and The General Assembly:

I, Jack Wagner, Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to Article VIII, (Section 7(a)(4) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Section 304 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act (Act 1 Of 1999, as amended) certify as follows:

The average annual tax revenues deposited  
in all funds in the five fiscal years ended  
preceding the date of February 28, 2007 ..... \$27,536,515,720

- (i) The amount of outstanding net debt  
as of the end of the preceding  
fiscal year ..... \$ 6,487,618,757
- (ii) The amount of such net debt as  
of February 28, 2007 ..... \$ 6,708,226,780
- (iii) The difference between the limitation upon  
all net debt outstanding as provided in Article  
VIII, Section 7(a) (4) of the Constitution of  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and  
the amount of such net debt as of the date  
of February 28, 2007 ..... \$41,480,675,730
- (iv) The amount of such debt scheduled  
to be repaid during the remainder of  
the current fiscal year ..... \$ 59,770,000
- (v) The amount of debt authorized by law  
to be issued, but not yet incurred ..... \$56,582,355,468
- (vi) The amount of outstanding obligations  
excluded from outstanding debt as  
self sustaining pursuant to Article VIII,  
Section 7(c) (1), (2) and (3) of the  
Constitution of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania ..... \$ 2,349,813,348

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and  
affixed the seal of the Auditor General, this 28th day of February 2007.

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

## REPORT ON FLOOD INSURANCE CONSUMER EDUCATION PLAN

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 27, 2007

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan  
Secretary Parliamentarian  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
462 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

The enclosed Report on the Insurance Department's Flood Insurance Consumer Education Plan is being submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Act 10 of Special Session Number 2 of 1996.

The Act requires that the Commissioner, no later than March 1 of each year, detail the progress being made by the Department to encourage Pennsylvania residents to purchase and maintain flood insurance. The Commissioner is also required to present recommendations for further promotion of flood insurance, which are contained in the Report.

The Department is committed to continue its efforts to increase the purchase of flood insurance policies and to continue to pursue consumer education efforts in compliance with Act 10. If you have any questions about the Report or the Department's flood insurance consumer education plans, please feel free to contact Ronald Gallagher, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of Consumer and Producer Services at (717) 787-6174.

Sincerely,

RANDOLPH L. ROHRBAUGH  
Acting Insurance Commissioner

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

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT ON THE TUITION ACCOUNT PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Treasury Department  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018

February 27, 2007

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Room 225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

We are pleased to provide you with the Thirteenth Annual Report on the Tuition Account Program (TAP 529). The Treasury Department and the Tuition Account Program Advisory Board submit this report for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 pursuant to TAP's enabling legislation.

As the report indicates, more families than ever before paid for college in this fiscal year using their TAP 529 accounts. Almost 9,500 students used their accounts to attend over 700 different schools. TAP 529 made payments totaling nearly \$80 million for those students, of which \$22.8 million was investment growth.

The 2005-2006 Fiscal Year and the following months have seen some significant changes to the program. In August 2006, State Treasurer Robert P. Casey, Jr. eliminated surcharges on the tuition credits purchased through the Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP). The elimination of these surcharges - so-called premiums that were reinstated in 2003 when the GSP fund was facing a \$52 million actuarial deficit - is retroactive to all contributions made on or after September 1, 2005.

Also in August 2006, after an extensive procurement process, Treasury selected Upromise Investments, Inc., as the new plan administrator for the GSP. Upromise provides Section 529 administration for more than one million investors, with assets under management of more than \$11 billion. Furthermore, while Upromise provides the program with administrative and processing services, TAP has established an internal call center. As such, Treasury can take advantage of Upromise's state-of-the-art processing systems while directly maintaining excellent customer service.

Furthermore, in November 2006, Treasury announced the selection of Upromise and the Vanguard Group as the administrator and investment manager, respectively, for the Direct Investment Plan. Vanguard's reputation in the mutual fund industry is superb. TAP account owners will be able to take advantage of Vanguard's renowned low program expenses and wide variety of investment options.

Finally, state and federal tax changes enacted in 2006 further ensure that TAP 529 will continue to be a tax-smart way for families to save for college into the future. We believe that the combination of these tax changes with the elimination of surcharges on tuition credit purchases were significant factors in the striking increase in TAP contributions to the GSP in August of 2006.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Tuition Account Program.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY E. WAGNER  
Executive Deputy State Treasurer

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

## ANNUAL REPORT 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

February 28, 2007

To the Governor and the Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly:

I am pleased to present each of you with a copy of the Annual Report of the Office of Small Business Advocate for Calendar Year 2006.

The following are some of the OSBA's major accomplishments discussed in the Annual Report:

- The rates of small business customers are about \$13 million per year lower than they would have been if the PUC had divided rate increases among the customer classes in the way the companies had proposed.

• In response to an OSBA appeal, the Commonwealth Court held that one rate class can not *[sic]* be required to subsidize other rate classes for an extended period of time. As a result, it should be easier in future cases to eliminate the subsidies small business customers have been paying to the other customer classes.

• The small business customers of Penn Power are paying about \$30 million less for electric generation than they would have been under the company's plan. Similarly, the small business ratepayers of UGI-Electric will pay about \$2.9 million less for electric generation over three years than they would have under the company's proposal.

• Business customers of Alltel (now Windstream) will save about \$8.5 million over three years.

If you have any questions concerning this report or the operations of the OSBA, please contact me.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. LLOYD, JR.  
Small Business Advocate

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

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Senator John R. Gordner as a member of the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board.

Senator Roger A. Madigan as a member of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council.

Senator John Pippy as a member of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Stephen C. MacNett, Esquire, as a member of the Joint Committee on Documents.

Ms. Cynthia Carrow as a member of the Citizens Advisory Council.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

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

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

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stout and Senator Anthony Williams, and a legislative leave for Senator Connie Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Stout and Senator Anthony Williams, and a legislative leave for Senator Connie Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

### CALENDAR

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 25 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 3 of the Calendar, as a Special Order of Business, **Senate Resolution No. 25**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 18 through 24, 2007, as "Land Surveyors Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator REGOLA. Madam President, I would like to submit 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, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors, to introduce Senate Resolution No. 25.

The field of land surveying has had a proud history, not only in Pennsylvania but in the development of the nation in the mapping of the uncharted territories. Three of our most revered Presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln, were land surveyors. It was Thomas Jefferson who, in 1785, argued for and won the adoption of an ordinance establishing the necessity of surveying land before a sale to prevent overlapping claims and simplify deeds and registers.

Today, the specialized training and specific skills of land surveyors remain essential as we rely upon precise measurements for developing our communities, our Commonwealth, and our nation.

Madam President, I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Resolution No. 25, marking March 18 through 24 as "Land Surveyors Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

#### YEA-49

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

#### NAY-0

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Madigan has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, today I have the pleasure of introducing Mark and Linda Brown, who are residents of Mercer, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were nominated to serve as Penn Ambassadors, and participated in the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Heritage Week program this morning at the State Museum. Mark is the secretary of the Mercer County Historical Society, and Linda serves as a board member of the historical society. Additionally, Madam President, both Mark and Linda are the chairpersons for the Mercer Memorial Day 500 parade committee, and along with that, they distribute 500 American flags that are flown throughout the Mercer community.

Madam President and fellow Members, please join me in welcoming my special guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Would you please stand.  
(Applause.)

### REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. We all welcome Senator Tartaglione, who just walked in today.  
(Applause.)

### RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess at this time for the purpose of a Republican caucus.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I ask the Democrats to report to our caucus room for a caucus immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

### AFTER RECESS

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

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Stout has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### LEAVE CHANGE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a change of legislative leave for Senator Connie Williams to a personal leave.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 71 (Pr. No. 18)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for Office for Safe Schools; and requiring the establishment of policies relating to bullying.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 71 which would require school districts to adopt a policy or amend the code of school conduct for students to include provisions for bullying, unless the school district has already adopted such a provision. The significance of this legislation, which is endorsed both by PSBA and PSEA, is that we require schools to confront bullying head-on and let the school community know that through the code of conduct and the policy being made available through the school's publicly accessible Internet site. The bill would define bullying as part of the guidelines in the district, would make violence reports, and would authorize the Center for School Safety to include bullying and violence prevention in program grants.

In addition, as a side effect of this bill, a number of our legislators, including Senator Orie, who was an advocate of curtailing bullying on the Internet, the definition now includes Internet bullying as well. Passage of this bill would join approximately 20 other States in regard to statewide policies for bullying. We know that the States of Colorado and Pennsylvania

have had terrible instances involving bullying where children who had been bullied came back to school and committed crimes, including shooting other children. We do not want that to happen again in Pennsylvania or anywhere in the nation, and I think this legislation will help to curtail that.

A number of the schools in the Commonwealth have taken the initiative and provided for anti-bullying programs with the help of the Center for Safe Schools, which provides a list of certified bullying trainers, and Senate Bill No. 71 would ensure that all schools address this problem as a matter of policy. Thirty percent of students in grades 6 through 10 report that either they have been bullied, or they have bullied, or both. Obviously, that was a survey established by the National Institutes of Health, but it also indicates that it is a prevalent problem in our schools and happens every day. It is a cause of absenteeism, has an impact on the school's learning environment, and witnesses to bullying are also affected. Escalating violence can often proceed from bullying if it is not stopped. This is an issue that will not be dismissed at our schools as kids will be kids. By instituting anti-bullying policies, schools will be taking the first step in confronting an issue that has serious implications for the educational environment of schools, and for the safety of our students.

I ask that the Senate adopt this legislation, and that we go forward in establishing a policy of zero tolerance involved in harassment, bullying, and all the negative impacts this activity has on our schools and the children who attend our schools.

Thank you.

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-42

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

#### NAY-6

Corman	Folmer	Waugh	White, Mary Jo
Earl	Robbins		

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.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Gordner.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Gordner. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

#### BILLS OVER IN ORDER

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

#### BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

**SB 157 (Pr. No. 53)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for powers and duties of the intermediate unit board of directors; and providing for academic improvement programs.

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 Schuylkill, Senator Rhoades.

Senator RHOADES. Madam President, I have just a few comments on Senate Bill No. 157. This bill is similar to Senate Bill No. 146 of last Session when it passed our Chamber by a vote of 46 to 0. What it, in essence, does is has our intermediate units make available assistance to the schools in their unit, any school or schools that have been placed on the warning list because they have not met their yearly academic performance target established by the department, or any school district can request this assistance. What we are trying to do is put teams together that can work within a school district. Not every school district across the Commonwealth has the personnel or the money to be able to secure such a team. The intermediate unit would be able to sustain or hold two groups of educators who can step into the respective school or school district and then provide them assistance in terms of parental involvement programs, continued professional education options, classroom strategies, a redesign of the curriculum, improvements in school safety, and tutoring programs, all of these having the aim of helping each student. This is a major step wherein if a school district has difficulty, the intermediate unit will provide the experts who will help our children achieve.

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-44

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

## NAY-4

Ferlo	Folmer	Waugh	White, Donald
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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 present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**SB 158 (Pr. No. 22)** — The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing parent involvement programs and policies in school districts.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Rhoades.

Senator RHOADES. Madam President, again I rise to ask support for our parental involvement bill. One of the things I have to say is it is a very commonsense type of thing: where parents are involved in their child's education, their child does better. There is extensive research on this to show that children do better with parents from pre-kindergarten all the way up through 12th grade. What this bill asks is that parents work with their school boards to identify existing school resources that parents may use to improve the academic performance of their child, and establish means by which school districts and parents can communicate and share this information. It will also create a policy to identify goals and objectives for the increased involvement of parents in an effort to improve the academic achievement of students and establish a parental involvement committee to provide its school board with its recommendations on the school district's parental involvement program and policy.

We also ask the Department of Education to establish a clearinghouse of information for school districts related to

strategies that may assist in the development of parental development programs and policies. If you were to ask me of all the things we could do, including No Child Left Behind, what would be most effective, parental involvement with their child, which means communication between the school, activities between the parents, teachers, and students, would get us the greatest results, this would be the one bill that could do that.

Thank you, Madam President.

## LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Fumo, Senator Hughes, and Senator LaValle.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Fumo, Senator Hughes, and Senator LaValle. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

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-38

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

## NAY-10

Baker	Folmer	Vance	Wonderling
Earl	Orie	Waugh	
Ferlo	Pippy	White, Mary Jo	

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.

## BILL AMENDED

**SB 219 (Pr. No. 54)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for background checks of prospective employees and for disqualifications relating to teacher's certificate.

On the question,  
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator O'PAKE, on behalf of Senator MELLOW, offered the following amendment No. A0058:

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, lines 14 through 17, by striking out all of said lines and inserting:

Section 1. Section 111(c.1) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added July 11, 2006 (P.L.1092, No.114), is amended to read:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 111), page 1, line 20; page 2, lines 1 through 21, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 111), page 3, line 1, by striking out "1306" and inserting: 1115

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 PILEGGI.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

### CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

#### SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 21** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILLS REREFERRED

**SB 73 (Pr. No. 92)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

**SB 116 (Pr. No. 93)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

**SB 150 (Pr. No. 94)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

#### BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 151** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### BILL REREFERRED

**SB 397 (Pr. No. 122)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

### JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of January 29, 2007, January 30, 2007, January 31, 2007, February 5, 2007, February 6, 2007, and February 7, 2007, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of January 29, 2007, January 30, 2007, January 31, 2007, February 5, 2007, February 6, 2007, and February 7, 2007, when, on motion of Senator PILEGGI, further reading was dispensed with and the Journals were approved.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators BAKER, RAFFERTY, ARMSTRONG, BOSCOLA FERLO, KASUNIC, BRUBAKER, COSTA, FONTANA, LaVALLE, WONDERLING, PILEGGI, STACK, MELLOW, O'PAKE, ORIE, ROBBINS, TARTAGLIONE, MADIGAN, FOLMER, ERICKSON and DINNIMAN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 53**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 1 as "St. David's Day"; and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

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

Senators M.J. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, FERLO, KASUNIC, PUNT, REGOLA, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, STOUT, COSTA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, LaVALLE, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, GORDNER, MUSTO, ORIE, PILEGGI,

WAUGH, FOLMER, BAKER, D. WHITE, TOMLINSON, MADIGAN, McILHINNEY, EARLL, BRUBAKER, BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, RHOADES, VANCE, CORMAN, SCARNATI, ARMSTRONG, PIPPY, PICCOLA and WONDERLING, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 54**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 11 through 17, 2007, as "Girl Scout Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Venango, Senator Mary Jo White.

Senator M.J. WHITE. Madam President, I would like to congratulate the Girl Scouts on another wonderful year of helping make life better for many, many young women in the United States.

Thank you.

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

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

Senators BRUBAKER, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, MADIGAN, FERLO ROBBINS, PUNT TARTAGLIONE STOUT, COSTA, MUSTO, FOLMER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, LaVALLE, DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, PILEGGI, D. WHITE, WAUGH, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, EARLL, ARMSTRONG and PIPPY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 55**, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 12, 2007, as "Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Brubaker.

Senator BRUBAKER. Madam President, since 1950, conservation districts all across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have provided valued and essential services such as technical assistance, best management practices, and educational guidance to landowners. I urge adoption of this resolution.

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

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

Senators WOZNIAK, BOSCOLA, STACK, KASUNIC, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, FERLO, STOUT, ORIE, ARMSTRONG, O'PAKE, FOLMER, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, LaVALLE, C.

WILLIAMS, PILEGGI, WONDERLING, D. WHITE, WASHINGTON, RHOADES and PIPPY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 56**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 11 through 17, 2007, as "Sleep Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Madam President, March 11 through 17 is "Sleep Disorders Awareness Week" The reason I bring this up, and I know that listening to politicians is usually a bunch of hokey, but I suffer from a condition called sleep apnea. Madam President, there is nothing worse in your life than the inability to sleep, incorrect sleeping, narcolepsy, insomnia, or sleep apnea. Millions of people suffer from sleep apnea in the United States, and it is becoming epidemic throughout the nation. Ask your wife, your significant other, or vice versa, if you snore, if you are not breathing at night, make sure you go and get yourself tested. I can guarantee you the quality of life that you have will be greatly improved. It can be done through medication, through devices, and it can be done through surgery. I used the devices and surgery, and I can attest that the quality of life that you will have will be greatly increased, along with your health. Sleep disorders cause heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, sugar diabetes, and a whole list of other manifestations.

So I am asking you, even though you do not believe what politicians have to say, listen to this one. If you think you have a sleep problem, if your husband or parents or children are telling you that you are not sleeping right, do not be stubborn or bullheaded like I was and wait 15 or 20 years to get tested. Get a sleep test, take care of yourself, and you will thank me in the morning.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

Senators MELLOW, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, STOUT, WASHINGTON, MUSTO COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, LaVALLE, O'PAKE, LOGAN, FOLMER, ERICKSON, WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, EARLL, ROBBINS, PILEGGI, WONDERLING, PIPPY and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 57**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in memory of journalist David Bloom.

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

Senator PILEGGI, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 58**, entitled:



A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

### CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Madeleine Ramsey, Ernest C. Bohar, Sr., Megan Roth, Jennifer Bruno, Kathleen LaTorre, Tomacene Nickens and to Natalie Miller by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jake Kothe by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mike Yantis by Senators Corman and Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Foust, Greg Barvitskie, Jim Lewis, Ken Yoder, Kathryn Reed, Ralph Evans, Michael Gurski, Mick Fleming, Robert Lagerman, David E. Stefanovige, Robert Kopenhaver and to Dr. Stephen R. Kozloff by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to William F. Gittler by Senators Gordner and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Pannepacker by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph James Shipula and to Thomas Schroth by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lisa Hiles by Senators Musto and Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Daniel J. Horneman, Charles A. Cook, Logan T. Wentzel, Devin F. Cremer, Kyle P. Hofmann and to The Historical Society of Berks County by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathryn E. Chivis-Agent by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Fannie M. Hanna by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Richard H. Lee and to the Honorable Earl Leab by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Girl Scouts of the USA by Senators Rafferty and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Leona C. Dapp, Margaret Liberty and to Kelly Macauley by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Briggs and to John S. Shartle by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Mangum and to Audrey C. Heller by Senator Wonderling.

### 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 Beverly Wortham and to the family of the late Anderson

Lindsey Johnakin by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John P. Barie, Sr., to the family of the late Gerard S. Walter, to the family of the late Louis J. Kroeck, to the family of the late Robert B. Leas and to the family of the late Elvira Buzzelli Fantone by Senator Orie.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Miles J. Shaffer, Jr., by Senator Wozniak.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

#### SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 99, 355 and 356; public hearing to consider the nomination of Michael DiBerardinis as Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (public hearing on the nomination of Nora Dowd Eisenhower as Secretary of Aging)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:30 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider the nomination of Allen D. Beihler as Secretary of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:00 A.M.	POLICY COMMITTEE (to consider changing the primary election date in PA)	Maj. Cau. Room 156
10:30 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 222, 548 and 550)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider Senate Bills No. 263 and 437)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (public hearing on the Re-confirmation of Dennis Yablonsky as Secretary of Community & Economic Development)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:30 A.M.	JUDICIARY (to consider the nomination of the Hon. Jeffrey A. Beard, Ph.D., as Secretary of Corrections; and Senate Bill No. 72)	Room 8E-B East Wing
12:00 Noon	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (public hearing on the nomination of Dennis C. Wolf as Secretary of the PA Department of Agriculture)	Room 8E-A East Wing
12:00 Noon	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider Senate Bills No. 59 and 100)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:30 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to consider the nomination of James P. Creedon as Secretary of General Services)	Room 8E-B East Wing

12:45 P.M.	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 44; and certain executive nominations)	Rules Com. Conf. Rm.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007</u>		
9:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing to review Act 55 of 1997)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing on the Liquor Control Board Report on High Risk and Underage Drinking)	Room 8E-A East Wing
10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider the nomination of Dr. Calvin B. Johnson as Secretary of Health; and Senate Resolution No. 40)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearings - testimony from leading research and advocacy groups)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007</u>		
10:00 A.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (listening session to gather input from Commonwealth citizens who are directly and indirectly affected by the actions taken by this Committee)	Four Seasons Produce Ephrata, PA
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007</u>		
9:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMER- GENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider the nomination of Major General Jessica L. Wright as Adjutant General of Pennsylvania)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:30 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing to consider beer sales in supermarkets and convenience stores)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Public Private Partnership Informational Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007</u>		
9:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing to consider the nomination of Thomas W. Wolf as Secretary of Revenue)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider the nomination of Estelle B. Richman as Secretary of Public Welfare)	Room 461 Main Capitol
<u>TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007</u>		
11:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (to consider the nomination of Stephen M. Schmerin as Secretary of Labor and Industry)	Room 461 Main Capitol

### 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 Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT. The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.