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**SENATE**

MONDAY, April 28, 2008

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

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

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Rabbi SOLOMON ISAACSON, of Congregation Beth Solomon Synagogue, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

Before I begin my prayer, I would like to extend a personal welcome to all the young people here today, and I hope that some of you will be the future leaders and Senators of this wonderful Senate.

*(Translation from Hebrew:)*

May He who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, may He bless the Armed Forces of the United States, the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marines, who stand guard over our land, wherever they may be. May Hashem, the Almighty, cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighting men from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness. May He send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

May He lead our enemies under their sway, and may He adorn them with the crown of salvation and with the diadem of triumph. May there be fulfilled for them the verse, for it is Hashem, our God, who goes with you to battle your enemies to save you.

*(Translation from Hebrew:)*

May He who grants salvation to kings and dominion to rulers, whose Kingdom is a kingdom spanning all eternities, who releases David, his servant, from the evil sword, who places a road in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, may He bless, safeguard, preserve, help, exalt, make great, extol, and raise high our beloved President, Vice President, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all the officials of our beloved Senate here in our great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

May the King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He sustain them and protect them from every trouble, woe, and injury. May He rescue them. May He gather peoples under their sway and cause their enemies to fall before them. Wherever they turn, may they succeed. A King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He put into their hearts and into the hearts of all of

their counselors and officials compassion to do good with us and with all the great people of our wonderful country and our great Commonwealth. In their days and in ours, so may it be His will. And let us say Amen.

I would like to just add, before we go further, that we just had the holiday of Passover, which symbolizes the freedom of those who are oppressed. We are not only many times oppressed physically, but we are also oppressed mentally. I hope and pray that the Almighty will free all of us from all types of oppression and allow us to be the good and wonderful individuals that we are all capable of. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Rabbi Isaacson, who is the guest today of Senator Stack.

**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  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

April 10, 2008

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 W. Martin, 2497 South 5th Street, Steelton 17113, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

April 10, 2008

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, Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Toni M. Gilhooley, Harrisburg, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
BUCKS COUNTY

April 11, 2008

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, Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice The Honorable Kenneth G. Biehn, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,  
LUZERNE COUNTY

April 11, 2008

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, Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice The Honorable Michael T. Conahan, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF WHITE HAVEN STATE HOSPITAL

April 11, 2008

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 Board of Trustees of White Haven State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Edward Matisak, Sugarloaf, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 11, 2008

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 Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-2-40, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice Cathleen Cawood, Bubash, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 11, 2008

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, Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Schuylkill, Magisterial District 21-3-05, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice William A. Slezosky, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
OF CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 15, 2008

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, Don Bak, 107 Monticello, Riddle Village, 1048 W. Baltimore Pike, Media 19063, Delaware County, Ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
OF CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 15, 2008

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, Lynette M. Brown-Sow, 3900 Ford Road, Condo 9-D, Philadelphia 19131, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
OF CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 15, 2008

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, Lorna D. Horsey, 612 Cristina Place, Philadelphia 19139, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
OF CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

April 15, 2008

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, Robert L. Traynham II, 2105 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009-7502, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney 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 STATE HORSE  
RACING COMMISSION

April 15, 2008

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, Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Horse Racing Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Larry Kent, Ardmore, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

April 17, 2008

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, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, to serve until July 24, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Norman Hetrick, Harrisburg, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

April 17, 2008

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, Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Franklin, Magisterial District 39-3-03, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice Richard L. Alloway II, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

April 24, 2008

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, Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy, 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 Z. Annette Iglarsh, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

REGISTER OF WILLS AND RECORDR *[sic]*  
OF DEEDS, SNYDER COUNTY

April 24, 2008

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 Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Snyder, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice Harvey J. Kreamer, Jr., resigned.

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 LAWRENCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

April 10, 2008

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 February 4, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2 Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lawrence County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank V. Sylvester, New Castle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE NORTHAMPTON  
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE**

April 10, 2008

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 February 4, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Northampton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Elsie Luciano, Bethlehem, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEARING BOARD**

April 28, 2008

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 January 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael Krancer, Esquire, Bryn Mawr, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER**

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Wiscott, Shippensburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Ferguson, Blairsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Josephine Dunmire, Apollo, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Seabol, Latrobe, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, 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 Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen, Blairsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The [sic] Loretta Hogans, New Castle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 January 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald J. LaValle, Rochester, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, 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 Torrance State Hospital [sic], to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Fee, New Castle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADAMS COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Adams County Board of Assistance, to

serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sharon Price, Gettysburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ALLEGHENY  
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Lewis, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ALLEGHENY  
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paul Stackhouse, Pittsburgh, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARMSTRONG  
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Armstrong County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Jo Ward, Kittanning, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARMSTRONG  
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Armstrong County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Genevieve Mantini, Ford City, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEAVER COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Beaver County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Allen Andrascik, Beaver Falls, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEAVER COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Beaver County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jill Marsilio-Colonna, Beaver Falls, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bedford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Larry Garlock, Everett, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bedford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol Shaffer, Manns Choice, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BERKS COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Berks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Gilmore, Wernersville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BERKS COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Berks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Maria M. Garcia, Reading, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend Jack D. Moyer, Altoona, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jacqueline A. Smith-Bennett, Camp Hill, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Faulds, Sr., Hollidaysburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathie Richardson, Hollidaysburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
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MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice George C. Kelchner, Hollidaysburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gregory Murawsky, Altoona, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Eugene Hiduk, New Albany, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William E. Krause, Canton, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor



MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Brenchley, Canton, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**HOUSE MESSAGES**

**HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives presented to the Senate the following bills for concurrence, which were referred to the committees indicated:

April 9, 2008

**HB 1081** -- Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

**HB 1082, HB 1084 and HB 2179** -- Committee on Banking and Insurance.

**HB 1083** -- Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

April 28, 2008

**HB 1761** -- Committee on Labor and Industry.

**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:

April 11, 2008

Senators O'PAKE, MELLOW, COSTA, C. WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, HUGHES, MUSTO, STACK, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, LAVALLE, KITCHEN, FUMO, STOUT, BOSCOLA, RHOADES, LOGAN, FERLO, WASHINGTON and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1358**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for tax credits.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 11, 2008.

Senators HUGHES, MELLOW, TARTAGLIONE, C. WILLIAMS, COSTA, KITCHEN, LOGAN, WASHINGTON,

FERLO, FONTANA, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, A. WILLIAMS and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1359**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for establishment of programs, for providers, for notification of program and for Educational Assistance Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 11, 2008.

Senator MELLOW presented to the Chair **SB 1362**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 16, 2007 (P.L.3, No.3), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the County of Lackawanna Transit System Authority (COLTS), certain lands situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County, in exchange for a certain tract of land from COLTS situate in the City of Scranton, Lackawanna County," further providing for voidance.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1363**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 1, 1945 (P.L.1232, No.427), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the appointment, promotion and reduction in rank, suspension and removal of paid operators of fire apparatus in boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class; creating a civil service commission in each borough, incorporated town and township of the first class; defining the duties of such civil service commission; imposing certain duties and expenses on boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class; imposing penalties; and repealing inconsistent laws," further providing for general provisions relating to examinations, for rejection of applicant and hearing, for manner of filling appointments, for probationary period and for physical examinations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1364**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 5, 1941 (P.L.84, No.45), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the appointment, promotion and reduction in rank, suspension and removal of paid members of the police force in boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class maintaining a police force of not less than three members; creating a civil service commission in each borough, incorporated town and township of the first class; defining the duties of such civil service commission; imposing certain duties and expense on boroughs, incorporated towns and townships of the first class; imposing penalties, and repealing inconsistent laws," further providing for general provisions relating to examinations, for rejection of applicant and hearing, for manner of filling appointments, for probationary period and for physical examinations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1365**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, as to civil service for police and firemen, further providing for general provisions relating to

examinations, rejection of applicant and hearing, manner of filling appointments, probationary period and physical examination.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1366**, 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 general provisions relating to examinations, for rejection of applicant and hearing, for manner of filling appointments, for probation period and for physical examinations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1367**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, in civil service, further providing for rules and regulations and examinations and for selection of appointee from a certified list of applicants.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1368**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 31, 1933, (P.L.1108, No.272), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the appointment, promotion, reduction, removal and reinstatement of paid officers, firemen and employes of fire departments and of fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors in the bureaus of electricity in cities of the third class; defining the powers and duties of civil service commissions for such purposes; and fixing penalties," further providing for civil service examinations and eligibility lists.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

Senators ROBBINS, ERICKSON, REGOLA, STOUT and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1369**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 14, 1963 (P.L.839, No.407), entitled, as amended, "An act creating a county records committee; imposing powers and duties upon it; authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to assist and cooperate with it; defining county records; and authorizing the disposition of certain county records by county officers in counties of the second to eighth class," increasing the membership of the committee.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 11, 2008.

#### April 14, 2008

Senators BRUBAKER, ORIE, PUNT, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, MADIGAN, WASHINGTON and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 1360**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for definitions and for exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 14, 2008.

Senators BAKER, MADIGAN, KASUNIC, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, MELLOW, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE, PIPPY and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1361**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing, in general budget implementation, for the Department of Public Welfare.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 14, 2008.

Senators EARLL, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1370**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in insurance holding companies, further providing for standards and management of an insurer within a holding company system.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 14, 2008.

Senator RHOADES presented to the Chair **SB 1371**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of commission; and providing for citizen advisory committees.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, April 14, 2008.

Senators FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, LAVALLE, MUSTO, C. WILLIAMS, STOUT, M. WHITE, PIPPY, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, O'PAKE, RHOADES, COSTA, WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, STACK, FERLO, REGOLA and A. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1372**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.408, No.89), known as the Health Care Cost Containment Act, further providing for sunset of act.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 14, 2008.

#### April 24, 2008

Senators LAVALLE, MUSTO, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, FONTANA, MELLOW, C. WILLIAMS, COSTA, FERLO, HUGHES, PIPPY, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, O'PAKE, RHOADES, WASHINGTON and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1374**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for special education payments to school districts.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 24, 2008.

Senators BROWNE, BAKER, M. WHITE, WASHINGTON, COSTA, ORIE, WAUGH, WONDERLING, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1375**, entitled:

An Act providing for a State tax credit program for work provided by a licensed vocational facility to a business under contract with the facility.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 24, 2008.

Senators WAUGH, ARMSTRONG, PUNT, VANCE and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1376**, entitled:

An Act repealing the act of March 1, 1799 (16 Sm.L.181, No.221), entitled "An act to incorporate and endow an academy or public school in the town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 24, 2008.

Senators RAFFERTY, WONDERLING and GREENLEAF presented to the Chair **SB 1377**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1933 (P.L.853, No.155), known as The General County Assessment Law, further providing for subjects of taxation; repealing provisions relating to limitation upon taxation and to valuation of mobilehomes or house trailers; and further providing for recorder of deeds in certain counties to furnish record of conveyances and compensation.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 24, 2008.

#### April 25, 2008

Senators ERICKSON, COSTA, WOZNIAK, ORIE, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, WONDERLING, LOGAN, TOMLINSON, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, McILHINNEY, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, BAKER, WASHINGTON, STACK, VANCE, MADIGAN, M. WHITE, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, DINNIMAN, CORMAN, SCARNATI, MELLOW, EICHELBERGER, FERLO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1373**, entitled:

An Act providing for an annual allocation of funds to county mental health and mental retardation programs.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 25, 2008.

Senators WONDERLING, ROBBINS, GORDNER, ERICKSON, WAUGH, PIPPY, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, ORIE, KITCHEN, BRUBAKER, EARLL, RHOADES, A. WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, D. WHITE, VANCE, SCARNATI, M. WHITE, MADIGAN, FOLMER, KASUNIC and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 1378**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, further providing for general powers and duties of Department of Health, for disclosure of records and for evidentiary sufficiency of records; providing for access to records on Internet website; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 25, 2008.

#### April 28, 2008

Senators BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, ORIE, PILEGGI, FERLO, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, BRUBAKER, ROBBINS, EARLL, WAUGH,

GORDNER, BAKER, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, A. WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS, O'PAKE, WOZNIAK, RHOADES, D. WHITE, TOMLINSON, MADIGAN, VANCE and REGOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1350**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment of a searchable budget database-driven Internet website detailing certain information concerning taxpayer investments.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 28, 2008.

Senators WOZNIAK, FONTANA, KASUNIC, FERLO, EARLL, O'PAKE, MUSTO, LOGAN, GORDNER, STOUT, C. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, COSTA, A. WILLIAMS and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1353**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for indebtedness.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, April 28, 2008.

Senators A. WILLIAMS, HUGHES, KITCHEN and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1379**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 28, 2008.

Senators GORDNER, SCARNATI, CORMAN, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, KITCHEN, RHOADES, D. WHITE, WOZNIAK and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1380**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 6, 1998 (P.L.705, No.92), known as the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, providing for substitution of parcels outside a subzone.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 28, 2008.

Senators LOGAN, MUSTO, COSTA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, KASUNIC and C. WILLIAMS presented to the Chair **SB 1381**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 28, 2008.

### **RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

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

#### April 24, 2008

Senators M. WHITE, SCARNATI, ERICKSON, ROBBINS, MUSTO, STOUT, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, PUNT,

BRUBAKER, WONDERLING, FOLMER, EARLL, KITCHEN, WAUGH, D. WHITE and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SR 294**, entitled:

A Resolution affirming that the consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the acquisition of Allegheny National Forest Lands by the United States is conditioned on the preservation of property interests of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and privately owned property interests.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 24, 2008.

April 28, 2008

Senators BRUBAKER, FERLO, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, STACK, BAKER, ARMSTRONG, C. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, STOUT, ERICKSON, PUNT, TOMLINSON, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, ORIE, COSTA, PILEGGI, FOLMER, PIPPY, EARLL, KITCHEN, WONDERLING, A. WILLIAMS, D. WHITE and WOZNAK presented to the Chair **SR 295**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 18, 2008, as "MRSA Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, April 28, 2008.

Senators BAKER, PIPPY, PILEGGI, REGOLA, TOMLINSON, BOSCOLA, EICHELBERGER, ARMSTRONG, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, KASUNIC, PUNT, TARTAGLIONE, MUSTO, ORIE, COSTA, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, STACK, C. WILLIAMS, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, DINNIMAN, EARLL, WONDERLING, A. WILLIAMS and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SR 296**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 1, 2008, as "Loyalty Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 28, 2008.

## GENERAL COMMUNICATION

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SAFETY PROGRAM

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

PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
2605 Interstate Drive  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9364

April 3, 2008

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan  
Secretary  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
PO Box 203053  
462 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

Provided herewith is the Annual Report of the Hazardous Material Safety Program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for calendar year 2006.

This annual report is required by the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Act (Act 1990-165). This legislation, signed into law on December 7, 1990, and amended on December 20, 2000, created a comprehensive, statewide program intended to provide the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this Commonwealth from exposure to hazardous materials in the facilities and from transportation-related accidents.

Act 165 established a comprehensive hazardous material safety program in the Commonwealth; created funds to provide financial assistance to Commonwealth agencies and counties; established emergency notification systems; assigned responsibilities to Commonwealth and local agencies; provided for civil liability protection to officials and emergency response personnel; and established fiscal reimbursement liability to those responsible for releases.

This report is submitted by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council/State Emergency Response Commission to the General Assembly in order to provide information on the activities undertaken to implement the Act. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Henry C. Tamanini, Technological Hazards, Bureau of Plans, at 717-651-2723.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. FRENCH  
Director

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:

Mr. John P. Cuff to the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

### APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to announce the Minority Leader has made the following appointment:

Mr. Thomas M. Meisner to the Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Board.

### BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

#### SB 615 (Pr. No. 666) (Rereported)

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

#### SB 684 (Pr. No. 1970) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for child death review.

### LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Tomlinson, and legislative leaves for Senator Madigan, Senator Punt, and Senator Rafferty.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Tomlinson, and legislative leaves for Senator Madigan, Senator Punt, and Senator Rafferty.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests a legislative leave for Senator Kitchen.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 18, 2008, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 18, 2008.

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

**YEA-48**

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

**NAY-0**

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
GUESTS OF SENATOR ELISABETH J. BAKER  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator BAKER. Madam President, it is a privilege for me to introduce two groups who are visiting the Capitol today. Guests with me are job-shadowing students from Dallas High School, juniors who are interested in careers in government and public service: Molly Gilligan, Christian Szot, David Sherer, Kristina Toussaint, and Hillary Schaub. They are joined today by their guidance counselor, Robyn Jones, and Mary Barbara Gilligan. It is a privilege to have them here with me, spending the day and seeing how State government works.

In addition, we also had an opportunity to have guests from the Pike County Chamber of Commerce and their government affairs committee, who are here talking about issues of concern to the residents and businesses of Pike County, in particular our tourism industry. With me were Scott Weiland, executive director, and committee members Roy Hart, Kathy Hummel, and Jim Rinehardt.

So it is a privilege to have the guests from the 20th Senatorial District who are here in the gallery, and I ask the Senate to offer a very warm welcome.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Will the Dallas High School students and counselors and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce all stand so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ANDREW E. DINNIMAN  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, we had some special guests here today who had to leave, but if I may at least mention, we had the former superintendent of schools of Downingtown, Pennsylvania. His name is Dr. Walter Hessinger. And we also had Dr. Carl Garrison, who was the director of elementary education.

If you can imagine this, there were only four administrators in the 1980s in the Downingtown schools who ran the whole place. You know today, where we have a specialist for every kind of thing in our schools, and it costs us lots of money, four people ran the whole school, and they are up here today to see our Capitol. They met with you, Madam President. Thank you for your graciousness. And they are now off to Indiantown Gap because they wanted to honor our veterans.

Thank you so much.

The PRESIDENT. To the former superintendent of schools of Downingtown and his guest, we give you a belated welcome.

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Madam President, on behalf of Senator Tomlinson--who is here now--

(Applause.)

Senator McILHINNEY. I yield the floor to Senator Tomlinson. Welcome him back from his surgery.

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Thank you, Madam President. It is great to be back in the Senate after having a little knee operation. I had my knee replaced, and I am doing great. I had my 6-week exam this morning at the doctor's, and the x-rays came out great, so we are doing well. No crutches. No canes. Nothing. So we are doing well.

Madam President, I would like to introduce the seventh and eighth grade class from St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bensalem, my home parish, and they are here visiting us today with Ms. Sandy Kirk, their language arts teacher, and several of the parents are here as chaperones. It is a great homecoming for me, kids. Thanks for coming down for my first day back after my surgery. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Will the students, teacher, and parents from St. Charles Borromeo please rise.

(Applause.)

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Tomlinson has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

**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, first, of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I request a Democratic caucus after the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, to be 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  
GUEST OF SENATOR VINCENT J. FUMO  
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Fumo.

Senator FUMO. Madam President, I would like to introduce to the Senate the individual who will be taking my place come January. No offense, guys. It is not even in the ballpark. I would like to introduce, I will affectionately say, Senator-elect Larry Farnese. I ask for a warm welcome.

(Applause.)

**LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED**

The PRESIDENT. Senator Rafferty has returned, and his legislative leave is cancelled.

**CALENDAR**

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED**

**SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED**

**SB 810 (Pr. No. 1935)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey certain lands situate in the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittston.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 810?

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 810.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

**YEA-48**

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

**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION  
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

**SB 232 (Pr. No. 1916)** -- 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.

Considered the third time and agreed to,  
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,  
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-48

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 500, HB 501, SB 820, SB 1107 and SB 1269** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**HB 239, SB 428 and HB 675** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

**HB 780 (Pr. No. 3532)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, further providing for appointment, term and vacancy of planning commission members and for conduct of business of planning commission; providing for interpretation of subdivision and land development ordinances; and further providing for approval of plats and for jurisdiction.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1028, HB 1044 and SB 1063** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL AMENDED

**SB 1149 (Pr. No. 1531)** -- 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 aggravated assault.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator TARTAGLIONE offered the following amendment No. A6767:

Amend Sec. 1, page 1, line 6, by striking out "2702(b), (c) and (d)" and inserting: 2702(a)(2), (b) and (c)

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2702), page 1, line 9, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

(a) Offense defined.—A person is guilty of aggravated assault if he:  
\* \* \*

(2) attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes serious bodily injury to any of the officers, agents, employees or other persons enumerated in subsection (c) [or to an employee of an agency, company or other entity engaged in public transportation], while in the performance of duty;  
\* \* \*

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 2702), page 3, lines 25 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 18, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

(37) An employee of an agency, company or other entity engaged in public transportation.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

**SB 1250** -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

**SB 1297 (Pr. No. 1796)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, further providing for the expiration of provisions relating to prudent investments.

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

**SB 1314 (Pr. No. 1851)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, authorizing a tax credit for volunteer firefighters for purposes of personal income tax.

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

**SB 1316 (Pr. No. 1936)** -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 a tax credit for employers of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services workers.

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

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 263, AMENDED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 263**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study relating to the funds collected from the fee from construction or building permits and to report its findings to the General Assembly.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator GORDNER offered the following amendment No. A6751:

Amend Title, page 1, line 4, by striking out "by June 30, 2008"

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

Without objection, the resolution, as amended, was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 264, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 264**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 1, 2008, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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

#### MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING BOARD

April 28, 2008

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 January 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Environmental Hearing Board, to serve for a term of six years, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Michael Krancer, Esquire, Bryn Mawr, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESTORATION CENTER

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of South Mountain Restoration Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Wiscott, Shippensburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

#### MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Ferguson, Blairsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor



MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Josephine Dunmire, Apollo, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Seabol, Latrobe, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE STATE HOSPITAL

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, 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 Torrance State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rev. Dr. Roger Petersen, Blairsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Loretta Hogans, New Castle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 January 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Gerald J. LaValle, Rochester, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, 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 the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Thomas Fee, New Castle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

April 28, 2008

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 February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Youth Development Centers, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Fragle, Sharon, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Adams County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sharon Price, Gettysburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Lewis, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paul Stackhouse, Pittsburgh, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Armstrong County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Jo Ward, Kittanning, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Armstrong County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Genevieve Mantini, Ford City, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEAVER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Beaver County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Allen Andrascik, Beaver Falls, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEAVER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Beaver County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jill Marsilio-Colonna, Beaver Falls, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bedford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Larry Garlock, Everett, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bedford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol Shaffer, Manns Choice, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Berks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Gilmore, Wernersville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BERKS COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Berks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Maria M. Garcia, Reading, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Reverend Jack D. Moyer, Altoona, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jacqueline A. Smith-Bennett, Camp Hill, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Faulds, Sr., Hollidaysburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kathie Richardson, Hollidaysburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice George C. Kelchner, Hollidaysburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Blair County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gregory Murawsky, Altoona, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor

MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Eugene Hiduk, New Albany, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William E. Krause, Canton, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 28, 2008

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 February 11, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Bradford County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Brenchley, Canton, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 10, 2008

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, Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2 Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Lawrence County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank V. Sylvester, New Castle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE NORTHAMPTON  
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

April 10, 2008

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, Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Northampton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Elsie Luciano, Bethlehem, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Senator ROBBINS. Madam President, I request that the nominations just read by the Clerk be returned to His Excellency, the Governor.

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

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

**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 ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

April 7, 2008

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, John A. Martine, AIA, 2122 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh 15203, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Architects Licensure Board, to serve until June 5, 2010, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jon W. Shimm, Pittsburgh, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

March 10, 2008

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, Patricia Halpin-Murphy, 1019 Ingram Court, Ambler 19002, Montgomery County, Twelfth 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 her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD  
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

March 26, 2008

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, Douglas H. Shaps (Public Member), 158 Maple Avenue, Bala Cynwyd 19004, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Landscape Architects, 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 Lisa Holman, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

March 27, 2008

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, Rafaela Colon (Public Member), 1306 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 19122, Philadelphia County, Third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Nursing, to serve until May 8, 2013, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Maryann George, Ardmore, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 6, 2008

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, Rodney P. Hughes, 214 5th Street, Mayfield 18433, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University, to commence on July 1, 2008, and to serve until July 1, 2011, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Galen T. Foulke, Bloomsburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

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

March 26, 2008

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 K. Matta, Sr., Ed.D., NCC, LPC, 747 McCaslin Street, Pittsburgh 15217, 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 for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Thomas F. Matta, Erie, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

**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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senator MELLOW, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 297**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 2008 as "Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,  
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Mellow.

Senator MELLOW. Madam President, I offer this resolution because I believe it is very important that we try to bring about public awareness of skin cancer in the State of Pennsylvania. With the beginning of summer, and actually, May is the first month when people like to go out and tan, not only in the sun, but

they also like tanning booths, I think it is important to talk about the risk of skin cancer.

Five years ago this past March, I had a very serious melanoma removed from my body, which is a very important type of skin cancer in the form of a tumor that grows internally. I was also very fortunate to have lymph nodes removed, but everything in that particular regard was positive. Time goes by quickly, and that was 5 years ago. I just think it is important for the Members and those listening to us this afternoon to realize that although the sun is beautiful, and I love to be in it myself, there are some downsides about having too much skin exposure to the sun and especially, or equally as important, skin exposure to tanning beds.

So by bringing about the resolution designating May as Skin Cancer Awareness Month, perhaps one individual today who is out there exposing themselves to too much sun or using a tanning booth might hear the message and realize, unfortunately, the complications they could be faced with in the future. So I would just like to thank the Senate for its indulgence and ask for a vote on the resolution.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, if I may, I want to join with Senator Mellow. This morning, I had to visit the doctor before I came up here. Over the break, I had something cut off my forehead that did not look right, and the doctor did tell me that there was some precancer there, and they had gotten it off. So I join with Senator Mellow. I think it is very important for all of us throughout the Commonwealth exposed to the sun, when we see something on our face that might not look right, a new mole growing, to get to the doctor right away and have them check it out. I am very happy I made that move, and I am very happy to speak on behalf of Senator Mellow's resolution.

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 TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, DINNIMAN, ORIE, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, COSTA, MUSTO, LOGAN, A. WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, BAKER, WOZNIAC, KITCHEN, ARMSTRONG, LAVALLE, TOMLINSON and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 298**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2008 as "Law Month" in Pennsylvania and urging lawmakers, lawyers, judges and schools to participate.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, 50 years ago in 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower proclaimed May 1 as "Law

Day" in the United States. On May 1, 2008, the Pennsylvania Bar Association will launch its ninth annual "Law Day" program here in Pennsylvania. As part of the celebration, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and local bar associations across this Commonwealth will sponsor activities throughout the month of May.

The purpose of these activities is to educate people of all ages about the legal system and to celebrate the American heritage of liberty, justice, and equality. The theme for this year's celebration is "Growing Strong Citizens." During the month of May, schools, attorneys, and judges are encouraged to work together and arrange for classroom visits as part of the celebration. This will provide children with the opportunity from kindergarten through grade 12 to explore the ways in which they can have an impact on our world.

Madam President, the annual observance of "Law Day" is part of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's continuing partnership with the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation and the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy, PENNCORD. I ask my colleagues to support this program and this resolution that designates the month of May 2008 as "Law Month" in Pennsylvania.

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 FONTANA, BAKER, COSTA, FERLO, KASUNIC, PUNT, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, LAVALLE, PIPPY, WASHINGTON, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, McILHINNEY, STACK, C. WILLIAMS, REGOLA, O'PAKE, ORIE, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, ARMSTRONG, PILEGGI, EARLL, WONDERLING, A. WILLIAMS, D. WHITE and WOZNIAC, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 299**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of April 27 through May 3, 2008, as "National Volunteer Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FONTANA. Madam President, this resolution recognizes "National Volunteer Week" in Pennsylvania, April 27 through May 3, 2008. Madam President, created in 1974, "National Volunteer Week" was begun when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. "National Volunteer Week" offers the opportunity to thank some of America's most valuable assets, our volunteers, and to recognize the many ways they improve our communities. This year's theme is "Volunteer to Change the World," recognizing that volunteers are at the center of social change and have the power to make a difference by giving of themselves.

Across Pennsylvania, Madam President, almost 30 percent of our residents volunteer, giving their time and talents to help our most vulnerable citizens, the homeless, hungry persons, elderly

persons, at-risk youth, and persons with disabilities, affecting positive change through big and small volunteer actions.

Madam President, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation. Their combined efforts ensure a true commitment of service to others.

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 STACK, SCARNATI, C. WILLIAMS, DINNIMAN, ROBBINS, REGOLA, PIPPY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, COSTA, FERLO, LAVALLE, HUGHES, FOLMER, EARLL, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, MELLOW, MADIGAN, WAUGH, ERICKSON, McILHINNEY, BRUBAKER, LOGAN, WONDERLING, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, STOUT, RHOADES, GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, PUNT, WOZNIAC and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 300**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 2 through 9, 2008, as "Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Stack.

Senator STACK. Madam President, I rise with my colleagues, President pro tempore Joe Scarnati, Senator Connie Williams, and Senator Andy Dinniman, to offer a resolution proclaiming May 2 through May 9, 2008, as "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust" in Pennsylvania. This resolution honors the 6 million Jews who were targeted for death by the Nazis more than 60 years ago simply because of their religious and cultural beliefs. It is important to note that this horrific event did not take place that long ago. By remembering, we rededicate ourselves to ensure that this barbaric and monstrous chapter in history does not revisit our civilization.

Madam President, it is important to stand up against all forms of oppression and bigotry. Our silence and inaction only allow the mindset to become the breeding ground for violence and conspiracies against others. It is fitting that we remember the victims who perished, honor those who resisted, and most of all, pledge "never again." Two events already scheduled to commemorate the Holocaust are as follows: on May 2, Holocaust victims will be remembered worldwide during the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Governor Rendell will host a Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony on May 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Governor's reception room. I have always been humbled to be in attendance, along with a number of other Members of the General Assembly. It is critical that we never forget the Holocaust by making efforts to overcome prejudice and inhumanity with education, vigilance, and tolerance for all people, no matter their race, ethnicity, or religion.

Madam President, by introducing this resolution once again this year, I hope we can all pause to remember the atrocities of

the Holocaust and remind ourselves of the impact of hatred and resolve to treat each other with empathy, dignity, and respect.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I simply wish to rise in support of this resolution. When we pass this resolution, I want us to understand that we not only remember the 6 million Jews, but we remember all who perished at the hands of the Nazis. We remember those who have perished in the past as a result of the Holocaust and bigotry. We remind ourselves that today, in places such as Darfur, we have holocausts that are occurring, and we have to commit ourselves to being a humane society and doing our part. This resolution is not only in remembrance of the past but is part of our recommitment in the present to make sure that it never happens again.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GORDNER, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 301**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the players and coaches of the 1950 Coal Township High School Purple Demons football team and commemorating their undefeated season and victory in the Eastern Conference Championship game.

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

Senators MUSTO, M. WHITE, FERLO, PUNT, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, STOUT, LAVALLE, PIPPY, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, BAKER, ARMSTRONG, COSTA, STACK, GREENLEAF, CORMAN, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, McILHINNEY, EARLL and WONDERLING, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 302**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 4 through 10, 2008, as "Drinking Water 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 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hess by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jane Moyer, Leona Greger, Doris Basta, Charles Staples and to Anna Barrese by Senator Boscola and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Kronenberg by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. James, Sr., and to Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Pfleeger by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gladys Mazak and to the Friends of Laurel Hill State Park Complex of Somerset by Senator Kasunic.



Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend W. Dean Bickel, Max Lee Telsey, Benjamin Caggia, Colin Steuart Johnston, James Larounis, Mollie Ferguson, Sarah O'Connor, Trisha Swiatek, Stuart Nyal Taylor, Jacob Robert Vandenburg, Owen Lynn, Benjamin Lawrence Caggia, Robert James Pennington, Andrew Maxwell Sing and to Jared Michael Slaweski by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to club members nominated for Youth of the Year by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Geneva Carter-Burns, David F. Viola, Eric David Heintz and to Josh Patrick Seidel by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Moletteri by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Drew Schlosser, Nicholas Clift, Thomas Long and to Michael David Swiss by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Hanover Lions Club and to the Northeastern Regional Police Department of Mount Wolf by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Earl Jacob Lahr by Senator Wonderling.

### 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 Eleanor Wiley Tettermer and to the family of the late Helen E. Carver by Senator McIlhinney.

### PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Hughes.

Senator HUGHES. Madam President, I rise again on this day, where we look at the legislative Calendar, and we see that we have only 24 scheduled Session days prior to us, hopefully, dismissing from this Chamber on July 1. And I see that we still have failed to address the issue of providing health insurance and health coverage for the uninsured, the concept we have talked about repeatedly on this floor. But it is also not just a matter of need with respect to the issue of the health of the 767,000 adults in Pennsylvania who at this moment have no health insurance.

But now, as we review the economic conditions that exist in this Commonwealth, Madam President, we see in a more clear way the reality, the economic reality, and the economic perspective of the pressures that those who have no health insurance, individually and their families, are confronting. Already, Madam President, we are witnessing incredible increases in the cost of gas. We have talked about that on repeated occasions in this forum and in contexts of other conversations, both on the floor of the Senate and in other environments.

But now we are seeing growing public discussion, Madam President, on the rising cost of food. Now, who would have thought that we would see super-inflationary increases in the cost of food? Who would have thought, Madam President, that we would see lead discussions, lead conversations, lead newscasts on the incredibly rising cost of food in our nightly newscasts, in

our morning newscasts, in conversations on a daily basis that our families and individuals in our communities are confronting?

We are not just dealing with the incredibly rising cost of gasoline, already over \$3.50 a gallon, approaching \$3.75, and, in some cases, \$4 a gallon. Food costs are going up on various items by 20 percent, 30 percent, 40 percent, 50 percent, Madam President. Now, in addition, we are seeing, of course, the rising cost of natural gas, which impacts our ability to heat our homes. Even though we have had a mild heating season, Madam President, minimal amounts of snow in the majority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and temperatures a little bit higher than what we might have anticipated during this time, we still see an increase in those costs in those areas.

And of course, as we have discussed repeatedly, the rising cost of healthcare. Not only are we dealing with a situation, Madam President, where those who do not have insurance are suffering. We are dealing with an issue of those who do have insurance. Our premium costs are skyrocketing. It has been reported in our State that between 2000 and 2006, health insurance premiums have gone up 73.6 percent just in Pennsylvania. But it has also been reported, in the same time period, that nationally, health insurance premium costs have gone up approximately 80 percent.

So it is not just a health conversation that we are dealing with, Madam President. We are dealing with an economic conversation. Growing pressures on our families. The huge numbers of foreclosures that exist in this Commonwealth. The huge increases in the cost of gasoline to move our vehicles around. The huge increases in the cost of food. Food, Madam President. Those things, food, rice, bread, milk, vegetables, fruit, juices, the things that we eat to sustain ourselves, those prices are going up dramatically, three and four times the normal inflation.

I would dare say, Madam President, that we are having conversations about the issue of whether we are in a recession or not. The reality is that many people in this Commonwealth, Madam President, are in a depressionary environment. They cannot figure out what kind of money they have available to them in their pockets to sustain themselves. They are looking at their houses being taken away from them. They are looking at their ability to get from one place to another, the cost of transportation, the cost of gasoline skyrocketing. They are looking at food costs skyrocketing.

We are in the position to deal with the issue of healthcare, and we are not doing anything about it. We have got to be proactive in this General Assembly, both House and Senate, and even in the Governor's Office, be extremely proactive about how we address the plight of our people in this Commonwealth. We cannot sit back, idly by, and allow these issues to go on unaddressed.

Very soon, people will be receiving--hopefully by the end of the week, if not by next week--their rebate checks from the Federal government. That will be a good thing. The problem is the anticipated benefits from that will not be fully realized. When the concept was created at the Federal level to send out those extra checks, those stimulus checks from the Federal government, it was not anticipated that the inflationary reality that we are dealing with across the board was going to be in place. We knew that gas was going up. We knew that heating costs were going up. We did not anticipate the incredible cost of inflation in our food. Our

food. You go to the supermarket now, and prices for bread are up 20 and 30 cents per loaf. Prices for milk are up 30 and 40 cents. Our vegetables. Rice. Everything. The basic staples. I am not talking about luxury food items; the basic staples that allow families to sustain themselves, those prices are going up.

And healthcare, we have already talked about that. We must be proactive as we close out on this 24th day, this 24th Session day that is remaining to us before we are scheduled to adjourn in July. We must be proactive about this. And that is a requirement of every part for our four Caucuses and the Governor's Office, to be proactive about this.

The rising costs that will exist for our students to get loans to go to college will be a reality in the next several months. Right now, as we speak, family members are looking for the best loans that they can get to send their young people to college. Because of the crisis in the Federal market, the Federal government has not stepped up to the plate to provide assistance, in that those programs that used to be in place which would provide low-interest and minimal-interest loans for our young people to go to college are not in place. So family members will be forced into the private market to get those loans. Those loan interest rates will be higher, and those who have marginal credit probably will not be able to get loans.

So here we have an economic condition, Madam President, a picture all across the board of crisis, of economic crisis, for growing numbers of thousands of people in this Commonwealth. So the conversation, as we know, with me normally starts with the healthcare conversation, Madam President. But every day, things are getting worse. They are not getting any better. We have a responsibility in this General Assembly, both House and Senate and in the administration, to respond proactively to the crisis that exists. This is real. This is very real. At every level of our economic occurrence, we are in a crisis mode. We must be proactive.

We have 24 days left prior to adjourning, 24 Session days, including this day, based on the Calendar that has been established. We must be proactive. We must be fully engaged to push forward an agenda that will deal with the healthcare crisis, that will try to respond to the crisis in our housing situation, which would try to further stimulate the economy in Pennsylvania by being proactive to do things at the State level, to deal with creating more jobs, rebuilding our infrastructure, and salvaging our foreclosure problem that we have in this State.

We must be proactive. Time is fading. Economic conditions are not improving. The Federal government is not responding, and the responses that they have put in place are at a minimal level. We must be proactive, Madam President. We must respond to the cry and the call of our people to be engaged in providing solutions to their situations. We cannot sit idly by and watch our people suffer. That is not what we were sent to the floor of the Senate or to the floor of the House or to the administration to do. Not to watch, but to be fully engaged in providing solutions to the issues of the people whom we were sent here to represent.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Hughes, for your comments on healthcare insurance for the uninsured.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Madam President, we seem to have fallen into a pattern here in the Senate. The pattern is that we talk about healthcare with the stated goal of covering more people with various bills and other government programs. The problem with this discussion, Madam President, is that we continue to equate a lack of health insurance with a lack of quality healthcare. Madam President, this is wrong. Pennsylvania and the United States have some of the best healthcare in the world. The real problem in healthcare, in both Pennsylvania and across the nation, is that healthcare costs too much.

In developing ways to reduce healthcare costs, we seem to have two very different approaches. One would increase government's role in healthcare, which I oppose, while the other approach would decrease government's role in healthcare, which I both support and espouse. If we are to make healthcare more affordable, the key will be to take the costs out of the healthcare system. Reducing these costs begins with finding better ways to price health insurance. That is not going to happen with more government involvement. In fact, more government will only make the problems worse. The basic principle of insurance is pricing the product to be proportional to the risk. The higher the risk, the higher the cost. The lower the risk, the lower the cost.

PBS recently ran a series entitled "Sick Around the World," which looked at healthcare systems in several countries, including Great Britain and Germany. We can learn much from looking at these other nations' healthcare. For example, Great Britain relies upon a government-run national health system, a socialized system which covers everyone and attempts to keep everyone from having to pay medical bills.

Britons wait for extended periods to receive their healthcare. As the healthcare is rationed, people are forced to wait, and the chances for medical errors are higher. Meanwhile, Madam President, people in Great Britain pay much higher taxes than we do for healthcare. British hospitals are also owned by the government, and doctors are salaried government employees. Both are expensive, which gets back to one of my key arguments, the cost of government-run healthcare. There will never be enough money, and the costs will continue to increase.

That is the problem with promising universal healthcare. It sounds too good to be true because it is not true. Someone has to pay the costs, and those costs are always high. And something has to give as a result. In Britain, it is often quality that suffers because of the costs. Certain medical procedures are delayed in Great Britain, things like heart operations, hip replacements. It can take as long as 18 months for some of these procedures. Many die waiting for care.

Efforts in Britain to reduce these waiting periods have proven costly, very costly, and ultimately, implementing market procedures into healthcare was needed to reduce waiting periods for care in Britain. Things like competition among the government-owned hospitals for government subsidies, giving consumers more choices in their healthcare decisions, having gatekeepers--which are so unpopular here--in the process. Many hospitals in Britain have cut services, closed, or privatized services.

My question, Madam President, is why would Pennsylvania want to even start down the road to socialization when it has not worked in Great Britain, and the British are turning back to more

market-driven initiatives? It just does not make sense to me, Madam President.

Looking at the German system, I note that everyone is offered government healthcare, and about 90 percent of Germans choose to stay in the national system, which is famous for covering all basics, and other things like mental health, dental, optical, and other therapies. The PBS show brags that they will even pay for you to go to the spa, and it has even been known to cover belly dancing lessons. Madam President, what does belly dancing have to do with healthcare?

That is the problem of proponents who call for expanding government's role in the healthcare system. It just does not work, no matter how good it may sound. It always comes back to the question of cost, how much and who pays for it? In Germany, Germans pay premiums based upon income to private insurers, called sickness funds, which are split between employers and employees. The rich pay for the poor. It is a socialized system. A key ingredient of making such a system work requires government involvement. In Germany, that would be government negotiating reimbursement rates for doctors and hospitals, which create ongoing pressures on them and their ability to provide quality care. Long hours, sometimes 7 days a week, which is why German doctors launched a work stoppage in 2006.

I could go on, Madam President, but I will not. However, the experience of other nations demonstrates that socialized medicine does not work, government-run medicine does not work, single-payer systems do not work. Rather, Madam President, the answer to our healthcare problem is right in front of our eyes, if we choose to look. We need to take needless costs out of healthcare systems, things like eliminating government-imposed mandates, promoting health savings accounts, establishing a high-risk pool, establishing means tests for government healthcare programs, such as adultBasic, CHIP, and Medicaid.

We also needed additional medical malpractice reforms. We should also look at allowing out-of-State health insurers to better compete in Pennsylvania, establishing tax deductions and tax credits for people who pay for their own healthcare, phasing out the Mcare fund, rather than using money from Mcare to pay for new government programs, new government mandates, and new government controls. That simply has not worked in other States and in other nations.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Folmer, for your response.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY**

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 1250)	Room 8E-A East Wing
9:00 A.M.	COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE FOR SENATE BILL No. 246 (to consider Senate Bill No. 246)	Room 8E-B East Wing

9:30 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Pharmacy Carve Out Proposal)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1062, 1330 and Senate Resolution No. 294)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
11:00 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 472, 731, 1283, 1285, 1312 and 1315; and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Room 461 Main Capitol
11:30 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 296; and House Bills No. 775, 776 and 777)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

10:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1373; and Senate Resolution No. 295)	Room 461 Main Capitol
10:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 137, 1146 and 1227; and any other business that may come before the Committee)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
12:30 P.M.	MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE (to consider the affordability of Health Care)	Room 8-A East Wing

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

12:00 P.M.	AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS (to consider Senate Bills No. 536, 1317; Senate Resolution No. 284; and House Bill No. 1422)	Room 8E-A East Wing
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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

10:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on energy efficiency and demand side response programs)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

9:00 A.M.	VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (joint hearing with House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on Title 35)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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**RECESS**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:40 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.