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SENATE

TUESDAY, September 18, 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, The Very Reverend WILLIAM FORREY, of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Carlisle, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

All merciful and loving God, we gather here before You this day and pray that You will continue to pour out upon this legislative body Your blessings and graces. We offer to You praise and thanksgiving, for we know that all gifts flow to us from Your divine providence. We pray especially that You give to us hearts that are without fear, anxiety, or worry as we seek to serve the needs of all, and especially those who are most needy and vulnerable in our society.

May our legislators always be witnesses of truth and integrity as they promote the rights and dignity of the people they have been elected to serve. Bless the leaders of this esteemed body of public servants and give them courage and wisdom in overcoming barriers that separate and divide the citizens of this great Commonwealth. Above all, help us to never forget the source of life and all that is holy and good.

Almighty God, we ask all these things in and through Your holy name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Forrey, who is the guest today of Senator Vance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

Senator ARMSTRONG, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill:

HB 483 (Pr. No. 540) (Rereported)

An Act establishing the Mine Families First Program; providing assistance to persons whose family members are trapped, injured or waiting rescue during an underground mine emergency and for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

HB 647 (Pr. No. 2449) (Amended)

An Act relating to crane operator licensure; establishing the State Board of Crane Operators; conferring powers and imposing duties relative to regulating the practice of crane operation; imposing penalties; and making an appropriation.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Connie Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator PILEGGI asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator ARMSTRONG, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator O'PAKE asked and obtained a leave of absence for Senator MELLOW, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

Senator O'PAKE asked and obtained a military leave of absence, pursuant to Senate Rule XXI(3), for Senator STACK.

CALENDAR

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 162, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI without objection, called up from page 1 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 162**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2007 as "Youth Soccer Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-47

Baker	Fontana	O'Pake	Tartaglione
Boscola	Fumo	Orie	Tomlinson
Browne	Gordner	Piccola	Vance
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Pileggi	Washington

Corman	Hughes	Pippy	Waugh
Costa	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Dinniman	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Mary Jo
Earll	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Eichelberger	Logan	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Erickson	Madigan	Robbins	Wonderling
Ferlo	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
Folmer	Musto	Stout	

NAY-0

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT WONDERLING
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator WONDERLING. Madam President, as we return in the fall, it is indeed an honor to introduce a participant in our district Wondership program. This is an unpaid internship program where this past summer we actually had over 18 individuals doing a range of policy research in support of our district operations, and today it is my distinct honor to introduce Mr. Scott Kocher and his wife, Cindy, who has spent the day in Harrisburg. Scott is a recent graduate of Lehigh Valley College, where he studied accounting, and he is in the process of forging a new career in business. He would like to go into payroll accounting, having been removed, due to physical limitations, from behind the wheel of a truck, which he drove for over 20 years.

Scott performed admirably in our Lehigh County office, particularly assisting us with our entrepreneurial advisory council that was established over the summer. So, with that, Madam President, I ask for a hearty welcome from our colleagues in the Senate to Mr. Scott Kocher and his wife, Cindy.

Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Will Scott Kocher and his wife, Cindy, please rise so we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUEST OF SENATOR PATRICIA H. VANCE
AND SENATOR STEWART J. GREENLEAF
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator VANCE. Madam President, I am delighted to introduce Taylor Ann Seig, a constituent of mine, who is the daughter of Matthew and Jodi Seig, and Senator Greenleaf would like to speak about Taylor.

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Madam President, I rise with Senator Vance because Taylor's grandmother, Peggy Nissley, works in my office and has worked in the legislature for many, many years. So, it is really our honor to recognize her granddaughter, cute little Taylor. She resides in Hampden Township, Cumberland County, and goes to Green Ridge Elementary School in the

Cumberland Valley School District, where she is in fifth grade. She is a straight A student, and her favorite subject is science. She is involved in soccer, softball, and Girl Scouts, and we are really pleased to have her here for a Page for the day. Congratulations, Taylor. Thank you for being here today.

The PRESIDENT. Taylor, thank you for being with us.
(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Connie Williams has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR CONSTANCE WILLIAMS
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Connie Williams.

Senator C. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I am delighted to introduce to the Senate today a new member of my staff in King of Prussia, Megan Monahan. She is a recent graduate of Bryn Mawr College, and I am delighted she has decided to stay in Pennsylvania to help my constituents instead of going back to her home State. I ask the Senate to join me in welcoming Megan to the Senate family.

The PRESIDENT. Will Megan Monahan please rise so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a meeting of the Republican Caucus in the Majority Caucus Room. I expect that the caucus will last no more than an hour.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I ask the Democrats to come to our caucus room after the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, where we will have a meeting with one of the executive nominees.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by 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.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 483 (Pr. No. 540) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Mine Families First Program; providing assistance to persons whose family members are trapped, injured or waiting rescue during an underground mine emergency and for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

Senator ORIE, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following nominations made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read by the Clerk as follows:

SECRETARY OF BANKING

June 14, 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, Steven Kaplan, 115 Rex Avenue, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Banking, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable A. William Schenck, III, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

August 3, 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, Mary Ann Fiorilli, M.S., (Public Member), 1638 Larsen Drive, Pittsburgh 15243, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marla Wasson, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 25, 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, Kathy Glamer, 167 Follett Run Road, North 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 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 25, 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, Mary Kushner, P. O. Box 255, Pittsfield 16340, 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 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

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

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ORIE,
That the Senate do now resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of considering certain nominations made by the Governor.

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING**

July 10, 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, Arthur Baldwin, 2009 McClintock Road, White Oak 15131, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION**

August 3, 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, Thomas A. Sollenberger, 7606 Valley Camp Road, St. Thomas 17252, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

SECRETARY OF BANKING

June 14, 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, Steven Kaplan, 115 Rex Avenue, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Banking, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable A. William Schenck, III, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
CANCER CONTROL PREVENTION AND
RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD**

August 3, 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, Rodrigue Mortel, M.D., P.O. Box 532, Hershey 17033, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF COSMETOLOGY**

August 3, 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, Emilio Cornacchione, 343 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh 15222, Allegheny County, Forty-second Sena-

torial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Aginah Carter Shabazz, Wynnewood, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DRUG,
DEVICE AND COSMETIC BOARD**

July 10, 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, Rosanne M. Palermo, D.M.D., M.A.G.D., 1506 Summer Drive, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Drug, Device and Cosmetic Board, to serve for a term of four years or until her 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
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

July 17, 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, Guido M. Pichini, 24 Upland Road, Reading 19609, Berks County, Forty-Eighth 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 his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

July 17, 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, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

July 17, 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, Roger J. Schmidt, 121 Brossman Court, Leesport 19533, Berks County, Forty-Eighth 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 his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 25, 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, Penny Dunyan, 1012 Forrest Avenue, Norristown 19401, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Norristown State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

August 17, 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, Edward J. Bechtel, 1218 Main Street, Slatington 18080, Lehigh County, Twenty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, to serve for a term of six 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 STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

August 3, 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, Mary Ann Fiorilli, M.S., (Public Member), 1638 Larsen Drive, Pittsburgh 15243, Allegheny County,

Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Marla Wasson, Lewisberry, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL
ESTATE COMMISSION**

August 10, 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, Beverly R. Brookes, (Public Member), 2 Concord Way, Chadds Ford, 19317, Chester county, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Real Estate COMMISSION, to serve for a term of five years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SELINGSGROVE CENTER**

August 3, 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, Mary Millard, RN, 6 Fairview Drive, Dansville 17821, Montour County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selingsgrove, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ruth Ann Helfrick, Elysburg, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL
WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

August 3, 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, Nadine M. Bean, MSSA, Ph.D., 164 Applegate Drive, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, 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 Karen Hickernell, Mount Joy, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

August 3, 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, Christie L. Hudson, LSW, 1223 S. Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, to serve until June 28, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Helen O'Neill Morris, Camp Hill, is resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

June 25, 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, Kathy Glamer, 167 Follett Run Road, North 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 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WARREN STATE HOSPITAL

June 25, 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, Mary Kushner, P. O. Box 255, Pittsfield 16340, 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 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

On the question, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-47

Table with 4 columns: Baker, Fontana, O'Pake, Tartaglione, Boscola, Fumo, Ori, Tomlinson, Browne, Gordner, Piccola, Vance, Brubaker, Greenleaf, Pileggi, Washington

Table with 4 columns: Corman, Hughes, Pippy, Waugh, Costa, Kasunic, Punt, White, Donald, Dinniman, Kitchen, Rafferty, White, Mary Jo, Earl, LaValle, Regola, Williams, Anthony H., Eichelberger, Logan, Rhoades, Williams, Constance, Erickson, Madigan, Robbins, Wonderling, Ferlo, McIlhinney, Scarnati, Wozniak, Folmer, Musto, Stout

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SR 161 (Pr. No. 1352)

A Resolution designating the month of October 2007 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

SR 164 (Pr. No. 1375)

A Resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "Pennsylvania First Responder Appreciation Day."

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

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators BOSCOLA, PILEGGI, LAVALLE, LOGAN, STOUT, FONTANA, COSTA and KASUNIC, by unanimous consent, offered Senate Resolution No. 170, entitled:

A Resolution commending the Chiropractic Fellowship of Pennsylvania for its educational efforts, and recognizing the week of September 16 through 22, 2007, as "Vertebral Subluxation Awareness Week" 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 Robert C. Buser and to the East Prospect Fire Company by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to B. Lucille Compton by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Bonnie Coyle by Senators Boscola, Browne, and Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Pektor III, Dr. George A. Arangio, Dr. Emil Dilorio, Dolores Laputka, Dr. A. Rashid Makhdomi, Dr. John Patterson and to Randy Wolfe by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Margaret Falls, William Motto and to Jacob's United Church of Christ of Paxinos by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fong and to Michael J. Dayoc by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. James A. Peters, Jr., by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Pennsylvania Activity Professional Association by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Woman's Club of Birdsboro by Senator O' Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Mulvey, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dietrich and to William F. Paul by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lorn R. Lakefield, Pat Martinelli and to the Mason-Dixon Chapter of Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rosanne Kirk, Donna Larch, Stacy Wadsworth, Kimberly McWherter and to Mary Reagan by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eckstrom, Steven James Loosemore, Leonard J. Lenhart and to Kenneth R. Harris, Sr., by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ralph Gumbert, Ryan Edward Griff and to the Bucks County Rescue Squad of Bristol by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clouse, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stine and to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dodd by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaffer by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended Mr. and Mrs. Jayson Keister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nale, members of the Warren Area High School Varsity Envirothon Team and the Warren County Homeschoolers Junior Varsity Envirothon Team and to the members of the Warren Area High School Envirothon Team of Youngsville by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Conshohocken Business and Professional Women's Local and to the Leon Spencer Reid American Legion Post 547 of Ardmore by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the 1975 North Penn High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team by Senator Wonderling and others.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bill was as follows:

HB 647.

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator WONDERLING. Madam President, I would like to offer some comments regarding the resolution that was passed unanimously by this Senate earlier today, Senate Resolution No. 162. I know some Members were clamoring for me to make comments regarding Posh Spice or soccer player Beckham's ankle, but I am not going to do that. I am going to be serious for a moment.

This designation as "Youth Soccer Month in Pennsylvania" in many respects goes to every hamlet and village in this Commonwealth, where so many young people play soccer not only during this time of the year, but also throughout the 12 months of the year. The resolution which I offered today, and as I did last year, was offered in the memory of a good friend of mine, a youth soccer coach who passed from this earth very unexpectedly a number of years ago. That citizen in the Commonwealth, the late Rob Schaefer, loved soccer and played in high school and college at high levels, but, more importantly, he saw how soccer could change the life of an individual, a young Pennsylvania, and a family.

In his memory, our community has organized the Rob Schaefer Memorial Soccer Tournament that occurs each year in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It was the volunteers of this event last year who asked me to introduce the resolution in Rob's memory, and not so much in Rob's memory, but in the notion that through sports, community activity, and the spirit of volunteerism, good things could happen to a community. Madam President, I do this today and in the years forthcoming in Rob's memory.

Thank you.

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

Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, the Senate convened yesterday in Special Session to focus on the future and the future energy needs of this Commonwealth. The sources of energy that we use to fuel our cars and power our economy today may become scarce, unreliable, or even unaffordable at some point in the future, so this Special Session provides us with a choice: we can work together to help provide all Pennsylvanians with cleaner, cheaper, and more sustainable sources of energy for years and years to come, or we can go back home and tell the people who sent us here, sorry, but you are on your own.

Every consumer, worker, and small business owner in every corner of Pennsylvania has a huge stake in what we do. The consequences are enormous. All you have to do is look at what happens when the price of gasoline suddenly spikes higher. Family budgets are strained, and the higher costs of business means higher costs for goods and services. Family vacations are suddenly out of the question, carpooling is no longer an option but

a necessity, and every little yellow school bus you see on the road becomes a very big drain on every school budget.

Even though the price of oil is now over \$80 per barrel, the rising price of gasoline is not the only challenge facing us on this energy horizon. In fact, it may not even be the biggest challenge to Pennsylvania's economy and the quality of life of our citizens. I see the wisdom in helping electric customers save money through smart meters and day-of-rate time and rate structures, but those pennywise savings will be wiped out a thousand times over when the electric rate caps expire and come off in a few short years.

Unfortunately, I feel the same way about educating consumers about energy conservation. When the rate caps do come off, electric customers are going to need a lot more than education, they are going to need resuscitation, and I am not talking about just residential customers. I have already been approached by both small business owners and large industrial customers in my district who are afraid that market rates will put them out of business when their electric bills increase by 50 percent.

We cannot allow good paying jobs to disappear when the rate caps disappear, and that is why no matter what we do in this Special Session, we must not forget to address this issue. I know you have heard this before, but I am going to say it again, doing nothing is not an option. All you need to do is look at other States like Illinois and Ohio that are taking drastic measures to deal with this fallout caused by the so-called free market. What has already happened in other States can and will happen here. Unless we really do something bold, energy independence is going to be the biggest hoax to the people of Pennsylvania that they have ever witnessed.

In just 3 years, the people back home who pay our bills are going to be hit with 50-percent higher electric bills, 50-percent higher electric bills in the next couple years. By that time, the price of gasoline could be \$5 a gallon, and the price of milk, meat, and dozens of other items in the family's shopping cart will be incredibly more expensive because of the growing demand for corn to make ethanol. While it is important that we encourage solar and wind power, and provide tax credits for clean energy, biofuel plants, and advanced energy technologies, we must not add to the heavy burden of Pennsylvania's electric bills, and we cannot pretend that phony competition, self-dealing, and market abuse is what any of us envisioned when Pennsylvania started down this road to deregulation 10 years ago.

Like I said before, Madam President, this Special Session provides us with a choice, and that is more than consumers and small business owners will have in the few short years ahead unless we do something now to prevent this economic train wreck that is not just heading our way, but is also picking up speed.

Thank you, Madam President.

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 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

September 18, 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, Kevin E. Vaughan, 1621 Pine Street, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, to serve until August 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christopher R. Booth, Jr., Wyncote, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MILK MARKETING BOARD

September 18, 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, Richard Kriebel, 4400 Red Rock Road, Benton 17814, Columbia County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Milk Marketing Board, to serve until May 1, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Boyd E. Wolff, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

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:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

September 18, 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 September 14, 2007, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, to serve until August 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Christopher R. Booth, Jr., Wyncote, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

- 9:00 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on proposed alternative fuel mandate) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
- 9:00 A.M. FINANCE (public hearing on Senate Bills No. 1088, 1089, 1090, and 1091) **CANCELLED** Room 461 Main Capitol
- 9:30 A.M. EDUCATION (to consider Senate Resolution No. 141; and any other business that may come before the Committee) Room 8E-A East Wing
- 9:30 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 592, 915, 1016, and 1036; and Senate Resolutions No. 161, 164 and 165) **CANCELLED** Room 8-EB East Wing
- 10:15 A.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 117, 490, 615 and 1027; and House Bill No. 27) Room 8-EA East Wing

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

- 10:00 A.M. URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (public hearing on fiscal issues that impact cities; Act 47; and the tools for cities to attain fiscal health) Commissioners Hearing Room Lehigh County Govt. Center 17 S. 7th St. Allentown, PA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

- 9:30 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on proposed alternative fuel mandate) Room 8E-B East Wing
- 10:00 A.M. TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 184, 351 and 999; and House Bills No. 17, 872, 1166 and 1624) Room 461 Main Capitol

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

- 9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 226) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

- 9:00 A.M. FINANCE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 596) Room 461 Main Capitol
- 9:00 A.M. VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS and COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (joint hearing to receive testimony on the status of the implementation and deployment of PA's Statewide Radio System) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007

- 9:00 A.M. FINANCE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 65) Pasquerilla Conf. Center 301 Napoleon St. Johnstown, PA

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Orie.

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 11 a.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 3:38 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.