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SENATE

TUESDAY, March 31, 2009

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

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DAVE DONALDSON, of Word of Life International Church, Haymarket, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we acknowledge Your presence in this Chamber right now. We are grateful that during these uncertain times, You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Help us to renew our trust, our hope, and our dreams in Your secure hands.

Give to these Members of the Senate the courage to lead with integrity, compassion, and humility. May we remember that when we make right decisions, eventually right things will happen. You are honored by the sacrifices these leaders and their families have made for the better good of Pennsylvania. Bless and protect the covenant of their marriage relationships. May their children be the apple of their eye, an undistracted attention.

Awaken us each day with a fresh vision and vigor for a more compassionate, a more healthy, a more prosperous and peaceful State, nation, and planet.

We now rest in Your promise found in Your word. Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Donaldson, who is the guest today of Senator Brubaker.

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 ANIMAL HEALTH
AND DIAGNOSTIC COMMISSION**

March 30, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, John C. Simms, V.M.D., 15154 Burnt Mill Road, Shippensburg 17257, Franklin County, Thirty-third Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 30, 2009

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, Sandra Dungee Glenn, 831 South 48th Street, Philadelphia 19143, Philadelphia County, Eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2009, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Karl Girton, Millville, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

**MEMBER OF THE STATE HORSE
RACING COMMISSION**

March 30, 2009

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, Ray Dennis Hamm, 15586 Round Hill Church Road, Stewartstown 17363, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment 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 Richard D. Abbott, Cochranville, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA
SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION

March 30, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Joseph A. Dworetzsky, 7801 Huron Street, Philadelphia 19118, Philadelphia County, Fourth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2014, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice James P. Gallagher, Ph.D., Philadelphia, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA
SCHOOL REFORM COMMISSION

March 30, 2009

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, Heidi A. Ramirez, PhD., 1010 Clinton Street, Apt. 1F, Philadelphia 19107, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission, to serve until January 18, 2014, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SELINGROVE CENTER

March 30, 2009

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, Donald M. Foltz, 14 Grayson View Court, Selingsgrove 17870, Snyder County, Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of Selingsgrove Center, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2015, 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 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 30, 2009

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 26, 2009, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2009, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Karl Girton, Millville, 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 GOVERNORS OF
THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 30, 2009

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 6, 2009, for the appointment of Lydia Hernandez-Velez, 844 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia 19123, Philadelphia County, First 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

HOUSE MESSAGE

**HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House has concurred in the resolution from the Senate, entitled:

Weekly recess.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

Senator Michael L. Waugh as a member of the Pennsylvania Stimulus Oversight Commission.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following bills:

SB 149 (Pr. No. 780) (Amended)

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, repealing provisions relating to home inspections; providing for home inspections; establishing the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors; providing for licensure of home inspectors and for disciplinary proceedings by the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors; and making an appropriation.

SB 241 (Pr. No. 246)

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, defining "qualified association"; further providing for prohibited acts and for duties of licensee generally; and providing for handling of deposits and other escrows.

SB 304 (Pr. No. 303)

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for duration of a listing.

SB 464 (Pr. No. 781) (Amended)

An Act providing for use of volunteer time by health care professionals in meeting continuing education requirements.

SB 642 (Pr. No. 697)

An Act amending the act of July 2, 2004 (P.L.492, No.57), known as the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act, further providing for definitions, for responsibilities of Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and for State registration required; providing for provisional registration; and further providing for change of personal information, for registration violations and for suspension, denial, nonrenewal or revocation of State registration.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator TOMLINSON, from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, reported the following resolution:

SR 53 (Pr. No. 680)

A Resolution designating the month of April 2009 as "Pennsylvania One Call System Month."

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Costa and Senator Kitchen.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola.

Senator O'Pake requests legislative leaves for Senator Costa and Senator Kitchen.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
JOURNAL APPROVED**

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of March 23, 2009, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of March 23, 2009.

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

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wonderling
Earl	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
GUEST OF SENATOR GENE YAW
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming, Senator Yaw.

Senator YAW. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure today to introduce a guest of mine, Haley Ade. She is a senior at Loyalsock Township High School, and she is also a graduate of the Governor's School of Excellence in 2008. Most importantly, she is an intern in my office in Williamsport. I would like to introduce her to the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Yaw please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR DOMINIC F. PILEGGI
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, it is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce Mike Skinner and his wife, Lindsay Skinner, who are visiting the State Capitol today.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are visiting Harrisburg today as winners of a door prize sponsored by Bethel Township. They are residents of Downingtown in Chester County, in Senator John Rafferty's district. Mr. Skinner is an assistant district attorney in the Chester County District Attorney's Office. He has been a prosecutor for almost 2 years. Mrs. Skinner is a senior account executive for the Rigg Darlington Group in Exton.

Both of our guests are seated in the gallery this afternoon. Mr. President, I ask that we extend our traditional warm welcome to our visitors.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Pileggi please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CHARLES McILHINNEY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator McILHINNEY. Mr. President, I am proud to represent a large contingent of military men and women in my district. These proud young men and women represent the very best our country has to offer, and they are a great credit to our communities.

Later today, the Senate will consider Senate Bill No. 206, my legislation that would prohibit school officials from denying visitors access to school facilities based only on their military uniforms.

We are fortunate enough to have in attendance today members of the Semper Fi Families, an organization of military families that provide support and guidance to families of members of the Armed Services. I have with me today Duane and Eileen Longfellow and Kelly Fehr. I wish that the Senate would extend to them its traditional warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator McIlhinney please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUEST OF SENATOR MICHAEL BRUBAKER PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, I would like to take this time to reintroduce the Senate Chaplain. Reverend Dave Donaldson is the co-founder of Convoy of Hope, an international organization that has helped over 30 million people through disaster relief, sponsoring health and job fairs, drilling wells, and group homes for disasters.

Reverend Dave Donaldson, or Dave, as he likes to be known, is also a pastor of World of Life International Church in the greater Washington, D.C., area, which has 2,000 in attendance, and it includes over 100 different people groups.

Dave is the executive director for the International Charity Awards, which celebrates outstanding examples of public and private figures who devote themselves to working for others. Since its inception in 1980, the International Charity Awards has had nearly every President of the United States and First Lady as chairpersons for its event in Washington, D.C.

I would like the Senate to give a warm welcome to Reverend Donaldson.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT TOMLINSON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TOMLINSON. Mr. President, I rise to introduce three groups of students and their teachers, parents, and advisors from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School in Bristol Township. They are here today in recognition of several projects for which they have worked very hard.

First, the Middle School Eco-Conservation Crew won first prize at the Wheelabrator National Environmental Symposium held last year in Florida. Their project was to investigate ways that schools could reduce energy consumption through renewable and alternative energy sources. Congratulations on your award.

Another group, the Nature Environmental Action Team, will compete in the upcoming National Environmental Symposium being held in Florida this May. Their project is about ways to reverse the trend of many young people spending time indoors instead of finding ways to experience nature and outdoor activities. We wish them luck in their upcoming competition.

And finally, I would like welcome students in the Quilts for Kids program. This program uses donated materials and supplies and converts them into quilts. The quilts are then donated to children and babies who are hospitalized with ongoing cancer treatment.

Congratulations to these wonderful, outstanding children, their teachers, parents, and advisors. I would like to ask the Senate to give them a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Tomlinson please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL A. O'PAKE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, also in the gallery is a group of international students who are studying English as a second language at Albright College. They are here with Marian Wolbers, a professor, and Lori Irvin of Albright College, and I ask that the Chair extend its usual warm welcome to these students who are studying English and Pennsylvania State history.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator O'Pake please rise to be welcomed by the Senate.

(Applause.)

GUESTS OF SENATOR CHRISTINE M. TARTAGLIONE ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SHIRLEY KITCHEN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Kitchen, I am pleased to introduce a group of 10 students from the city of Philadelphia's Destination Fellowship program.

Destination Fellowship is a 12-month public service employment opportunity for recent postgraduate students. This program provides a great opportunity for those interested in public service to gain experience working in a large municipal government. These fellows will be assigned to a single department in the city of Philadelphia and will work on long-term projects during their year-long fellowship, reporting to senior members.

Mr. President I ask that you welcome these students and give them our usual warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Kitchen and Senator Tartaglione please rise to be welcomed by the Senate. (Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room immediately. I expect the caucus to last approximately 1 hour.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I ask Democrats to report to our caucus room immediately.

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

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL AMENDED

SB 136 (Pr. No. 108) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, providing for acceptable data.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator ERICKSON offered the following amendment No. A0602:

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 27 and 28, by striking out "The data used as the basis of a regulation is" in line 27 and all of line 28

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 206 (Pr. No. 450) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act prohibiting limitations on the wearing of official military uniforms on school property; and imposing a penalty.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-49

Alloway	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Argall	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Baker	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Boscola	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Browne	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Brubaker	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Corman	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Costa	Leach	Smucker	Wonderling
Dinniman	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Earll	McIlhinney	Stout	Yaw
Eichelberger	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Erickson	Musto	Tomlinson	
Farnese	O'Pake	Vance	

NAY-1

Ferlo

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 237 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 299 (Pr. No. 298) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wonderling
Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

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.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 387 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS AMENDED

SB 442 (Pr. No. 748) -- 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 health and accident insurance, providing for group health policies to continue for period of time after termination of employment or membership in health maintenance organizations.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?
Senator STACK offered the following amendment No. A0610:

- Amend Bill, page 1, line 21, by inserting after "policy":
in effect or
- Amend Bill, page 1, line 22, by inserting after "Commonwealth":
on or
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out "or members"
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out "the" and inserting:
a
- Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out ", and" and inserting:
or

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30; page 3, line 1, by striking out "Code." in line 27, all of lines 28 through 30, page 2 and "medical benefits, but continuation" in line 1, page 3 and inserting:
Code." the children's health care program established under Article XXIII or the adult basic coverage insurance program established under Chapter 13 of the act of June 26, 2001 (P.L.755, No.77), known as the "Tobacco Settlement Act," and any successors thereto.

(3) Continuation

Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out all of said line
Amend Bill, page 3, lines 4 through 7, by striking out ", at the time of" in line 4, all of lines 5 and 6 and "any," in line 7 and inserting:
notice to the policyholder

Amend Bill, page 3, line 7, by inserting after "section.":
Unless already provided in the group policy, an insurer who has issued a group policy in effect as of the effective date of this section shall provide such notice to the policyholder within 45 days of the effective date.

Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by striking out "plan" and inserting:
group policy

Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by inserting after "designee":
, the covered employee and the insurer

Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by striking out "date of the qualifying event." and inserting:
qualifying event. Notice to the covered employee shall include notice of the rights set forth in this section.

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "is" in line 11 and "responsible for notifying" in line 12 and inserting:
shall notify

Amend Bill, page 3, lines 13 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 13, by striking out all of lines 13 through 30, page 3, all of lines 1 through 12 and "(vii)" in line 13, page 4 and inserting:
its election of continuation coverage under this section within thirty days of notice under subparagraph (ii). The coverage shall be effective as of the date of the qualifying event and shall be the same as the coverage in effect at the time of the qualifying event or any replacement coverage.

(iv) An administrator or its designee notified under subparagraph (iii) of an election of continuation coverage shall notify the insurer within fourteen days of the covered employee's or eligible dependent's election.

(v)
Amend Bill, page 4, lines 17 through 20, by striking out "If there is a" in line 17 and all of lines 18 through 20
Amend Bill, page 4, lines 22 and 23, by striking out "group" in line 22 and "policyholder" in line 23 and inserting:
administrator or its designee

Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by inserting after "required":
to be paid by the covered employe or eligible dependent

Amend Bill, page 4, lines 27 through 29, by striking out ", but, if any benefits" in line 27, all of line 28 and "contribution shall be reduced accordingly" in line 29

Amend Bill, page 5, line 1, by striking out "an HSA" and inserting:
a health savings account

Amend Bill, page 5, line 3, by inserting after "§ 223(d)":
or other medical spending account

Amend Bill, page 5, line 5, by striking out "(6)" and inserting:
(6) (I)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 9, by striking out "(I)" and inserting:
(A)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 12, by striking out "(ii)" and inserting:
(B)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 15, by striking out "(iii)" and inserting:
(C)

Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 15 and 16:
(ii) A covered employe or eligible dependent shall provide written notice to the administrator or its designee within fourteen days if, pursuant to paragraph (2), coverage should not occur.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 24, by striking out "or" and inserting:
of

Amend Bill, page 5, line 25, by inserting after "(d)":
In the case of a qualifying event consisting of the involuntary termination of the covered employe's employment occurring on or after the effective date of this section and before January 1, 2010, or such other

date as specified by any amendment to or successor of section 3001 of Division B, Title III of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5, 123 Stat. 115), a covered employe or eligible dependent shall be entitled to premium assistance as provided in section 3001 of Division B, Title III of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth therein.

(e)

Amend Bill, page 5, line 30, by striking out "88 Stat. 829" and inserting:

29 U.S.C. § 1161 et seq.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 1, by striking out "58 Stat. 682, 42 U.S.C. § 201 et seq." and inserting:

Public Law 99-272, 42 U.S.C. § 300bb-1 et seq.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 6, by striking out "(e)" and inserting:

(f) The department may promulgate regulations as necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

(g)

Amend Bill, page 6, line 9, by inserting after "(1)":

"Administrator" means the person specifically designated by an employer by written agreement to manage the administration of a group policy issued to an employer or, if an administrator is not so designated, the employer.

(2)

Amend Bill, page 6, line 14, by striking out "1 et seq." and inserting:

401(c)(1)

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 16 through 24, by striking out all of lines 16 through 23 and "(3)" in line 24 and inserting:

(3) "Eligible dependent" means:

(1) With respect to a covered employe under a group health plan, any other individual who on the day before the qualifying event for that employe is a beneficiary under the plan:

(A) as the spouse of the covered employe; or

(B) as the dependent child of the employe.

(ii) In the case of a qualifying event described in paragraph (6)(ii), the term includes a covered employe.

(iii) In the case of a qualifying event described in paragraph (6)(vi), the term includes a covered employe who had retired on or before the date of substantial elimination of coverage and any other individual who, on the day before such qualifying event, is a beneficiary under the plan:

(A) as the spouse of the covered employe;

(B) as the dependent child of the employe; or

(C) as the surviving spouse of the covered employe.

The term shall also include a child who is born to or placed for adoption with a covered employe during the period of continuation coverage under this section.

(4)

Amend Bill, page 7, line 13, by striking out "(4)" and inserting:

(5)

Amend Bill, page 7, line 18, by inserting after "under":

Article XXIV or other provision of

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 21 through 24, by striking out all of lines 21 through 23 and "(iii)" in line 24 and inserting:

(ii)

Amend Bill, page 7, line 27, by striking out "(5)" and inserting:

(6)

Amend Bill, page 8, line 9, by striking out "301" and inserting:

1395

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 19 and 20, by striking out all of line 19 and "for the implementation and administration of this section." in line 20

Amend Bill, page 8, line 21, by striking out "120" and inserting:

30

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

SB 488 (Pr. No. 598) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in provisions relating to minors, further providing for the offense of purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator O'PAKE, on behalf of Senator LEACH, offered the following amendment No. A0536:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by striking out "sole means for" and inserting:

only way

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 17 and 18, by striking out "to" in line 17 and "become" in line 18 and inserting:

became

Amend Bill, page 2, line 5, by inserting after "person" where it occurs the first time:

reasonably believed he

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

It was agreed to.

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

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 536 (Pr. No. 543) -- 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 Tad W. Hippensteel a pedestrian and vehicular access easement over certain lands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania situate in Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,

Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wonderling
Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

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 568 (Pr. No. 579) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey to East Vincent Township, certain lands situate in East Vincent Township, Chester County.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wonderling
Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Eichelberger	Mellhinney	Stout	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 573 and SB 605 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS
AMENDED OVER IN ORDER**

SB 142 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 9 (Pr. No. 356) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits.

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 123 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 155 (Pr. No. 125) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act, further providing for notification of breach.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 351, SB 515 and SB 628 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 41, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 4 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 41**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 12 through 18, 2009, as "Local Government Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I rise to call for a positive vote on Senate Resolution No. 41, designating the week of April 12 through 18, 2009, as "Local Government Week" in Pennsylvania.

Through my service as chairman of the Pennsylvania Local Government Commission, I have gained a true appreciation for the men and women who serve in local government. They truly form the backbone of our democracy and the bedrock of our political system. We are a diverse Commonwealth, and our rich tapestry of local government includes all 67 counties as well as cities, boroughs, townships, school districts, and local authorities, with thousands of hardworking citizen officials, many of whom serve without reward.

Pennsylvania's 12 million residents rely on the services and facilities provided by local government, ranging from the special-purpose functions of counties, school districts, and municipal authorities in the areas of judicial administration, social welfare,

education, and provision of water and sewer services, to the more general-purpose functions of cities, boroughs, towns, and townships, such as maintenance of roads and streets, police and fire protection, and enforcement of ordinances and land-use controls.

Mr. President, Local Government Week focuses attention on the need for strong, independent, and active local government in this Commonwealth and recognizes the valuable contributions made by residents serving their communities in public office.

In closing, I ask my colleagues in the Senate to commend and thank the Commonwealth's local officials for their labor as the unsung heroes of government with an affirmative vote on this resolution. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. 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 immediately.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests 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 immediately. 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 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 30, 2009

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 26, 2009, for the appointment of B.J. Clark, 611 East Darby Road, Havertown 19083, Delaware County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, as a member of the State Board of Education, to serve until October 1, 2009, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Karl Girton, Millville, 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 GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

March 30, 2009

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

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall my nomination dated January 6, 2009, for the appointment of Lydia Hernandez-Velez, 844 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia 19123, Philadelphia County, First 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

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. 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 nomination made by His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

SECRETARY OF REVENUE

January 6, 2009

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, The Honorable Stephen H. Stetler, 932 S. Beaver Street, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Revenue, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Tom W. Wolf, Mount Wolf, resigned.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

NOMINATION LAID ON THE TABLE

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I request that the nomination just read by the Clerk be laid on the table.

The PRESIDENT. The nomination 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. Mr. President, I call from the table certain nominations and ask for their consideration.

The Clerk read the nominations as follows:

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

January 6, 2009

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Lena Gabriela Andrews (Public Member), 3600 Penn Avenue, Apartment 4, Pittsburgh 15201, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, 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.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

January 6, 2009

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, Matthew Karnell (Public Member), 266 South 23rd Street, 8A, Philadelphia 19103, Philadelphia County, First Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, to serve for a term of six years or until his successor is appointed and qualified, but not longer than six months beyond that period, vice Tara Egan, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

February 27, 2009

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, Mary Ann Hewston, 10501 State Highway 285, Conneaut Lake 16316, Crawford County, Fiftieth Senatorial District, for appointment 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 Barry Ramper, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

SECRETARY OF REVENUE

January 6, 2009

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, The Honorable Stephen H. Stetler, 932 S. Beaver Street, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as Secretary of Revenue, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2011, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Tom W. Wolf, Mount Wolf, resigned.

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

Alloway	Ferlo	O'Pake	Vance
Argall	Folmer	Orie	Vogel
Baker	Fontana	Piccola	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Pileggi	Washington
Browne	Greenleaf	Pippy	Waugh
Brubaker	Hughes	Rafferty	White, Donald
Corman	Kasunic	Robbins	White, Mary Jo
Costa	Kitchen	Scarnati	Williams
Dinniman	Leach	Smucker	Wonderling
Earll	Logan	Stack	Wozniak
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Stout	Yaw
Erickson	Mellow	Tartaglione	
Farnese	Musto	Tomlinson	

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. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, BAKER, ORIE, DINNIMAN, MELLOW, HUGHES, WASHINGTON, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, EARLL, BOSCOLA, COSTA, LOGAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, TOMLINSON, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, LEACH, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, STACK, WARD and MUSTO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 63**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, this resolution recognizes April 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. We make this designation in an attempt to raise awareness of the impact sexual violence has on our society. Sexual assault can affect people of any gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or ability.

Sexual assault takes on many forms. It is any unwanted sexual contact, which includes rape, attempted rape, and child sexual abuse. Predators of sexual assault can be friends, acquaintances, family members, or strangers.

The statistics are staggering. One out of six American women have been victims of rape or attempted rape. In 2008, there were 35,944 sexual offenses. Seventy percent of all rapes were never reported to the police.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing April 2009 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" to encourage all Pennsylvanians to put an end to sexual violence, to take steps to prevent it, and to help survivors find ways to deal with their victimization through counseling and support.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators BAKER, YAW, WARD, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, FERLO, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, PICCOLA, WILLIAMS, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, O'PAKE, ROBBINS, WONDERLING, ARGALL, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, COSTA, FARNESE, BROWNE, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, TOMLINSON, LOGAN and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 64**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 19 through 25, 2009, as "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator BAKER. Mr. President, this resolution designates April 19 through 25 as the "Week of the Young Child" in Pennsylvania. This is an annual celebration first established in 1971 by the National Association for Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose is to bring public attention to the needs of children from birth to age 8 and the importance of laying the foundation for success in school, and to provide information on early childhood programs and services available to meet those needs.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

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

Senators PICCOLA, ALLOWAY, FERLO, WILLIAMS, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, TOMLINSON, KASUNIC, ROBBINS, ORIE, ERICKSON, WAUGH, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, FOLMER, PILEGGI, FARNESE, EARLL, COSTA, O'PAKE, PIPPY, LOGAN, D. WHITE, BOSCOLA and WARD, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 65**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2009 as "International DeMolay Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators GREENLEAF, LOGAN, FERLO, BAKER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, EARLL, ARGALL, COSTA, WONDERLING, FARNESE, ERICKSON, GORDNER, WASHINGTON, LEACH, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, STACK and MUSTO, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 66**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2009 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator GREENLEAF. Mr. President, I rise to offer a resolution designating April as "Hemophilia Awareness Month." Hemophilia is a disease that 20,000 people in the United States suffer from, 1,700 of them being Pennsylvanians. So the purpose of this resolution is to have awareness of it and to have a sensitivity of it and, hopefully, someday, to have a cure for it. Thank you.

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

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

Senators McILHINNEY, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF and WONDERLING, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 67**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2009 as "Children and Nature Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Q. Smith and to Joseph T. Pasquarello by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Kurtz, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary of Kempton and to the Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary High School Girls' Basketball by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lee Snyder by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tyler Tuttle by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Janet Sharp by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joe Sgaramella by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Vince Rawa and to Tom Kondisko by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick Allen Williams, Avery Bonner Sheridan, James Escar Johnson IV, Shaun Simmons, Jane Gourley and to the Eastern Region of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thomas D. Fenner by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Delia A. Solomon by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Ted Denton by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexandria Hrasok by Senator O'Pake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to North Catholic High School Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and to the North Catholic High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boy by Senators Orie and Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Carrie Marguerite McCaleb Beam by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Neumann College Men's Ice Hockey Team by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Mt. Lebanon High School Girls' Basketball Team by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Harvey L. Golubock, Sarah Brinkley, Crosby Marts and to Roseart Company, Inc., of Bradford, by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bromley Motorcycle Sales, Inc., of Trevoise, by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aaron Shaak by Senator Vance.

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 Mary E. Schiavone by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Corporal Anthony L. Williams by Senator Pileggi.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Carl W. Lacy, Sr., by Senator Williams.

BILLS ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator ARGALL. Mr. 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 149, SB 241, SB 304, SB 464 and SB 642.

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 gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Wonderling.

Senator WONDERLING. Mr. President, I would like the record to reflect today as a great day for one of our interns who works in my Harrisburg office, Megan Bean. Megan resides in the 24th Senatorial District, in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania. She is currently a junior at Elizabethtown College, and she just successfully completed and was awarded one of the prestigious Finnegan scholarships that are granted through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So again, I want the record to reflect today the outstanding efforts by Megan Bean, and I also note for the record that she joins yet another Finnegan scholar, one of our newest Members, Senator Argall.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (information hearing on Advanced Broadband Services - What's Next)	Room 8E-B East Wing
9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (public hearing to consider the nomination of John Hanger as Secretary of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

9:30 A.M.	FINANCE (to consider Senate Bills No. 211 and 212)	Room 461 Main Capitol
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

9:00 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (Pennsylvania Public Television Network)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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1:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on Teacher Strikes in Pennsylvania)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

9:00 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Housing Finance Agency)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
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9:30 A.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 301, 302, 535 and 574; and House Bill No. 92)	Senate Maj. Caucus Rm.
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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

12:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing to afford the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission the opportunity to present its 2008 annual report)	Room 8E-A Main Capitol
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RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 3:34 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.