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SENATE

MONDAY, February 28, 2011

The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend DONALD E. BRANTLEY, SR., of Harris AME Zion Church, Harrisburg, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, we ask for Your presence, that You cover this Senate with peace and a path to all understanding, that their minds and hearts will walk in the newness of life, for their tasks are not easy. We ask that You give them strength when their burdens get heavy to bear, and they will be able to blot out of their minds the things that come against it, that they will be able to accept the things that they cannot change.

Father, we ask that You give them help to understand that love bears all things, that love believes all things, and that love gives hope and never ends. Help us to understand that it is with the faith that is in us that we all move the mountains, and without love, we have nothing. I ask that we reconcile peace from brother to brother and sister to sister, that we can be filled with the knowledge of the truth that is set before us.

Thanking the Father for giving us grace that He has set before us. Thanking the Father for giving us grace on a daily basis. Thanking Him for the traveling mercies and the joys that He allows us to have every day. May the Father's blessings be with us as He directs our path, that light of love that shines in us, never leaving us in the darkest hour. For we must remember that the race is not won by the swift, nor the battle by the strong--it is those of us who keep ourselves strong to the end. In the name of the Father and the Son, we pray. Amen.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

JOINT SESSION

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

February 22, 2011

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

If it meets with the approval of the General Assembly, I am respectfully requesting a Joint Session of the General Assembly on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of addressing the Members for the annual budget address.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

TOM CORBETT
Governor

**CORRECTION TO NOMINATION
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 16, 2011

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

Please note the nomination dated February 11, 2011, for the appointment of Linda L. Kelly, Esquire, 307 Maple Avenue, Edgewood 15218, Allegheny County, Fortieth-third [sic] Senatorial District, as Attorney General of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Tom Corbett, Pittsburgh, resigned, should be corrected to read:

Linda L. Kelly, Esquire, 307 Maple Avenue, Edgewood 15218, Allegheny County, Forty-third Senatorial District, for appointment as Attorney General of Pennsylvania, to serve until the third Tuesday of January 2013, and until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice The Honorable Tom Corbett, Pittsburgh, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

HOUSE MESSAGES**HOUSE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE**

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

February 25, 2011

HB 38 -- Committee on Judiciary.

HB 67, 262 and 391 -- Committee on Community, Economic and Recreational Development.

HB 345 -- Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

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HB 143 -- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 17, 2011

Senators ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, PILEGGI, SCARNATI, D. WHITE, BAKER, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, VANCE, COSTA, GORDNER, ORIE, ALLOWAY, KITCHEN, SMUCKER, FONTANA, CORMAN, EARLL, YAW, WAUGH, FOLMER, ROBBINS, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, WARD, PIPPY, MENSCH, WOZNAK and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 5**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Community-Based Health Care (CHC) Program in the Department of Health; and providing for hospital health clinics.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 17, 2011.

Senators M. WHITE, YAW, EARLL, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, FARNESE, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, WILLIAMS, RAFFERTY, LEACH, BREWSTER, COSTA, BOSCOLA, BAKER, FONTANA, STACK, YUDICHAK, WARD, WOZNAK, DINNIMAN and VANCE presented to the Chair **SB 209**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for disclosure by school entities of certain interscholastic athletic opportunity information.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 17, 2011.

Senators VANCE, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, M. WHITE, BAKER, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, KITCHEN, D. WHITE, YUDICHAK, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, BREWSTER, ORIE, BOSCOLA, EARLL, STACK, BROWNE and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 553**, entitled:

An Act providing for nonapplicability of certain statutory requirements setting a minimum retail sales price for prescription generic drugs.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 17, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, ORIE, PILEGGI, FONTANA, SMUCKER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, BOSCOLA, COSTA, BAKER, CORMAN, MENSCH, BRUBAKER, EARLL, WAUGH, VANCE and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 554**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 17, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, PIPPY, BOSCOLA, BAKER, YUDICHAK, MENSCH and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 555**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for the definition of "institution of higher education"; and further providing for the definitions of "school" and "school age" and for qualification and application.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 17, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, PIPPY, BAKER, YUDICHAK and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 556**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.423, No.101), known as the Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act, further providing for the Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 17, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, ORIE, ERICKSON, FOLMER, ALLOWAY, PIPPY, BOSCOLA, MENSCH and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 557**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting government competition with private enterprise.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 17, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 558**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a district attorney justice fee for convictions.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 17, 2011.

Senators CORMAN, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, ROBBINS, EARLL, ALLOWAY, YAW, ORIE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 559**, entitled:

An Act providing for the designation of the building referred to as the Commonwealth Keystone Building in the City of Harrisburg as the Thomas D. Larson Building.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 17, 2011.

Senators CORMAN, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, ALLOWAY, ERICKSON, GORDNER, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, COSTA, EARLL, FARNESE, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, STACK, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 561**, entitled:

An Act providing for notice to employees of electronic monitoring by employers of network and information technology resources; establishing a cause of action; and imposing civil penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, February 17, 2011.

Senators CORMAN, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, EICHELBERGER, BREWSTER, EARLL, WAUGH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 562**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, further providing for the imposition of the personal income tax and authorizing the offsetting of gains and losses among the various classes of income.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 17, 2011.

Senators CORMAN, SCARNATI, BRUBAKER, BROWNE, EARLL, COSTA, ERICKSON, WAUGH, YAW, GORDNER, ALLOWAY, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, M. WHITE, MENSCH, D. WHITE, ROBBINS, SMUCKER, VANCE, PIPPY, WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, ORIE, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, STACK and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 563**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 17, 2011.

Senators DINNIMAN, BAKER, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, LEACH, YUDICHAK, ORIE, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, WAUGH, D. WHITE, MENSCH and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 564**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 17, 2011.

Senators VANCE, SCARNATI, BAKER, KITCHEN, ORIE, BOSCOLA, ROBBINS, YAW, EARLL, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, BROWNE, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, FOLMER, VOGEL, BRUBAKER, WAUGH, PICCOLA and EICHELBERGER presented to the Chair **SB 565**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, providing for benevolent gesture or admission by health care provider or assisted living residence.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 17, 2011.

February 18, 2011

Senator SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 566**, entitled:
An Act designating the Donora-Monessen Bridge in Washington and Westmoreland Counties as the Stan Musial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, WOZNIAK, COSTA, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, PIPPY and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 567**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for revocation of habitual offender's license, for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, for permitting violation of title, for homicide by vehicle and for habitual offenders.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators VANCE, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, BAKER, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 568**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, providing for signage requirements for retail service stations.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 18, 2011.

Senators PIPPY, ORIE, FOLMER, VOGEL, ERICKSON, EARLL, LEACH, FONTANA, BAKER, BROWNE, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, MENSCH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 569**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.893, No.141), known as the Volunteer Health Services Act, further providing for purpose, for the definition of "volunteer license" and for liability.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 18, 2011.

Senators ROBBINS, ORIE, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, KASUNIC, MENSCH, PICCOLA, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 570**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for employers of members of a reserve component of the armed forces.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators ORIE, ROBBINS, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, KASUNIC, MENSCH, PICCOLA, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 571**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for a tax credit for employers of certain veterans of the armed forces.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2011.

Senators ORIE, SCARNATI, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, MENSCH, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, VOGEL, WAUGH, D. WHITE and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 573**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for persons with military service-connected disabilities to receive property tax exemptions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, BREWSTER, COSTA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 574**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of utility service.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 575**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for termination of utility service.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 576**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cash deposits and household information requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KASUNIC, M. WHITE, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 577**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for payment agreements.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KITCHEN, WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 578**, entitled:

An Act establishing grant programs to provide funding for pilot field programs to improve the accuracy of eyewitness identifications; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KITCHEN, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, FARNESE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 579**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for wrongful conviction and imprisonment.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, KITCHEN, WILLIAMS and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 580**, entitled:

An Act providing for improvement of accuracy of eyewitness identifications.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, STACK, COSTA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, FONTANA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 581**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, M. WHITE, COSTA, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 582**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the definition of "abandoned vehicle," for notice to owner prior to removal and for property owner's removal of vehicle.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, ERICKSON, COSTA, KITCHEN, WILLIAMS, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 583**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones and hand-held communication devices.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, COSTA, BROWNE, WOZNIAK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 584**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, further providing for homestead and farmstead exclusions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 585**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1997 (P.L.508, No.55), known as the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, further providing for criteria.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, STACK, COSTA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, WILLIAMS, LEACH, BREWSTER, FARNESE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 586**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 18, 2011.

Senators FERLO, FONTANA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, EARLL and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 587**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 18, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, FONTANA, ORIE, BREWSTER, D. WHITE, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, YUDICHAK, WOZNIAK, FERLO and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 588**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, EARLL, RAFFERTY, MENSCH, ORIE, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, KASUNIC and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 589**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators LEACH and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 590**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators BRUBAKER, ORIE, ERICKSON, GORDNER, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, PILEGGI, LEACH, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, EARLL, BAKER, PIPPY, WILLIAMS, M. WHITE and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 591**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Keystone Care Program in the Department of Health to provide grants for health care services; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, ORIE, LEACH, BREWSTER, BAKER, FERLO, STACK, BROWNE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 592**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, adding a prohibition relating to adding rent rebates.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, FONTANA, KITCHEN, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 593**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, ERICKSON, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, FERLO and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 594**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in film production tax credit, further providing for the definitions of "qualified tax liability" and "taxpayer."

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators PILEGGI, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, YAW and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 595**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for display of registration plate; and providing for automated red light enforcement in certain third class cities.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, YUDICHAK, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KASUNIC, LEACH, FERLO, BREWSTER and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 596**, entitled:

An Act relating to safe drinking water; establishing the Emergency Drinking Water Support Fund; and providing for testing, for purchase of clean drinking water and for surcharge.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, FONTANA, BROWNE, SOLOBAY, ORIE, PIPPY, BREWSTER and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 597**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program within the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; providing for related powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency

Management Agency; establishing and providing for the powers and duties of the Landslide Insurance and Assistance Board; establishing the Landslide Insurance Fund and the Landslide Assistance Fund; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, LEACH, FERLO and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 598**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for offenses relating to food products.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, FERLO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 599**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for the Commonwealth Technology Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, February 18, 2011.

Senators COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, FONTANA, EARLL, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY, ORIE, ERICKSON, PIPPY, VOGEL, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, BRUBAKER, YUDICHAK, ALLOWAY, SMUCKER, BAKER, WAUGH, FOLMER, ROBBINS and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 603**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining "candidate."

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 18, 2011.

Senators ROBBINS, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 606**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the designation of the Crawford Lakelands Byway as a scenic byway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, YAW, SOLOBAY, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, BOSCOLA, McILHINNEY, WAUGH, FOLMER, STACK and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 607**, entitled:

An Act designating the Pennsylvania Rifle as the official firearm of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 18, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, ORIE, PILEGGI, SCARNATI, RAFFERTY, EARLL, MENSCH,

EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 608**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, further providing for referendum requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 18, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, TOMLINSON, FONTANA, SMUCKER, ORIE, BAKER, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, M. WHITE, EARLL, FOLMER, D. WHITE, BREWSTER, WARD, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, WAUGH, ARGALL, FERLO and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 609**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for an annual report on the technology grant program.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 18, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 610**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for spaying or neutering as condition for release of certain animals; and repealing certain provisions relating to sterilization of dogs and cats.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 18, 2011.

Senators FOLMER, SMUCKER, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, EARLL, PICCOLA, BRUBAKER, D. WHITE, ALLOWAY, VANCE, McILHINNEY, WARD, BROWNE and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 612**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for causes for suspension.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 18, 2011.

February 22, 2011

Senators FARNESE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, COSTA, BOSCOLA, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 474**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 1, 1977 (P.L.237, No.76), known as the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, further providing for definitions, for areas and for exemptions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2011.

Senators FARNESE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA and FERLO presented to the Chair **SB 475**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 9, 1971 (P.L.206, No.34), known as the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act, defining "depressed area"; and expanding applicability of the act to certain depressed areas.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2011.

Senators BRUBAKER, GORDNER, TARTAGLIONE, FOLMER, SMUCKER, ORIE, WARD, ARGALL, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, YAW, KASUNIC, TOMLINSON, BROWNE, WOZNIAK, ALLOWAY, COSTA, BREWSTER, BOSCOLA, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, PIPPY, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, LEACH, FERLO, FARNESE, FONTANA, STACK, DINNIMAN, BAKER, WASHINGTON, McILHINNEY and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 552**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 18, 2001 (P.L.949, No.114), known as the Workforce Development Act, providing for industry partnerships.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 22, 2011.

Senators ORIE, BAKER, BRUBAKER, FERLO, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, MENSCH, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WARD, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, WILLIAMS, YUDICHAK and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 572**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 22, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, STACK and TOMLINSON presented to the Chair **SB 611**, entitled:

An Act providing funding for standards and for implementation of a 211 abbreviated dialing code for information and human services referral telephone service; establishing the 211 Advisory Board; and making an appropriation.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 22, 2011.

February 23, 2011

Senators EARLL, FOLMER, SOLOBAY, CORMAN, ORIE, SCARNATI, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, FERLO, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, PICCOLA, COSTA, YAW, HUGHES, KASUNIC, WAUGH, M. WHITE, WASHINGTON, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE, VOGEL, LEACH, YUDICHAK, PIPPY, MENSCH, BREWSTER and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 444**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, further providing for definitions and for prize limits; providing for insured games of chance; further providing for sales limited, for regulations of department, for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for revocation of licenses, for advertising and for penalties; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2011.

Senators YUDICHAK, COSTA, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, BREWSTER, ORIE, BROWNE, EARLL, WARD, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, ERICKSON, BAKER, WASHINGTON, PIPPY, KITCHEN, SOLOBAY, D. WHITE, FOLMER, KASUNIC, VOGEL, MENSCH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 613**, entitled:

An Act relieving members of the United States Armed Forces or other civilians serving in the Persian Gulf area or in support of the armed forces from certain local tax filing deadlines; and making an inconsistent repeal.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2011.

Senators YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, COSTA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 617**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2011.

Senators YUDICHAK, M. WHITE, COSTA, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, FOLMER, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 618**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, further providing for the Environmental Quality Board.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 23, 2011.

Senators FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 619**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of carrying a firearm without a license.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 2011.

Senators FARNESE, LEACH, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 620**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 2011.

Senators FARNESE, LEACH, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 621**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 2011.

Senators FARNESE, LEACH, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, STACK, FONTANA, WASHINGTON and HUGHES presented to the Chair **SB 622**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for firearms not to be carried without a license.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 2011.

Senators TOMLINSON, BAKER, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, VOGEL, YAW, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, STACK, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, D. WHITE, COSTA, WILLIAMS, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, FARNESE, WARD and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 623**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for contracting with veteran-owned small businesses; and imposing duties on the Department of General Services and other Commonwealth purchasing agencies.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 23, 2011.

Senators YUDICHAK, M. WHITE, SCARNATI, COSTA, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, D. WHITE, BAKER, VOGEL, TARTAGLIONE, YAW, BREWSTER, STACK, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, ERICKSON and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 624**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for recycling at educational institutions.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 23, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA, FERLO, COSTA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, LEACH, WILLIAMS, FARNESE, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN, STACK and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 626**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to animals.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 23, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, COSTA, STACK, WASHINGTON and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 627**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 23, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 628**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 1986 (P.L.2, No.2), known as the Acupuncture Registration Act, further providing for medical diagnosis; and providing for liability insurance.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 23, 2011.

Senators VANCE, BROWNE, TOMLINSON, FERLO, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, EARLL, BOSCOLA, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 629**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for State reimbursement for health services.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 23, 2011.

Senators BAKER, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, COSTA, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, ORIE, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, D. WHITE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 630**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for envelopes for official absentee ballots.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 23, 2011.

Senators DINNIMAN and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 631**, entitled:

An Act designating the section of State Route 23 that is situated between Chester County's border with Montgomery County and State Route 100 as the Medal of Honor Grove Highway.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 23, 2011.

Senators EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, WAUGH, EARLL and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 633**, entitled:

An Act authorizing countywide implementation of sales, use, occupancy, personal income or earned income and net profits taxes; providing for the levying, assessment, collection and distribution of such taxes among municipalities within a county; requiring reduction of other taxes on real property and individuals; and providing for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Revenue and the State Treasurer.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 23, 2011.

February 24, 2011

Senators BRUBAKER, BREWSTER, TOMLINSON, COSTA, PICCOLA, EARLL, ARGALL, SMUCKER, ORIE, YAW, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, STACK, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, PIPPY, DINNIMAN, WILLIAMS, D. WHITE, BAKER, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, VANCE, WOZNIAK, ALLOWAY, BROWNE, WASHINGTON, FARNESE and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 634**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 24, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, M. WHITE, BREWSTER, YAW, WASHINGTON and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 635**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining "interactive wireless communications device"; further providing for junior driver's license and for suspension of operating privilege; prohibiting interactive wireless communications devices; and further providing for duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors, for duty of driver in emergency response areas, for accident report forms, for department to compile, tabulate and analyze accident reports, for television equipment and for restraint systems.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 24, 2011.

Senators VANCE, MENSCH, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, ORIE, BOSCOLA, BROWNE, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, LEACH, WAUGH, FERLO, BREWSTER and STACK presented to the Chair **SB 636**, entitled:

An Act requiring public notices relating to certain matters affecting long-term care facilities; providing for compliance and enforcement; requiring the Department of Health to make inspection information available to the public; requiring long-term care facilities to transmit certain information to resident's representative; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 24, 2011.

Senators WARD, BREWSTER, SCARNATI, McILHINNEY, EICHELBERGER, D. WHITE, VOGEL, RAFFERTY, BRUBAKER, ORIE, FONTANA, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, WAUGH, ARGALL, PICCOLA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 637**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in contracts for public works, providing for verification of the employment eligibility of all employees for purposes of wage reporting and employment eligibility; prescribing penalties; and establishing good faith immunity under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 24, 2011.

Senators WARD, D. WHITE, EICHELBERGER, STACK, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, MENSCH, VOGEL, ORIE, WAUGH, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, BREWSTER and KASUNIC presented to the Chair **SB 638**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, in public assistance, further providing for definitions; and, in public assistance, providing for mileage reimbursement for individuals receiving methadone treatment.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 24, 2011.

Senators WARD, EARLL, M. WHITE and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 640**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further defining "case."

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 24, 2011.

Senators WARD, D. WHITE, FONTANA, BROWNE, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, EICHELBERGER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 641**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for duty of witness of violent offense; and imposing a penalty.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 24, 2011.

Senators RAFFERTY, YAW, FONTANA and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 643**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for definitions, for authority to issue liquor licenses to hotels, restaurants and clubs, for issuance, transfer or extension of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses and for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensee; providing for food store licenses; further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for malt and brewed beverages retail licenses, for prohibitions against the grant of licenses, for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales, for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county, for licenses not assignable and transfers, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees and for premises to be vacated by patrons.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 24, 2011.

February 25, 2011

Senators STACK, FONTANA, YUDICHAK, FARNESE, WASHINGTON, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA and BLAKE presented to the Chair **SB 420**, entitled:

An Act providing for funding for the Adult Basic Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators FONTANA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, BROWNE, ORIE, YAW, RAFFERTY, FARNESE, KITCHEN, WARD, BOSCOLA, PIPPY, WILLIAMS, EICHELBERGER, LEACH, MENSCH, VANCE, WAUGH, COSTA, HUGHES, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, BAKER, STACK, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, WOZNIAK, BLAKE, ALLOWAY, D. WHITE, DINNIMAN, FERLO and PICCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 549**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for persons required to report suspected child abuse, for reporting procedure and for immunity from liability; providing for false reports of child abuse; and further providing for release of information in confidential reports, for school employees, for administration, for investigation, for responsibilities of county agency for child protective services and for investigation of reports.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 25, 2011.

Senators ERICKSON, FONTANA and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 550**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing

for definitions, for immunity from liability, for complaint files and for amendment or expunction of information.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 25, 2011.

Senators ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, COSTA, MENSCH, FERLO, McILHINNEY, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 551**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, further providing for definitions, for written requests and for fee limitations.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, EARLL, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, FONTANA, KASUNIC, PICCOLA, SMUCKER, VOGEL, D. WHITE, M. WHITE, YAW and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 605**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, further providing for revised or successor codes; and providing for report.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 25, 2011.

Senators ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, FONTANA, FOLMER, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON, EICHELBERGER, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, WAUGH, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, BAKER, VOGEL and DINNIMAN presented to the Chair **SB 625**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for short title of chapter, for purpose and for definitions; providing for establishment and operation of nominating committee, for Pennsylvania Public Integrity Commission, for limitations on activities by commissioners and employees, for powers and duties of commission, for authority, qualification, training and identification of investigative employees designated as law enforcement officers, for photo identification, for immunity of witnesses and for enforcement of subpoenas; further providing for restricted activities, for statement of financial interests required to be filed, for investigations by commission and for penalties; providing for costs restitutions and forfeiture; further providing for wrongful use of chapter; providing for disclosure of executive session testimony and investigative records, for privileged statements and reports, for commission disclosure of economic interests and for applicable statutes; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators WARD, WASHINGTON, BAKER, VANCE, EARLL, BROWNE, MENSCH, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, WAUGH, EICHELBERGER, COSTA and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 639**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1990 (P.L.1234, No.204), known as the Family Caregiver Support Act, further providing for intent, for definitions, for caregiver support program, for reimbursements and for entitlement not created.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, WILLIAMS, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, WAUGH, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, EARLL, WOZNIAK, EICHELBERGER, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER, FARNESE, FERLO, STACK, LEACH and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 644**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for special elections for Senator and Representative in the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FONTANA, ORIE, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY and ARGALL presented to the Chair **SB 645**, entitled:

An Act authorizing senior citizens to claim an exemption from tax increases as to certain real property; and providing for termination of the exemption.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, BROWNE, FERLO, KASUNIC, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 646**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for exemption from payment of real estate taxes.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, WAUGH and EICHELBERGER presented to the Chair **SB 647**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for limitation of liability for mold and mold damage.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 648**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for food allergy reaction management in public schools.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 649**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for assessment and counseling of chronic runaway children.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, FERLO, KITCHEN, LEACH, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER, FARNESE, BLAKE, BAKER, FOLMER, EARLL and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 650**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for a Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Bureau for the purpose of reapportioning and redistricting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, KITCHEN, LEACH, WOZNIAK, BREWSTER and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 651**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, setting forth a concise statement of voter's rights; requiring that the statement of voter's rights be visible in voter registration offices and polling places; providing for polling place accessibility; further providing for qualifications of electors at primaries and for only enrolled electors to vote at primaries or hold party offices; providing for procedure for unenrolled electors to cast primary ballots and for form of declaration of party enrollment; and further providing for persons entitled to vote and challenges and for voting check lists.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, COSTA, BROWNE, FONTANA, EARLL, FERLO and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 652**, entitled:

An Act providing for election day registration; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, BROWNE, RAFFERTY and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 653**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the use of the indirect initiative and referendum as powers reserved to the people.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators VANCE, MENSCH, ERICKSON, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ORIE, PICCOLA, WAUGH, TOMLINSON, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 655**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, February 25, 2011.

Senators VANCE, MENSCH, ERICKSON, BROWNE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, ORIE, PICCOLA, WAUGH, SOLOBAY, BREWSTER and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 656**, entitled:

An Act requiring hospitals to obtain certain information relating to criminal history from prospective employees; providing for grounds for

denying employment; prescribing penalties; providing for provisional employment for limited periods; imposing certain requirements for hospital employees; and providing for civil immunity under certain circumstances.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 25, 2011.

Senators WARD, D. WHITE and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 657**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal police education and training, further defining "police department" and "police officer"; and further providing for reimbursement of expenses and for payment of certain county costs.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, WASHINGTON and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 664**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for permits.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 665**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in dissemination of criminal history record information, further providing for general regulations; and in child protective services, further providing for information relating to prospective child-care personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 666**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for fees for background checks.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, COSTA, EARLL, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, WAUGH and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 667**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 668**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for use of armory fitness facilities.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FONTANA, LEACH, SOLOBAY, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 669**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for permanent cost-of-living increases for retirees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, FONTANA, LEACH, SOLOBAY, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 670**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for permanent biannual cost-of-living increases for retirees.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, LEACH, SOLOBAY, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 671**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, providing for cost-of-living increases in the amount of compensation payable.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, LEACH, SOLOBAY, STACK and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 672**, entitled:

An Act requiring municipal retirement systems to pay annual postretirement adjustments to certain retired municipal employees; and providing for the financing of these adjustments and for the administration of the Commonwealth's reimbursements for these adjustments.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, BROWNE, COSTA, FONTANA, KITCHEN, LEACH, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 673**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 25, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, LEACH, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and M. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 674**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for definition of "new motor vehicle."

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 25, 2011.

Senators VANCE, BROWNE, FERLO, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, COSTA, EARLL, GREENLEAF, WAUGH, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, SOLOBAY, FARNESE and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 675**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for employment of school health personnel.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 25, 2011.

Senators EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, ALLOWAY, WAUGH, VOGEL, FERLO and WARD presented to the Chair **SB 702**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for limits on the terms of members of the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 25, 2011.

Senators GORDNER, YAW, PILEGGI, ARGALL, BROWNE, FERLO, FOLMER, HUGHES, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, ORIE and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 704**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 1947 (P.L.1046, No.447), referred to as the State Tax Equalization Board Law, further providing for board membership, for chairman's authority and duties, and for quorum and hearings.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators PIPPY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, ARGALL, YUDICHAK, FERLO, LEACH, BRUBAKER, WAUGH, KASUNIC, BREWSTER, ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 705**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in employment incentive payments, further providing for limitation on credits and for time limitations and report.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, February 25, 2011.

February 28, 2011

Senators BAKER, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FOLMER, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, D. WHITE and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SB 604**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, further providing for members of the General Assembly.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators YUDICHAK, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SOLOBAY, COSTA, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 614**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Regional Efficiency Aid Program; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Revenue; and establishing the Regional Efficiency Aid Program Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators YUDICHAK, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SOLOBAY, COSTA, WAUGH, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 615**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Regional Efficiency Development Incentive Program; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development; and establishing the Regional Efficiency Development Incentive Fund.

Which was committed to the Committee on COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, COSTA and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 632**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for duties of State Athletic Commission; in boxing, further providing for age of participants, for gloves and for contracts; in wrestling, further providing for definitions, for physician to be in attendance and for penalties; and, in registration of athlete agents, further providing for bonding requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators CORMAN, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, GORDNER, BROWNE, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BRUBAKER, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, KASUNIC, LEACH, MENSCH, ORIE, PICCOLA, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK, WARD, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 642**, entitled:

An Act providing for licensure of abortion facilities and for powers and duties of the Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 28, 2011.

Senators ARGALL, PILEGGI, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, YUDICHAK, PIPPY, YAW, LEACH, SOLOBAY, KASUNIC, WAUGH, MENSCH and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 654**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further defining "occupational disease"; and providing for cancer in the occupation of firefighter.

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 28, 2011.

Senators HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, WOZNIAK, VANCE, GORDNER, KASUNIC, FARNESE, FERLO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 659**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for statutes of limitations.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, COSTA and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair **SB 663**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for money of an authority.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, VOGEL, D. WHITE, RAFFERTY, PIPPY and WAUGH presented to the Chair **SB 701**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for super-majority votes relating to the imposition of taxes or license fees.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators GORDNER, HUGHES, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, VANCE, BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, KASUNIC, MENSCH, ORIE, PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY, WARD, WAUGH, D. WHITE and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 703**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for statute of limitations relating to infanticide and abortion on unborn child of 24 or more weeks gestational age.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, BAKER, COSTA, BROWNE, BREWSTER, ERICKSON, FONTANA, RAFFERTY and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 706**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 11, 1998 (P.L.58, No.15), known as the Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act, further providing for regulations and for prohibitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 28, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, BAKER, COSTA, BREWSTER, ERICKSON, FOLMER, FONTANA, KITCHEN, ORIE, RAFFERTY,

FERTY, STACK, VOGEL, WASHINGTON, WAUGH and D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 707**, entitled:

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

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 28, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, FONTANA, SCARNATI, BROWNE, ROBBINS, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, FOLMER, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK, VOGEL, WARD, D. WHITE and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 708**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in provisions relating to the Governor and disaster emergencies, for general authority of Governor.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 28, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, BAKER, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, SCARNATI, BROWNE, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, EARLL, ERICKSON, FOLMER, GREENLEAF, LEACH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK, VOGEL, D. WHITE, KITCHEN, PILEGGI and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 710**, entitled:

An Act designating March 30 of each year as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 28, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, STACK, WAUGH, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 711**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, further defining "occupational disease"; and further providing for the scope of "injury," "personal injury" and "injury arising in the course of his employment."

Which was committed to the Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, February 28, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, TARTAGLIONE, KASUNIC, STACK, WAUGH, WASHINGTON, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, RAFFERTY and ERICKSON presented to the Chair **SB 712**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Municipal Firefighter Education and Training Program; providing for the powers and duties of the State Fire Commissioner; and prescribing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, February 28, 2011.

Senators BOSCOLA, MENSCH, FONTANA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 713**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions and for special occasion permits.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, ALLOWAY, D. WHITE, RAFFERTY and FONTANA presented to the Chair **SB 714**, entitled:

An Act protecting and managing sport shooting clubs and firing ranges in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, EARLL, COSTA, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SB 715**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for purposes and powers of authorities.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, EARLL, COSTA, FONTANA and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 716**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law, further providing for anesthesia and abrogating a regulation.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, ALLOWAY, FONTANA and YAW presented to the Chair **SB 717**, entitled:

An Act designating and adopting the Piper J-3 Cub as the official airplane of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, COSTA, FONTANA, WASHINGTON, FERLO and BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 718**, entitled:

An Act establishing a Renaissance City Initiative to provide grants to renaissance cities for purposes of furthering economic development and urban revitalization; and making appropriations.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, KASUNIC, D. WHITE, VOGEL, WARD, SOLOBAY, M. WHITE, ORIE, ALLOWAY, MENSCH and RAFFERTY presented to the Chair **SB 719**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for the screening for illegal drug use by certain applicants for assistance.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, ALLOWAY, WASHINGTON, FOLMER, FONTANA and EICHELBERGER presented to the Chair **SB 720**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for determination of paternity.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 2011.

Senators WOZNIAK, WASHINGTON, KASUNIC, RAFFERTY, COSTA, VOGEL, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, FOLMER, D. WHITE, BROWNE, ERICKSON, MENSCH and ALLOWAY presented to the Chair **SB 721**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of failure to comply with registration of sexual offenders requirements.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, February 28, 2011.

Senator YAW presented to the Chair **SB 722**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, providing for lease extended by production.

Which was committed to the Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 28, 2011.

Senators YAW, BAKER, GORDNER, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK, ALLOWAY, GREENLEAF, STACK, WARD, COSTA, FONTANA, ORIE, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE, PIPPY, BREWSTER and EARLL presented to the Chair **SB 723**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge that connects South Williamsport to Williamsport, known as the Market Street Bridge, carrying U.S. Route 15 over the Susquehanna River in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Carl E. Stotz Memorial Little League Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 28, 2011.

Senators MENSCH, RAFFERTY, BOSCOLA, EARLL, WARD, YUDICHAK, BREWSTER and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SB 724**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, defining "ski resort"; and further providing for limiting the number of retail licenses to be issued in each county.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, February 28, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

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

February 17, 2011

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, BREWSTER, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, BOSCOLA and FERLO presented to the Chair **SR 39**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Legislative and Budget Finance Committee to create a Pain Task Force and a Pain Task Force Advisory Committee to promote professional and public education and

awareness and to improve the quality of care for the citizens of this Commonwealth who are suffering from pain.

Which was committed to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, February 17, 2011.

February 22, 2011

Senators CORMAN, SCARNATI, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, D. WHITE, EARLL, McILHINNEY, SOLOBAY, WARD, WOZNIAK and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 38**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of converting the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority bus system to natural gas fuel.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, February 22, 2011.

February 23, 2011

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, BOSCOLA, COSTA, STACK and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SR 41**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Joint Legislative Commission on Public School Finance and providing for its powers and duties.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 23, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, FONTANA, ERICKSON, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, COSTA, ARGALL, FERLO, KITCHEN and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SR 42**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the scope and quality of citizenship education in this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, February 23, 2011.

Senators ROBBINS, EICHELBERGER, BLAKE, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, TARTAGLIONE, PILEGGI, COSTA, BAKER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, EARLL, FERLO, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, WARD, D. WHITE, YAW and WOZNIAK presented to the Chair **SR 44**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of April 10 through 16, 2011, as "Local Government Week" and April 15, 2011, as "Local Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 23, 2011.

February 25, 2011

Senators KITCHEN, SOLOBAY, LEACH, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, STACK and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SR 43**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the adult basic coverage insurance program and identify possible funding sources that are available to continue this program,

reporting its findings to the Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate within 90 days of the passage of this resolution.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, February 25, 2011.

Senators PILEGGI and COSTA presented to the Chair SR 45, entitled:

A Resolution amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for Committees.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, February 25, 2011.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Public Employee Retirement Commission
P. O. Box 1429
Harrisburg, PA 17105-1429

February 16, 2011

Mr. Mark R. Corrigan
Secretary of the Senate
Senate of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
462 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Corrigan:

As required by the Public Employee Retirement Commission Act, this annual public report is issued to summarize the Commission's findings, recommendations, and activities for the year 2010.

During 2010, the Commission authorized the attachment of eight actuarial notes to bills and amendments at the request of the various committees of the General Assembly. This report contains a synopsis of each of these notes and contains a summary of the Commission's review of the Public School Employees' Retirement System and the State Employees' Retirement System. This report also describes research conducted during 2010 and summarizes the Commission's administrative activities under the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act and Act 293 of 1972.

On behalf of the Public Employee Retirement Commission and its staff, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the twenty-eighth annual public report of the Commission. The Commission hereby expresses its thanks and appreciation to all individuals, organizations, and agencies whose assistance and cooperation contributed to the work of the Commission during 2010.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY W. SALOMONE
Chairman

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

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

Senator Richard Kasunic as a member of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

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

The SECRETARY. Consent has been given for the Committee on Appropriations to meet in the Rules room during today's Session to consider Senate Bills No. 159, 265, 325, and 476.

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, and a legislative leave for Senator Ward.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Piccola, and a legislative leave for Senator Ward.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Williams.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Senator COSTA asked and obtained leaves of absence for Senator KITCHEN, Senator TARTAGLIONE, and Senator WASHINGTON, for today's Session, for personal reasons.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

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

In the Senate, February 28, 2011

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 7, 2011, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Regular Session of the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, March 7, 2011, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

YEA-45

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| Alloway | Eichelberger | Mensch | Vogel |
| Argall | Erickson | Piccola | Ward |
| Baker | Farnese | Pileggi | Waugh |
| Blake | Ferlo | Pippy | White Donald |
| Boscola | Folmer | Rafferty | White Mary Jo |
| Brewster | Fontana | Robbins | Williams |
| Browne | Gordner | Scarnati | Wozniak |
| Brubaker | Greenleaf | Smucker | Yaw |

Corman	Hughes	Solobay	Yudichak
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	
Dinniman	Leach	Tomlinson	
Earll	McIlhinney	Vance	

NAY-0

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

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

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

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, I would like to introduce two guests whom we have here today and give a warm Senate welcome to them. They are John and Mary Pellak of West Goshen Township, which is in my district. John is a steamfitter; Mary is a communications specialist; and like a number of other guests, they won me. What we do is--you know these beautiful paintings in this Chamber? For charity, we give a book that tells the history of Violet Oakley, and I give a personal tour of the paintings. And thank you, Mr. President, for opening up your office so my constituents could see its beauty. You have the nicest office suite in this Capitol, I might humbly add. The funds this time went to The ARC. John and Mary have a daughter who has cognitive disabilities, and they are very active in The ARC organization. So I hope we can give a good welcome to John and Mary.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Dinniman please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

The Chair thanks Senator Dinniman for his comments, at least most of them.

(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR MICHAEL J. FOLMER
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lebanon, Senator Folmer.

Senator FOLMER. Mr. President, today I have three very special guests with me, three freshmen from Elizabethtown High School named Genevieve Huff, Rebecca Amsbaugh, and Abby Stump. They are here with their mothers visiting the Capitol today, and they are very interested in their government. We gave them a tour. Again, I want to thank you for opening up your office, Mr. President. It was very nice of you, and they were very impressed. So I ask the Senate to give my three guests a very warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Folmer please rise so the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.

(Applause.)

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 Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations to be held in the Rules room, to be followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room following the conclusion of the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, at the conclusion of the meetings that were mentioned, we also would like to have a brief caucus of the Senate Democratic Members.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, followed by a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, followed by caucuses of the two respective parties, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 159 (Pr. No. 440) (Rereported)

An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; providing for the form and enforcement of the compact; imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the compact commissioner; and establishing the State Council on Interstate Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

SB 265 (Pr. No. 242) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1069, No.214), known as the Coal and Gas Resource Coordination Act, further providing for definitions, for permits, for permit application, for minimum distance between gas wells, for well class designation and for coordination of gas well drilling through active coal mines; providing for a pillar support study; and further providing for plugging gas wells penetrating workable coal seams, for penalties and for validity of other laws.

SB 325 (Pr. No. 710) (Amended) (Rereported)

An Act providing for gas and hazardous liquids pipelines and for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; and imposing civil penalties.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator PILEGGI, from the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, reported the following resolution:

SR 45 (Pr. No. 658)

A Resolution amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for Committees.

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Piccola and Senator Ward have returned, and their respective leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Leach.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Leach. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL AMENDED

SB 110 (Pr. No. 174) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the authority of the department; and providing for logging of certain aircraft flights.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the bill on third consideration?

Senator SMUCKER offered the following amendment No. A0709:

Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "it" and inserting: the department under section 5302(a) (relating to aircraft for official use)

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 25 through 27, by striking out "Such oversight shall" in line 25 and all of lines 26 and 27

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

SB 163, SB 199, SB 242 and SB 353 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 387 (Pr. No. 373) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for resident license and fee exemptions.

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-45

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Erickson	Piccola	Ward
Baker	Farnese	Pileggi	Waugh
Blake	Ferlo	Pippy	White Donald
Boscola	Folmer	Rafferty	White Mary Jo
Brewster	Fontana	Robbins	Williams
Browne	Gordner	Scarnati	Wozniak
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Smucker	Yaw
Corman	Hughes	Solobay	Yudichak
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	
Dinniman	Leach	Tomlinson	
Earll	McIlhinney	Vance	

NAY-0

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

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

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 3 and SB 9 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 59 (Pr. No. 44) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Judicial Conduct Board, providing for review of complaints, for criminal investigations and for target letters.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 79, SB 88, SB 151, SB 157, SB 203, SB 224, SB 244, SB 251, SB 274, SB 281, SB 282, SB 283, SB 284, SB 285, SB 286, SB 287, SB 288, SB 289, SB 290, SB 291, SB 303, SB 328, SB 342, SB 343, SB 344, SB 357, SB 358, SB 359 and SB 360 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 45, ADOPTED

Senator PILEGGI, without objection, called up from page 1 of the Calendar, **Senate Resolution No. 45**, entitled:

A Resolution amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for Committees.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

YEA-45

Alloway	Eichelberger	Mensch	Vogel
Argall	Erickson	Piccola	Ward
Baker	Farnese	Pileggi	Waugh
Blake	Ferlo	Pippy	White Donald
Boscola	Folmer	Rafferty	White Mary Jo
Brewster	Fontana	Robbins	Williams
Browne	Gordner	Scarnati	Wozniak
Brubaker	Greenleaf	Smucker	Yaw
Corman	Hughes	Solobay	Yudichak
Costa	Kasunic	Stack	
Dinniman	Leach	Tomlinson	
Earll	McIlhinney	Vance	

NAY-0

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

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 Hazel T. McNew and to Luke T. Maclay by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Donohue and to Luke Moyer by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. William DeNike, Matthew M. Kohrs, Thomas J. Cahill and to the Gate of Heaven School Eighth Grade Kids in Micro-g Experiment Design Team of Dallas by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Our Lady of the Snows Church of Clarks Summit by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Eric McDevitt, Michael Limbacher and to Spencer Worms by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adams Outdoor Advertising of Bethlehem, 401! Creative of Allentown and to the Nurture Nature Center of Easton by Senator Browne and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brian Patrick DiRenna by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Robert M. Gould by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Bernard Easton and to the Haverford School Football Team seniors by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Brian Joseph Burke by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Patrick J. McCowan by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James T. Gould and to James C. Turns by Senator Piccola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lynda Abraham-Braff by Senator Pippy.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Paul J. Reckling, Eric A. Bellitto, Audubon Recreation Association 11-Year-Old All-Star Baseball Team and to the Audubon Recreation Association 8 and Under Softball Team by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to David Elmer James, Matthew James Turner, Calista Pierce, Wilmington High School Crazy Eights Square Dance Team, Laurel High School Spartan Wranglers Square Dance Team, Wilmington High School Queens and Jokers Square Dance Team and to the Greenville Savings Bank by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Evan W. Aravich, Ernie Huff and to Christopher A. Berger by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jillian Johannes by Senator M.J. White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua Berkheimer by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Sally Connor and to St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church of Edwardsville by Senator Yudichak.

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 Leota R. Walder by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to Congie DeVito by Senator Dinniman.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Jessie M. Cymbala Nowakowski by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Charles Conley by Senator Orie.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I rise to talk about today being a very sad day, and that is because of the expiration of the adultBasic health insurance coverage plan we have here in Pennsylvania. As a lot of the Members know and folks at home may be familiar with, this is a great program that was started by Governor Ridge a number of years ago to provide low-cost health insurance for working men and women and their families in Pennsylvania. It has been a very good program over the years. It has, however, become more costly. Under Governor Rendell, Independence Blue Cross and other Blues were put in a situation where they substantially helped to fund the program.

So, today is the last day for the adultBasic coverage program in Pennsylvania, and it is a very dangerous day because we are threatened right now with 41,000 hardworking Pennsylvanians being left with no health insurance, Mr. President. This is a cru-

cial issue, and for folks who are in this predicament, it is a terrifying situation about which we must do something.

I have advocated on this floor for a bill which I have authored, Senate Bill No. 420, which proposes to use the nearly \$190 million in legislative reserves that we have here in the House and Senate, Democratic and Republican Caucuses, and use that money to help fund this program in the short run, Mr. President, until we can figure out what we want to do with this program, whether we want to go in a different direction for providing health insurance for hardworking men and women here in Pennsylvania. We are not to the point where Obamacare, or the Federal health plan, kicks in, and we have to figure out what are going to do in the meantime.

So, my plan to use legislative reserves is one plan. Representative DeLuca has another plan in the House, using proceeds from the automobile CAT Fund. And there are proponents of using part of the surplus for this year's fiscal budget. We can also do a hybrid of different ideas to fund this program in the short run to make sure that those 41,000 people are not left without any kind of health insurance.

I was heartened to see that Senator Dinniman, who happens to represent one of the wealthiest districts in the State, hosted a town meeting. He has 800 people on the adultBasic program in that district, and one of the Governor's spokespeople who observed the town hall meeting commented that Governor Corbett thinks using the legislative surplus, or supporting Senate Bill No. 420, is a good idea. So I am heartened by that. I am heartened that the Governor recognizes that we have a solution here and that we are going to have to do something. I think that is an encouraging thing. In the meantime, the adultBasic program is set to run out.

I want to let people know that there is a candlelight vigil which will be held in front of the Governor's mansion at 5:30 p.m. tonight, marking the end of the adultBasic program. I hope folks will support a solution to this very big problem. I look forward to working with Members on both sides of the aisle here, in both Chambers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, first, I have remarks from Senator Costa that I would like to enter into the record in relationship to the same issue that my good friend and colleague, Senator Stack, just discussed.

The PRESIDENT. The remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator HUGHES, on behalf of the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator COSTA:)

Mr. President, I stand today on this 28th day of February to draw our collective attention to that date and what it means for 40,000 Pennsylvanians. Those men and women will wake up tomorrow morning with one more burden, one more thing weighing on their minds, in addition to making the mortgage payment or making sure their children are fed. Come tomorrow morning, many of them will not have health insurance. If they get sick or their child needs to go to the pediatrician, they will just have to figure it out. Here is what we are looking at:

- current adultBasic enrollment as of February = 40,764
- current wait list for adultBasic = 505,624

Our governor has offered up the Special Care program as an alternative. While well intentioned, the Special Care program is not adequate or affordable for many of these families, especially those with chronic health conditions.

<u>Special Care Program</u>	<u>adultBasic Program</u>
\$140/month premium for one adult	\$36/month premium
\$281/month premium for two adults	
4 doctor visits per year	unlimited doctor visits

Lack of consistency among Special Care programs offered by the 4 Different Blues' companies

Senate Democrats have reached out on a number of occasions in hopes we could keep the rug from being pulled out from under these families who are doing all they can, doing the right thing, just trying to get by. In addition to events, petitions, and calls to sit down and have a dialogue to prevent this crisis, we have offered proposals. Last week, we came up with an extensive plan which would require everyone to contribute to saving this program. We met with representatives from private insurance companies and the Blues. We even suggested that, in addition to the insurers, with their rich reserves, subscribers pay a little more by way of increased premiums.

Can they afford that? It will be a stretch for some of these people who are just scraping by. What I do know is they cannot afford a 40-percent increase. In the end, they are left with no affordable option. And, in the end, all Pennsylvanians end up footing the bill.

In fact, 6.5 percent of every Pennsylvanian's health insurance premium goes toward covering the cost of the uninsured. I have no illusions about the huge budget challenges we face in the coming months, but we need to find a bridge, a short-term solution for 4 months. If not to save the men and women who will be left out in the cold come tomorrow, we should come up with a viable and workable solution to save the expense to the rest of those in the Commonwealth whom we all represent.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator HUGHES. Mr. President, on top of that, I would like to offer my own thoughts and comments. This particular Caucus, the Senate Democratic Caucus, has had a long, long history of involvement in this issue of providing health insurance for the uninsured, capped with a very proactive and public process by my good friend and colleague, Senator Stack, over the last several months of lifting the conversation on this issue. But over the years, many of us have thought about this, worked hard on this, strategized on this, worked with numerous administrations to try to get this issue accomplished, and now we face, as was said earlier, a very dark day, February 28, 2011, when this program comes to an end.

It is clear that, at least in this organization, in this Caucus, we have taken several steps over the last several months, especially over the last several weeks, to try to re-engage all the interested parties to bring them back to the table to see if we can come to a resolution, a voluntary resolution, one where everybody can help participate right now.

Historically, the Blues in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been spending the predominant amount of money supporting this program, along with support from the State, and they have spent a significant amount of money over the years. However, the request was made to get everybody to contribute to the program in the sense of fairness in contribution, and to get everyone to try to help out on a problem that still has a long way to

being resolved. In fact, Mr. President, more and more folks have wound up on the waiting list to participate in this program. We are now somewhere around a half a million people who would like to participate.

However, we tried to bring everybody together; we offered up different opportunities to provide State support for this effort, and consequently, to no avail. The problem, Mr. President, is that in a few short hours, this program will come to an end and those 42,000 people will basically be left with nowhere to go, no care, no insurance, nothing provided for them. The only option that has been given to them is an option that almost quadruples their premium, from \$36 a month to almost \$140 a month, and limits the number of hospital visits to four during the course of a year. That is not a viable option. That is not a viable option.

Hopefully, after we get past this day, the end is not here, and we can come back together in the next week or two in the Budget Address and in our deliberations, and try to find a way to re-engage this program and get these folks the care that they so desperately need.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator DINNIMAN. Mr. President, let me briefly say, because I know many Members of the Senate have another event to go to, that when we had our town hall meeting, you know, I represent one of the wealthier counties in Pennsylvania, and we have 800 individuals who are going to lose their insurance. This is a very serious business. Also, in our area, we have a number of clinics, free clinics, as does Bucks and several other counties, clinics that doctors and nurses volunteer their time. I thought one of the more distressing aspects of the town meeting was that the clinics that have been the safety net for the uninsured and underinsured say that that safety net is now frayed because of the economy and the number of people who lost their jobs or who have been cut off from insurance. They simply cannot anymore handle the number of people who are uninsured.

So what do we have left? You know, if you are really poor, Medicaid takes care of you. If you are fortunate enough to have a job that has health benefits, as do all of us here in Harrisburg, then we are taken care of by insurance. But these are people who go to work every day. In many families, both individuals in the house go to work every day. But they simply do not have insurance.

I think what we are trying to say, and I think all the Senate, it does not matter our party, these are our brothers and sisters in our community. We have to do something to make sure that those who cannot afford insurance are given something. Do you know how scary it is when you know you are sick, when you know you are ill, with a disease or a condition, and you do not know what to do? Mr. President, we just have to figure something out.

It is not just the 42,000 Pennsylvanians who will lose insurance at the end of today, but it is the 500,000 Pennsylvanians, a half a million of our brothers and sisters in this Commonwealth who are on a waiting list to get insurance. If we want to reject the national efforts in this regard, then we here in Pennsylvania have to figure out how to have an effective State effort.

So, I do not stand here to criticize anyone. I stand here distressed and saddened that so many people will lose their health

insurance. We have to come up with a solution. That solution can be that we give up, perhaps, some of our legislative surplus. You know, \$14 million a month would take care of those 42,000. Maybe the Governor's office has to put a little in with the rising revenues. Maybe the Blues have to finally step up to the plate once again. And it is the combination, if we all come together, if we keep the program alive, maybe we can deal with it in this coming budget Session, and that is my appeal today in remonstrances.

I thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me these remarks.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, switching gears just a little bit, there are two things, I think, in Pennsylvania as a subject matter to which we do not pay enough attention, and one is the importance of our Presidents, our past Presidents whom we have had here in the United States, some really tremendous Presidents; and two, how we help our young people in society develop artistically. So, I am proud to announce that last week, we celebrated in my Senate district the third annual American Presidential Idol Arts Contest in northeast Philadelphia. And today in the Rotunda, you will see 11 posters depicting several different Presidents and Presidential themes, all done by first- through eighth-graders. They are absolutely sensational. One of the things that these kids, these young artists, were so proud of was knowing that those posters were going to be displayed here in our tremendous Capitol, which, I daresay, is the most beautiful Capitol in the United States.

I want to make a point to give these young people a shout out, because it is so important when they do these positive things that we pay attention. I have to tell you, when I saw each of the winners of these contests, I was absolutely inspired. They do a tremendous job, and I hope we can do this more on a statewide basis to encourage our young people to take up art and to use it to talk about Presidents.

Our winners were: From Kindergarten, Jocelyn Brown from Paley Early Learning Center was terrific; our first-grader was Kylee Zupkusky from Philadelphia Academy Charter School; our second grade winner was Edward Kahn, who comes from a family of eight kids, and they have had three winners in the three contests, so the Kahns are the American Idol Presidential Arts Contest dynasty so far, and they are from Resurrection of Our Lord School; the third-grader was Maja Domagala from Our Lady of Port Richmond School; Jeff Dunleavy was our fourth grade winner from Franklin Towne Charter School; our fifth-grader was Ian Arceo from Resurrection of Our Lord School; the sixth-grader was Nichola McDermott, also from Resurrection of Our Lord School; then we had a tie in the seventh grade, and our winners were Kateryn Mukhina and Diana Klychnik, both from Palette Arts Studio, and also Alyssa Afflerbach, whose family I know very well, and she is a terrific artist from Philadelphia Academy Charter School; and our eighth grade winner was Jonathan Deslouches from Resurrection of Our Lord School.

So I am proud of all of the kids. They did a great job, and I am looking forward to the American Presidential Idol Arts Contest next year. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

9:00 A.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE and HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE (public hearing on the Department of Health Oversight of Abortion Clinics) C A N C E L L E D	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 159, 265, 325 and 476)	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 45 and certain executive nominations)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011</u>		
9:00 A.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bill No. 71 and Senate Resolution No. 25; followed by a confirmation hearing for Acting Secretary C. Alan Walker, Dept. of Community and Economic Development; and also hold a hearing on problem gambling related initiatives and issues)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE (public hearing on Health Care Licensing in the Department of State)	Sen. Maj. Caucus Rm.
10:30 A.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bill No. 1)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
12:30 P.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (to consider the nomination of Sheri Phillips for appointment as Secretary of General Services)	Room 8E-A East Wing
Off the Floor	JUDICIARY (to consider Senate Bill No. 273)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
Off the Floor	TRANSPORTATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 237, 369, 468, 508, 566 and 606)	Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011</u>		
9:00 A.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider the nomination of Acting Secretary Michael Krancer for Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection)	Sen. Maj. Caucus Rm.
9:00 A.M.	LABOR AND INDUSTRY (informational hearing on Workforce Development issues)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
9:30 A.M.	COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing to review existing health information exchanges)	Room 8E-B East Wing
10:00 A.M.	LAW AND JUSTICE (confirmation hearing for State Police Commissioner Noonan)	Room 8E-A East Wing

10:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider Senate Bills No. 449 and 639)	Room 461 Main Capitol
2:00 P.M.	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE and HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE (public hearing on the Department of Health Oversight of Abortion Clinics)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011</u>		
12:30 P.M.	EDUCATION (public hearing on the nomination of Ronald Tomalis, Secretary of Education)	Room 8E-A East Wing
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing on Senate Bill No. 247 and other issues related to the Open Records Law)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Governor's Budget Office/Executive Offices and Office of the Governor)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Treasury Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Labor & Industry)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of General Services)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Insurance Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - SERS/PSERS)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Office of Attorney General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Military & Veterans Affairs)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA Liquor Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA State Police)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Conservation & Natural Resources)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Revenue)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Health)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PA State System of Higher Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Environmental Protection)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Aging)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Office of Auditor General)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Judicial Department)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - State Related Universities)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Education)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Corrections/Probation & Parole)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Community & Economic Development/PA Housing Finance Agency)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Public Welfare)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
1:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of Agriculture)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
3:00 P.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Gaming Control Board)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011</u>		
9:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - Department of State)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.
10:30 A.M.	APPROPRIATIONS (Budget Hearing - PEMA/Homeland Security)	Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Senator Waugh.

Senator WAUGH. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 2:50 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.