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SENATE

MONDAY, September 24, 2007

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend NATHAN COLEMAN, of Bethel Baptist Church, Phoenixville, offered the following prayer:

Let us all pray.

Almighty and eternal God, we thank You for this day. We thank You for Your loving kindness and Your tender mercy. We thank You for Your grace, and we thank You for this body that has come together.

We thank You, Lord, for these elected officials, and we pray that You would be with them as they deliberate and debate issues of great concern to this Commonwealth. Lord, we thank You for the service that they render, and we ask that You would remind them of the sacred trust that has been given to them by the citizens of this Commonwealth. We ask that You give them wisdom, give them courage, give them strength and discernment as they deliberate over laws that will govern this Commonwealth.

Lord, we pray that You would bless their families and bless them as they engage in this legislative process. Lord, we ask that You would continue to walk with them, help them to do justice, help them to love mercy, and help them to walk humbly before You, for it is in the name of the One who is our creator, redeemer, and sustainer that we pray. Amen.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

September 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, Joseph J. Bellano, (Public Member), 2301 Cherry Street, Apt 8E, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, 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 Allen Shissler, Sabinsville, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 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, Gary M. Barbera, 1415 Wesleys Run Road, Gladwyne 19035, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 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, Father Rene Barczak, (Public Member), St. Pius X Friary, 11051 Academy Road, Philadelphia 19154, Philadelphia County, Fifth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Raymond H. Miley Jr., Gwynedd, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

September 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, Sharon E. Guise, 93 South Main Street, Dover 17315, York County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS**

September 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, Frederick C. Laurenzo, 11 Whitney Way, Lebanon 17042, Lebanon County, Forty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Jay Zimmerman, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

September 20, 2007

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James M. Darby, Esquire, 1324 Pennscott Drive, Landisville 17538, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, to serve until June 2, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE**

September 20, 2007

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Nora Peterman, (Public Member), 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for

a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur McVitty, Hilton Head Island, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION BOARD OF REVIEW**

September 20, 2007

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Eileen B. Melvin, 215 Wind Drift Lane, PO Box 775, Somerset 15501, Somerset County, Thirty-second Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review, to serve until July 1, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

September 24, 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, B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Tyrone J. Christy, Renfrew, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

September 24, 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, Alvin H. Clemens, 500 Huston Road, St. David's 19087, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to serve until July 1, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING**

September 24, 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, Andrew A.D. Husband, MA, (Public Member), 1321 Valley Drive, West Chester 19382, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, 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 Linda Trabucco, Chester Springs, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

September 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 September 17, 2007, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, (Public Member), R.R. 2 Box 397, Millerstown, 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Allen Shissler, Sabinsville, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 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 September 17, 2007, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, (Public Member), 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Raymond H. Miley, Jr., Gwynedd, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 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 July 16, 2007, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Sharon E. Guise, Dover, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

September 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 September 17, 2007, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, 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 Jay Zimmerman, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING

September 24, 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 August 15, 2007, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, (Public Member), 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Linda Trabucco, Chester Springs, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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:

September 21, 2007

Senators EICHELBERGER, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1071**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for commissioners sole contractors for county, for contract procedures, terms and bonds and advertising for bids and for evasion of advertising requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators ROBBINS, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1072**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, further regulating contracts as to purchasing and advertising requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1073**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for contracts and acquisition of property and for general regulations concerning contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators BAKER, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1074**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for competitive bidding of contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators CORMAN, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1075**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for regulation of contracts, for evasion of advertising requirements and for certain purchase contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators GORDNER, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1076**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 27, 1953 (P.L.244, No.34), entitled "An act relating to and regulating the contracts of incorporated towns and providing penalties," further providing for regulation of contracts; providing for annual adjustment; further providing for evasion of advertising requirements, for contracts between \$750 and \$10,000 and for separate bids for plumbing, heating, ventilating and electrical work.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators FERLO, REGOLA, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1077**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for competitive bidding of contracts by intergovernmental units, by parking authorities, by municipal authorities and by metropolitan transportation authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT,

TOMLINSON, VANCE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1078**, 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 adjustments based on Consumer Price Index; and further providing for work to be done under contract let on bids and exception, for purchase of supplies, for contracts for construction, repair, renovation or maintenance, for project contracts and for powers and duties of institution presidents.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, September 21, 2007.

Senators WAUGH, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1079**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 28, 1937 (P.L.955, No.265), known as the Housing Authorities Law, further providing for awards of contracts, completion bond, additional bond for protection of materialmen and others.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, September 21, 2007.

Senators BRUBAKER, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1080**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 29, 1937 (P.L.526, No.118), referred to as the Political Subdivision Joint Purchases Law, increasing the amount of purchases that may be made subject to certain conditions.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators FOLMER, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1081**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1913 (P.L.155, No.104), referred to as the Separations Act, increasing the minimum bid requirement; and providing for evasion of requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, September 21, 2007.

Senators FERLO, REGOLA, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT,

TOMLINSON, VANCE, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1082**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 29, 1953 (P.L.1034, No.270), known as the Public Auditorium Authorities Law, increasing the dollar amount of supplies and materials which may be purchased without advertising.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators BRUBAKER, REGOLA, FERLO, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1083**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 5, 1947 (P.L.1217, No.498), known as the State Public School Building Authority Act, further providing for competitive bidding of contracts; and providing for evasion of advertising requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, September 21, 2007.

Senators FERLO, REGOLA, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VANCE and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1085**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 6, 1936 (Sp.Sess., P.L.95, No.38 1/2), entitled "An act to authorize and empower cities, boroughs, towns, and townships, separately or jointly, to provide for protection against floods by erecting and constructing certain works and improvements, located within or without their territorial limits, and within or without the county in which situate; and to expend moneys and incur indebtedness; to assess benefits against property benefited; to issue improvement bonds imposing no municipal liability; and to acquire, take, injure or destroy property for such purposes," further providing for competitive bidding of contracts.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2007.

Senators BROWNE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, ORIE, ARMSTRONG, PIPPY, WONDERLING, BAKER, WAUGH and O'PAKE presented to the Chair **SB 1091**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for alternative energy investment rebate.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, September 21, 2007.

Senators VANCE, ERICKSON, COSTA, FERLO and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 1095**, entitled:

An Act providing for idling restrictions on commercial diesel vehicles; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 21, 2007.

Senators GORDNER, RHOADES, EARLL, D. WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, FOLMER, MUSTO, WONDERLING, BAKER and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 1096**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for trespass by motor vehicle and for deposit and use of funds in a restricted account for snowmobiles and ATVs.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 21, 2007.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, PUNT, MUSTO, COSTA, STACK and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1097**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones and hand-held communication devices.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 21, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Don White, Senator Pippy, and Senator Wonderling, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator Don White, Senator Pippy, and Senator Wonderling, and a temporary Capitol leave for Senator McIlhinney. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator FERLO and Senator FUMO, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator PILEGGI offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, September 24, 2007

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, October 1, 2007, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, October 1, 2007, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-46

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

NAY-0

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

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

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 Appropriations, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, both to be held in the Rules room.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of meetings of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, both to be held in the Rules room, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pippy, Senator McIlhinney, Senator Wonderling, and Senator Don White have returned, and their respective leaves will be cancelled.

CALENDAR

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 163 CALLED UP OUT OF ORDER, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 2 of the Calendar, as a Special Order of Business, **Senate Resolution No. 163**, entitled:

A Resolution designating Monday, September 24, 2007, as "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children 2007" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES T. McILHINNEY, JR.
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Madam President, I want to take a moment of the Senate's time to recognize a couple of constituents who are here with me. Stacey Mulholland and her daughter, Kelsey, are in the balcony today. Stacey was the impetus behind my introducing this legislation recognizing Family Day which I first did as a House Member, and now I am able to introduce it in the Senate Chamber as well. I ask the Senate to give them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would Stacey Mulholland and daughter, Kelsey, please rise so we can give you a 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.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 27 (Pr. No. 2183) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for witness relocation.

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

SB 117 (Pr. No. 156) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 490 (Pr. No. 1390) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the definitions of "electronic mail address" and "instant messaging screen name"; further providing for registration procedures and applicability and for duties of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 615 (Pr. No. 666) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act regulating bail bond enforcement agents; requiring licensure and registration; and providing for penalties.

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

HB 647 (Pr. No. 2449) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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.

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

SB 1027 (Pr. No. 1302) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in State intermediate punishment provisions, further providing for referral to State intermediate punishment program.

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator ROBBINS, 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:

MEMBER OF THE STATE REGISTRATION BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS

September 5, 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, Lena Gabriela Andrews, (Public Member), 3600 Penn Avenue, Apartment 4, Pittsburgh 15201, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve until October 8, 2008, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert DeSousa, Harrisburg, resigned.

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June 21, 2007

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In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Richard Welsh, 281 Winthrop Lane, Wayne 19087, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Harness Racing Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard J. Bolte, Sr., Philadelphia, resigned.

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NOMINATIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. 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 ROBBINS,

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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Governor

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

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

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

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

SB 96 (Pr. No. 1412) (Amended) (Rereported)

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

SB 777 (Pr. No. 874) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, changing the date from which, and the rate of which, interest is charged on certain delinquent taxes and other municipal claims; providing for the duties of third-party collectors and for adoption of ordinance for the exclusive collection of taxes; further providing for locality index; and modernizing the law relating to collection of such taxes and claims.

SB 805 (Pr. No. 934) (Rereported)

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

SB 806 (Pr. No. 935) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an annual report on the technology grant program.

SB 807 (Pr. No. 936) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an annual report on the elementary science curriculum grant programs.

SB 808 (Pr. No. 937) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an annual report on the high school curriculum enhancement grant programs.

SB 813 (Pr. No. 938) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an annual report on the Education Technology Program.

SB 861 (Pr. No. 1194) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the number of judges in the courts of common pleas.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, LAVALLE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, COSTA, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, MELLOW, PIPPY, ORIE, BOSCOLA, STOUT, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, EARLL, FERLO and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 174**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 23 through 30, 2007, as "University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of its 80th anniversary of providing higher education in western Pennsylvania and congratulating its incoming president, Dr. Jem Spectar.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator Wozniak.

Senator WOZNIAK. Madam President, this is a resolution recognizing the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for its 80th anniversary, a fine school from which many people from many walks of life have graduated. In my opinion, it is a school that is just the right size, not too big, not too small, a place where you get to know your professors and your fellow students, a place where not only can you learn your career path, but also as a liberal arts college to expand your mind, take off the myopic vision that many people have in this society and learn the world for what it is worth, to step into a room with locked doors and to walk out with all those doors unlocked, a place of knowledge, and unlimited opportunities.

It was created at a small elementary school in downtown Johnstown and eventually moved to a hill in Richland. In 1978, I graduated from that fine university, and I also have a colleague here in this august body of the State Senate who also graduated from that fine university, Senator Rafferty. In addition to that, former State Representative Lynn Herman graduated from that

fine university. So, although it is small in size, it is large in stature, and I want to compliment and congratulate all the individuals whom I call alumni and friends, and we hope to see them at the 100th anniversary right here in the same State Senate.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, I echo the comments of my friend and colleague, Senator Wozniak. The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is a wonderful facility in an ideal setting. There are still trees and walk paths, and you can enjoy nature firsthand and get a first-rate education. It is a place where you get to know your fellow students, a place where you get to know your professors one on one, and you have the opportunity of enjoying a first-rate Pitt education at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

The student life is one that is very rich. There are athletics, a number of clubs, drama organizations, newspaper, radio station, and there is fraternity and sorority life. Senator Wozniak and I are both Delta Chi's, so not only are we graduates of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, we are fraternity brothers. It is a wonderful institution and one that has spent 80 years in educating and producing fine students, and here is to another 80 years of educating and producing fine students from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

With Senator Wozniak, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all those who have attended the institution and walked through its hallowed halls.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

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

Senators WAUGH, BAKER, PUNT, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, BOSCOLA, COSTA, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, REGOLA, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, ARMSTRONG, BRUBAKER, GREENLEAF, ORIE, C. WILLIAMS, D. WHITE, WASHINGTON, TOMLINSON and WONDERLING, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 175**, entitled:

A Resolution observing the month of September 2007 as "National Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania and urging the residents of this Commonwealth to take advantage of nationwide and Statewide initiatives which show individuals how to create emergency kits, make a family emergency plan, become informed about different threats and get involved in preparing their communities for emergencies.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, folks may know that this is National Preparedness Month. National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort to encourage all Americans, and in this

case, all Pennsylvanians, to take simple steps to prepare themselves for emergencies that could happen at their homes, businesses, and schools. To that end, this resolution is being introduced in cooperation with Senator Baker, chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, to support keeping preparedness in the forefront of people's thoughts and daily activities.

Each week of this month has focused on various life aspects, back-to-school emergency preparedness, business location emergency preparedness, multi-cultural outreach regarding various emergencies, and home and family preparedness right at home, which would include older adults and individuals with disabilities or special needs.

Some might say, why prepare? Well, the fact is, experience tells us that by focusing and preparing ahead of time, people can better respond to recover from and lessen physical, emotional, and financial impacts of disasters or other emergencies. Taking a few minutes to prepare yourself now will save time in disaster and emergency situations when, in fact, every second counts.

The American Red Cross wants everyone to have the confidence and peace of mind that comes along with being prepared by encouraging all folks to take three easy steps to be Red Cross ready - get a kit, make a plan, and be informed.

Madam President, I ask all Members to please support this resolution to encourage folks to be prepared during National Preparedness Month.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Luzerne, Senator Baker.

Senator BAKER. Madam President, I rise to support the resolution proclaiming September as "National Preparedness Month."

As President Ronald Reagan remarked in 1987, no one can predict when the next river will flood or the next storm will hit, and no one can foresee the next threat to our nation's health.

What is predictable is that we face these threats and emergencies as Senator Waugh outlined, and that we face these with the help of institutions and organizations like the American Red Cross and its volunteers who are there to help. The Red Cross is the international symbol of hope, compassion, and caring. We know they are there to help, to prepare, and make sure that we respond to emergencies large and small, and there is no doubt here in Pennsylvania that we know those emergencies. We have seen the tornados and hurricanes, and we have watched the fires and the countless other opportunities that have presented themselves that have been difficult for our citizens.

The Red Cross has been among the first to respond, and they are often the last to leave. So, today, as we help celebrate National Preparedness Month, we also take a moment on our inaugural First Responder Recognition Day, today, September 25, to honor the sacrifice and dedication of our Commonwealth's first responders, the 153,000 men and women who serve our communities as police, fire, and emergency medical responders, and who do that along with the countless Red Cross employees and volunteers throughout our State. They are always prepared and ready to help in times of need.

Last week, when we adopted the First Responder Recognition Day, I joined many people in my community honoring a 35-year veteran of the Shickshinny and Moconaquia Fire Department. Bill McDaniels was laid to rest last week after he died serving his

community in the line of duty. We are fortunate that men and women give of themselves to serve their communities, and today, as we prepare and look at National Preparedness Month and First Responder Appreciation Day, it is our turn to take up the call and join with them to be ready, and to be Red Cross ready.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Baker and Senator Waugh. As advisory chair of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, I could not agree with you more.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Andrew Philip Easton by Senator Armstrong.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher Kunkle by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Blair County Farm Bureau of Martinsburg by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable George E. James by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goliash by Senator Madigan.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wallace Coleman, Sr., by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas Charles Kraft by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Justin Edward Schmid by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Council Rock School District by Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Camp Hill School District by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Judson Greenlee and to the Reverend and Mrs. David E. Smith by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Manus Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Stauffer, Beth George Cisar, Blair Mancini, Robert T. Stewart, Jason Wallace, Thomas Nolen, Susan Albright Reinhard, Bob Hallman, Danielle Strader Bordi and to Jessica Franks by Senator Wonderling.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to G. Kenneth Kratz and to Richard A. Swanker by Senators Wonderling and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ebiho Ahonkhai by Senator Wonderling and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gruendler by Senator Wozniak.

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 Erick M. Foster by Senator M.J. White.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of September 17, 2007, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of September 17, 2007, when, on motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, further reading was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 483.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

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| 9:30 A.M. | ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on proposed alternative fuel mandate) | Room 8E-B East Wing |
| 9:30 A.M. | VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Bills No. 592, 915, 1016 and 1036; and Senate Resolution No. 172) | Room 8E-A 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 |
| 10:00 A.M. | EDUCATION (public hearing regarding the Harrisburg School District's compliance with the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act No. 1 of 2006, Special Session No. 1) | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

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| 10:00 A.M. | URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bill No. 465) | Room 8E-B East Wing |
| 10:00 A.M. | LOCAL GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1080, 1082, 1084 and 1085; and House Bill No. 131) | Room 8E-A East Wing |

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

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| 9:00 A.M. | PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 226) | Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off. |
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

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| 9:00 A.M. | FINANCE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 596) | Room 461 Main Capitol |
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| 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. |
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007

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| 9:00 A.M. | FINANCE (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 65) | Pasquerilla Conf. Center 301 Napoleon St., Johnstown |
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:57 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.