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SENATE

FRIDAY, July 2, 2010

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 JOEL PETRUSCHKE, Pastor of The Evangelical Church of Our Savior, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Most honorable women and men of the Senate and all who serve this legislative body, let us pray.

Holy God, wonderful Creator and Sustainer of all living things, we give You thanks for all the gifts we come to receive through Your gracious will. In particular, in this place and in this time, we praise You for the gift of government, by which You provide structure and order to society. We ask Your blessing upon this legislative body, that in all its deliberations, it may give glory to You by faithfully fulfilling its given tasks and duties.

Be with those in authority. Give them wisdom and strength to know Your will and to do it. In particular, Lord, we give thanks for the timely passage of this year's budget by the Senate and yet ask for Your continued guidance, as there remains much work to be done surrounding the spending plan.

Finally, in directing our prayers to You, O Lord, we commend this Commonwealth to Your merciful care, that we may live securely in peace and may be led always by Your providence. This we pray in the power of God Almighty. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Petruschke, who is the guest today of Senator Piccola.

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 COMMONWEALTH
OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

July 2, 2010

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, Caroline J. Allen, 6422 Taunton Road, Harrisburg 17111, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

July 2, 2010

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 W. Pullo, 189 Tuscarora Drive, York 17403, York County, Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2013, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

July 2, 2010

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, Karen Farmer White, 406 Landon Gate, Pittsburgh 15238, Allegheny County, Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, to serve until July 1, 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate **SB 1044**, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

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:

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- HB 1322** -- Committee on Judiciary.
- HB 1482** -- Committee on Public Health and Welfare.
- HB 2477** -- Committee on Local Government.

BILL INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

July 2, 2010

Senators GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, BAKER, O'PAKE, FARNESE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1436**, entitled:

An Act providing for the regulation of service contracts and for powers and duties of the Insurance Commissioner; and imposing a civil penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE**, July 2, 2010.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

July 2, 2010

Senators WOZNIAK, COSTA, FONTANA, PIPPY, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SR 379**, entitled:

A Resolution memorializing the United States Department of Defense to award to the Boeing Company a contract to produce and provide the KC-X aerial refueling tanker to the department.

Which was committed to the Committee on **VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**, July 2, 2010.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

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

Mr. Ronald G. Wagenmann as a member of the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Joseph B. Scarnati III) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 1044.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Finance to meet in the Rules room during today's Session to consider House Bill No. 2290.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator Orié.

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

Senator O'PAKE. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Leach, Senator Mellow, and Senator Musto.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Piccola and Senator Orié.

Senator O'Pake requests legislative leaves for Senator Leach, Senator Mellow, and Senator Musto.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS JOURNAL APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journal of the Session of June 8, 2010, is now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Session of June 8, 2010.

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

NAY-0

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

The PRESIDENT. The Journal is approved.

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 purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a Republican caucus in the Majority Caucus Room.

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

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

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator BROWNE, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bill:

HB 2290 (Pr. No. 4090) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, further providing for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects.

CALENDAR

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS AS AMENDED

SB 260 (Pr. No. 2134) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for corruption of minors and for the offense of sexual abuse of children.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 260?

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House, as further amended by the Senate, to Senate Bill No. 260.

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 87 (Pr. No. 1943) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled, as amended, "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania," expanding applicability of the act to include all active duty personnel and their dependents.

On the question,

Will the Senate concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 87?

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do concur in the amendments made by the House to Senate Bill No. 87.

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

NAY-0

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives accordingly.

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1186 (Pr. No. 4077) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, establishing the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs; providing for governing body of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency; making a related repeal; repealing related provisions of the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Control Act; and making editorial changes.

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 Allegheny, Senator Logan.

Senator LOGAN. Mr. President, I stand today to speak about a provision that is contained in House Bill No. 1186, which is currently before the body. Mr. President, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, better known as PHEAA, has served the Commonwealth's students and families for more than 47 years.

Well over 3 years ago, when the current leadership was elected to the PHEAA board, Representative Bill Adolph as chairman, along with myself as vice chairman, began to institute sweeping reforms across the agency. The PHEAA board, which has many dedicated Members in this Chamber - Senator Hughes, Senator Earll, Senator Tomlinson, Senator Fontana, Senator Washington, Senator Piccola, and Senator Erickson - eliminated management bonuses, eliminated automatic salary increases, and eliminated sponsorships and advertisements that were not in line with the mission of the organization. The

board also instituted a strict travel policy, making it more strict than that of the Commonwealth or that of the Internal Revenue Service. These reforms that the board put in place created savings exceeding \$77 million.

Mr. President, the board did not stop with monetary reforms but went further by adopting changes to insure that PHEAA would continue to be a premier leader in the student aid industry. PHEAA adopted an industry-leading code of ethics formalizing long-standing practices and policies and encouraged the rest of the industry to do the same.

I stand here today asking my colleagues to support a provision in House Bill No. 1186 that will allow us to continue with our transition plan by restructuring the PHEAA board of directors. The board structure has not changed since the agency was created in 1963. At that time, the agency's primary purpose was to administer the State Grant program. Mr. President, to put this into perspective for the Members, the first appropriation by the General Assembly for the State Grant program was in the amount of \$3.8 million, which provided about 6,500 students with a State Grant award. The 2010-11 appropriation will provide over \$388 million to over 170,000 students, a clear testament of the General Assembly's commitment to higher education.

Over the years, PHEAA entered into different aspects of the student loan industry by offering loans through the Federal government's Federal loan program as established by Congress. This program provides low-cost loans to the students of the Commonwealth. PHEAA continued to grow and quickly became a fully integrated student aid provider for students not only in the Commonwealth but across our nation. However, one thing that gave me a new perspective on PHEAA's business was when the financial markets started to freeze up in 2008.

The faltering economy severely impacted PHEAA's business and its revenue. During the time of the financial meltdown, the board held a student loan summit, which brought together a diverse group of State and Federal government officials and higher education and financial leaders to address a potentially devastating shortage of student loan funding for students and families. As a consequence, PHEAA had to suspend its lending practices in March of 2008. No longer was PHEAA able to participate in the student loan business as a lender. Fortunately, though, PHEAA was able to rely on the servicing side of the business by becoming the nation's third-largest servicer of student loans. Mr. President, as I have mentioned before, PHEAA's talent and expertise in the student lending industry was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, when PHEAA was named one of only four agencies to service new loans under direct lending, which Congress earlier this year mandated that all colleges and universities move to by July 1, 2010.

Mr. President, given the recent turbulence in the financial markets and the changing paradigm of the student aid industry, I, along with the rest of the board, came to realize the importance of having a more diverse makeup of the members of the PHEAA board of directors. Chairman Adolph and I started to hold conversations with the full board on reducing the number of legislators on the board and replacing them with private-sector individuals. Consequently, the PHEAA board unanimously adopted a resolution last year requesting that the

General Assembly reduce the number of legislators from 16 to 12 and reduce the length of the term from 6 to 4 years.

Mr. President, the legislation before us would allow the PHEAA board to be restructured, replacing four legislators with private-sector folks so that PHEAA can continue to evolve to address the challenges of the student aid industry. Speaking on behalf of the board, I respectfully ask the Senate to approve the legislation so that PHEAA can become an even more responsive and accountable State agency for the Commonwealth.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator WOZNIAK. Mr. President, this is what we call an Administrative Code bill, and it basically is an opportunity to put all kinds of very diverse things into a bill to get it through both Chambers. While I admire the fact that we are changing the dynamic of the PHEAA board, I do not really believe that is going to be a cost-saving measure. If that were the only thing in the bill, I would have no problem with it, but what we are also doing in this bill is creating what is called the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

Now, I asked the Committee on Appropriations if creating a department means the same thing as what I thought it meant, which means it comes with a secretary, a deputy secretary, a legislative liaison, and a secretary that goes with all the secretaries to take care of the paperwork. What we have created is a Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs that is on the same level as the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Education, and the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Quite frankly, Mr. President, we just came off of a very, very, very, very, very, very, very tough budget year back to back, and already we have forgotten that once we create, we cannot take away. We are going to create a department that is going to start out as an eensy-teensy-bitsy little thing, all for the very good things we want to do with it, and over the next decade, it is going to grow into a behemoth. Let us nip it in the bud right now. There are drug and alcohol problems in Pennsylvania, but to elevate this to the level of a department is a bad maneuver.

So although there are a lot of positive things in this bill, Mr. President, we are creating a new department in this State that I do not think we can afford at this time. I am not going to sit here and say that I am the most fiscally conservative Member of this Senate, but there are times when you have to stand up and be counted. This is one of them, Mr. President, and I will be voting in the negative on this bill, because this will exponentially grow another department within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that we do not need.

Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Orié has returned, and her temporary Capitol 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-43

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

NAY-7

Earll	Piccola	Waugh	Wozniak
Orie	Vance	White, Mary Jo	

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

HB 1332 (Pr. No. 4049) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for confidential communications to a critical incident stress management team member by law enforcement officers, public safety responders and corrections officers and for confidential communications to a peer support member by law enforcement officers.

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-49

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

NAY-1

White, Mary Jo

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL AMENDED

SB 53 (Pr. No. 1663) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intestate succession, further providing for forfeiture; in wills, further providing for modification of wills; in grant of letters, further providing for advertisement of grant of letters; in administration and personal representatives, further providing for duty of personal representative; in apportionment of death taxes, further providing for enforcement of contribution or exoneration of Federal estate tax; in powers of attorney, further providing for implementation of power of attorney; in estates, further providing for applicability of rule against perpetuities and for modification of conveyance by divorce and for effect of divorce on designation of beneficiaries; in trusts, further providing for notice of representation, for creditor's claim against settlor, for actions contesting validity of revocable trusts, for claims and distribution after settlor's death, for removal of trustee, for trustee's duty to inform and report, for illustrative powers of trustee and for limitation of action against trustee; in principal and income, further providing for power to convert to unitrust and for retirement benefits, individual retirement accounts, deferred compensation, annuities and similar payments; and making conforming amendments to Title 15.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator GREENLEAF, on behalf of Senator GORDNER, offered the following amendment No. A7549:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "wills;":
providing for formula clauses for Federal tax purposes; in dispositions independent of letters, family exemption, probate of wills and grant of letters, further providing for payments to family and funeral directors;

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 27 and 28; page 2, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting:

Section 1. Sections 2106(a) and 2507(2) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 10 and 11:

Section 2. Title 20 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 28

FORMULA CLAUSES FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES

Sec.

2801. Definitions.

2802. Interpretation of formula clauses.

2803. Judicial proceeding.

§ 2801. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Formula clause." A clause that has any of the following characteristics:

(1) Refers to the unified credit, estate tax exemption, applicable exemption amount, applicable credit amount, applicable exclusion amount, generation-skipping transfer tax exemption, GST exemption, marital deduction, maximum marital deduction, unlimited marital deduction or charitable deduction, or other words relating to Federal tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions or credits where the meaning of the words is dependent on the current state of the Federal tax laws.

(2) Measures a share of an estate or trust based on the

amount that can pass free of Federal estate taxes or affects the inclusion ratio for generation-skipping transfer tax purposes.

(3) Is based on a similar provision of Federal estate tax or generation-skipping transfer tax law.

"Other dispositive instrument." Includes the following:

(1) A beneficiary designation pertaining to insurance or retirement assets.

(2) An instrument that exercises a power of appointment held by the decedent at death.

(3) A similar instrument that:

(i) expresses a decedent's intent regarding assets over which the decedent had dispositive authority at death; or

(ii) otherwise disposes of assets as a result of the decedent's death.

§ 2802. Interpretation of formula clauses.

(a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), and subject to section 2803 (relating to judicial proceeding), a will, trust or other dispositive instrument of a decedent who dies after December 31, 2009, and before January 1, 2011, that contains a formula clause shall be rebuttably presumed to be interpreted pursuant to the Federal estate tax and generation-skipping transfer tax laws applicable to estates of decedents dying on December 31, 2009.

(b) Exception.--

(1) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a will, trust or other dispositive instrument that:

(i) is executed or amended after December 31, 2009; or

(ii) manifests an intent that a contrary rule shall apply if the decedent dies on a date on which there is no applicable Federal estate tax or generation-skipping transfer tax in effect.

(2) If the Federal estate tax or generation-skipping transfer tax applies to an estate of a decedent dying or generation-skipping transfer occurring before January 1, 2011, then with respect to each such Federal tax, the initial reference to January 1, 2011, in this section shall refer instead to the first date after December 31, 2009, on which such tax applies to decedents' estates or generation-skipping transfers.

§ 2803. Judicial proceeding.

(a) Standing.--The decedent's personal representative, trustee or any affected beneficiary under the will, trust or other dispositive instrument may bring a proceeding to interpret a formula clause.

(b) Commencement.--A proceeding under this section must be commenced within 12 months following the death of the decedent.

(c) Considerations.--In a proceeding under this section, the court shall consider all of the following:

(1) The provisions and purposes of the will, trust or other dispositive instrument.

(2) The facts surrounding the creation of the will, trust or other dispositive instrument.

(3) The decedent's known or probable intent, based on all the facts and circumstances surrounding the creation of the will, trust or other dispositive instrument. In determining this intent, the court may consider evidence that contradicts the plain meaning of the will, trust or other dispositive instrument.

(4) The identity and interests of beneficiaries of different shares resulting from the application of the formula clause.

(d) Modifications.--The court shall have the power to modify a provision of a will, trust or other dispositive instrument in a manner that is not contrary to the decedent's probable intention in order to achieve the decedent's tax and other objectives.

(e) Effective date of interpretation or modification.--The court may provide that an interpretation or modification pursuant to this chapter shall be effective as of the decedent's date of death.

Section 3. Sections 3101(b), 3162, 3301(c), 3706, 5603(p) and (q), 6107.1, 6111.1, 6111.2, 7725 and 7745 of Title 20 are amended to read:

§ 3101. Payments to family and funeral directors.

(b) Deposit account.--Any bank, savings association, savings and loan association, building and loan association, credit union or other savings organization, at any time after the death of a depositor, member or certificate holder, may pay the amount on deposit or represented by the certificate, when the total standing to the credit of the decedent in that institution does not exceed [\$3,500] \$7,500, to the spouse, any child, the father or mother or any sister or brother (pref-

erence being given in the order named) of the deceased depositor, member or certificate holder, provided that a receipted funeral bill or an affidavit, executed by a licensed funeral director which sets forth that satisfactory arrangements for payment of funeral services have been made, is presented. Any bank, association, union or other savings organization making such a payment shall be released to the same extent as if payment had been made to a duly appointed personal representative of the decedent and it shall not be required to see to the application thereof. Any person to whom payment is made shall be answerable therefor to anyone prejudiced by an improper distribution.

Amend Bill, page 11, line 26, by striking out "2" and inserting:
4

Amend Bill, page 12, line 7, by striking out "3" and inserting:
5

Amend Bill, page 12, line 25, by inserting after "letters)":
shall be done in the jurisdiction of the deceased settlor's

domicile

Amend Bill, page 13, line 2, by striking out "4" and inserting:
6

Amend Bill, page 13, line 25, by striking out "5" and inserting:
7

Amend Bill, page 28, line 2, by striking out "6" and inserting:
8

Amend Bill, page 28, line 26, by striking out "7. The amendment of 20 Pa.C.S. § 6107.1 shall" and: inserting

9. This act shall apply as follows:

(1) The addition of 20 Pa.C.S. Ch. 28 shall apply to any decedent dying after December 31, 2009.

(2) The amendment of 20 Pa.C.S. § 6107.1 shall

Amend Bill, page 28, line 28, by striking out "8" and inserting:
10

Amend Bill, page 29, line 5, by striking out "9" and inserting:
11

Amend Bill, page 29, line 9, by striking out "7" and inserting:
9

Amend Bill, page 29, line 9, by striking out "8" and inserting:
10

Amend Bill, page 29, line 10, by inserting after "(iii)":
The addition of 20 Pa.C.S. Ch. 28.
(iv)

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 OVER IN ORDER

HB 115 and HB 460 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 900 (Pr. No. 2132) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization.

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

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

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.

HB 1251 (Pr. No. 3869) -- 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, providing for minimum number of covered employees; further providing for duties of insurers and insurance producers, for investment, for group accident and sickness insurance and for mini-COBRA small employer group health policies; providing for continuation of coverage reinstatement; in long-term care, further providing for definitions; and providing for appealing an insurer's determination the benefit trigger is not met, for prompt payment of clean claims and for applicability.

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

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

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 return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

HB 1300 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1327 (Pr. No. 1900) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for certain charges.

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

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1609, HB 1859 and HB 2070 -- 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

HB 2246 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 47, SB 99, HB 123, HB 291, SB 428 and HB 444 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 699 (Pr. No. 1888) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for protection of abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned adults; establishing a uniform Statewide reporting and investigative system for suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment of adults; providing for protective services; and prescribing penalties.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 786, SB 906, SB 971, SB 998, SB 1168, SB 1171, SB 1231, SB 1255, SB 1272, HB 1281 and SB 1283 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 1305 (Pr. No. 2050) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for promulgation of rules and regulations by department.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 1340, SB 1378, SB 1394, HB 1394 and SB 1409 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

HB 1890 (Pr. No. 3954) -- 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 University, certain lands situate in Benner Township, Centre County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to Benner Township, certain lands situate in Benner Township, Centre County; authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, certain lands situate in Benner Township, Centre County; and

authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, certain lands situate in Benner Township, Centre County.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

HB 1926, HB 1990, HB 2258 and HB 2273 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 323, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 9 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 323**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Local Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of the number and types of mandates placed upon Pennsylvania's local governments by the Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

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 HEALTH POLICY BOARD

April 19, 2010

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, Anne M. Wantz, 315 North Second Street, Harrisburg 17101, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Health Policy Board, to serve for a term of three years and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Joseph G. Mraz, Elizabethtown, whose term expired.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

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

June 22, 2010

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, Leonard B. Altieri III, 8 Valley View Lane, Newtown Square 19073, Delaware County, Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education, to serve until graduated or separated from the University, vice Nicholas J. Barcio, Erie, graduated.

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

NAY-0

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.
Ordered, That the Governor be informed accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RISES

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I move that the Executive Session do now rise.
The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

RECONSIDERATION OF HB 1186

BILL ON FINAL PASSAGE

HB 1186 (Pr. No. 4077) -- Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 1186, Printer's No. 4077, was passed finally.

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

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-42

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

NAY-8

Earll	Piccola	Ward	White, Mary Jo
Orie	Vance	Waugh	Wozniak

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

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate return said bill to the House of Representatives with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendments in which concurrence of the House is requested.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1**

**BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION
REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED REREFERRED**

HB 2290 (Pr. No. 4090) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 9, 1999 (P.L.1, No.1), known as the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, further providing for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects.

Considered the second time and agreed to,

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

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Appropriations to augment its agenda to include House Bills No. 2290 and 2493.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Senators DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LOGAN, MENSCH, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, RAFFERTY, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, D. WHITE, PIPPY and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 380**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of September 12 through 18, 2010, as "Assisted Living Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, O'PAKE, RAFFERTY, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, WAUGH and EARLL, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 381**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 2010 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I am simply introducing these resolutions because we will not be here in the beginning of September. This one involves Mushroom Month, and I introduce this with Senator Pileggi, who has the largest volume of mushroom production in the State, and Senator O'Pake, who, I believe -- Senator O'Pake always tells us that Berks County is first, but we in Chester County are very proud of our mushroom industry. In fact, our area of Pennsylvania produces more mushrooms than anywhere in the world, and we want to make sure that this agribusiness is honored.

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 STACK, HUGHES, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, ORIE, BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, STOUT, GREENLEAF, FERLO, PILEGGI, COSTA, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, TOMLINSON, BRUBAKER, PIPPY, D. WHITE, EARLL and WOZNIAK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 382**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 27, 2010, as "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" in Pennsylvania, in recognition of the importance of family dinners in preventing substance abuse.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, like Senator Dinniman, I want to make sure I get this September resolution in now, while we are in Session. It recognizes September 27, 2010, as Family Day in Pennsylvania. "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" is a national movement to inform parents that the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance-free.

It is such a simple concept, Mr. President, sitting down to dinner at the table as a family. But it is not an easy feat for many families. Our schedules are packed with hectic work obligations, extracurricular activities, homework, house projects, and more. Sadly, that means dinner just does not fit into

our busy days. When families lose that evening connection together, they could be losing out on valuable time with each other.

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, known as CASA, launched Family Day in 2001 as an effective way to reduce substance abuse among children and teens. CASA designated this annual event to take place on the fourth Monday of each September. Interestingly enough, Mr. President, surveys conducted by CASA have consistently found that teenagers who spent dinner time with their parents were less likely to do drugs, drink, smoke cigarettes, or get into trouble in general. Parents who are engaged in their children's lives through such activities as frequent family dinners are less likely to have children who abuse substances.

But it is not just about statistics. Family Day is simple. It is an important chance for families to sit down, enjoy a good meal, and communicate. If parents and kids alike can make time to text, use Facebook, and tweet throughout the day, they can make time to plan a family meal at least a few times a week. I therefore offer this resolution declaring September 27, 2010, as Family Day in Pennsylvania. Mr. President, I would like to leave this resolution open at the desk for Members who have not yet signed it.

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.

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 the Donegal Senior High School Girls' Soccer Team by Senators Brubaker and Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Samuel Stump by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas David Serra by Senators Gordner and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Bishop Jimmie A. Ellis III by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Easton Hospital by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Charles Skalos by Senator Orie.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

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

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Bart B. Hannahoe by Senator O'Pake.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, I want to thank the Members of this body for all of their assistance a few minutes ago

in passing Senate Bill No. 900. Many of the names of the Members of this Senate are listed as cosponsors of Senate Bill No. 900, Republicans and Democrats, representing communities large and small across the State. Blight, of course, is not a partisan issue. It affects many of our communities, regardless of size.

It occurred to me that there is one name missing on this bill. Jim Rhoades felt very, very passionately about the subject of blight. I suspect he had talked to many of you individually about this. The office in Mahanoy City, his chair that I sit in, is in a building that he literally saved from blight. And of course, just up the street, there is another blighted building and another blighted building, because the battle against blight never comes to an end. That is just how it is. We fight this battle building by building, structure by structure, block by block.

The bill recently adopted by the Senate will allow us to pick up the pace and give more municipalities more tools. That is what Senate Bill No. 900 is all about. I want to thank all of you, as well as the broad coalition that Jim Rhoades really began to pull together in support of this bill in the last Session. I mean, if you look at the list - the Association of Boroughs, the Township Supervisors, the League of Cities and Municipalities, the redevelopment authorities, the Housing Alliance, the city of Pittsburgh, Common Cause, and on and on and on - groups large and small across this State have been extraordinarily helpful in developing what I believe is a quality piece of legislation.

I know that if we would have voted on the very first version, it would not have been 50 to 0, so I think this is a testament to the fact that this process can really work. And it occurred to me that as we now have sent this bill to the House, I just wish that Jim Rhoades were here to pat each of us on the shoulder and call us "kid" or "babe"--I think he was the only one who has ever called me "babe"--but he was not here to vote today.

In my high school German class, there was a proverb written on the wall, something like "Der Apfel fällt nicht weit vom Baum." I am sure I have really massacred the grammar, but essentially, it says, "The apple falls not far from the tree." And I would like to read into the record a note that should have been received by all Members of the Senate, from one of Jim Rhoades' prized apples.

You all know the history. This started with my Dad....

Bottom line. This does not hurt the good people doing the right thing. It only helps us go after the bad guys committing this economic crime stealing value from adjacent properties and taking tax revenue from your municipalities....

I am a civil/environmental engineer dealing with the negative aspects of blight with my municipal clients every day. I'm also forced to deal with it at home with my family. I tried to get the dilapidated property next to my house - to stop the shingles and pieces of wood from falling on my house - to protect my children. Unfortunately--the Borough cannot get [the owner] to bring it up to code or demolish it.

....You all know this deserves to get passed. It's not perfect, but my Dad taught me that nothing in life is. SB900 is a step in the right direction. Please honor my Dad by voting yes on SB900.

Thank You and God Bless,
Jim Rhoades, Jr.

Thank you to all of the Members of the Senate for their assistance with this bill.

