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TUESDAY, March 20, 2007

The Senate met at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Father Dr. JOHN TRIGILIO, Pastor of Our Lady Good Counsel, Marysville, and St. Bernadette's, Duncannon, Catholic Churches, offered the following prayer:

O God, holy, mighty, and immortal one, creator of the universe and Lord of heaven and earth, we ask Your divine blessings upon the people and the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. May Your wisdom and justice be given to all our elected officials, so they may govern properly and fairly as they serve the common good.

Bless and protect Their Excellencies, our Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and the honorable men and women of our General Assembly, so that they may enact laws which defend and protect all our citizens of every age, of every race, and every religion. Help us all to live virtuous lives in Your sight, so we may always respect and honor the dignity of every human person who lives and works within our local and State communities.

Illumine the minds and strengthen the hearts of our State lawmakers so they will continue to guide and lead us as a people to be and to do the best we can as fellow citizens. Help them to inspire us to aspire to those values and principles which reflect the reality that we are Your children, made in Your image and likeness.

Most merciful Lord, we ask You to send Your angels to watch over and protect the brave men and women of Pennsylvania who serve in our military, the Reserve, and National Guard. May those who risk their lives for our safety and our liberty be rewarded for their valor, and may we never forget the supreme sacrifice many have made, so that we may remain a free democratic Republic, one nation under God, and one family of mankind living in peace all over the world. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Trigilio, who is the guest today of Senator Corman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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:

March 20, 2007

Senators KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, LAVALLE, COSTA, HUGHES, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, STACK, STOUT, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, KITCHEN and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 557**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, providing for cost-of-living increases in the amount of compensation payable.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 20, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, LAVALLE, HUGHES, O'PAKE, BOSCOLA, COSTA, RHOADES, STACK, STOUT, WASHINGTON and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 558**, entitled:

An Act providing for workplace health and safety standards for public employees; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor and Industry; establishing the Pennsylvania Occupational Safety and Health Review Board; providing for workplace inspections; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 20, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, LAVALLE, COSTA, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, RHOADES, WOZNIAK, STACK, STOUT, WASHINGTON, FONTANA and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 559**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 20, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, LAVALLE, HUGHES, O'PAKE, COSTA, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, KITCHEN, MUSTO, LOGAN, EARLL, FERLO and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 560**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Office of Health Maintenance Organization Consumer Advocate as an

independent office within the Office of Attorney General and prescribing its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, WOZNAK, LAVALLE, HUGHES, COSTA, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, KITCHEN, MUSTO, LOGAN, STOUT, RAFFERTY, EARLL, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, RHOADES and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 561**, 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 joint tenancy.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators KASUNIC, STOUT, HUGHES, O'PAKE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, KITCHEN, LOGAN, RAFFERTY and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 562**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE, COSTA, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, WOZNAK and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 563**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1595, No.175), known as the Antihazing Law, further defining "hazing"; and further providing for enforcement by institutions and schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, RHOADES and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 565**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, further providing for rivers conservation; and establishing the Water Recreation Advisory Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, COSTA, RHOADES and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 566**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, further providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with respect to parks.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, TOMLINSON, FERLO, RHOADES, O'PAKE, COSTA, BROWNE, C. WILLIAMS and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 567**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Aging relating to Statewide elderly volunteer programs involving work with children.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, BROWNE, WOZNAK, EARLL, KITCHEN, GORDNER, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, FOLMER, TOMLINSON, COSTA and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 568**, 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 sales and use tax, for the definition of "sale at retail."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, MUSTO, FOLMER, STACK, RHOADES, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, COSTA, LOGAN and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 569**, entitled:

An Act providing tax credits for donated services and equipment.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, MUSTO, FOLMER, KITCHEN and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 570**, 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 kindergartens.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, COSTA, WAUGH, WOZNAK and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 571**, 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 excuses from attending school; and making an editorial change.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RHOADES, MUSTO, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, FERLO, LAVALLE, WAUGH, COSTA, BROWNE, EARLL, STOUT, WONDERLING and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 572**, 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 payment of educational support services grants.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, FUMO, WAUGH, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, COSTA, BROWNE and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 573**, entitled:

An Act providing for Lyme disease education, prevention and treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, MELLOW, WAUGH, COSTA, RHOADES, BROWNE, LOGAN and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 574**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, providing for programs by the Department of Health for persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, BROWNE, PIPPY, LOGAN, ARMSTRONG and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 575**, 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 consideration of the residences of registered sex offenders by the Department of Transportation in evaluating the hazards to child safety in walking to school.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, McILHINNEY, COSTA, FONTANA, BROWNE and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 576**, entitled:

An Act establishing a bill of rights for individuals with mental retardation; and conferring powers and duties on the Department of Public Welfare.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, BROWNE, EARLL and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 577**, entitled:

An Act exempting continuing care retirement communities from the medical assistance bed approval process and allowing nursing facilities operated by continuing care retirement communities to obtain medical assistance certified beds under limited terms and conditions.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, RHOADES, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 578**, 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 pupil transportation and liability insurance and for payments on account of pupil transportation.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, FOLMER, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, WONDERLING, RAFFERTY and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 579**, 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 classroom placement of twins and higher order multiple children.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators MADIGAN, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, BAKER, RAFFERTY, M. WHITE, PIPPY, FOLMER and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 580**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, permitting use of dogs in hunting for wild turkeys.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, FONTANA, PIPPY, WOZNAK, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 581**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in relation to municipal authorities, for method of incorporation, for limitations, for prohibition, for governing body and for money of authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, FONTANA, PIPPY, WOZNAK, WAUGH, BOSCOLA and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 582**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in relation to municipal authorities formed by cities of the second class, for method of incorporation, for limitations, for prohibitions, for governing body and for money of authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, LOGAN, KITCHEN, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, STACK, COSTA, MADIGAN, MUSTO, ERICKSON and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 583**, entitled:

An Act establishing a minimum annual wage for certain full-time direct care employees of publicly funded mental health and mental retardation programs; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RHOADES, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, WAUGH, RAFFERTY, STACK, COSTA, WASHINGTON and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 584**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, MUSTO, REGOLA, BROWNE, O'PAKE, COSTA, PIPPY, PICCOLA, BAKER, WOZNIAK, LOGAN and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 585**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, authorizing collection, retention and dissemination of juvenile records pertaining to commission of sexual offenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, FERLO, BRUBAKER, FONTANA, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, COSTA, RAFFERTY, MELLOW, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, BAKER and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 586**, entitled:

An Act providing for the lifelong learning, career planning, job training, job placement and social, cultural and educational enrichment of adult persons with developmental disabilities; and establishing developmental disability education and career planning programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RHOADES, TARTAGLIONE, BRUBAKER, LOGAN, KITCHEN, FERLO, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, STACK, COSTA, MADIGAN, C. WILLIAMS, MUSTO, ERICKSON and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 587**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for a mental health court division.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, FOLMER, REGOLA, RHOADES, MUSTO, LAVALLE, PUNT, KITCHEN, COSTA, FONTANA, LOGAN, ARMSTRONG, STOUT, O'PAKE, PICCOLA, WOZNIAK and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 588**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RAFFERTY, SCARNATI, RHOADES, GORDNER, LOGAN, FOLMER, FONTANA, COSTA, ERICKSON, PICCOLA, CORMAN, MUSTO and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 589**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence and for aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RHOADES, WAUGH, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 590**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for ignition interlock restrictions upon driving after first DUI offense.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, KITCHEN, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, COSTA, MADIGAN, MUSTO, ERICKSON and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 591**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health Procedures Act, providing for aftercare plans for persons under treatment prior to discharge from treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, O'PAKE, D. WHITE, BROWNE, PIPPY, KITCHEN and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 592**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, FONTANA, COSTA, LOGAN, PIPPY and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 593**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, providing for an exemption from increases in school real property taxes for eligible taxpayers of school districts in counties of the second class because of the age, disability or marital status and income level of the taxpayers and for the reimbursement of those school districts by the Commonwealth; and prescribing penalties for fraudulent claims.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, COSTA, FONTANA, GORDNER, C. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, KITCHEN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 594**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for requests for coroners' examinations and reports.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, COSTA, FONTANA, GORDNER, C. WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, LOGAN, KITCHEN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 595**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, BOSCOLA, LOGAN, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, GORDNER, LAVALLE, BROWNE, COSTA, FERLO, PIPPY, BAKER, EARLL, RHOADES, GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, D. WHITE, SCARNATI, WONDERLING, BRUBAKER, McILHINNEY, FONTANA, PUNT and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 596**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding and amending certain definitions; prohibiting creation of local government police employee retirement systems; providing for mandatory membership of local government police employees; revising general municipal pension system State aid; and providing for supplemental local government police benefit accumulation plans and for local government contributions and guarantees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, GORDNER, FOLMER, FONTANA, PILEGGI, D. WHITE, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, BAKER, EARLL and RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 597**, entitled:

An Act requiring fiscal notes and a continuing study of all legislation, regulations and court decisions having a fiscal impact on public schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, COSTA, KITCHEN, EARLL, RHOADES, WAUGH, PIPPY and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 598**, 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 for prompt payment to health care providers of clean claims.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, O'PAKE, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, KITCHEN and LOGAN presented to the Chair **SB 599**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further providing for the definition of "employee."

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, M. WHITE, RHOADES, PICCOLA, REGOLA, GORDNER, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BROWNE and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 600**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing personnel policies relating to employment with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, BROWNE and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 601**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for medical advisory board, for reports on mental or physical disabilities and for determination of incompetency; and providing for a civil penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RAFFERTY, MADIGAN, GORDNER, FONTANA, REGOLA, TOMLINSON, BAKER, RHOADES, WOZNIAK and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 602**, entitled:

An Act establishing One Pennsylvania, a program to consolidate and unify procedures and requirements for the administration of all Commonwealth-funded, Commonwealth-administered and Commonwealth-supported drug programs and for reimbursement for pharmacy services.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, RAFFERTY, O'PAKE, BROWNE, COSTA, BRUBAKER, RHOADES, LOGAN and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 603**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and for restrictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, KITCHEN, FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, COSTA, MADIGAN, MUSTO, ERICKSON and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 604**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for grant program for empowerment of mental health clients and family members.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

Senators ORIE, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, MUSTO, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, BROWNE, COSTA, KITCHEN, RHOADES, WOZNAK, LOGAN, WONDERLING and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 605**, 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 autism spectrum disorders coverage.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, March 20, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, PUNT, CORMAN, FOLMER, PICCOLA, MADIGAN, WONDERLING, EARLL, ARMSTRONG, VANCE and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 606**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, excluding political subdivisions from the act; authorizing optional prevailing wage ordinances; and making repairs.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 20, 2007.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

March 20, 2007

Senators EARLL, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, MADIGAN, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ORIE, D. WHITE, REGOLA, GORDNER, TOMLINSON, ARMSTRONG, BROWNE, CORMAN, VANCE, McILHINNEY, BRUBAKER, PUNT, PICCOLA, ROBBINS, WAUGH, RHOADES, M. WHITE, BAKER, WONDERLING, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, BOSCOLA, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, FUMO, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, LOGAN, MELLOW, MUSTO, O'PAKE, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, A. WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS and WOZNAK presented to the Chair **SR 60**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Rendell Administration and the Secretary of Public Welfare to desist in any action that furthers the planned move from a voluntary managed care choice to a mandated fee-for-service system for medical assistance recipients.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, March 20, 2007.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 256 (Pr. No. 294)

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

SB 306 (Pr. No. 342)

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.

SB 365 (Pr. No. 611) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Senior judge operational support grants.

SB 542 (Pr. No. 612) (Amended)

An Act establishing a grant program for law enforcement drug and violence task forces; and providing for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bill:

SB 86 (Pr. No. 120)

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

Senator RHOADES, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 112 (Pr. No. 599) (Amended)

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

SB 159 (Pr. No. 197)

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.

SB 207 (Pr. No. 600) (Amended)

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.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Madigan, Senator Corman, and Senator Piccola.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Madigan, Senator Corman, and Senator Piccola. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators PIPPY, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, ORIE, MADIGAN, PUNT, MUSTO, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, WAUGH, REGOLA, TOMLINSON, STOUT, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, WONDERLING, PICCOLA, RHOADES, EARLL, MELLOW, McILHINNEY, FOLMER BROWNE, COSTA, D. WHITE, LaVALLE and ARMSTRONG, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 59**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "Kidney Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

Senator COSTA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 61**, entitled:

A Resolution acknowledging the contributions made by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre to the culture, economic development and tourism of the Greater Pittsburgh region.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I offer a resolution recognizing the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, and by adoption of this resolution, the Senate of Pennsylvania acknowledges the many contributions made by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre to the cultural, economic development, and tourism aspects of the greater Pittsburgh region.

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre was founded 38 years ago as a regionally rooted professional ballet company with an expansive repertoire that includes classical ballet masterpieces, as well as innovative explorations of contemporary dance and choreography.

The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is currently recognized as one of the world's leading ballet companies and is ranked among the top 10 ballet companies in the United States.

In 1989, the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre launched its first comprehensive arts education program with a seed grant from the Henry C. Frick Education Commission. In its first year, the program reached 6,000 children, and since that time, Madam President, the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has distinguished itself in the area of community service, with a multi-faceted program of education and community programs. Its primary target is our young people, and to date more than 65,000 children have been reached from over 250 school districts. Furthermore, Madam President, the theater has positively impacted the Pittsburgh community by providing free performing art education programs to some 15,000 schoolchildren each year.

With an exceptional group of dancers, a dedicated staff, and a vision of the future, the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre will continue to enchant and delight audiences along its course of excellence well into the next century.

GUESTS OF SENATOR JAY COSTA AND SENATOR JOHN PIPPY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator COSTA. Madam President, in honor of this occasion, we have the pleasure today of being joined by two members of the Pittsburgh Ballet, Erin Halloran and Christopher Rendell-Jackson.

Erin Halloran is a principal dancer and a Pittsburgh native. She joined the Pittsburgh Ballet after training at the Pittsburgh Ballet School. Under the direction of Patricia Wilde, she has been featured in many solo and principal roles, including the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Nutcracker, the ballerina in Petrushka, Calliope in Apollo, Aurora in The Sleeping Beauty, and also as Cinderella. Erin and her husband, ballet master Steven Annegarn, are the proud parents of Aiden, and a new arrival, Leo.

Christopher Rendell-Jackson, a principal at the Pittsburgh Ballet School, grew up in Northern California and attended the San Francisco Ballet School, and later the National Ballet School in Toronto. He joined the Pittsburgh Ballet in 1999 after he danced professionally with the Boston Ballet. Chris has been a featured dancer in numerous productions such as Coppelia, The Sleeping Beauty, LaSylphide, Dracula, Carmen, and Romeo and Juliet, as well as many others. He has also had many roles created for him by various choreographers. Christopher is married to soloist Kaori Ogasawara, and they have a son named Emiya.

Madam President, I am very honored to present Erin and Christopher to you on behalf of myself and Senator Pippy, who

also has the pleasure of serving on the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Ballet. We would like to welcome them to the Senate Chamber and thank them for the presentation that was done earlier today in the East Wing.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Pippy, who wishes to make additional comments.

Senator PIPPY. Madam President, we also are very fortunate, not only do we have Erin and Christopher, but in the gallery we have the president of the board of directors, Carolyn Byham, as well as the executive director, president for Pittsburgh Ballet, Harris Ferris. So we want to welcome them as well. We are very fortunate that the Pittsburgh Ballet brings over 100,000 people to our region, and they are looking to promote not only western Pennsylvania, but all of Pennsylvania. It is an exciting group of people. They are dedicated, and if you are interested in the ballet, please take a moment to come speak with them.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Would you please rise so we can give you a nice warm welcome.

(Applause.)

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, there are several other distinguished guests in the gallery, and I would like to ask the Chair to extend its usual warm welcome to the following groups.

We have a group of 28 individuals from the Berks Hispanic Leadership Institute, which is conducted by Albright College's Center for Community Leadership and the Hispanic Center of Reading in Berks County. They are the future leaders of our community, and they are here with John P. Kramer, the director of the Center for Community Leadership at Albright, and Jonathan Encarnacion, who is the executive director of the Hispanic Center of Reading.

There are four groups, but the first group I would like the Chair to welcome is the Center for Community Leadership, Berks Hispanic Leadership Institute.

The PRESIDENT. Please rise so we can give you a nice warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL O'PAKE AND SENATOR JOHN RAFFERTY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, in the gallery are future leaders from the Optimist Club of Daniel Boone School District. On behalf of Senator Rafferty and myself, I would like the Chair to welcome the students from Daniel Boone. They are history honors and advanced students sponsored by the Optimist Club of Daniel Boone, and they are here with Thomas F. Kirchner, who has been here for over 20 years leading this project. He is joined today by Tracey Robb and Lowell Feltman, who are officers of the Optimist Club of Daniel Boone. I ask the Chair to welcome the students and the Optimists Club of Daniel Boone.

The PRESIDENT. Would the Optimists Club, Mr. Kirchner, Ms. Robb, and Mr. Feltman, please rise so we can give you a nice warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL O'PAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, also in the gallery are a group of students who are here lobbying on behalf of independent colleges and universities. They are from Alvernia College and are in the gallery to observe the Senate in Session.

Would the Chair extend its welcome to the students from Alvernia College in Reading, Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDENT. Will the students from Alvernia College please rise so we can give you a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

Senator O'PAKE. The fourth group in the Berks County gallery for today are the students from the Oley Valley Elementary fifth grade school band. They had to leave a moment ago because they are performing at noon in the East Rotunda. They are a delight to behold and listen to, and I would ask the Chair to extend a welcome to the Oley Valley Elementary fifth grade band from the Oley Valley Elementary School.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. To the Oley Valley Elementary fifth grade band, we welcome you and apologize that you had to leave to play, but we welcome you. So, let us all give them a round of applause.

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Madigan and Senator Piccola have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

GUEST OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON AND SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Madam President, on behalf of Senator McIlhinney and myself, I would like to introduce David Leslie Hughes, Esquire, from Mechanicsville, Bucks County. He is here today observing the activities of the Senate and to spend a day in Harrisburg. He is also on the Pennsbury Manor

Foundation, and holds a Ph.D. in Economics, and I would like the Senate to give him a nice warm welcome today.

The PRESIDENT. Would David Hughes please rise so we can give you a nice warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN PIPPY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator PIPPY. Madam President, western Pennsylvania is being well represented today. Up in the gallery I have a young gentleman named Joe Leinbach, an intern in my office, but he is also a senior at the University of Pittsburgh graduating in April with a degree in politics and philosophy. He is part of the university's Honors College with a minor in legal studies.

As a student, he served as the business manager of the Student Government Board, a student appointee at the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees Investment Committee, and the University Senate Budget and Policy Committee, as well as vice president of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. After graduation, he plans on pursuing a joint law degree with a masters in Public Policy Management.

The most important thing is a young talented man like this wants to continue his career in public service. He is from the Reading area, the son of John and Michelle Leinbach, and we are very happy to have Joe with us today. I would appreciate it if we would give him a warm Senate welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would Joe Leinbach please rise so we can give you a nice warm welcome.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR JAY COSTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I rise today to introduce Steven Hawley, a student who is participating in the University of Pittsburgh Legislator for a Day student program. He is currently a junior at the University of Pittsburgh, and is majoring in history with a minor in political science. He is originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and it is our hope that he will find Pittsburgh a very exciting place to live, Pennsylvania a great State and a great Commonwealth, and he intends to stay here this summer. We hope to make him a proud resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at some point, in our hope that we continue to bring some of the best and brightest from across the country into Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania.

Steve is very interested in environmental issues, and hopes to pursue this interest at a post graduate level upon finishing his undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently an intern with the Institute of Politics, as I mentioned, and works closely with Tyler Gourley, one of the main operatives at the Institute of Politics, and also the Regional Water Management Task Force.

I ask the Senate to extend its usual warm welcome to Steve, as he is here today to observe us as part of the Legislator for a

Day program, so he has the opportunity to witness some of the things that we do here in Harrisburg. I thank Steve for joining us, and I ask that my colleagues give him a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would Steven Hawley please rise so we can give you a nice warm welcome.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 151 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 437 (Pr. No. 425) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED OVER IN ORDER

SB 150 and **SB 356** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 263 (Pr. No. 157) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 397 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator BAKER, from the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, reported the following bills:

SB 180 (Pr. No. 216)

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

SB 637 (Pr. No. 545)

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing that the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency be appointed subject to confirmation by the Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators ORIE, O'PAKE, PUNT, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, WONDERLING, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, LOGAN, STOUT, TOMLINSON, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, LaVALLE, DINNIMAN, MELLOW, MUSTO, WAUGH, PILEGGI, WASHINGTON, STACK, C. WILLIAMS, MADIGAN, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, BAKER, D. WHITE and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 62**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2007 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators PICCOLA, KASUNIC, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, PUNT, REGOLA, RHOADES, FONTANA, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, WONDERLING, ORIE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, ROBBINS, MELLOW, O'PAKE, STOUT, FOLMER, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, LaVALLE, DINNIMAN, C. WILLIAMS, GORDNER, MUSTO, PILEGGI, STACK, BAKER, D. WHITE, EARLL and PIPPY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 63**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators PICCOLA, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, PUNT, FERLO, RHOADES, FONTANA, LOGAN, ARMSTRONG, ERICKSON, ORIE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, O'PAKE, STOUT, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, D. WHITE, EARLL and PIPPY, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 64**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2007 as "International DeMolay 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 Michael Anspach by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Loch, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mertz, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Zuercher, Charles Albert Creitz and to Evan Daniel Hart by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathy McGlade, Erik Rhoades, Sharon A. Geroulo and to Laura S. Eppler by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Monet Heller, Jonathan David Humma and to Daniel B. Carvell by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey Albert Kramer and to William Douglas Reach by Senators Brubaker and Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dennis Deitch by Senators Corman and Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frederick W. Wolf by Senators Folmer and Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Linda M. Masusock and to Ronald Cozzalio by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary R. Hanna and to Derrick Jackson by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Kunder by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ruth E. Moore by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Community School of Music and the Arts by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kimberly Brumbaugh by Senators Rafferty and Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ashley Palmer and to Shannon Snyder by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marlene A. Jackson by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John R. Williams by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cummins and to Maggie Crissman by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric Lencer and to Kelsey Schmader by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Weisenberger and to Anna Walz by Senator Wonderling.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Michael Chijioke Onyiah by Senator Kitchen.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 86, SB 112, SB 159, SB 180, SB 207, SB 256, SB 306, SB 365, SB 542 and SB 637.

And said bills having been considered for the first time,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

9:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Accountability Block Grant Program Expansion)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
9:00 A.M.	FINANCE (public hearing to consider the nomination of Thomas W. Wolf as Secretary of Revenue)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:00 A.M.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (joint hearing with the House Local Government Committee on the State of Local Governments in PA)	Rm. 8E-A & B East Wing
9:00A.M.	URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Resolution No. 45)	Room 461 Main Capitol
	CANCELLED	
9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider the nomination of Estelle B. Richman as Secretary of Public Welfare; and to consider Senate Resolution No. 60)	Room 461 Main Capitol

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (public hearing	Senate Maj.
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on the Department of Aging's plan to centralize the assessment of individuals needing Long Term Living Services)

Caucus Rm.

9:30 A.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to consider reappointment of Kathleen A. McGinty as Secretary of Environmental Protection)

Room 8E-B East Wing

9:30 A.M.

URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Resolution No. 45)

Room 8E-A East Wing

10:00 A.M.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Resolution No. 21; and an informational meeting on the Center for Local Government Services)

Room 8E-A East Wing

11:00 A.M.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (Public Hearing on Senate Bill No. 455)

Room 461 Main Capitol

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

9:00 A.M.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing regarding the Education Technology Program, e-fund, and the Broadband Outreach and Aggregation Program established through Act 183 of 2004)

Room 8E-B East Wing

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007

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 Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:50 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.