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SENATE

TUESDAY, January 15, 2008

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend JOHN PECK, of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Annville, offered the following prayer:

Let us be still and center ourselves for a moment.
(Pause.)

O God who keeps the universe in order, Allahu Akbar. To the God who keeps our world spinning on its axis, Baruch atah Adonai. To the God who gifted us with life, Benedictus Deo. May God bless the Senate with right order, with the right spin, with gratitude for life. So, as monks are prone to do, chant and pray.

(Chanting:) May the blessings of God rest upon you. May His peace abide with you. May His light illuminate your heart now and forevermore. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Father Peck, who is the guest today of Senator Folmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675

The Honorable Mark R. Corrigan
Senate of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Senator *[sic]* Corrigan:

In accordance with The Energy Conservation and Assistance Act, 62 P.S. §§3011-3019, specifically, 62 P.S. §3015(c)(2)(ii), enclosed is

the Annual Report on the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Also enclosed is the Department of Public Welfare's final resolution of the Pennsylvania Department of Auditor General special audit of LIHEAP for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2006.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to call Ms. Jennifer DeBell, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, at 783-2554.

Sincerely,

ESTELLE B. RICHMAN
Secretary

The PRESIDENT. This report will be filed in the Library.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the President pro tempore has made the following appointment:

Senator Jay Costa as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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:

January 15, 2008

Senators HUGHES, COSTA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, STACK, FUMO and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 1242**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, further providing for the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund; providing for the Medical Care Availability for Pennsylvanians (MCAP) Reserve Fund; and further providing for the Health Care Provider Retention Account and for expiration.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, January 15, 2008.

Senators WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, BROWNE, COSTA, FONTANA, FUMO, ORIE, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1245**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters, further defining "child" and "dependent child"; and providing for court review of voluntary foster care extension agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, January 15, 2008.

Senators WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, BROWNE, COSTA, FONTANA, FUMO, ORIE, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1246**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in children and youth, further providing for payment to counties for services to children; and providing for voluntary foster care extension.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, January 15, 2008.

Senators RHOADES and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 1247**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 15, 2008.

Senators RHOADES and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1248**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, providing for home heating relief.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, January 15, 2008.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator M.J. WHITE, from the Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy, reported the following bill:

SB 949 (Pr. No. 1685) (Amended)

An Act providing for bituminous coal mines; and making a repeal.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Stout.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of December 3, 2007, and December 4, 2007, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of December 3, 2007, and December 4, 2007.

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals be approved.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YE A-49

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

GUEST OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, it is my pleasure to introduce my guest today. My guest is Andrew Flachs. Andrew is a graduate of Owen J. Roberts High School and is a student at Oberlin College. At Oberlin, they have what are called winter terms. You do not get a vacation, you have to do some work in the community for 4 weeks. Andrew Flachs is doing that work with me.

He is also a classical saxophonist and is getting a double degree at Oberlin, both in anthropology and in music. Oberlin College is a very famous conservatory of music. He is also a guest Page with us today.

Madam President, I ask everyone to welcome Andrew Flachs to the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. Will Andrew Flachs please rise so we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 776 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1141 (Pr. No. 1523) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 real property, for personal property and for letting contracts.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question, Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns of names: Armstrong, Baker, Boscola, Browne, Brubaker, Corman, Dinniman, Earll, Eichelberger, Erickson, Ferlo, Folmer, Fontana, Fumo, Gordner, Greenleaf, Hughes, Kasunic, Kitchen, LaValle, Logan, Madigan, McIlhinney, Mellow, Musto, O'Pake, Orié, Piccola, Pileggi, Pippy, Punt, Rafferty, Regola, Rhoades, Robbins, Scarnati, Stack, Stout, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vance, Washington, Waugh, White, Donald, White, Mary Jo, Williams, Anthony H., Williams, Constance, Wonderling, Wozniak

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 232 (Pr. No. 1572) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Upon motion of Senator PILEGGI, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was laid on the table.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 497, HB 606 and SB 1027 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

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:

MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

December 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, Elizabeth A. Brewer, Three Blue Hills Court, PO Box 249, Riverside 17868, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice George Dull, Ph.D., Pittsburgh, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SELINGSGROVE CENTER

November 27, 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, Ann Shadel Sierer, 1200 Leese Hollow Road, Mt. Pleasant Mills 17853, Snyder County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selingsgrove Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, 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 ROBBINS and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Table with 4 columns of names: Armstrong, Baker, Boscola, Fumo, Gordner, Greenleaf, Orié, Piccola, Pileggi, Tomlinson, Vance, Washington

Browne	Hughes	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Kasunic	Punt	White, Donald
Corman	Kitchen	Rafferty	White, Mary Jo
Dinniman	LaValle	Regola	Williams, Anthony H.
Earl	Logan	Rhoades	Williams, Constance
Eichelberger	Madigan	Robbins	Wonderling
Erickson	McIlhinney	Scarnati	Wozniak
Ferlo	Mellow	Stack	
Folmer	Musto	Stout	
Fontana	O'Pake	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
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. Dick Masters by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nathan C. Brown by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander H. Borkiewicz by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Walter D. Palmer Leadership Learning Partners Charter School by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Irwin Gregg by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Neno Sartini by Senator Musto.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary D. Angstadt by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Earl E. Landy by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Wanda Thomas by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Pelosi by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas Glasson and to May Vorsanger by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Benjamin Abraham Jumper, Nicholas Steven McMichael, Sebastian Redcay, Catherine F. Reimer and to Vasiliki P. Scotas by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Candis J. Pressley-Blackwood by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freehling, Mr. and Mrs. John Spence and to Dr. Nicholas C. Neupauer by Senator D. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Julia P. Davis by Senator A.H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Wendell F. Holland, Dr. Nancy J. Vickers, Ryan T. Dougherty and to Men In Action by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert A. Pucci by Senators C. Williams, Erickson, and Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Single by Senator Wozniak.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Lieutenant Colonel Richard Berrettini by Senator Mellow.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late George R. Haines by Senator Washington.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to.

The bill was as follows:

SB 949.

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 Schuylkill, Senator Rhoades.

Senator RHOADES. Madam President, since I came to office about 27 years ago, this body has been looking for ways to significantly reduce escalating property tax costs for homeowners, and we have passed a host of bills that seek to do that. However, it seems that every time we do and make that effort, someone finds a loophole to increase homeowners' property taxes anyway.

Currently, Pennsylvania's real estate assessment law precludes a taxing body from appealing a property's assessed value following a purchase. However, when the purchase of a property is different than its assessed value, a local government can argue to increase the assessed value of the property, which translates to a property tax increase for the homeowner.

If there is any question about whether this is a real problem, the answer to me is right here on the front page of a Sunday edition of the Pottsville Republican: "Appeals have taxing effect."

Here is a man who bought a property for \$70,000 that was falling apart. The roof was caving in. The windows were out. He and his wife took a building from 1880, they worked hard on developing it, and then they ended up finding out that their assessment went from \$70,000 up to about \$170,000. He would not have done it or made the effort to take a blighted property and repair it if he had known the local school board would take him to the assessment board to have his taxes raised.

So, I have introduced legislation to stop this. Essentially, my bill would amend the current assessment law in fourth- to eighth-class counties. The amendment says that other than during a countywide assessment, an appeal may be taken only when the parcel of land is divided or conveyed away in smaller parcels, when the property is improved, or when existing improvements are removed.

Madam President, let us not ask ourselves why we should do this; let us ask ourselves why we should not do this. Whether we call it an appeal, an assessment, or anything else, this loophole results in property tax increases. Period.

What is our purpose here today? As I said yesterday, each and every day we leave this Chamber, we should say, what have we done to help our constituents, to help residents young and old, new home buyers and current homeowners, to help the people of Pennsylvania?

I believe that this effort will be heading in that direction. As I said, everyone should have the opportunity to have food on the table, clothes on their backs, a roof over their heads, affordable healthcare, and a couple of bucks to enjoy life with.

Thank you very much, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Dinniman.

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I do not want to adjourn today without a recognition that this is the official birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. And when Senator Rhoades speaks about every citizen having a roof over his head, having some basic healthcare, having some food to eat, having a couple of bucks for the good life, we should remember Martin Luther King, Jr., and his work to make sure that the abundance with which we have been blessed is shared with all the citizens of this Commonwealth.

We need to remember that Martin Luther King, Jr., taught us about the interdependence of all people. He told us that we are all woven together into an inescapable network of mutuality. We are all part of the single garment of destiny. We need to remember Martin Luther King, Jr., as we do our business both today and throughout this year, because Martin Luther King, Jr., taught us that we are to stir the waters of social justice to make sure those waters are felt by all of our citizens.

So, I rise today simply to make sure that this Senate notes his birthday, notes what he stood for, and takes into consideration in all we do for the citizens of this Commonwealth the notion that we are all interconnected, that we are all part of a commonwealth, a common State. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, and we need to remember the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and what he taught us today and every day that we are in Session as a Senate.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Dinniman.

May I please ask all the Senators and staff to stand in a moment of silence in tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Venango, Senator Mary Jo White.

Senator M.J. WHITE. Madam President, I just learned today of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Berrettini, who was from Eldred, in McKean County. He died in Texas from combat injuries sustained in Afghanistan. I did not know Colonel Berrettini. He was a nurse practitioner, a nurse at Port Allegany High School, and joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1984 and volunteered to be a nurse in Afghanistan.

I guess the reason I feel a kinship with him, if you will, is that for about 20 years, I have served on the Military Academy Selection Committee for the 5th Congressional District. I started when Bill Clinger was my Congressman and served up until this year, and I am still serving.

The Berrettini family was rather exceptional in that they had not one but two sons who were accepted and served and graduated from military academies. Vincent Berrettini, the 26-year-old son, is an Air Force Academy graduate and is now an Air Force pilot. Christopher Berrettini, age 22, is a recent graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. This is truly an exceptional family in the caliber of the young people they raised and in the service of this family to their country.

I would like to express my sympathy to Jane Berrettini and the rest of the family and ask the Senate for a moment of silence, please.

The PRESIDENT. Will the Senate and staff all please rise for a moment of silence for Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Berrettini, who died in Afghanistan.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD J. BERRETTINI.)

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

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I rise today with a heavy heart to offer a resolution honoring a true fallen American hero from my area who lost his life earlier this month while serving in Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Ryan Douglas Maseth, a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group of the United States Army, died on January 2 while serving his nation. Sergeant Maseth's military education included airborne, air assault, ranger, and special forces training. He was serving his second tour in Iraq with honor and distinction.

Sergeant Maseth was a varsity wrestler and a graduate of Shaler Area High School. He inspired both his twin brother, Brandon, and younger brother, Adam, to serve in the military, and both are presently honorably serving this great country.

Sergeant Maseth believed military service represented a higher ideal and a higher calling. He wanted to fight for freedom, and he did so with determination, bravery, and motivation. He was ambitious and motivated and was an honorable individual who touched so many lives. He traveled halfway around the world to defend our freedom. His loss will be felt by all who knew him and those who served with him.

Sergeant Maseth is survived by his father, Douglas, his mother and stepfather, Cheryl and Scott Harris, and his two brothers, who are presently serving in the military. He will be remembered, Madam President, as a hero to his community and to his fellow service men and women.

Madam President, I ask the Senate to take a moment to honor the life of this young American hero.

The PRESIDENT. I ask the Senate and the staff to rise in honor of Staff Sergeant Ryan Douglas Maseth, who died January 2 in Iraq.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Staff Sergeant RYAN DOUGLAS MASETH.)

The PRESIDENT. To the families of Sergeant Maseth and Lieutenant Colonel Berrettini, we send our condolences.

BILL SIGNED

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

HB 1795.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008

9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1229)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:45 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 313, 987 and 1023; and House Bills No. 500, 501, 1131, 1133 and 1134)	Room 461 Main Capitol

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Auditor General Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Historical and Museum Commission Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of State Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Secretary Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Labor and Industry Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Insurance Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Revenue Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (State Related Universities Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Attorney General Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (PSERS/SERS Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Gaming Control Board Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (State System of Higher Education Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Agriculture Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Health Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Corrections Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Treasury Department Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Aging Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Liquor Control Board Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (State Police Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Transportation Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Education Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of General Services Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Environmental Protection Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Public Welfare Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:15 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Department of Community and Economic Development Budget Hearing)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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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 Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 11 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.