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MONDAY, June 9, 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, Reverend BONNIE CAMARDA, director of Partnership for Salvation Army, Philadelphia, offered the following prayer:

Good morning. The Word says that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but the spirit of power and of a sound mind, II Timothy 1:7. God always gives us what we need to live. Paul reminds Timothy that He has equipped him with love, power, and a sound mind. I ask today for the Lord to give you those three ingredients that are necessary for the leadership of the Senate of our Commonwealth.

Lord, I want to thank You for each State Senator who is in our midst and for those who are not here. I pray You will equip them with Your love, that they will be known in their community by the love for the people whom they serve. Lord, I want to pray for courage. I pray You give them courage and wisdom to make the decisions that need to be made for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth. Lord, I just pray that You will bless them. I pray that You will, as they decide on the decisions they need to make today and in the rest of this month, the budget, education, energy, and health, all the outstanding issues that are in front of them, that You would give them wisdom.

We bless them, and we bless their families. The Lord says, in Numbers, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Camarda, who is the guest today of Senator Tartaglione.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the

Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

June 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, Germaine A. Carey, 505 Gladiola Drive, Clarks Summit 18411, Lackawanna County, Twenty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Clarks Summit State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Theodore J. Giglio, Old Forge, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DANVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

June 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, Lynn Strausser Jeffery, 265 Penn Avenue, Elysburg 17824, Northumberland County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Danville State Hospital, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Gregory Wisloski, Ranshaw, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

June 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, Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Dentistry, to serve for a term of six years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Gwendolyn White, Erie, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

June 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, Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, 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, vice Warren Moser, Downingtown, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

June 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, Anthony W. Salomone, 1312 Upton Drive, Harrisburg 17110, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paul D. Halliwell, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

June 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, David F. Werner, CPA, CMI, 1885 Herman Drive, York 17408, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paula R. Mandle, Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 2008

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

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 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, Thane C. Martin, CPA, 402 Derby Way, Wilmington, Delaware 19810, for appointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Lorna D. Horsey, Philadelphia, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 2008

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Robert L. Traynham II, 2105 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009-7502, for reappointment as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Lynette M. Brown-Sow, 3900 Ford Road, Condo 9-D, Philadelphia 19131, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Lorna D. Horsey, 612 Cristina Place, Philadelphia 19139, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Robert L. Traynham II, 2105 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009-7502, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

June 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 May 7, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paula R. Mandle, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Helen-Ann Comstock, Perkasio, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jules Rosen, M.D., Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial

District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Martin Berger, Ardmore, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Adrienne Snelling, Fogelsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Kooman II, Shippensburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University

of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Melvin Witherspoon, Erie, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Davis, Williamsport, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Talbot Heppenstall, Jr., Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Tyrone J. Christy, Renfrew, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice James M. Seif, Blue Bell, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, to serve until June 4, 2009, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frederick Osifat, Tresckow, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice R. Benjamin Wiley, Erie, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Holveck, Malvern, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Janosov, Nanticoke, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

June 9, 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 March 28, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Alexander, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Steward, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice I. William Goldfarb, Pittsburgh, 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 OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur McVitty, Hilton Head Island, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

PHYSICIAN GENERAL

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as Physician General, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice The Honorable Robert Muscalus, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 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 March 6, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve until April 24, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Janis Williams, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen L. Ralston, 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 STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the 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 Gus Pedicone, Philadelphia, 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**

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth 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 Edwin Galbreath, New Castle, 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**

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edward Cernic, Jr., Johnstown, 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**

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jay Zimmerman, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Cloninger, Center Hall, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-3-09, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice Armand Martin, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

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

June 6, 2008

HB 1027 -- Committee on Judiciary.

June 9, 2008

HB 2503 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

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:

June 6, 2008

Senators HUGHES, A. WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON and KITCHEN presented to the Chair **SB 1433**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; providing for personalized firearms; and prohibiting certain sales of firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2008.

Senators HUGHES, MUSTO, LOGAN, C. WILLIAMS, WASHINGTON and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1436**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, establishing the Protecting Pennsylvania's Progress Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, June 6, 2008.

Senators MELLOW, MUSTO, LAVALLE, FUMO, BAKER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1437**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Commonwealth Medical College, Scranton.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 6, 2008.

Senators EARLL, ORIE, FONTANA, PIPPIY, COSTA, WASHINGTON, LAVALLE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH and WONDERLING presented to the Chair **SB 1439**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for Lake Erie fishing permits.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, June 6, 2008.

Senators O'PAKE, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, C. WILLIAMS, M. WHITE, COSTA, GREENLEAF, MUSTO, WOZNAK, KASUNIC, BAKER, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER, EARLL, BOSCOLA and VANCE presented to the Chair **SB 1440**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the right of a jury to written instructions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, June 6, 2008.

Senators LAVALLE, WASHINGTON, STOUT, MELLOW and MUSTO presented to the Chair **SB 1441**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, providing for expanded restaurant licenses, fees, privileges and restrictions; and further providing for revocation and suspension of licenses and fees and for premises to be vacated by patrons.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, June 6, 2008.

Senators RHOADES, MUSTO, DINNIMAN, BAKER, FOLMER, LAVALLE, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, MELLOW, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, MADIGAN, PIPPIY, C. WILLIAMS, STOUT, WASHINGTON, LOGAN, O'PAKE, REGOLA, ERICKSON, COSTA, CORMAN, EARLL and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1442**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, further providing for academic degrees.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, June 6, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1443**, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 6, 2008.

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Senators DINNIMAN, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING, WOZNAK and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1434**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Student Volunteer Firefighter Housing Grant Program; providing for the powers and duties of the State Fire Commissioner; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, June 9, 2008.

Senators EARLL, PUNT, RAFFERTY, PIPPIY, ORIE, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, M. WHITE, WOZNAK, GORDNER and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1438**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; and providing for loans from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1456**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of April 1, 1863 (P.L.213, No.227), entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural

Colleges," making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; and providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1457**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 28, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.87, No.3), known as the University of Pittsburgh—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations, for a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1458**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of November 30, 1965 (P.L.843, No.355), known as the Temple University—Commonwealth Act, making appropriations for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of such appropriations; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1459**, entitled:

A Supplement to the act of July 7, 1972 (P.L.743, No.176), known as the Lincoln University—Commonwealth Act, making an appropriation for carrying the same into effect; providing for a basis for payments of the appropriation; and providing a method of accounting for the funds appropriated and for certain fiscal information disclosure.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1460**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Trustees of Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1461**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1462**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation for the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health Professions and for continuation of pediatric services.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1463**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1464**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1465**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1466**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1467**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, for instruction and student aid.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1468**, entitled:

An Act making appropriations to the Trustees of the Berean Training and Industrial School at Philadelphia for operation and maintenance expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1469**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton for operation and maintenance expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1470**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Delaware County for operation and maintenance expenses.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008.

Senator ARMSTRONG presented to the Chair **SB 1471**, entitled:

An Act making an appropriation to the Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, for the operation and maintenance of the cancer research program.

Which was committed to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 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:

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Senators A. WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, COSTA, WONDERLING, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, MUSTO, FOLMER, D. WHITE and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 338**, entitled:

A Resolution urging the Commonwealth and all of its departments, agencies, boards and commissions to procure and utilize, where possible, Pennsylvania remanufactured automobile parts and equipment to perform their designated functions.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, June 6, 2008.

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Senators WAUGH, RAFFERTY, PUNT, STACK, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, BAKER, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, STOUT, MADIGAN, FONTANA, A. WILLIAMS, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, KASUNIC, LAVALLE, C. WILLIAMS, O'PAKE, BRUBAKER, MELLOW, ERICKSON, COSTA, MUSTO, REGOLA, LOGAN, FOLMER, PILEGGI, CORMAN, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, EARLL, ARMSTRONG and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SR 340**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of November 2008 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, June 9, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Punt and Senator Tomlinson.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests legislative leaves for Senator Punt and Senator Tomlinson.

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

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

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

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, June 9, 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, June 16, 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, June 16, 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-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 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, today I have two volunteers seated in the Senate gallery, Sarah Kiser and Andrew Hamm.

Sarah resides in McCandless with her parents, Patricia and Robert Kiser. She is the president of the National Honor Society and graduated this year from Vincentian Academy with honors. She will be attending Fordham University this fall, majoring in

finance. She has volunteered for me for the past 3 years, helping with the Senior and Kids Expos.

Andrew resides in McCandless with his parents, Carol and David Hamm, and his sister, Meghan. He will be a senior this coming year at North Allegheny Senior High School. He is on the North Allegheny School Board as a student representative. He is a conference co-chair for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils, District 3, and is vice president of the National Honor Society. Andrew hopes to go into law and into politics sometime in the future. He, too, has volunteered in my office for over 6 months.

Madam President, I am asking all of the Senators--but especially Senator Rafferty and Senator Gordner--to join me in welcoming my guests here today.

The PRESIDENT. Would Sarah Kiser and Andrew Hamm please rise so we can welcome you.

(Applause.)

RECESS

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room. I expect our caucus will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of 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.

CALENDAR

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

REPORT OVER IN ORDER

SB 246 -- Without objection, the Report of the Committee of Conference was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

PREFERRED APPROPRIATION BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 1389 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 239 and **HB 1044** -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1314 (Pr. No. 2095) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a volunteer responder retention and recruitment tax credit.

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 gentleman from Berks, Senator O'Pake.

Senator O'PAKE. Madam President, I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 1314. While not identical, it is very similar to the volunteer first responder tax credit bill I first introduced, with bipartisan support, nearly 5 years ago. The fact is, a tax break for our volunteer emergency services first responders is a long overdue, common sense incentive to encourage the retention of the active volunteer firefighters and active volunteer EMS personnel we already have, while also helping to attract the next generation of recruits that our communities so desperately need.

Throughout Pennsylvania, more than 90 percent of our emergency services first responder organizations are still volunteer. As has been mentioned time and again, these volunteers literally save our taxpayers billions of dollars per year, not to mention the fact that they are often called upon to risk their own lives to save others. This is a critical public service they perform without pay, 24/7, 365 days a year. It is a service our communities can neither do without, nor could they afford to pay for if not for our volunteers.

Our volunteers deserve not only our thanks, they deserve a tax break. That is what this bill does. The tax credit was one of the key recommendations of the Senate Resolution No. 60 commission report issued in November 2004. In a survey of 700 Pennsylvania volunteer firefighters, in a study released by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania in May 2006, 91 percent of these volunteers said they strongly agreed that a State income tax credit would encourage them to continue to volunteer, and 82 percent strongly agreed that that would encourage new volunteers to sign up.

And then, in a survey of Pennsylvania's volunteers last summer by our State's fire services caucus--Senator Logan serves very ably for our Caucus--the State income tax credit proposal was the top recommendation of the 1,675 Pennsylvania volunteers who participated. Some 1,197 respondents, or more than 71 percent, said they supported a State income tax credit as their top choice among all 23 recommendations contained in the Senate Resolution No. 60 commission report. In fact, it was their top choice by a wide margin.

Maryland has had a tax credit for their volunteer firefighters since 1996. Since that time, they have seen an increase of nearly 5,000 more volunteers. New York State volunteer firefighters

and volunteer ambulance workers got a \$200 State income tax credit when they filed their 2007 State income tax returns this year.

Madam President, the legislation we are voting to pass today is long overdue, yet the legislation we are voting to pass today is also not perfect. I would much prefer to see its effective date commencing with the current tax year so that our volunteers could be receiving their first tax breaks when they file their State income tax returns next year. Hopefully, that is a matter that can be further considered when this legislation moves to the House and budget negotiations proceed. It would certainly be my hope, Madam President, that by continuing to work together in a bipartisan way, we can finally bring this legislation to final enactment as soon as possible.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator BAKER. Madam President, I am very pleased to join my colleagues in support of Senate Bill No. 1169, which will appear on the Calendar tomorrow. Senate Bill No. 1314, Senate Bill No. 1315, and Senate Bill No. 1316 is a bipartisan legislative package that will help secure the future of our volunteer fire and emergency services in our State.

Whether you live in a small borough, a township, or a city that still relies on volunteer units, the problem is all too familiar. The ranks of our volunteer responders have been diminishing at alarming rates. We can no longer take them for granted or assume that a volunteer will answer the call at the firehouse or be available for that ambulance run. Encouraging words and congratulatory resolutions are not enough to attract and retain our volunteers. This week, we demonstrate, here in the Senate, our commitment to support our volunteer emergency responders.

I must acknowledge the efforts of the legislators who, for many years, have championed the cause of the volunteer fire and emergency responder community. I must thank Senator Waugh, the chairman of the Senate fire caucus, who is an original member of the Senate Resolution No. 60 commission. I appreciate the commitment of our leaders, Senator Scarnati, Senator Pileggi, and Senator Orie, as well as my colleagues from the Senate Democratic Caucus. Much credit must go to Senator Mellow, Senator Dinniman, Senator O'Pake, who has long been a champion of tax credits, and Senator Logan, who was also a member of the original Senate Resolution No. 60 commission. We are appreciative as well of the support received from the members of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Appropriations, who unanimously supported the bills.

Two of the measures which I am very pleased to have authored deal with tax credits. I would just like to offer that Senate Bill No. 1314 would provide a \$500 tax credit, in increments of \$100, beginning in the 2009 tax year through 2013. A taxpayer who claims a credit but does not meet the definition for the service would then have to return the credit. The second bill, which would provide for a \$1,000 tax credit against an employer's personal income tax, Senate Bill No. 1316, would be against personal income tax, corporate net income tax, or capital stock and franchise tax. This would be capped at \$5,000 per employer during a specific tax year. The total of the package--Senator Waugh will address his particular bill, which would

provide tuition reimbursement for active volunteers--is \$23 million from our General Fund appropriation.

This is an important step forward. We have to recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations who put their support and input into this process: Ed Mann, our State Fire Commissioner; Joe Schmider, of the Pennsylvania Department of Health; Tom Savage, of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute; and Duane Searle in the Legislative Reference Bureau.

I believe by strengthening Pennsylvania's volunteer fire and emergency medical system, we insure its future, our future, and the continued safety of our communities. In the weeks ahead, the General Assembly will do what volunteers do every day, we will answer the call and we will respond effectively.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I rise to voice my support for this bill as well. I want to thank the chairman of the committee on which I serve as minority chairman, Senator Baker, for putting all this together, and Senator O'Pake, Senator Logan, and Senator Waugh for their work over the years to bring this to a reality today.

You know, all of us will agree, no matter what ideology we come from, no matter what political party we are in, that the most fundamental purpose of government is to protect public safety, and today we are trying to enhance that basic tenet, that basic function of government.

This last weekend, I was at the 175th anniversary of West Chester's Good Will Fire Company. For 175 years, people in my community have come out whenever there was an alarm. They understood the need to be of service to others in the community.

Today we face a crisis. Where in 1986 we had 152,000 volunteer fire people in this Commonwealth, today we have about 65,000. We know the expense it will cost our local governments if we have to pay people to do what people in West Chester have done for 175 years as volunteers. We need to retain and recruit these volunteers, and this bill will assist us in that effort. I urge its adoption.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Madam President, I rise with my colleagues, and I want to especially and specifically thank Senator Baker and Senator Waugh for their work on these bills. This is an important package of legislation for us to vote on, and I, like my colleagues, will urge an affirmative vote.

Madam President, these are the men and women who get out of a nice warm bed on a cold winter morning at 2:30 a.m. when the fire alarm goes off or the EMT alarm sounds. These are the men and women who, just like us, live in those neighborhoods, whose kids go to school or are involved in a number of civic organizations and baseball organizations. These are men and women who are doing the greatest deed of all, sharing their abilities with their fellow man to help those in need. And they respond to that alarm, the firefighters and EMTs, all volunteers, to protect our property and, most importantly, our lives. To them we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

This legislation will go a long way to continue to encourage volunteers for our firefighting service and our EMTs and to thank those who have served for these many years. May God continue to bless them all.

Thank you, Madam President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

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-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	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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SB 1315 (Pr. No. 2096) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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 gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Madam President, I would like to briefly explain this bill. But before I do that, I would like to thank Chairman Baker, Minority Chairman Dinniman, and all the Members who have worked, as was said earlier, for many years now on both sides of the aisle to accomplish the bills that are before us. This particular one, which is just a piece of that pie, if you will,

is called the Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Services Postsecondary Education Tuition Reimbursement Program Act.

As Senator O'Pake so eloquently indicated earlier, in November 2004, after just about a year's worth of work by a committee that was identified under Senate Resolution No. 60--these folks from the field who were firefighters, volunteer, career, municipal leaders, officials, people engaged in active volunteer services across this State from urban settings to suburban to rural, all walks--they came up with a report, at our direction, that listed some 23 recommendations for how the State could assist volunteer fire, emergency medical, and fire police-rescue-type services across our State.

These three bills are a continuum of work that we actually started a few months before now. But frankly, these are significant in that they are truly fiscally tied. The bills that we are passing today have fiscal implications. I will point out to Members who might have questions that the reason we are dealing with these bills today as we sit on the edge of final budget negotiations is because, in fact, that final budget negotiation process over the next couple of weeks, hopefully, if we can pass these bills today, will involve the very items that we talk about. But let me just tell you, again, that if there are Members with questions about whether we should or could do this in General Fund budget negotiations, just remember this number, Madam President. By all accounts, by many nonbiased experts, as we enter the budget negotiations and the process to determine whether these three bills, which have fiscal implications, should be a part of that process, I would simply remind Members, both Senators and House Members, and even the Governor's Office, to remember this magic number: \$6 billion, with a "b." Six billion dollars is the conservative estimate of what volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue personnel across this State save taxpayers each and every year; \$6 billion.

So can we afford a couple million dollars for tax credits? I think we can. Can we afford a couple million dollars for tuition credits? I think we can. I think we should. And that is what this particular piece of this package offers, a 50-percent tuition credit for young people who not only are furthering their education but also are willing to commit time to be an active, working volunteer fire and EMS provider in our State, each and every community.

So today, Madam President, I rise proudly to propose this bill. I am hopeful it will be successful, and again, I would like to thank Chairman Baker, Minority Chairman Dinniman, Senator Logan, who was my counterpart on the fire and emergency services caucus, and the leadership of both sides of this Chamber, who are positive when it comes to moving forward with this. It is greatly appreciated. I can tell you that amongst the ranks of fire service personnel on the Web, on the sites that they use, and I occasionally check or hear about, this is the talk. This is the buzz. They have been waiting for this. This is what they have suggested now.

So I rise today to ask the Members for their support. I look forward to working with the House and the Governor's Office to get all three of these bills accomplished. Thank you.

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-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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SB 1316 (Pr. No. 2097) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for employers of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services workers.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-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
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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 Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 250 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 260 (Pr. No. 298) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 22, 1974 (P.L.589, No.205), known as the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, further providing for definitions, for unfair acts and for exclusions.

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 352 and SB 584 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 667 (Pr. No. 2098) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, further providing for legislative policy, for definitions, for involuntary intervention by emergency court order, for information relating to prospective facility personnel and for grounds for denying employment; providing for certificate of employability; further providing for provisional employees for limited periods; providing for requirements concerning employees, for comparison study by Department of Aging and for applicability relating to criminal history for employees.

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 768 and SB 829 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

HB 958 (Pr. No. 2803) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the judicial imposition of community service as a penalty.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1146 (Pr. No. 1528) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of Pottstown, Montgomery County; and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Township of West Norriton, Montgomery County.

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

SB 1227 (Pr. No. 2101) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Transportation and the Governor, to grant and convey to Pike County or its assigns, certain lands, situate in the Borough of Milford, Pike County, in exchange for a certain tract of land.

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

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1276 (Pr. No. 1756) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the licensure of credit counseling agencies and for the powers and duties of the Department of Banking; requiring surety bonds; prohibiting certain fees and costs; providing for debt management plans; and prohibiting certain acts by credit counseling agencies.

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1363 (Pr. No. 1948) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 1364 (Pr. No. 1949) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 1365 (Pr. No. 1950) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, as to civil service for police and firemen, further providing for general provisions relating to examinations, rejection of applicant and hearing, manner of filling appointments, probationary period and physical examination.

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

SB 1366 (Pr. No. 2054) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for general provisions relating to examinations, for rejection of applicant and hearing, for manner of filling appointments, for probation period and for physical examinations.

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

SB 1367 (Pr. No. 1952) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED

SB 1368 (Pr. No. 1953) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

Senator REGOLA offered the following amendment No. A7128:

Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 4), page 2, line 16, by inserting after "agility": examination

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.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 1370 (Pr. No. 1957) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1392 (Pr. No. 2024) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union, certain lands situate in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1424 (Pr. No. 2100) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L.306, No.84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, providing for licensing cost.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

SB 1429 (Pr. No. 2086) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Transportation, to grant and convey to Parkwood Real Estate Trust LLC, approximately 1.645 acres including a building and all improvements thereon, situate at Parkwood Drive in the City of Allentown and Salisbury Township, Lehigh County.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

BILL REREFERRED

HB 2179 (Pr. No. 3862) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 7 (Banks and Banking) and 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, regulating the mortgage loan industry in terms of practice, licensure and penalties; providing for unlicensed mortgage loan activity; and making related repeals.

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

RECESS

Senator PILEGGI. Madam President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations also to be held in the Rules room.

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

AFTER RECESS

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

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 PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Helen-Ann Comstock, Perkasio, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jules Rosen, M.D., Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, to serve until October 8, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Martin Berger, Ardmore, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Adrienne Snelling, Fogelsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Lynette M. Brown-Sow, 3900 Ford Road, Condo 9-D, Philadelphia 19131, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Lorna D. Horsey, 612 Cristina Place, Philadelphia 19139, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Robert L. Traynham II, 2105 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009-7502, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Richard Kooman II, Shippensburg, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Melvin Witherspoon, Erie, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Davis, Williamsport, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice C. Talbot Heppenstall, Jr., Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Tyrone J. Christy, Renfrew, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated

February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, to serve until April 8, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice James M. Seif, Blue Bell, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, to serve until June 4, 2009, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Frederick Osifat, Tresckow, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice R. Benjamin Wiley, Erie, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County,

Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Holveck, Malvern, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Janosov, Nanticoke, 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 HORSE
RACING COMMISSION

June 4, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Horse Racing Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., Lafayette Hill, 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 HORSE
RACING COMMISSION

June 4, 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 April 15, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the State Horse Racing Commission, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Larry Kent, Ardmore, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

June 9, 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 March 28, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, to serve for a term of five years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Alexander, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Industrial Board, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Steward, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, to serve for a term of four years or until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice I. William Goldfarb, Pittsburgh, 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 OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment [data missing] Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur McVitty, Hilton Head Island, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

PHYSICIAN GENERAL

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as Physician General, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, vice The Honorable Robert Muscalus, Harrisburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

June 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 May 7, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Public Employee Retirement Commission, to serve until October 27, 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Paula R. Mandle, Philadelphia, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 9, 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 March 6, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing, to serve until April 24, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Janis Williams, Pittsburgh, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stephen L. Ralston, 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 STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND SALESPERSONS

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the 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 Gus Pedicone, Philadelphia, 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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Gregory A. Dunlap, Esquire, 613 Sweetbriar Drive, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth 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 Edwin Galbreath, New Castle, 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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Edward Cernic, Jr., Johnstown, 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

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Jay Zimmerman, Mechanicsburg, whose term expired.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD
OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 22, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, to serve for a term of four years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Robert Cloninger, Center Hall, 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 POTTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Potter County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Schweigart, Genesee, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE POTTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Potter County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Raymond Forsythe, Coudersport, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE POTTER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church

Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Potter County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice William Stavisky, Shinglehouse, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SCHUYLKILL
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Schuylkill County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Rev. Canon C.H. Morris, Harwich, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SCHUYLKILL
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Schuylkill County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert J. Bozynski, Lost Creek, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SCHUYLKILL
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Schuylkill County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Theodore Lachowicz, Shenandoah, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SCHUYLKILL
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Schuylkill County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John C. Phillips, Pottsville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SNYDER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 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 March 6, 2008, for the appointment of Eric Battisti, 515 Country Club Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, as a member of the Snyder County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert Reigle, Paxtonville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SNYDER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Snyder County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Robert M. Singer, Selinsgrove, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SNYDER COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Snyder County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ann Bergstresser, Selinsgrove, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SOMESET *[sic]*
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Somerset County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph Sarsfield, Somerset, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SOMESET *[sic]*
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Somerset County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Pamela L. Ream, Somerset, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Sullivan County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice John Potuck, Dushore, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SUSQUEHANNA
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Susquehanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Carol B. Tripp, Kingsley, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE SUSQUEHANNA
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Susquehanna County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Nancy Ross, Uniondale, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE TIOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial

District, as a member of the Tioga County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Betha Janeski, Wellsboro, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE TIOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Tioga County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Virginia Serine, Mansfield, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE UNION COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Union County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice W. Earl Dieffenderfer, Lewisburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE UNION COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Union County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Catherine Ernst, Lewisburg, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE VENANGO COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Venango County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Evelyn McLaughlin, Oil City, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as a member of the Warren County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Nancy Cashman, Warren, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Frank Burkus, Millsboro, deceased.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Washington County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur M. Wilson, Amity, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Wayne County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice John P. Garrah, Honesdale, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Wayne County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Kim Butler, Lakeville, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WAYNE COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial

District, as a member of the Wayne County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Donn T. Shepard, Honesdale, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WYOMING COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the Wyoming County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Agnes Ambrutis, Tunkhannock, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WYOMING COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the Wyoming County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2009, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Mary P. Finan, Lake Winola, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE WYOMING COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nora Peterman, 4634 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, as a member of the Wyoming County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Stella Litwin, Tunkhannock, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE YORK COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Sam Cohn, 491 Hillside Drive, Mountville 17554, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2008, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice David Hawk, M.D., York, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE YORK COUNTY
BOARD OF ASSISTANCE

June 3, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Stephanie Moore, R.R. 2, Box 397, Millerstown 17062, Juniata County, Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, as a member of the York County Board of Assistance, to serve until December 31, 2010, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Virginia Hawkins, York, resigned.

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

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

June 9, 2008

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated February 19, 2008, for the appointment of Nina Tinari, 6401 Church Road, Philadelphia 19151, Philadelphia County, Seventh Senatorial District, as Magisterial District Judge, in and for the County of Allegheny, Magisterial District 05-3-09, to serve until the first Monday of January 2010, vice Armand Martin, deceased.

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 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

April 10, 2008

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James W. Martin, 2497 South 5th Street, Steelton 17113, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

February 28, 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, Hal Moss, 237 Barclay Circle, Cheltenham 19012, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, to serve until January 1, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur J. Rooney II, Esquire, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

May 12, 2008

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James M. Burd (Public Member), 396 Freeport Street, Saxonburg 16056, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

April 10, 2008

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James W. Martin, 2497 South 5th Street, Steelton 17113, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Civil Service Commission, to serve until April 9, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

February 28, 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, Hal Moss, 237 Barclay Circle, Cheltenham 19012, Montgomery County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, to serve until January 1, 2010, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Arthur J. Rooney II, Esquire, Pittsburgh, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

May 12, 2008

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, James M. Burd (Public Member), 396 Freeport Street, Saxonburg 16056, Butler County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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 BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES

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

SB 2 (Pr. No. 2137) (Amended) (Rereported)

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.

SB 1050 (Pr. No. 2138) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1996 (P.L.1478, No.190), entitled "An act relating to the recycling and reuse of waste tires; providing for the proper disposal of waste tires and the cleanup of stockpiled tires; authorizing investment tax credits for utilizing waste tires; providing remediation grants for the cleanup of tire piles and for

pollution prevention programs for small business and households; establishing the Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program and management standards for small business hazardous waste; providing for a household hazardous waste program and for grant programs; making appropriations; and making repeals," further providing for the Used Tire Pile Remediation Restricted Account; and requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to provide an annual report on cleanup of stockpiled tires.

SB 1169 (Pr. No. 1587) (Rereported)

An Act providing for municipal volunteer emergency responder incentives.

SB 1385 (Pr. No.2139) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing, in corporate net income, for the definition of "taxable income."

SB 1386 (Pr. No. 2078) (Rereported)

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

SB 1387 (Pr. No. 2079) (Rereported)

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

SB 1388 (Pr. No.2140) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing, in corporate net income, for the definition of "taxable income."

SB 1412 (Pr. No. 2141) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of October 6, 1998 (P.L.705, No.92), known as the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, defining "unoccupied parcel"; providing for extensions for unoccupied parcels, for additional keystone opportunity expansion zones, for substitution of parcels outside a subzone; for payments; prohibiting illegal alien labor in zones; and further providing for sales and use tax, for corporate net income tax and for local earned income net profits taxes and business privilege taxes.

Senator RHOADES, from the Committee on Education, reported the following bills:

SB 1376 (Pr. No.1962)

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

SB 1397 (Pr. No. 2134)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for liability for tuition and enforcement of payment and for cost of tuition.

SB 1442 (Pr. No. 2106)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, further providing for academic degrees.

HB 1067 (Pr. No. 3873) (Amended)

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 transfer of records.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator RHOADES, from the Committee on Education, reported the following resolution:

SR 243 (Pr. No. 1786)

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study to examine state law and school policies and practices regarding the notification of parents when a student violates a public or private institution of higher education's drug and alcohol policy.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators WOZNIAK and ORIE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 341**, entitled:

A Resolution noting with sadness the passing of former Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Dwight White.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator WOZNIAK. Madam President, on June 6, at 58 years of age, a very good friend of mine and a very good friend of everybody in this Chamber, and also a very good friend of all of Pennsylvania, died unexpectedly. He was Dwight White. He was known in the 1970s as part of the Steel Curtain, successfully taking the Steelers to Super Bowls, a great family man, a man who became a financial industry after his retirement from the Steelers, a gentleman who will not be forgotten for a very, very long time.

He made the Steelers what they are today. As a young man, I remember watching them in the days that, and I guess they came back again, but those were the days when you were young and had the opportunity to have your father take you to a football game. Dwight White became a personal friend of mine many years ago. I spent time with his family, and I would like the Senate to give sympathy to his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Stacey.

The PRESIDENT. Dwight White was also a very good friend of mine. May I please ask the Senate to stand in a moment of silence for Dwight White.

(Whereupon, the Senate en bloc stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of DWIGHT WHITE.)

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

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

Senators HUGHES, FONTANA, ORIE, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE, MUSTO, A. WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS, FUMO, COSTA, FERLO, LOGAN, WASHINGTON, BAKER, EARLL, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, STACK and KITCHEN, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 342**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing June 10, 2008, as "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator HUGHES. Madam President, as we have done in the past, we have attempted as a body to take a few moments out of our schedule to recognize certain significant events that have occurred and are occurring across the Commonwealth and across the land. This resolution specifically seeks to recognize June 10, 2008, as "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania. The intent here with this resolution, as we have done in the past, is to recognize the plight and the issues and the work, if you will, Madam President, of those individuals who stand on the front line and raise the concerns and the specific issues of our patients who are involved and engaged in some level of healthcare, no matter where they may be and in what condition they may be in.

In this case, in this year, it comes at a specific time when, hopefully, before we adjourn, hopefully by June 30 of this year, it comes at a time when we will--again, hopefully--be dealing with the issue of providing health coverage and health insurance to the hundreds of thousands of people in this Commonwealth who have no healthcare coverage. I have risen at this microphone in the past on this floor. I have stood in the Rotunda. I have stood at press conferences. I have gone to meetings. I have advocated in all different kinds of forums to try to move the issue forward to make sure that we address the issue of the health of the people of our Commonwealth.

I would say that in this case, this resolution gains additional significance, Madam President, because of the economic crisis that exists in this Commonwealth and across the country, a growing and creeping economic crisis that, in fact, is going on across the world. Healthcare, the lack of coverage of care for individuals, is not just a health issue. It is a growing economic issue.

We came across a piece of information last week, Madam President, an analysis and study done by MarketWatch, a very well-respected economic publication that addresses the economic issues that exist for industries and families. This analysis, this report, Madam President, looked at the specific issue of bankruptcies that were occurring in many families across the country. The MarketWatch study indicated, Madam President, that almost half of all of the economic disruptions of families, almost half of all of the bankruptcies that are going on in families, relate directly to the healthcare pressures that those families are confronting, specifically in an economic context.

Those families are facing tremendous economic pressure because of the healthcare situation. They cannot afford the healthcare. They cannot afford to pay for the bills that come out of that healthcare crisis, and so economically, they are confronted dramatically. I need not remind this body that premium costs for those of us who have insurance have gone up 75 percent in a 6-year period, that if we were able to provide coverage to the thousands of people in this Commonwealth, then we could probably stem the tide of the increases in premium costs and possibly even reduce them in some respects. But clearly, if you look at the MarketWatch study, we could step into the breach economically, not just healthcare but economically, for those individuals who have no insurance.

I would also add, Madam President, that even though there have been disruptions in the healthcare situation in Massachusetts, one of the positive things we have found out of Massachusetts, in their attempt to increase healthcare coverage for those who have no insurance, is that more individuals, when they have the insurance available to them, wind up utilizing the preventive care aspects of insurance. That is a positive thing, because if you go on the preventive side, as we all know, Madam President, if you utilize your healthcare coverage in a preventive means, you are then taking care of yourself and reducing the back-end costs that may exist should you have to utilize and be forced into healthcare in the most dramatic environment, which is in our emergency rooms.

So we stand here and rise to support this resolution declaring June 10, 2008, as "Patient Advocate Day." We have done this in the past, and we hope to do this in the future. It gains more pertinence this year, as opposed to years past, because of the most dramatic health insurance problem that exists in this Commonwealth.

Thank you very much, 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.

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. Jack Zimmerman and to the citizens of the Borough of Nuangola by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bruce M. Applegate by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Madeline Link and to Henry Joseph Guth by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Margaretta Cotton and to Carmella Tarasi by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Schuylkill Canal Association and the Schuylkill River Heritage Area by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sandra A. Fraser by Senator LaValle.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Melody M. Nichols and to the members and families of the Naval Special

Warfare forces by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George Chris Conrad IV by Senator Mellow.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members of the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Reading by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Franklin H. Kelly by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sara Elias and to Robert Hicks by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander Robert Peters and to Michael Miles King by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Columbia Cottage of Collegeville by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Bishop by Senator Regola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jerome H. Polonsky by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brittni Reeling and to Lucas Leiby by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Donahoe by Senator Washington.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Rocky Grove Volunteer Fire Department of Franklin by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jill Novak 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 Derek Matthew Wiedwald by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Specialist Derek D. Holland by Senator Boscola.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late George Milne Collie by Senator McIlhinney.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION

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

A posthumous citation honoring the late Lorenda Doreen Fambro-Gordon was extended to the family by Senator Hughes.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

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

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The bills were as follows:

SB 1376, SB 1397, SB 1442 and HB 1067.

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

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator ORIE. Madam President, I rise to join my colleague, Senator Wozniak, in his resolution for Dwight White. Southwestern Pennsylvania has lost an extraordinary man, a successful and memorable member of the Steel Curtain, Mad Dog White. Dwight White left a permanent legacy and will be greatly missed, not only by Steelers fans across the country, but by the community at large, but more importantly, so many community organizations that he and his wife have devoted endless hours and time to.

Over the past 10 years, Dwight White never hesitated to participate in my Senior Expos. He lived in my district for a period of time, Madam President, and he would light up the room with his sense of humor and his amazing smile. But what I fondly remember about him was his affinity and great love for veterans. I cannot tell you the countless World War II veterans that he would approach at my expo and begin talking to, calling them the greatest generation. One of the things that I remember him remarking on, Madam President, is he said that he gets all the accolades, but they were the real heroes, and that they were the heroes that he had read about and continued to read about.

I am truly honored to have called him a friend. What distinguished Dwight White from other professional athletes was that he was a superstar on and off the field. He had an integral sense of community and giving back to the community. His exceptional feats on and off the field will forever be embedded in our hearts. To his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Stacey, I would like to express, on behalf of the Senate, our heartfelt sympathy, and Madam President, I believe in my heart of hearts that his maker is waving a Terrible Towel today.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Madam President, I rise to urge the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation to make sure that Section 300 of Route 202 receives the money in this coming TIP for the widening of that road. This section of Route 202 is where the Great Valley Corporate Center is, and the type of traffic congestion that we are now experiencing causes great economic harm, both to our county and, ultimately, to the Commonwealth. This is the center of the high-tech, the bioscience, and the pharmaceutical industries within our Commonwealth, and if these industries are to prosper, we need to have a transportation system that allows people to get to work and to get home.

At this point, Section 300 has been moved to the TIP for 2011. We hope that the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation will support moving this to the TIP that starts in 2009. One must understand that the money for the bridges that go across this highway has already been spent, and that bridge construction will be completed. To make the citizens wait a number of years before the pavement is put down and the final widening is done, in my judgment and the judgment of people within my district, is not in the best interest of the Commonwealth. Finally, let me say, Madam President, that the new proposal to pave the current two lanes on this highway, and then 2 years from now, 3 years from now, to take all that pavement up in order to create the three

lanes, is a waste of \$204 million, at a time when our transportation infrastructure can ill afford that waste.

So I rise to urge our Governor, Edward Rendell, and to urge our Secretary of Transportation, Allen Biehler, to support placing on the TIP for 2009 the expansion and the widening of Section 300, which goes from Great Valley down to Frazer, where Route 30 meets Route 202. It is absolutely necessary for our economic survival, and we are wasting-- you know, the Governor has all these programs on energy. Let me tell you, the amount of gas being wasted on that road is incredible.

So let us get some action. I ask the Governor and Secretary of Transportation to do so.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator STACK. Madam President, I ask you to imagine, a film production company comes into town with its director and stars, spends a lot of money on lodging and food, and hires local people as crew and extras. Residents run into their favorite stars at the local coffee shop, and the location is seen by millions of viewers on the big screen. A great boost for tourism. "The 4th Dimension," "Signs," "The Mothman Prophecies," "Girl, Interrupted," "Wonder Boys," and "Daybreak" are just a few of the films that came to Pennsylvania and did just that.

Since the late 1970s, Pennsylvania has been selected as the location for more than 150 American feature films and a dozen more international productions. Pennsylvania also has been the primary location for several series and made-for-TV movies, plus hundreds of documentaries, educational films, and commercials. Some extremely famous movies were made in Pittsburgh, as you know, Madam President, including "Silence of the Lambs," "Dogma," "Flashdance," and "Night of the Living Dead." Madam President, M. Night Shyamalan continues to use Philly as the base for his film production work and just released his latest movie, "The Happening," this past Friday.

The Pennsylvania film tax credit offers a 25-percent tax credit to films that spend at least 60 percent of their total budget in the Commonwealth. The program is capped at \$75 million. The transferable tax credit is available for feature films, TV shows and series, and commercials 15 minutes or more in length intended for a national audience. This tax credit program was created during last year's budget process. The Walt Disney Company was among the first to file for an application for funding under the new program. Disney sought \$2 million for a possible production in Pittsburgh. Filmmakers of "Annapolis" promptly changed their location from Maryland to Philadelphia after they learned of the new initiative. The filmmakers simply substituted Girard College for the U.S. Naval Academy.

It is estimated by the Pennsylvania Film Office that in 2004, the film industry spent a total of \$218 million in the Commonwealth. Filmmakers are not just attracted to the big cities of Pennsylvania, though. The movie "Gettysburg" was filmed in the town by the same name, "Slap Shot" and "All the Right Moves" were made in Johnstown, much of "Witness" was filmed in Lancaster County, and Kelly McGillis lived with an Amish family to prepare for her role.

Madam President, continuing to do more to attract films to our State would mean a great boost to our economy. We need

this, considering the struggles our constituents are going through with rising prices of necessities, and the mounting economic recession our country is moving toward. The film industry is significant since it is the second largest high-tech, high-profit, nonpolluting industry in the world, right behind computer technology. It generates over \$40 billion in economic activity annually. This success has set off a chain reaction among U.S. States, with each giving the economic red carpet treatment to the film industry. A highly successful movie that uses an identifiable location for a memorable scene can put a place on the map.

Philadelphia boasts one of the greatest art museums in the world, but how many tourists come to Philadelphia just to run up the art museum steps? Can you say "Rocky?" Philly is one of the most attractive locations for filmmakers. It is the sixth largest city in the United States, and it is a hub for hotels, restaurants, and schools. The landscape diversity is another attractive feature of the area. Some of the most memorable films created here are "National Treasure," "Unbreakable," "Beloved," "Up Close and Personal," "Twelve Monkeys," "Trading Places," and of course, the movie "Philadelphia." Since 1992, the Greater Philadelphia Film Office has assisted in the making of 204 films and TV shows, 31 of which were backed by a studio or a network, and about 70 films entirely in the region. Six of the movies made in Philadelphia broke the \$200 million box office ceiling, including the 20th highest grossing film in history, "The Sixth Sense."

Senator Rafferty and I were on the set of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" on Friday, June 6. This is a TV series that appears on the FX cable channel. We got a chance to meet the great cast and also director Fred Savage, famous for the show "The Wonder Years." We also shot a segment where we pretended to be Senators who were not there as fans, but Senators there to close the set down because we supposedly found the show offensive. In fact, Senator Rafferty and I are fans of the show. And we do not know even if they will use it or how they will use it, but we were happy to be included, and we were really pleased to see what a great job they are doing in Philadelphia.

The program is a beneficiary of the tax credit program. They have chosen to film and produce the show in Philadelphia due to that program. Just this past spring, five film projects were shot in Pittsburgh, and an unprecedented six more are on the way for that area. Some of these films will be shot in the new McKees Rocks studio facilities. This is all part of a new alliance between Green Tree-based Smithfield Productions and Studio, and Beverly Hills-based Proud Mary Entertainment.

We will lose a valuable resource for Pennsylvania if we do not continue to bring the film industry here. We will lose economic activity to other States offering better incentives. As of spring 2006, only nine States did not have some sort of incentive program in place or in the works to attract the film industry to their State. Some of the goals I have as a legislator are to find ways to create good-paying jobs, increase local consumption, and publicize what this State has to offer. Madam President, attracting more films to Pennsylvania does just that.

Now, more than any other time since I have been a part of the legislature, is when we need the film production companies, the directors, and the stars to come to our towns. We need them to spend money in our towns and to hire local workers, including Senator Rafferty and me. We need a boost for tourism. We need

to do all we can to bring money to this Commonwealth and to the people who live here.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Stack, for reminding the film producers to come to Pennsylvania for their 25-percent tax credit.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Madam President, we have heard about the Access to Basic Care healthcare plan and how it promises to improve healthcare in Pennsylvania. These arguments led me to a recent edition of the Wall Street Journal. Although I am not a regular reader of the Wall Street Journal, I have to say that I was intrigued by one of their editorials entitled "The New Big Dig," a reference to Boston's road and tunnel construction project that was legendary for its multibillion dollar cost overruns. And what do you suppose is Massachusetts' new big dig? It is that State's healthcare plan, which some say is doing well, although even its supporters acknowledge that problems exist, which the diehard advocates call growing pains. However, no matter how you try to sugarcoat it, the fact remains that Massachusetts' healthcare is in trouble. It should be a lesson to us here in Pennsylvania to not follow the same approaches as Massachusetts.

Massachusetts taxpayers are paying a high price for healthcare. Supporters of Massachusetts' plan say that the program is working because there are 330,000 new people enrolled in health insurance. To quote Paul Harvey, you need to know the rest of the story.

Most of those newly covered by the insurance in Massachusetts are in plans completely or heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Of the 330,000 newly enrolled in the insurance, at least 232,000 are getting free or heavily subsidized coverage. Those who do not get tax-paid subsidies face growing penalties for nonenrollment, with Massachusetts dictating what citizens must pay. For example, if your family income in Massachusetts is over \$70,000, the State says you can afford to spend \$550 per month, or \$6,600 per year, for health insurance. Those who do not buy insurance or get a waiver are fined. The penalty now is as much as \$1,824 for a couple, and will go up again next year.

At the same time, Massachusetts' healthcare plan is draining the State's budget. The Massachusetts Governor has asked for \$869 million for fiscal year 2009, but State authorities warn that the costs will be closer to \$1.1 billion, which is about what the State pays for its total State public safety budget.

At the same time, Massachusetts may be looking at adding another 30,000 to 40,000 people to its healthcare subsidy rolls. To make matters worse, Massachusetts' insurance costs continue to rise. The State approved a 12-percent rate increase for health insurance for next year. Meanwhile, hospitals are still treating a large number of people without health insurance, which is hurting some Massachusetts hospitals as the payments they receive for the uncompensated care were cut as part of the healthcare deal.

Madam President, as we discuss healthcare here in Pennsylvania, let us not make the same mistakes that Massachusetts made, which is why I fear PA ABC, because I am sure that PA ABC will create the same problems that Massachusetts and its citizens are facing today. Like PA ABC, Massachusetts promised better

healthcare coverage. However, in Massachusetts, the promise has fallen well short in reality as several hundred thousand people in Massachusetts are still without health insurance. Massachusetts is also having a problem enrolling people in their program because they require extensive taxpayer-financed subsidies, and many people either do not qualify for these subsidies or there is just not enough money to pay for the subsidies.

This is what I have been saying about government healthcare. There will never be enough money, and the promise of coverage can never be achieved. In Massachusetts, citizens are facing the worst of all worlds - no health insurance, rising costs, growing fines, or complex government red tape. Enacting PA ABC could cause similar problems for Pennsylvania and its citizens, which is why it should not be seriously considered.

Other States that have looked at such healthcare approaches have concluded that State-run healthcare leads to many problems and complexities. That is why States like California, Wisconsin, and Illinois backed off when they saw the potential price tags. Pennsylvania should not seriously consider either Cover All Pennsylvanians or Access to Basic Care. Neither will work. There will never be enough money. The number of additional people to be covered will never meet expectations, and we will all be looking at even higher costs and lower quality in the months and years ahead.

Madam President, these are the reasons why government healthcare programs like PA ABC are simply not the answer. We do not need more spending. We do not need higher taxes to support that spending. We do not want to ration healthcare and otherwise lower the quality of our healthcare system. Let us learn the hard lessons that States like Massachusetts have learned and not go down the government-run road to healthcare as advocated by Cover All Pennsylvanians and Access to Basic Care.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator HUGHES. If I could rise just for a moment, Madam President, and just make sure that in this context of the conversation about healthcare and making sure that we provide health coverage for the hundreds of thousands of people in this Commonwealth who have no coverage, I think it is instructional for all of us to really pay close attention to, number one, that reality that there are hundreds of thousands of people in Pennsylvania who have no coverage, and not lose sight of the fact that there is a tremendous amount of suffering that goes along with that.

Sometimes, it is easy to say that people have no coverage. It is kind of easy to roll off one's lips, to say that there are people who have no coverage. The reality, however, with that is that when you have no health insurance coverage, you really are playing, in many respects, Russian roulette with your life. You are putting yourself in a circumstance and in a situation where you are hoping that nothing happens to you, that there are no issues or no problems that you are confronted with, and that on a day-to-day basis, you are able to get by. And at the end of the day, you can put your head down on your pillow at night and say, wow, I got through this day, I am okay. Hopefully, I can make it tomorrow because I do not have coverage, I do not have anyone who can take care of me, I do not have the prescription drugs that are necessary.

That is the very real condition of individuals and families who have no health coverage or who have limited access or their policies are not expansive. They can only afford to split the dosage of their medicine and not take it all at one time. And in some cases, that can kind of work itself through. But in other cases, especially if you are an individual who is suffering from a behavioral health issue or mental illness, you do not have the luxury of splitting your medication, taking two pills instead of the required four and having those medications last over several days' time. The reality, especially with behavioral health issues, is that those medicines must work jointly upon one another, they must build upon one another, to have the positive impact that is needed so an individual can move on with their life and have some level of normalcy.

So when we talk about the problems and failures of various systems, we must understand that even in the context of that conversation, there is no system that is going to be perfect. However, we must learn from those very imperfect systems, take what works, utilize what works, and merge it into our own.

Now, what has been offered with PA ABC, which is the plan that has gained most prominence, and 95 percent of that plan has passed the House of Representatives and is available to us here in the Senate to act upon before we adjourn, what is available to us is a plan that moves significantly down the path of providing coverage, moves significantly down the path of providing added benefits to people who need these benefits. Prescription drugs are part of the program. Behavioral health is part of the program. These are two elements that, historically, have not been part of previous programs that have been offered in the past.

What we are doing with PA ABC is trying to advance the ball forward dramatically. We have said clearly and unequivocally that PA ABC is not the panacea and will not provide the coverage for everybody who needs coverage. But it will provide a dramatic number of individuals with access to care and could potentially have an impact on the reduction of premium costs for the rest of us who do have care, and is financed off of cash streams that are relatively secure here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Now, we hope to learn and have learned from Massachusetts. We know that one of the good things that has occurred in Massachusetts is the fact--I have talked about it in my previous comments under the resolution that we introduced for Patient Advocacy Day--that one of the things we learned from Massachusetts is that when individuals and families had coverage, that one of the things that they did, and they did it in a very significant way, is they utilized the coverage that they had, the insurance they had, to access the system to utilize preventive health services.

Now, we all talk about utilizing preventive health services. We all talk about engaging with our medical provider, our doctors, our nurses, our physicians, our medical centers, what have you, to get into care, to get access to preventive services so that we can take care of ourselves early on and not get sicker later on in the process. We have learned that from Massachusetts. We know that can be helpful here in Pennsylvania. We know that if you do not access preventive services, you usually wind up in a very dramatic healthcare situation. You usually wind up very sick and wind up in the most expensive portion of the healthcare in-

dustry, which is in our emergency rooms. We do not want people doing that.

So if we put out a system of coverage that is run by the private sector, I might add, Madam President, if we put out a network of coverage that can impact several hundred thousand people in this Commonwealth, provide the open arm to them to get them to care, then we are doing something positive on the healthcare side. But as I said earlier, it is an economic conversation. We cannot lose sight of the economic realities that exist for folks who have no health insurance. MarketWatch has borne out what we already know to be a fact, that significant numbers of the financial distress and the bankruptcies that come out of that financial distress relate directly to a lack of healthcare coverage. That families wind up falling into a bankrupt situation or a severely economically distressed situation directly related to the fact that they had no insurance, got sick, got into a healthcare crisis, had to utilize the situation, and the next thing you know, they are confronted with thousands and thousands of dollars in bills.

It is one thing to talk about not having the perfect system, and as we are imperfect people, we can only offer up imperfect solutions to the problems that exist. There are no perfect solutions. But there are solutions available that we must take advantage of and move down the path to implementation.

We have waited for 8 years, if not more, for those who represent us in Washington, D.C., led by our President, to solve this problem. We have come up empty-handed. The Federal government has walked away from us on this matter. We are now here in the State of Pennsylvania trying to deal with our own problem in our own imperfect way, in our own imperfect process.

Nonetheless, some solutions are available to us out of an extensive amount of research, an extensive amount of work. Here it is. We can try to help some people, or we can look the other way and walk away from them and not respond to their needs. We can try to get coverage to folks who deserve it, or we can look away and say, fend for yourself. But the economic conditions that exist in this nation and in this State - gas prices, most assuredly, by the Fourth of July will be hovering somewhere near \$4.75 and \$5 a gallon. And, I would dare say, by the end of the summer, you will be looking at \$6 a gallon. Foreclosures are increasing dramatically. In spite of the best efforts of the State of Pennsylvania, we still have tremendous foreclosures. It is funny how we can step up to the big finance corporations and find resolve for them. It is funny how we can step up and figure out a way to help those huge finance corporations, bail them out. Who is it, Morgan Stanley? We can step up with billions of dollars and step in the breach for them. But when it comes time--and those are public dollars, Madam President. Those are taxpayer dollars, Madam President.

And I dare say that those guys, when they went down that crazy path, they knew that we as a government could not look the other way when the crisis occurred. I dare say that they forecasted that into their efforts, knowing that if things bottomed out, somebody is going to step up for us, somebody is going to step up and step into our chicanery, our failure, our failure to invest and analyze the economic situation wisely. They knew. They knew. Their friends at the Federal Treasury, their friends at the Federal government and the treasurer's office and the finance

office knew that we, as taxpayers, could not leave that industry in a lurch because the financial collapse of this nation was at a breach.

So we stepped up for them, but it is a struggle to step up for everybody else. It is a struggle to step up for folks facing foreclosure. It is a struggle to step up for folks who have no health insurance. We cannot seem to find the muster to gather ourselves up and to help these individuals out. But we can help out the big guys.

We helped out the doctors. Five years ago, when the doctors were complaining about their problem, their situation, we stepped up for them. We found a resolution for them. And they have been doing real good over the last couple of years. Over \$1 billion worth of taxpayers' money has gone to help out those doctors. And that is okay. That is all right. We should help them. They are our providers. They take care of our healthcare needs. We should respond to them. But as sure as we voted this resolution to make tomorrow Patient Advocacy Day, somebody has to stand up for the patients. Somebody has to step up for those who are on the line making those decisions. It is 100 degrees outside, and there is a family somewhere who is suffering dramatically in this heat and they have nowhere to go and they are sick right now.

Think about it. In Washington County, in Fayette County, in Philadelphia and Greene Counties, in Luzerne County, all over this State there are people suffering right now. They cannot get out of their house. They cannot go anywhere, they do not have any gas in their cars. There is no transportation in their neighborhoods. All we are trying to do is get them some healthcare, get them some relief, Madam President. That is all we are trying to do.

We have a moral responsibility to step up for them, or are we just going to say, well, it is not the perfect resolve here? There is no perfection. We are not going to find a perfect resolve here. But we can move the ball forward. We can advance the initiative. It is 100 degrees outside, and somebody is suffering. And this country, financially, is in a serious situation. Foreign nations and foreign government own this country. They own the debt in this country. And our Federal representatives, the people in Washington, the folks, the President, have abdicated any and all responsibility.

And look at what is happening to the average person in Pennsylvania. The incomes are not going up. They are being foreclosed out of owning their own home, the American dream. Their houses are being taken from them because somebody rooked them into some kind of crazy mortgage situation. So let us stand up for them. Let us stand up for their healthcare. Let us stand up for their economic crisis. Let us stand up for their economic reality. It is not a perfect resolve, but it is better than what we have because what we have healthcare-wise is leaving almost half a million people out.

Let us do something, Madam President. Let us do something before we get out of here at the end of June. Let us do something for those folks, our people, our friends, our family members, our constituents, people with whom we work, people who provide us service, people who take care of us. Let us stand up for them. It is not a perfect resolve, but it is the best resolve that we have

available before us at this time. By June 30, before we leave here, we need to get this thing done.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you, Senator Hughes, for your response to the lack of basic healthcare in Pennsylvania.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Madam President, political humorist P.J. O'Rourke once quipped, "If you think healthcare is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free." In Pennsylvania, that joke is no longer funny, as Governor Rendell's approach to fixing the high cost of healthcare is to make it even more expensive. The administration's own numbers show the staggering costs for implementing his plan, PA ABC, starting at \$500 million in year one and rising to over \$1.3 billion by 2018.

It may be that I am just a former tire salesman, Madam President, but tackling the cost of healthcare by making it more expensive seems to be a bit like standing inside a bucket and trying to pull yourself up by the handle. In exchange for the Governor making the cost even more expensive, what are the hardworking taxpayers of Pennsylvania, who are struggling as it is to afford health insurance for themselves and their families, getting for this bigger price tag? Well, for several hundred thousand uninsured Pennsylvanians, the answer, unfortunately, is not health insurance coverage. Again, using the administration's own numbers, there are 900,000 uninsured Pennsylvanians. According to the Prescription for Pennsylvania Web site, in year one the Governor's plan includes an additional 143,000 people. Ten years from now, the Governor's plan, according to his own Web site, will cover only 284,000 people. Again, Madam President, these numbers come from the administration.

So to sum it up, we are increasing costs by \$1.3 billion and leaving hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians uncovered. We are jeopardizing the quality of healthcare, increasing costs, increasing taxes, and coming nowhere close to covering even the majority of the uninsured. In Lebanon County, we call that a pig in a poke, Madam President.

The question occurs naturally then: what is the answer? What is the plan that will lower costs while preserving quality and covering those currently uninsured? Well, in America, since our beginning, we have relied on some tried and true principles such as choice, competition, and personal responsibility.

For starters, 80 percent of those uninsured work for small businesses. That bears repeating. Eighty percent of those who are uninsured work for small businesses. So let us start by making it easier and more affordable for small businesses to offer health insurance to their employees. Let us create association health plans to make it easier for small businesses to pool their workers' premiums. Let us give a strong tax incentive to employers who contribute money to health savings accounts for their workers.

Let us stop giving people only one option at the level of coverage they purchase, which is a very expensive policy they cannot afford. Instead, let us offer them a choice and flexibility to choose from the different levels of coverage. If they want a Cadillac policy with all the bells and whistles, they can purchase a Cadillac. But if they want a policy more akin to a Saturn or a Kia that fits their needs and their finances, let us give them that choice as well.

Let us borrow a concept from the highly successful model for car insurance and create a high-risk pool as a safety net for those with preexisting conditions who cannot get coverage. Let us end the jackpot mentality in our civil justice system that is chasing our doctors to other States. You have the right to be made whole when you are the victim of malpractice. But in Pennsylvania, being made whole means being made wealthy by a jury. That is wrong, and it is killing our healthcare system in Pennsylvania.

Madam President, most of these common sense measures are part of my healthcare reform plan called Healthy Pennsylvania. By harnessing the reliable principles of choice, competition, and personal responsibility, we can lower the cost of healthcare where the real problem is, while preserving quality and covering the uninsured.

Thank you, Madam President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Madam President, just as an aside, several of the concepts that have been outlined are, not all, but several of the concepts that have been outlined are in part of PA ABC, especially health savings accounts. In addition, Madam President, if I went to a physician and I needed surgery on my left arm and he cut off my right arm, I would be highly upset and I would damn sure sue. Everybody should have that right under malfeasance in that nature. However, we have solved or addressed that problem dramatically with our physicians and reduced their premium costs dramatically over the last 5 years. Physicians are staying in Pennsylvania. In fact, the insurance industry that provides that kind of insurance is rushing back into Pennsylvania because of the over \$1 billion of support that we are providing for those physicians.

So here we have an opportunity to come together to find a solution on this matter. The urge is not to let this opportunity go by before we get out of here in June, before we leave in June. That is the urge, because if we let this one slip, if we let this one slip, it may not be presented to us, this window of opportunity may not be presented to us ever again this year. And if we wait again for the Federal government, even if we have certain successes in the November election, for the Federal government to resolve this, it may take another couple of years before that gets addressed.

So what I am saying, Madam President, is let us solve this. Let us solve this now. Let us not wait. Let us put the care and concerns of hundreds of thousands of people in this Commonwealth first. Let us deal with them. Let us address them, even if we only provide coverage for 200,000 people. Conservatively, those are 200,000 people who are in a better situation than what they were.

Thank you, Madam President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

Off the Floor APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 2, 1050, 1169, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388 and 1412) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider certain executive nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008

9:30 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1341, 1408 and 1409; and House Bills No. 1705 and 1742) Room 8E-B East Wing

9:30 A.M. TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 1158, 1274 and 1413; and House Bill No. 1863) Room 461 Main Capitol

10:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on PA Health Care Cost Containment Council) Maj. Caucus Room 156 Main Capitol

11:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bills No. 481, 1263 and 1284; Senate Resolution No. 245; and House Bill No. 1845) Room 8E-B East Wing

12:30 P.M. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (to consider House Bills No. 1804, 1999, 2051 and 2088) Room 8E-A East Wing

12:30 P.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing - explanation from Secretary Naomi Wyatt, Office of Administration, of the rationale behind the Governor's position on Senate Bill No. 1122) Room 8E-B East Wing

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Bill No. 1137) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008

9:30 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 1087 and 1266) Room 8E-A East Wing

9:30 A.M. TASK FORCE ON GAMING (to pursue the panel's goal of how to best address and enhance the existing PA gaming regulatory environment) Room 8E-B East Wing

10:00 A.M. BANKING AND INSURANCE (to receive a public briefing from representatives of both the Blackstone Group and LECG on the proposed merger of Highmark, Inc., and Independence Blue Cross) Room 8E-A East Wing

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (public hearing on Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

9:00 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing on electronic waste recycling) Room 8E-A East Wing

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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, June 10, 2008, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 6:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.