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SENATE

MONDAY, May 5, 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, Pastor LOREN CUNNINGHAM, of International Christian Missionary and Youth With a Mission, Kona, Hawaii, offered the following prayer:

I have traveled to every nation on earth in the last 50 years, and I have watched their roots, and I have found their greatness or lack thereof is in their roots. I have enjoyed looking at your roots around this Capitol.

Let us pray.

Our heavenly Father, we are grateful to You for all the bountiful blessings You have given to us in this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and its leadership and its influence upon the rest of the States of these United States. We thank You for the many blessings.

As we look past, we see the future. And Lord, we would have Your future. Therefore, we need Your wisdom, Your guidance, Your direction, which is above and beyond our own capabilities. We must understand Your heart, Your spirit, Your love.

As we consider the future, we consider our past. But in our past, Lord, it has not all been rosy, and it has not all been good. We are sorry for that. But Lord, let us not make the same mistakes in the future. Because of Your loving guidance, we can expect something that will come out of this day that will make a difference in the lives of others, that will be an act of love, even as we vote on acts of justice. And we thank You, Lord, that You have Your presence in our midst as we invite You this day, and we receive that in Jesus' name. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Cunningham, who is the guest today of Senator Greenleaf.

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:

SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

April 30, 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 Secretary of Labor and Industry, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen M. Schmerin, Gibsonia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

May 5, 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, Barbara Ellen Jackson, 2316 Thornton Road, Harrisburg 17109, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment 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, vice Julia Bucher, Milton, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

May 5, 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, Ronald Weaner (District 6), 435 Celebration Hill Road, Biglerville 17307, Adams County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Stephen Mohr, Bainbridge, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

RECALL COMMUNICATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

May 5, 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 1, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Papoutsis, Chambersburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

May 5, 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 15, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark (District 6), 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Stephen Mohr, Bainbridge, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

May 5, 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 16, 2008, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice The Honorable Toby L. Dickman, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

May 5, 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 25, 2008, for the appointment of Dale H. Killmeyer (Public Member), 617 California Avenue, Pittsburgh 15202, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frances Mansberger, York Haven, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

May 5, 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 1, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kenneth I. Glotfelty, Carlisle, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUCKS COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Bucks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kimberly Peretik-Jabat, Fairless Hills, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUCKS COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Bucks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Belmonte, Levittown, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUTLER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Butler County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Macurak, Chicora, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUTLER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Butler County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jacqueline Wise, Saxonburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CARBON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Carbon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marsha M. Macalush, Nesquehoning, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CARBON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Carbon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Graver, Summit 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 CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Shepherd, Pennsylvania Furnace, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Peterson, Bellefonte, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paul Houck, State College, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Klaban, State College, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Chester County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Caroline A. Novak, declined appointment.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Chester County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Lambert, Coatesville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Chester County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Middleton, Thorndale, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CLARION COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Clarion County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dorothy Ostrander, Lebanon, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CLARION COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Clarion County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sally Hartle, Marble, declined appointment.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CLINTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Clinton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kenneth Boyce, Lock Haven, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Columbia County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donna Horsfall Parsell, Berwick, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Columbia County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ann Wilson, Bloomsburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cesar Valdez, Jr., Carlisle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harold Frantz, Mechanicsburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Leonard Sorensen, New Cumberland, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey Logan, Mechanicsburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

May 1, 2008

Senators COSTA, MUSTO, TOMLINSON, STOUT, BROWNE, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, ORIE, PUNT, PIPPY, TARTAGLIONE, LOGAN, FUMO, BOSCOLA, WONDERLING, EARLL, O'PAKE, KITCHEN, GORDNER, WAUGH, VANCE and LAVALLE presented to the Chair **SB 1382**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in community colleges, further providing for definitions and for financial program and reimbursement of payments.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, May 1, 2008.

Senators WAUGH, McILHINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOZNAK, RHOADES and VANCE presented to the Chair **SB 1384**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for control of public travel on private property by owner.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 1, 2008.

May 2, 2008

Senators FERLO, COSTA, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, RAFFERTY, ORIE, MUSTO, LOGAN, EARLL, BAKER, O'PAKE, LAVALLE, C. WILLIAMS and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1383**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 28, 1999 (P.L.24, No.3), known as the Mental Health or Mental Retardation Facility Closure Act,

providing for proceeds derived from facility disposition; and establishing the Mental Health Community Services Account and the Mental Retardation Community Services Account.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, May 2, 2008.

May 5, 2008

Senators EARLL, PILEGGI, M. WHITE, SCARNATI, PUNT, MADIGAN, ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, CORMAN, McILHINNEY, ORIE, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, D. WHITE, REGOLA, WONDERLING, FOLMER, MUSTO, WAUGH, KITCHEN, VANCE, GORDNER, BROWNE, PIPPY, ROBBINS, BAKER and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 2**, entitled:

An Act providing for the allocation of money in the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund and for funding of water or sewer projects, storm water projects, flood control projects and high hazard dam projects.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 5, 2008.

Senators LAVALLE and ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1389**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 17, 2007 (P.L. , No.8A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2007, increasing and decreasing Federal and State appropriations for the Department of Education, the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of State, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the courts of common pleas and community courts and magisterial district judges; and adding a Federal appropriation to the Department of Aging.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, May 5, 2008.

Senators VANCE, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, COSTA, EARLL, ERICKSON, FERLO, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PIPPY, PUNT, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 1390**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for blind veterans' pensions and for paralyzed veterans' pensions.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 5, 2008.

Senators VANCE, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PIPPY, PUNT, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING, WOZNIAK and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 1391**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for educational gratuity payments.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, May 5, 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:

May 1, 2008

Senators RHOADES, SCARNATI, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, ORIE, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, FONTANA, FERLO, PUNT, BAKER, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, MELLOW, WAUGH, ROBBINS, D. WHITE and PIPPY presented to the Chair **SR 267**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the President and the Congress of the United States to take action on behalf of the citizens of this Commonwealth and of this nation to control exceedingly high gas and energy prices.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 1, 2008.

Senators WONDERLING, PIPPY, STOUT, D. WHITE, ORIE, COSTA, WOZNIAK, BAKER, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA and VANCE presented to the Chair **SR 309**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a fiscal impact study on the pension and postretirement health benefits of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System and the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 1, 2008.

Senators GORDNER, DINNIMAN, MUSTO, MADIGAN, TOMLINSON, FONTANA, A. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, M. WHITE, BROWNE, ARMSTRONG, ORIE, WAUGH, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, LOGAN, O'PAKE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, PUNT, RHOADES, SCARNATI, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING and EARLL presented to the Chair **SR 317**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Ben Franklin Technology Partners.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, May 1, 2008.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

May 1, 2008

Russell W. Faber
Chief Clerk
Senate of Pennsylvania
Room 89 East Wing
Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Faber:

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is pleased to submit to the General Assembly an annual report for the period February 28, 2007, through February 29, 2008, in accordance with Section 14.4 of Act 149 of 1988 (the Agricultural Area Security Law).

In the 20 years since the authorizing legislation became effective, Pennsylvania's Farmland Preservation Program has permanently preserved 382,845 acres of farmland. Act 149 provides for permanent preservation of agricultural land through the purchase of conservation easements from qualifying farmers. The Pennsylvania program is first in the nation in the number of acres preserved and is continuing to preserve farmland at a rate greater than any other state.

Should you have any questions about the data supplied in this report or require additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

DENNIS C. WOLFF
Secretary

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

The Honorable Elizabeth A. Doyle as a member of the Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 1250 (Pr. No. 1776) (Rereported)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for marriage between one man and one woman.

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 Punt, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Punt, and a legislative leave for Senator Tomlinson. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, May 5, 2008

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 12, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, May 12, 2008, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-49

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

NAY-0

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

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS GUESTS OF SENATOR JANE C. ORIE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I would like to introduce the Mitrik family: Ron, the father; Candice, the mother; Jordan, the contest winner; and Shayla, the sister.

Jordan Mitrik, an eighth grader from Holy Spirit, was the winner of the "Dear Senator Orie, Pennsylvania is a great place to live because..." essay contest that was sponsored by North Catholic High School. Jordan's essay goes on to explain that Pennsylvania is a great place to live because of:

Our outstanding health facilities. "Western PA has some of the top rated hospitals in the nation."

The remarkable seasonal changes. He specifically states that "Pennsylvania has a special blessing from Mother Nature. It's like she paints a beautiful scenery canvas in all four of our seasons."

Diverse entertainment opportunities. That "Pennsylvania offers a variety of entertainment opportunities to satisfy whatever you are passionate about, such as successful sports teams"--like the Steelers--"different museums, as well as fine arts."

As Jordan stated so well, Madam President, "Pennsylvania has something to offer everyone, if you'll just give us a try." He and his family are here, and I ask my colleagues to join me in giving them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Will the Mitrik family, Ron, Candice, Jordan, and his sister, all please rise 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, it is my privilege to introduce some guests today from the Kimberton Waldorf School in Chester County. The students are here with their teacher, Ms. Anna Zay, and Mr. Miller. Kimberton Waldorf School is a very fine private institution in our county which has its own unique and very effective philosophy of education based on the writings of Rudolph Steiner.

So if you would, I ask the Senate to welcome the students and faculty from the Kimberton Waldorf School.

The PRESIDENT. Will the students and faculty from Kimberton Waldorf School in Chester County, Ms. Zay, and Mr. Miller please rise so we can welcome you to the Pennsylvania State Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT T. REGOLA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, Senator Regola.

Senator REGOLA. Madam President, I am pleased to introduce to the Senate a group of students from Wendover Middle School in Hempfield Township, the very same school that I attended many years ago. They are here today visiting the Capitol and learning about State government.

As my colleagues know and can appreciate, it is always a pleasure to see our young people take an interest in government and its role in serving the people. While I always enjoy hearing feedback from every group of students who visit the Capitol, it is not often that those comments take place at a dinner table, as

I expect will be the case here, since my son, John, and my daughter, Marlena, are among the young people in the gallery today. Madam President, I ask the Senate to extend its usual warm welcome to the students from Wendover Middle School.

The PRESIDENT. Will the students and teachers from Wendover Middle School in Hempfield Township please rise so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL BRUBAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Brubaker.

Senator BRUBAKER. Madam President, it is a real distinct honor and privilege for me to introduce some guests from outside of our country. They are here from Haiti, and they are here to observe how Pennsylvania does this thing we call democracy. It is my privilege for us to host our Haitian friends today, and at this time I ask that you acknowledge them with your due respect.

The PRESIDENT. Will the students from Haiti and Reverend Cunningham please rise so we can welcome you here.

(Applause.)

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose, first, of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, 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 that the Democratic Members report to our caucus room upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations.

The PRESIDENT. There will be a brief recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, and 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.

LEAVE CHANGED

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

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I request that Senator Washington's leave be changed from personal leave to legislative leave.

The PRESIDENT. Senator O'Pake requests that Senator Washington's leave be changed from personal leave to legislative leave. Without objection, the leave will be changed.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Mary Jo White.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Mary Jo White. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR**THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR****BILLS OVER IN ORDER**

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 684 (Pr. No. 1970) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for child death review.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator BAKER offered the following amendment No. A6857:

Amend Sec. 4, page 4, by inserting between lines 11 and 12:

(vi) The Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health.

Amend Sec. 5, page 5, line 21, by inserting after "SELECTED": jointly

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 1028 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE**

SB 1149 (Pr. No. 1973) -- 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.

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Madam President, Senate Bill No. 1149 amends our assault law to add further protection for public transportation employees. The number of assaults committed against public transportation employees has increased substantially over the last few years. These assaults endanger lives and put innocent citizens at risk. Madam President, we have passed this legislation in previous Sessions, and I ask my colleagues to once again join me with an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

NAY-2

Earl White, Mary Jo

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

HB 239 (Pr. No. 1441) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69), known as The Second Class Township Code, further providing for liens for assessments and for connection to water system.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 428 (Pr. No. 1571) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, adding a definition of "community paper of mass dissemination"; and further providing for legal advertising.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 472 (Pr. No. 547) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Science Technology Partnership Program; and providing for State grants.

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

RECONSIDERATION OF SB 1149

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1149 (Pr. No. 1973) -- Senator BOSCOLA. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 1149, Printer's No. 1973, just passed finally.

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-47

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

NAY-3

Boscola EarlI White, Mary Jo

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 615 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 675 (Pr. No. 1267) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of illegal dumping of methamphetamine waste; and imposing a penalty.

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

BILL AMENDED

SB 731 (Pr. No. 1986) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 possession and use of asthma inhalers.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator ORIE offered the following amendment No. A6865:

Amend Title, page 1, line 6, by inserting after "inhalers": and epinephrine auto-injectors

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS REREFERRED

HB 775 (Pr. No. 3081) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 11, 1935 (P.L.326, No.149), entitled "An act relating to counties of the first class; defining deceased service persons; providing for contributions by the county to the funeral expenses for such persons and their widows; providing for the erection and care of markers, headstones, and flags, and for the compilation of war records," further providing for flags, markers and headstones.

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

HB 776 (Pr. No. 3082) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, further providing for flags and grave markers of certain deceased service persons.

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

HB 777 (Pr. No. 3083) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second Class County Code, further providing for markers on graves and for flags to decorate graves.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1044 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1062 (Pr. No. 1983) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for reimbursement to developers of brownfield sites; authorizing the Secretary of Environmental Protection to enter into redevelopment agreements; and establishing the Brownfield Site Reimbursement Fund.

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 1283 and **SB 1285** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 1312 (Pr. No. 1835) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, 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 State reimbursement for health services.

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

SB 1315 (Pr. No. 1852) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for a Postsecondary Education Tuition Reimbursement Program for volunteer firefighters and emergency services personnel.

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

SB 1330 (Pr. No. 1984) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act establishing the Coal Methane Review Board to resolve disputes between property owners over the location of coal bed methane wells and access roads.

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

SB 1373 (Pr. No. 1965) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 294, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 294**, entitled:

A Resolution reaffirming 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.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1250 (Pr. No. 1776) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for marriage between one man and one woman.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1281 TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I move that Senate Bill No. 1281, Printer's No. 2021, be taken from the table and placed on the Calendar.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

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

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 STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

May 5, 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 1, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Barber Examiners, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice James Papoutsis, Chambersburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

May 5, 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 15, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark (District 6), 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, to serve for a term of eight years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Stephen Mohr, Bainbridge, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

JUDGE, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

May 5, 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 16, 2008, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, as Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Montgomery County, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice The Honorable Toby L. Dickman, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

May 5, 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 25, 2008, for the appointment of Dale H. Killmeyer (Public Member), 617 California Avenue, Pittsburgh 15202, Allegheny County, Thirty-seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Real Estate Commission, to serve for a term of five years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frances Mansberger, York Haven, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

May 5, 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 1, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Kenneth I. Glotfelty, Carlisle, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUCKS COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Bucks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kimberly Peretik-Jabat, Fairless Hills, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUCKS COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Bucks County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Belmonte, Levittown, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUTLER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Butler County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Macurak, Chicora, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BUTLER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Butler County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jacqueline Wise, Saxonburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CARBON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Carbon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marsha M. Macalush, Nesquehoning, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CARBON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Carbon County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Graver, Summit 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 CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Shepherd, Pennsylvania Furnace, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary Peterson, Bellefonte, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paul Houck, State College, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 2007

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 4, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Centre County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Klaban, State College, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Chester County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Caroline A. Novak, declined appointment.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Chester County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Lambert, Coatesville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Chester County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rose Middleton, Thorndale, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CLARION COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Clarion County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Dorothy Ostrander, Lebanon, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CLARION COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Clarion County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Sally Hartle, Marble, declined appointment.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CLINTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Clinton County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kenneth Boyce, Lock Haven, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Columbia County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donna Horsfall Parsell, Berwick, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Columbia County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ann Wilson, Bloomsburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Cesar Valdez, Jr., Carlisle, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Harold Frantz, Mechanicsburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Leonard Sorensen, New Cumberland, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

May 5, 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 Cumberland County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey Logan, Mechanicsburg, 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 STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

January 22, 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, Linda G. Trabucco, Esquire (Public Member), 3 Douglass Lane, Chester Springs 19425, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey Elliott, Wernersville, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MBER [sic] OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

April 1, 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, Richard G. Stuempfle, D.P.M., 36 1/2 East Church Street, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

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.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Senator ROBBINS,

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

Which was agreed to by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

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

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

January 22, 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, Linda G. Trabucco, Esquire (Public Member), 3 Douglass Lane, Chester Springs 19425, Chester County, Nineteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jeffrey Elliott, Wernersville, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MBER [*sic*] OF THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY

April 1, 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, Richard G. Stuempfle, D.P.M., 36 1/2 East Church Street, Lock Haven 17745, Clinton County, Thirty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Podiatry, to serve for a term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators ORIE, PILEGGI, WONDERLING, REGOLA, STOUT, STACK, KASUNIC, ERICKSON, O'PAKE, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, FERLO, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, GORDNER, LAVALLE, COSTA, D. WHITE, EARLL and PICCOLA, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 318**, entitled:

A Resolution commemorating the seventh anniversary of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ORIE. Madam President, 2008 is the seventh year the EITC program has existed in Pennsylvania. Enacted in 2001 under Governor Tom Ridge, the EITC program enjoys broad bipartisan support by Members of the House and the Senate. In the 2007-08 school year, over 40,000 children were able to attend the school of their choice because of the EITC program. Since the start of the program in 2001, over 3,200 businesses have pledged donations to help Pennsylvania's children. The current cap for the fiscal year is \$75 million, \$57 million more

than the program's initial cap in 2001. From 2001 to 2007, businesses have given almost \$360 million to this program. The average EITC scholarship is \$1,090.

Approximately 300 new businesses participated in the EITC program this year. Last year, it took 2 months for companies to use all the designated scholarship organization money, and it only took 1 day for all the education improvement organization money to be designated. This year, since the EITC received the biggest increase it has ever seen, tax credits are still waiting to be claimed. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the seventh anniversary.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I just want to rise in support of Senator Orié's resolution. I have seen in my own county at Bishop Shanahan High School, at Malvern Prep, at The School at Church Farm, and at a variety of other schools, so many young people received the type of financial aid that they needed. I have seen public schools helped through this tax credit. It is one of the really good and creative ideas that goes back 7 years that has helped so many students in this Commonwealth get the best kind of education that is individually best for each student. I just want to rise in support of the resolution.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, I want to echo the feelings and sentiments. I have been very involved in the EITC program since I have been in the Senate of Pennsylvania. Along with Senator Wonderling, we joined together a few years ago to thwart an attempt to weaken the program. We want to make sure that this program grows in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It gives the business community a real chance to weigh in and to make sure that students are supplied with an education that is first-rate and one of their own choosing. So I am happy to speak in favor of Senator Orié's resolution on behalf of the EITC program.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator WONDERLING. If Senator Rafferty rises and references my name, I have to follow suit. Madam President, I, too, rise in support of Senator Orié's resolution and echo Senator Rafferty's notion that this program is just foundational to providing educational choice and, more importantly, the financial wherewithal for parents and students alike to attend schools of their choice.

To the point, for the next legislative Session, I plan to introduce legislation that would expand the program to the New Choices/New Options program that is currently part of our community college system in this Commonwealth.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Madam President, the program, as represented by the many comments here today, we appreciate the Senator for creating an opportunity for us to do it, to work with it, but I want to bring specific attention to the district which I represent. I represent Delaware County and Philadelphia County.

I represent some of the most challenged school districts in Pennsylvania. Competition is borne in this conversation we are having today.

For anyone to think we are going to turn back the clock is absolutely ridiculous. Frankly, what I am grateful for is that this program has opened up the opportunity for us in Pennsylvania to look at how we provide education in a totally different way. This, I submit, is just the tip of the iceberg. Pennsylvanians are craving the opportunity to express themselves in the form of choice. They are expressing themselves in ways of deciding to move beyond the limitations of a traditional boundary of a school district.

Frankly, the success of this program for many of the Members, who, when it first started were in opposition to it, because in their own words, it was a backdoor way for us to have a voucher. Those who have now signed on and, frankly, are driving more money, speak to the desire for us to have a competitive educational system across Pennsylvania. I hope we do not just stop here. Frankly, I hope the program is much more successful, and we fund it beyond where it is. My hope is that we will allow Pennsylvanians in districts of choice, whether they are nonaffluent districts or affluent districts, whether they are demographically challenged by the number of people who do not have money in them, or whether they are people of color or not.

May we allow this expression in this program, which is stating its resounding success, that we allow that to not just trickle but flood how we drive educational dollars across Pennsylvania. So I am grateful for the Senator for taking her bold first step, and I am going to encourage her and many others on this floor to do much more. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators A. WILLIAMS, STACK, C. WILLIAMS, FONTANA, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, MUSTO, WASHINGTON, STOUT, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, BRUBAKER, KASUNIC, WONDERLING, WAUGH, ORIE, LOGAN, O'PAKE, GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, DINNIMAN, FUMO, KITCHEN, EARLL, HUGHES, LAVALLE, D. WHITE and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 319**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 7, 2008, as "Arts in Education Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Madam President, I offer a resolution designating May 7, 2008, as "Arts in Education Day." For those of us who are involved in the arts community, we have recognized for a long time what it has done for not only school districts but for cultures across Pennsylvania. We are distinguished in our understanding of what the arts have done for

Pennsylvania. Regardless of what form it takes, it has manifested us to be not only a major tourist destination but a cultural destination of distinction. It is my hope that this resolution honors those who are fighting the fight in Pennsylvania, because we do not fund the arts community to the level that we need to. We have many small groups across Pennsylvania that have survived on a shoestring budget. This is just recognition of the fine work of students and seniors and people in the middle, cities, urban, rural, all those communities who, frankly, allow for the arts to express themselves in ways that bring us together. They join in creating bridges across Pennsylvania. So today, we recognize them with this simple declaration that today is "Arts in Education Day" 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 ORIE, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, STACK, STOUT, PUNT, RAFFERTY, FERLO, C. WILLIAMS, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, O'PAKE, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, BAKER, ARMSTRONG, MUSTO, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, COSTA, PIPPY, WONDERLING, EARLL, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, LOGAN, DINNIMAN, FUMO, KITCHEN, ROBBINS, A. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, D. WHITE and WOZNAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 320**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 6, 2008, as "World Asthma Day 2008" 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. Lemuel Sitler by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jonathan Howard Wolff and to Matthew B. Holm by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dale Richard Wilson, Jr., Amanda DeMasi, Sneha Narasimhan and to the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery Restoration Workers of Cherryville by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven Leonard Verbeck, Kaitlyn J. Knobloch, Daren H. Eckley, Arlene S. Rice and to the citizens of the Borough of Liverpool by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gaudenzia, Inc., by Senator Erickson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Isaiah G. Shipman by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dametrius Jamar Griffin by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nick Wascovich and to the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher J. Stuhl, Ladd Forsline and to Bernadette Ward by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Mary B. Sharpe School by Senator Punt.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander Miller, Devin Meenihan, Collin Meenihan and to Keenan Tamm by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Anna Kane by Senator Rhoades.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Slate Joseph Trimmer, Carrie Stiffler and to Joseph Herbert by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Rose M. Lacendl by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kenneth Smith, Jr., Tom Ness and to Christine Wright by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carole Williams-Green by Senator A.H. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Derek Stauffer by Senator C. Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the General Federation of Women's Clubs Pennsylvania of Macungie 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 Barner Schumann Swartz by Senator Corman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late John J.F. Sherrerd by Senator C. Williams.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator COSTA. I defer to my colleague from Philadelphia County, Madam President. He can go first.

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, that is very kind of him, because he always has very good petitions and remonstrances. So I appreciate it, Senator Costa.

Madam President, this afternoon, I attended the Fraternal Order of Police's 15th annual Memorial Ceremony. I rise today to share some of my experiences with that and to foster the remembrance of the officers who passed away while in the line of duty.

Police officers from across the State gathered at the Capitol fountain to commemorate the officers who have been killed and to honor their families. The officers who were honored in this year's ceremony include Officer Jorgen Holand of the Upper Chichester Police Department, Officer Walter Barclay of the Philadelphia Police Department, State Trooper Scott Ball, who was also a Pennsylvania National Guardsman, and Officer Chuck Cassidy of the Philadelphia Police Department. This is an annual event that I attend, but every year it really hits home what these men and women do for us. Their courage, their strength, and

their dedication are beyond admirable. Madam President, they are heroic. Cops willingly sacrifice their time, energy, and sometimes, tragically, their lives, to ensure that our homes and our communities are safe.

The surge in violent crime in Philadelphia over the past few years is a cause for major concern, especially when the violence is aimed at police officers. We just lost another of our brave officers over the weekend. He was a constituent of Senator Tartaglione's, but he served all of us. Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski of the 24th Police District was fatally shot Saturday just before noon. This took place roughly about 10 blocks from where I was attending a groundbreaking, Madam President, at Temple Hospital Northeast. We heard the sirens, Madam President. Little did we know what had happened, but we should have. He responded to a robbery call at the Bank of America in the ShopRite in Port Richmond. Three robbers fled the scene in a stolen vehicle when Sergeant Liczbinski arrived. He followed the robbers on his own until one of them got out of the car and fired five shots from his Chinese SKS assault rifle, similar to an AK-47. Other officers caught up with the robbers in another stolen vehicle moments later and shot and killed one of the robbers. Police have charged one suspect with murder and issued a warrant yesterday for an alleged accomplice.

As I said last week on this floor, Madam President, we must send a clear message that aiming a firearm at a police officer is aiming a gun at each and every one of us, and we will not stand for it. Supporting Senate Bill No. 1237 will make that crystal clear. Now, Sergeant Liczbinski served and protected the public for 12 years. He spent most of his career as a south Philadelphia street cop and was just recently assigned to Port Richmond and promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Liczbinski was described as street smart, a cop's cop, fair, and always willing to go beyond what was required of him. He never shied away from tough assignments.

Sergeant Liczbinski would have turned 40 tomorrow. He had a wife, Michele, and three children, Matt, Steve, and Amber. Family was his number-one priority. News accounts talked about how he never showed up to a social police event without at least one of his kids with him. As he lay shot and bleeding in the middle of a row home neighborhood, Philadelphians who had heard the shots poured from their homes and tried to save him. They used ordinary towels or their bare hands to apply pressure to the wound. "Tell my wife I'll miss her," were the last words of Sergeant Liczbinski, according to the residents.

Sergeant Liczbinski is the third member of Philadelphia's 6,600-member police force to be shot to death by robbers in the last 2 years. My constituent, Charles Cassidy, was murdered in the line of duty on November 1, 2007. Officer Cassidy was a great father and a great husband. He was revered in the community and among his colleagues. We honored Officer Cassidy and his family at today's F.O.P. memorial ceremony. Speaking of the Cassidys, I am amazed by their strength and courage. We in the Senate must do all we can to ensure that the members of law enforcement are well protected and have the resources they need to protect our families. We also need to continue to support the families of our fallen heroes.

As we continue to fight in Harrisburg, I ask everyone, take an opportunity to thank our officers and remember those who are no

longer with us. I implore my colleagues that the time to talk is over. We must do something. We must take action to stop the assault on our cities and our State.

Madam President, I would like to end my remarks by requesting that we observe a moment of silence for Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. I ask the Senate and staff to stand for a moment of silence.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of SERGEANT STEPHEN LICZBINSKI.)

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, Senator Stack and I have the honor of representing the Senate each year at this memorial. It is a very moving service, a very humbling service, when you are standing in the company of the families of slain heroes.

To further what Senator Stack had said about a shot at all of us, when those men and women pin the badge on their uniforms each morning and leave the house, they are not just Joe Smith or Jane Jones. They are the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They derive their authority from the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They represent the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ours is a rule of law, and unfortunately, there are those who like to exceed the limits of the rule of law. And those police officers need our debt of gratitude and need our support, both today and for the future. We need to show them our appreciation, for when someone takes a shot at a police officer, wounds a police officer, shoots at a police officer, or, in these circumstances, has killed a police officer, they are shooting at each one of us. They are tearing at the very fabric of our society, and we need to rally in strong support of our police, and to recognize that there is a changing world where respect for authority is breaking down. We in our communities have to start addressing that and addressing it profoundly and quickly, so that a police officer doing his or her duty gains the respect and maintains the respect needed to carry out their duties. I join with Senator Stack on the sadness of this day, and I thank you, Madam President, for this time.

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, I just wanted to add one more thing, because Senator Rafferty and I stand on different sides of the aisle, but we have been together on this issue for a number of years. It illustrates that, if there is one thing that we can all come together on here in Harrisburg, it is the issue of protecting our police and creating safety across the State. Now, not all of us agree philosophically on how to do that, but there have got to be areas where we can all agree. I think that is what Senator Rafferty has underlined. So I look forward, in the remainder of this Session and in the weeks and months ahead, to Democrats and Republicans, in the House and the Senate, along with the Governor, working to solve this problem. And I know I have seen my colleagues work together when they need to work

together. When they are trying to solve a problem, it can be done. So I look forward to that happening. I thank my colleague, Senator Rafferty, again for his great work, and thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Rafferty and Senator Stack, for your comments.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Madam President, I want to thank my two colleagues, Senator Stack and Senator Rafferty, for their very touching and very appropriate comments today, especially as we recognize our fallen police officers across this Commonwealth and across this country. Madam President, I rise today, though, to talk about another issue that I think is a very important issue that has received not only attention here in our Commonwealth, but attention across this country. That is the issue, Madam President, of uninsured individuals throughout our country and our Commonwealth.

As my colleagues may know, this past week, from April 27 through May 3, we recognized the sixth annual "Cover the Uninsured Week," a national effort to highlight the fact that too many Americans are living without healthcare insurance. Madam President, I also want to bring to the attention of our colleagues information that I learned of this past weekend as it relates to one of Pennsylvania's very, very important programs that we have here in our Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Children's Health Insurance Program.

Madam President, I am happy to report that, this past year, this program has added 15,000 children to its rolls, according to our Pennsylvania Department of Insurance. And Madam President, since February of this past year until this past April, we have added 3,000 children to these rolls. That leaves us with about 4 percent of children that we need to continue to work to reach. I am happy to report that 4 percent of uninsured children in our Commonwealth is one of the lowest in the country, compared to, on the other end of the extreme, the State of Texas, which has 21 percent of children who are uninsured.

Madam President, as I indicated, the issue of healthcare insurance for adults and/or children is one of the big issues that are being debated very strongly in the Democratic primaries that have taken place and will take place across this Commonwealth, but also, I would suggest to you, issues that are percolating and being discussed in the Republican primaries that have taken place, and I suspect will be part of the platforms that will be advanced by both parties as we move toward the conventions to respectively nominate our candidates for the fall election.

Madam President, what we put in place in Pennsylvania a number of years ago has served as a model, a model that was intended to make certain that we in Pennsylvania have insurance and give the opportunity to those individuals who fell between the cracks. They were not able, they were not poor enough, to qualify for assistance through Medicaid or Medicare, yet they were not so impoverished that they could not afford to purchase private health insurance. So Madam President, this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania stepped up and did something very significant. As I indicated, it has now become a national model, a model that the Federal government has now applied to their Federal program.

Madam President, it was not too long ago that we even took on the steps of increasing or expanding our very successful CHIP Program. We did so under the auspices of the Cover All Kids program that was adopted here a little less than 2 years ago, Madam President. That program, working closely with additional Federal resources, allowed for the opportunity to expand the coverage or increase the income limits for those individuals who are eligible for those benefits for those young children. Madam President, with the expansion, the income limits rose to about \$42,000 for a family of two and \$66,000 for a family of four. And Madam President, that healthcare coverage is based upon the ability to pay some portion of that, and I think it is important that we have in place a sliding scale that allows participation on the part of the families to provide that coverage for their children. The bulk of the money, Madam President, comes from the Federal government, and I think that is significant.

But Madam President, I rise today to tell our folks in this room and remind our folks that, when it comes to the issue of healthcare, I am proud to say that I think we know what we are doing. We have made two very successful programs: one, the CHIP Program, which is a national model, as I indicated; then we followed that up with an expansion of the CHIP Program, the Cover All Pennsylvanians program. And Madam President, similarly, when we had an issue in the healthcare area with regard to the medical malpractice insurance crisis here in our Commonwealth, we took steps to create an Mcare abatement program.

Madam President, it indicates that, here in Pennsylvania when it relates to healthcare, we have a good track record of doing things that we feel are appropriate and that are necessary, and steps that we take regardless of what is going to be done at the Federal level. But Madam President, we are running out of days with regard to addressing the issue of healthcare for our uninsured. We have done great work in providing coverage for our kids, as indicated by the numbers and statistics that I spent a few moments talking about, and now we have an opportunity to do more.

Another one of those successful programs that we created here in Pennsylvania is the adultBasic Care program, the ABC program that is currently in place, that currently insures, with premiums being paid in many cases, about 50,000 individuals. The disturbing thing, Madam President, is that we still have a waiting list of about 88,000 individuals who want to be able to participate in a program that allows them the opportunity to have healthcare coverage. And Madam President, in many of those cases, those individuals who have signed up to receive that coverage are ready, willing, and able to pay the appropriate premium levels, whatever they may be.

Madam President, it leads me to our conversation about healthcare, which, on this Senate floor, I have talked about a number of times, and I am again asking that our colleagues move forward to try to address in detail, have dialogue and discussion about, Senate Bill No. 1137. Senate Bill No. 1137, as my colleagues know, is legislation that came over from the House and continues to sit here in the Senate without any activity. We are running out of time. We need to take steps to address this new program to make certain that we provide coverage for the uninsured.

Madam President, this program would provide coverage not only for the general maintenance, as I call it, or the healthcare coverage for individuals, but it would go beyond the adultBasic program to provide, in addition to the general health coverage, prescription drug coverage, as well as limited behavioral health benefits to those individuals who would be eligible for this program.

Madam President, it also needs to be recognized that this legislation that is before us would address the issue of the Mcare program and the Mcare abatement. It would extend the Mcare abatement program, which, Madam President, as you know, is typically renewed annually. It would extend that program for 10 years. It would gradually give full abatement of Mcare premiums to physicians who have received only partial abatements up until this point in time. It would also phase out the Mcare program while providing a solution to the unfunded liability, the tail, so to speak, that exists with respect to that program. And more importantly, Madam President, it would also reduce the amount of uncompensated care provided by physicians in hospitals today, which we know is a growing, growing number. And Madam President, the bill also would require that all physicians who accept Mcare abatements be required to provide services to those uninsured individuals or those newly insured individuals through the PA ABC program.

Madam President, as I indicated, this General Assembly has acted in a bipartisan way a number of times in the past. We know what we are doing. I submit to my colleagues here on the Senate floor, and I submit to those individuals who have concerns about this legislation, that we take the time to discuss it. We have demonstrated, through the CHIP Program, through the Cover All Pennsylvanians program, through the adultBasic program, and through the Mcare abatement program and the establishment of the Mcare abatement fund to make certain that our physicians stay here in this Commonwealth, that we know what we are doing. And we need the opportunity to discuss it.

Madam President, we have 750,000-plus individuals who do not have health insurance. Eighty-eight thousand of them have demonstrated their desire, their desire, to have healthcare insurance by signing up for the adultBasic program. These are the folks, Madam President, who are working Pennsylvanians, who get up and go to work every day, and all they are asking for is an opportunity to provide healthcare for their families, and they are ready, willing, and able to pay for it.

Madam President, on the side of the employer, a number of employers that we talk about know that it has become very difficult for them to be able to have the resources to provide healthcare coverage for their employees, and they want to do so. Again, Madam President, Senate Bill No. 1137 does recognize that and provides for part of the proceeds to be driven out to small business employers, to be able to provide them with resources or grants to assist them in continuing to provide healthcare coverage for their employees.

We all know that, over the past 5 years, not only has the cost of premiums gone up by 76 percent, but Madam President, more importantly, some 400,000 individuals no longer have healthcare coverage because their employer-sponsored healthcare coverage was dropped by their employer, directly related to the cost of premiums.

We need to take steps to make certain that we provide healthcare insurance and proceed down a parallel path that addresses the issue of cost, which my friends and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have so appropriately addressed. We need to talk about cost, but at the same time, we need to make certain that we are moving the ball forward with respect to PA ABC, just as we did with the CHIP Program, and just like we did with Cover All Pennsylvanians, and just like we did with the Mcare abatement program, and just like we did with adultBasic, all very successful programs that this Commonwealth put forward, some of which have become national models. It is time for us in Pennsylvania to take the step forward and become a national model again for healthcare coverage for the uninsured.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you. Senator Costa wishes to call attention to healthcare coverage for the uninsured under Senate Bill No. 1137.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
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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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12:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 395, 1277, 1281; and House Bill No. 503; and any other business that may come before the committee)	Room 8E-B East Wing
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

9:00 A.M.	COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE FOR SENATE BILL No. 246 (to consider Senate Bill No. 246)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bill No. 1350; and a public hearing on Senate Bills No. 1247 and 1258)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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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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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator Orie.

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 4:12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.