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No. 66

SENATE

THURSDAY, July 19, 2007

The Senate met at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE DISPENSED WITH

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, we will dispense with the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance for today's Session.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

RECALL OF REGULAR SESSION

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

To: PRESIDENT AND ALL SENATORS

From: Senator JOE SCARNATI
President Pro Tempore

Date: July 18, 2007

Consistent with the Weekly Adjournment Resolution, the Senate is recalled for a non-voting Session tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and processing communications and for the President to sign bills for presentation to the Governor.

There will be no roll-call votes.

The Senate will then once again recess until September 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

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:

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 19, 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, Joel S. Ario, 6867 Quarry Road, NE, Silverton, Oregon 97381, for appointment as Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable M. Diane Koken, Lancaster, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**RECALL COMMUNICATION
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:

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 19, 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 June 12, 2007, for the appointment of Joel S. Ario, 6867 Quarry Road, NE, Silverton, Oregon 97381, as Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable M. Diane Koken, Lancaster, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**CORRECTION TO 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
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

July 19, 2007

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

Please note the nomination dated July 17, 2007, for the appointment of Jacob Sayshen, 129 West Walnut Street, Kutztown 19530, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James Schwoyer, Kutztown, deceased, should be corrected to read:

Jacob Sayshen, 129 West Walnut Street, Kutztown 19530, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown 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 James Schwoyer, Kutztown, deceased.

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

July 19, 2007

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

Please note the nomination dated July 17, 2007, for the appointment of Romana Turpin, 160 West Greenwich Street, Reading 19601, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, should be corrected to read:

Ramona Turpin, 160 West Greenwich Street, Reading 19601, Berks County, Eleventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

HOUSE MESSAGES

**HOUSE ADOPTS REPORT OF COMMITTEE
OF CONFERENCE**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has adopted the Report of Committee of Conference on **HB 842**.

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE BILLS**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to **HB 1631** and **1656**.

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in amendments made by the Senate to House amendments to **SB 97**.

BILLS SIGNED

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

SB 97, HB 842, HB 1631 and HB 1656.

DISCHARGE PETITION

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

July 19, 2007

A PETITION

To place before the Senate the nomination of Joel S. Ario as Insurance Commissioner.

TO: The Presiding Officer of the Senate:

WE, The undersigned members of the Senate, pursuant to section 8 (b) of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, do hereby request that you place the nomination of Joel S. Ario, Silverton, Pennsylvania, as Insurance Commissioner, before the entire Senate body for a vote, the nomination not having been voted upon within 15 legislative days:

Robert D. Robbins
Joseph B. Scarnati III
Dominic F. Pileggi
Jane C. Orie
Michael L. Waugh

The PRESIDENT. The communication will be laid on the table.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR
TAKEN FROM THE TABLE**

Senator VANCE, called from the table a communication from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, recalling the following nomination, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 19, 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 June 12, 2007, for the appointment of Joel S. Ario, 6867 Quarry Road, NE, Silverton, Oregon 97381, as Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable M. Diane Koken, Lancaster, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

NOMINATION RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator VANCE. Madam President, I move that the nomination just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

The PRESIDENT. The nomination will be returned to the Governor.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan B. Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hargan, Mr. and Mrs. David James, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nieczyporuk, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Good, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Deibler, Central Pennsylvania Transportation, Inc., and to the Crispus Attucks Community Center of Lancaster by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Friedman Family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. David Holly, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fortinsky, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hilstolsky, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dussinger, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rolston, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Polander, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tanski, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rozelle, Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Kutz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Benninger, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Gelnett, Mr. and Mrs. Kosteck Sledzinski, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Hippensteel, Albert W. Compoly, Jr., the Honorable George C. Hasay, the Honorable Mark E. Fetzko, Jacob Curtis, John Simcheski, Richard Albert Squitieri, Evelyn E. Bennett, Ann DeGennaro, Mary E. Parker, William Gross, Robert Rogers, Dennis Bernard Dobinick, Gwen Crellin, Michael Davis, Kyle Adams Kaminski, Truman Brandt, Michael Bach, Victor V. Caines, Scott W. Hayward, Tunkhannock Business and Professional Women's Club, Building Industry Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania and to the Lenoxville Band by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable John Bronchella by Senators Baker and Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stanley M. Sowa, Jr., and to Joseph F. Butcher, Jr., by Senators Baker and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dale and Gloria Koehler, Stanley Prosser, William Bergstresser, Leo Stern, Tyler Craig Hughes, Pierre Muentrich, Vincent Suppan, Edward Graham, Jr., Dorothy Midash, John Whisler, Ronald Burch, Steven Edward Lipe, Robert Bittenmaster, Pauline M. O'Donnell, James Stratton Johnson III, Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania, Lehigh County TRIAD of Allentown and to Portland Lodge No. 311, Free and Accepted Masons, by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Art Scott, Kitty Merle-Smith Thomas, Joanne Barnette, Mark Schwab, Susan Braido, Donald Sullivan, Jr., and to Meals on Wheels of Northampton County/Bethlehem Area, Inc., by Senators Boscola, Brown, and Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Mark Shampain, Bill Baker and to Valley Preferred of Allentown by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin O. Kincaid, Catherine Jordan, Matthew Dominici, Matthew R. Newman, Nicholas Bertsch, Brendan Messler, Garrett

William Beers, Keith Dube, Midway Manor Community Association, Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank and to the Valley Preferred Cycling Center by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the West End Fire Company of Brodheadsville by Senators Browne and Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fritch, John V. Cooney, Lehigh County Humane Society and to the Greater Lehigh Valley Red Cross Disaster Action Team by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable and Mrs. Arthur Duane Hershey, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weber, Senator and Mrs. Noah Wenger, David W. Schopf, Aaron James Miller, Thelma L. Montgomery, Zachariah Lee Cisney, Ten Thousand Villages of Akron, Troop 48 of the Boy Scouts of America of New Holland and to Tyson Foods, Inc., of New Holland, by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to former Senator and Mrs. Doyle Corman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hassinger, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley W. Parchey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Snook, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Auker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Gingrich, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Houtz, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Troutman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Ughetto, Sr., Dr. Penny Kris-Etherton, Dina B. Zug, Timothy James Prescott, Nathaniel M. Swineford, Ryan S. Mullins, Ian Copenhaver, Virginia D. Ricker, Brittany DeBock, Harvey C. Eckert, George Peters, William Sutton, Mary Cornelius, Lyle E. Watson, Charles Dicken, Kyle J. Sassman, Eric Kemble, New Bloomfield Fire Company and to the members and coaches of the Lady Patriots 14 and Under ASA Softball Team by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara Spiri, William E. Anderson and to the John Minadeo Elementary School by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Doll, Dr. Stephen Swymer, Lee I. Whitmore, Evan Thomas Dintaman, Matthew VanValin Moffett, John Albert Martel, Max Alexander Segal, Drew McConnell, Daniel K. Luczka, Daniel Anthony Joyce, Justin Michael Dantonio, Blanche Will Neil, Eric C. Lang, James Coll, John Vanderslice Norris and to the citizens of Tredyffrin Township by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wesley J. Eaton, John D. Light, Edna Logie, Adam Charles Hausmann, Ian J. Manti, Eric Schroeck, Economic Research Institute of Erie and to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James Rimmey, Matthew James Michrina, Corey Miller, Michael Geishouser, Joan Keith and to the citizens of the Borough of Tyrone by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph William Vasturia, Bryant Peng, Joan M. Woodruff and to the Garrettford Drexel Hill Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Angelo Nicholas Rosa by Senators Erickson and Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Lloyd Bell, Jim Delligatti and to Nell Whitlinger-Crawford by Senator Ferlo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert W. Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Engle, Bernerd A. Buzgon, Darin G. Breidegam, Patricia Annette Gettis, Cody Shalters, Benjamin Jay Boyer, Gregory N. Wherley, Anna Cobaugh, Cub Scout Pack 85 of Elizabethtown, Lebanon Veterans Affairs Medical Center and to the Perseverance Band of Lebanon by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lucas R. Cowden, Vincent Paul D'Ottavio, Nicholas Paul Stamatakis, Scott Alexander Kessel, Charles F. Schmitt and to Annette Hess by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ronald Alan Aungst, Sr., and to the Cadet Catholic Choir of the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, by Senator Fumo.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jeffery, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rine, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gans, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Horan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Renz, Mr. and Mrs. Ned C. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Russell O. Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kahler, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Belitsa, Mr. and Mrs. Carson A. Shrawder, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shoop, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Houtz, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Walter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dinsmore, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bohner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brown, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Minium, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chappell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wolfgang, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Eli McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Philmore J. Arner, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kolar, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nye, Mr. and Mrs. John Woytowich, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Brouse, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Glidewell, Helen Stoneroad, Rollin C. LeVan, Kenneth Robert Kipple, Jr., Melissa Anne McHenry, Kayla Drum, Hannah Remaley, Krista Nicoletto, Helen Pfizenmayer, Janet A. Tippett, Nilus L. Mattive Jr., Leonard Cerullo, Joseph Diminick, Bernard Romanoski, Nicholas Waters Oren, Peter Stark Blankenship, Aaron Eugene Stephens, Jody Allen Meade, Guy A. Bowersox, Mildred Taylor, James C. Hagenbuch, Daniel E. Farrell, Saint John Lutheran Church of Danville, Bloomsburg Airport, St. Peter's United Church of Christ of Paxinos, Borough of Catawissa and Uxbridge, Canada, and to the Montgomery House Warrior Run Area Public Library of McEwensville by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rabbi Jon Cutler, Arthur Philip Marlin, Christopher J. Kulp, Evelyn Nelson Seaberg, Helen Whitehead, Thomas F. Farrell, Fort Washington Estates, Hatfield Chamber of Commerce, St. Robert Bellarmine Church of Warrington and to the Fulmor Heights Home Ownership Association of Hatboro by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Xavier Spause, Orilla Cloretta Slade and to James E. Nevels by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Sealy Family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hillegass, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Balieu, Mr. and Mrs. Patsy

Petro, Mr. and Mrs. William Rohaley, Dillan Cole Garletts, Cynthia Breen, Michele R. Beener, Loyd Flick, Harold Laughery, Barbara Gerber Rohaley, Vince Kaider, Philip Elko, Loretta Filchock, Sandra F. Bear, Justin Cummings, Zachary Greene, Erik M. Hatter, Springs Historical Society of the Casselman Valley, Stahlstown Flax Scutching Festival, Somerset County Economic Development Council, Berlin Area Ambulance Association, Crosskeys, Inc., of Brownsville, and to the citizens of New Meadow Run Community by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Weems, Jr., and to Cheryl P. Coffey by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Frank Carlton Buchholz and to the Reverend Calvin C. Brown by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. William Morris, Nell Whitlinger Crawford, Darlene Payne, C. Leeta Rearick Williamson, Plum Borough Community Library, Mon Valley Peoples Action Committee and to the North Versailles Senior Center by Senator Logan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Case Management Department of LifeCare Hospitals of Pittsburgh by Senator Logan and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stone, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaapel, Mr. and Mrs. James Castle, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Latimer, Carolyn E. Hoover, Allen C. Wolfe, Joseph Thompson, Ryan Michael Welch, Derrike Ryan Kisner, Esther Biddle, Travis Hall, Leila Arlene Sage Newbury, Clyde E. Robbins, Ivan Bouse, Union County Conservation District and to Union Masonic Lodge No. 108, Free and Accepted Masons, of Towanda, by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to C. Frederick LaVancher by Senators Madigan and Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin Hall, Kyle Noyes, Christopher A. Staszak, Alexander Michael DiGregorio, Maxwell Kenny Bauer and to Pickering Manor of Newtown by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dougherty, Colleen and Brittany Kuharcik, Christian Wedekind, Art Golden, Joseph Caracappa, Kristina Brooks-True and to Alex Weiner by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Young, Mr. and Mrs. George Gracey, Honorable Il Sindaco Leopoldo Chiefalo, Reverend George Dimopoulos, Dr. Gene A. Camoni, Jeffrey Marmo, William G. Chessick, David Nathan Schlasta, Andrew Gary Loyack, Alexander James Price, Reverend Monsignor John T. Sekellick, Joseph Williams, Robert I. Hayes, David S. Pope, Anthony Statuto, Tonette M. McAndrew, John Harper, Val Bonje, Edward McDade, Barry Politi, Leonard Schwende, Carlo DiPasquali, John O' Connor, Walter Stevens, Harry Rider, Jeffrey Levy, Patrick F. Kane, Jr., Laura Muia, Tara Burns, Olga Renzi, Eric Pusey, Ronald Mancak, Ed Bush, Kiwanis Club of Scranton and to the Ballet Theatre of Scranton by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew P. Tomazic and to College Misericordia by Senators Mellow and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Austin R. Anglemeyer, Margaret E. Sipko, Olga Krajnak, Leona Marusak, Kenneth McArdle, Patricia M. Quinn, Keith W. Bennyhoff, Majorie D. Castle, John S. Chabala, Mary Patricia Dick, Donald V. Gildea, Ronald M. Esrang, Richard S. Yurish and to Holy Trinity Slovak Roman Catholic Church of Hazleton by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marlette Evans by Senators Musto and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church of Nesquehoning and to Albrightsville Volunteer Fire Company by Senators Musto and Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jonathon Scott Bechtel, Paul Gazzo, Jr., Phillip B. Barnett, Donna J. Knarr, John Henry Turner, Jr., David T. Hoppe, Kyle P. Purcell, Ryan M. Bubbenmoyer, Nathan R. Zmroczek, Matthew A. Shirk, Kevin T. Schwenk, George M. Meiser IX, Bessie Reese Crenshaw, Darin Gregory Breidegam, Cole C. Bixler, Reverend Donald W. Baker, Jr., Gerard L. Cunningham, John Paul II Center for Special Learning of Wyomissing, administration and staff of Sacred Heart Villa Assisted Living Community of Reading, staff and volunteers of the Community Care Behavioral Health Organization of Reading, Muhlenberg Rotarians, members of the Spring Valley Church of God of Temple, Service Access and Management, Incorporated, of Reading, and to the citizens of the Borough of Mohnton by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the residents, administration and staff of Country Meadows Retirement Community of Wyomissing by Senators O'Pake and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Armel Treese, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Park, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Deemer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frishkorn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerdes, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Herceg, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schmidley, Mr. and Mrs. Vito Morabito, the Honorable Charles Beighey, Mark Landis, Robert Jarvis, Kwn Heyl, Ed Maus, Ron Merriman, Andy Nock, Michael Baldonieri, Andrew Gaus, Norman Hart, Colby D. Slatyer, Jack Hurley, Chuck Wahl, Ron Avolio, Brian Ciak, Ron Reibie, David Vodarick, Jeffrey Ciak, Larry Bolland, Mel Henning, Sean C. Stearns, Randi Fiorina, Brett Fadgen, Megan Kelly, Jeremy D. Tischuk, Damien Young, Lela Wolford, Lila Young, Mathias German, Mars Area Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team and to the Seville Volunteer Fire Company of Observatory by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Donna J. Watson, Reverend A. Ronald Stiscia, Virginia M. Huber and to the Paxton Presbyterian Church of Paxtang by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shuster, Joseph Murphy, Margaret Lynch Cannon, Steven Stanoch, Shirley Fusco, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., of Chadds Ford, and to the Brandywine Conservancy of Chadds Ford by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Popey, Marie C. Capuano, Sam S. Zacharias, Kevin M.

Flannery, Greg Smith, Robert Tyler Gaylik, William M. Palonis, James Sullivan Broderick, Shane Robert O' Brien, Casey John Bonincontro, Matthew DiFiore, Justin Kramer, Mark Grogan, John N. Kiselica, Thomas A. Patton and to Lodge No. 1090, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Moon Township, by Senator Pippy

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Galen Heckman and to the Nova Area Ruritan Club by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable James C. Kennedy, Sr., Floyd C. Rohrbach, Jr., Betty K. Geiger, Russell H. Miller, Reginald W. Scheifley, Elva K. Seidel, K. Louise Trainer, Anna J. Gehrke, Ada M. Peters, Anne Y. Hart, John W. Aulenbach, Esther M. Bernstel, Majorie E. Darrah, Benjamin A. Potts, Janet L. Conrad, Earl R. Hafer, Leigh P. Narducci, Andrew J. Estock, Chad B. Persons, Allan R. Ewing, John Munera IV, Stuart Brooks Clark, Ryann Kraiss, members and coaches of the Audubon 12-Year-Old All-Star Baseball Team, members and coaches of the Audubon 9-Year-Old All-Star Baseball Team, members and coaches of the Audubon 11-Year-Old All-Star Baseball Team, members and coaches of the Methacton Baseball Association 14-and-under All-Star Softball Team and to the Wagontown Volunteer Fire Company by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Friel by Senators Rafferty and Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael J. Spirito by Senators Rafferty and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Perkiomen Valley Library of Schwenksville by Senators Rafferty and Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Frank Rossi, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Crago, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blank, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grim, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Bianco, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bucchi, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marker, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moose, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dale Eicher, Mr. and Mrs. Milan J. Laco, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boring, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cawoski, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rowe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey M. Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cerilli, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Crimboli, Mr. and Mrs. George Holomshek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gwynn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Albaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nussbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thorton, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Baker, Sr., Andrew Vincent Smithhammer, Steven Robert Linden, J. Kurtis Michael, Terry Frederick, Leona Marie Maczka, Anna Marie Grec and to the Westmoreland-Fayette Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, of Greensburg, by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barron L. Hetherington, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gromlich, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling C. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Strohecker, Mr. and Mrs. James Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lebo, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gera, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wanamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bossler, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Boyer, Catherine A. Ziegler, John W. Flickinger, Jr., Arthur H. Bortz, Roy L. Hunsicker, Glenn A. Yocom, Harry R. Kauffman, Robert D. Bausher, Jr., Ernest H. Wiltrout, Richard John Starinsky, Jordan Robert

Franko, Edward F. Painter, Ruth M. Adam, Paul J. Weller, Jr., Janet A. Miller, Merryll J. Kleinsmith, Herbert Hummel, Jr., Andrew Bender, Harold S. Burgert, Raymond J. Thren, Kathryn E. Stoudt, Gladys C. Kieffer, Dorothy M. Weller, Frederick K. Adam, Sophia Leibensperger, Ryan Matthew Bubbenmoyer, Paul D. Serfass, Samuel Todt, Sarah Y. Yost, Nevin R. Bachman, Jr., Jean D. Zweizig, Mabel M. Marks, Beatrice B. Achenbach, A. Calvin Lieb, Jr., George H. Ziegler, William L. Becker, Delores M. Clouser, Robert E. Adams, Harry B. Rhoads, Jr., Verna L. Seaman, Cletus N. Hamm, Evelyn M. Gibson, Ernest Gibson, Pearl A. Lieb, MaryLou B. Saul, Donald P. Saul, Shirley V. Santilli, Earl F. Gilbert, Lyle M. Frederick, Devon Paul Stutzman, Jordan Brett Hunsicker, Glenn Hetherington, Jim Ebling, Bruce Rarick, Mike Mazur, Marcus Schneck, Ben Vaupel, Bri Rudinsky, Ruth Parfitt, Eric M. Brady, Gene Kilroy, First United Methodist Church Summer Camp Youth Group of Schuylkill Haven, Tuscarora Fire Company, Schuylkill County Sportsmen's Association, Inc., City of Pottsville, Everlast Plastic Lumber of Auburn, Schuylkill County Senior Environmental Corps and to Union Fire Company No. 1 of Hamburg by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mullholland, Marshall Vere Horne, Dylan Perry Shipton, Rylee Prenatt, Ryan Douglas Moon, Joshua Michael Hovis, Ryan Christopher Brocious, Adam Joseph Garrett, C. J. Tisi, Kellie Violet Cusick, Joceen Griggs, Nick Hoke, John P. Anderson, Peter Q. Mathews, Eric A. Hoover, Robert Thomas Brooks, Linda VanHonk, Lindsay Thomas, Jeremy A. Graff, Kiwanis Club of Greenville, Conneaut Lake Area Ambulance Service, Inc., and to the Cochran Volunteer Fire Department and Relief Association by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shirey, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis W. Himes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Supko, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Elton G. Himes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lope, Mr. and Mrs. William E. McGranor, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson M. Tattersall, Mr. and Mrs. Reed K. Swope, Mr. and Mrs. John D'Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martino, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Halchin, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patchell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brennen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Males, Mr. and Mrs. James Carmella, Mr. and Mrs. William Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. William Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Perle Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hallstrom, Michael J. Rose, Nicholas Aaron Malburg, Joseph C. Snyder, Jeremie Thompson, Harvey Murray II, Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation, Zippo Manufacturing Company of Bradford, Father Patrick Healey Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and to the DuBois Regional Medical Center by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John J. Evans, Edward Coryell, Christopher Gill, Francis A. Rubino and to Philadelphia Engine Company 52 by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giacometti, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kiskadden, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Leta, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Franz, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Salisberry, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd V. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. King, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Oliverio, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony

J. Zick, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brice, Mr. and Mrs. William Harry Crosier, Helen L. Hudak and to Erica Bristor by Senator Stout.

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Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Guerra, Aaron Cipollone, Brendan M. MacDonald, Andrew Stephen Rusnak, School Works! of Newtown, Nike Missile Base PH-07 of Richboro and to Villa Joseph Marie High School of Holland by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ann Marie Stanton, Gretchen M. Lambert, Taylor Davis-Bryan, Gary S. Asplundh, Anna D. Knauss, Matthew New, Brett Beger, Don Shuler and to Walter Geercken by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fawkes by Senator Tomlinson and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Magaro, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holderbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Foster E. Thumma, Mr. and Mrs. John DiFonzo, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. John Castillo, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bream, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bistline, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bowersox, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heberlig, Gregory Berends, Verna Rosenberry, Daniel C. Hosler, George Weimer, Barbara Weimer, Ward Adams, Peter Craig Breen, Gregory D. Potteiger, Rachel Fleming, Brett Wiley, William K. Decker, Martin P. Shull, Kenneth R. Krausse, Ryan Cady, Charles E. Snyder, Jr., Caleb Sierer, Judith R. Hauck, Brodie M. Wilkinson, Travis William Barrick, AHEDD of Camp Hill and to Troop 196 of the Boy Scouts of America by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the United Methodist Home for Children of Mechanicsburg by Senators Vance and Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles A. Donaldson, Dr. Elzar Camper and to Elaine Anna Robinson Richardson by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler James Clabaugh, R. Bruce Bainbridge, Christopher E. Wise, Anna M. Baublitz, John A. Dell, Dr. David R. Schwartz, Ryan D. Overmiller, Ryan D. Teeter and to Michael M. Stewart by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weimer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Verona, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vidmar, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Bruno, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shotts, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Green, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Slagle, Mr. and Mrs. Clair McNutt, Mr. and Mrs. Max Van Leer, Mr. and Mrs. George Harbrige, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Romasco, Timothy Edward Mihoerck, Nicholas A. Serafine, Christopher Gregory Slatosky, Elizabeth P. Hussey, Brandon Maharaj, Calvary Lutheran Church of Murrysville and to the

Patricia Hilliard Robertson Center for Aviation Medicine of Indiana by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tarr, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Peltes, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schwabenbauer, Mr. and Mrs. John Sass, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Weltner, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitmire, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Cussins, Mr. and Mrs. James Fink, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Oschman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Blauser, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schmader, Mr. and Mrs. George Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry James Harnish, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Luton, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Dittman, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wingard, Betty Griffith, Warren Dunmire Pryde, Florence Fithian Krathge, Scott Maxwell Ziegler, Kyle William Zavada, Alex Sproveri, Tyler James Call, Royce Freebourn, Laurie Carter Robinson, Trueman Mills, Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, Gerald Marterer, Robert Garritano, Beulah Baltzer, Louise Henry, Erma J. Martin and to Jonathan J. Ward by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Team by Senators M.J. White and Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Lacy, Jr., Mary E. Davis, Bill LeFevre and to Kenneth C. Hatcher by Senator A. H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Horace O. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Xavier Spause, Jr., Paul Delano Mack, Charles F. Ward, Michael Sibley, Anna S. Weir, Michael R. Breznicky III, Havertown Center for Older Adults, Plymouth Soccer Club of Horsham and to the Upper Merion Senior Service Center of King of Prussia by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Marshall Portnoy by Senators C. Williams and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Buckland, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Charles Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Behn, Mr. and Mrs. William Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rodriguez, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hower, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kovacs, Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Minnich, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Romagnoli, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn E. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wise, Donna M. Sartori, Ronald D. Sheets, the Honorable Robert A. Freedberg, Anna Verenna, Erma Flowers, John G. Guignet III, Phyllis F. Mickley, Ryan E. Mansley, Christopher Paul Hittinger, Justin M. Gordon, Marion Schaul, Mark Porter, Elda M. Acker, Jeannette Docktur, Robert Schwenk, Mary Re, Nathan Schneck, Alexander Nilsen, Easton Suburban Water Authority, citizens of Palmer Township and to the citizens of the Borough of Emmaus by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kostas Kalogeropoulos and to PNC Financial Services Group of Allentown by Senators Wonderling, Boscola, and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Northampton Community College and to the Harleysville Hornets 12-Year-Old Travel Baseball Team by Senator Wonderling and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walat, Mr. and Mrs.

Clair Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Azar, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delusa, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Saia, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lowes, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Hammerle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shadeck, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gonda, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Taormina, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholas Makuch, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Arcurio, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Burney, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Luberto, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stossel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hartnett, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Callihan, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kleinosky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Lovette, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eicher, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Mahan, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blue, Mr. and Mrs. John Cononie, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lohr, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Commons, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mapstone, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eugene Sorgen, Dr. and Mrs. A. Ernest Papinchak, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lint, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Everhart, the Honorable Mark Stephen Singel, Charles Stephen Marcinko III, Joshua Mercado, Joshua Wisniewski, Michael Wozniak, Gallitzin Fire Company No. 1, Crafts of Clinton County, Inc., Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 354 of Youngwood, Joseph Johns Lodge No. 214, Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America, First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Johnstown, Clinton County Fair and to the Lock Haven University Boxing Team by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to MaryAnn Waite by Senators Wozniak and Scarnati.

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 Dr. Lynn Gerald Guiser by Senator Corman.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late John Pinder was extended to the family by Senator Mellow.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Monday, September 17, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern

Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:35 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.