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SENATE

MONDAY, May 2, 2011

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

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

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend WAYNE BENACK, of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Jim Thorpe, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, Thou hast been our hope from generation to generation. We lift up our gratitude for Your past leading, which gives us confidence as we face each new tomorrow. We are privileged to live in a great State with an abundance of gifted people. As they do their best to live out the American dream, let us do our best to legislate to fulfill those dreams. Make us mindful of our duty, and lead us to the fulfillment of our calling as public servants, seeking to bring the principles and priorities of fairness and equity to our deliberations. Give us clarity of thought and divine unction to roll up our sleeves and work together in harmony and unity. To accomplish that task, we must be great legislators, seeking to abide by the will of the people who have elected us. Fulfill that calling in each of us this very day and in the days ahead. And above all else, grant us a sense of Your divine presence and Your provision for all of the people of this great Commonwealth. For Your mercy's sake, amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Reverend Benack, who is the guest today of Senator Argall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

April 27, 2011

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Kenneth Lawrence, Jr., 351 Knoll Road, Plymouth Meeting 19462, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2014, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice Preston C. Green III, State College, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

April 27, 2011

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Angela Marks, 330 Cherry Bend, Merion Station 19066, Montgomery County, Seventeenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2014, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Ann R. Schweighofer, Honesdale, resigned.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

April 27, 2011

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Lee Ann Munger, 232 Ingram Avenue, Pittsburgh 15205, Allegheny County, Forty-second Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2013, or until her successor is appointed and qualified, vice Marcia E. Reeves, Harrisburg, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT
Governor

STATE CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL BOARD

April 27, 2011

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Mitchell J. Yanyanin, 4110 Marion Hill Road, New Brighton 15066, Beaver County, Forty-seventh Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the State Charter School Appeal Board, to serve until June 14, 2011, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, vice David A. Shipula, Hanover Township, whose term expired.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CLAIMS

April 27, 2011

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jeffrey F. Smith, Esquire, 763 Arlington Road, Camp Hill 17011, Cumberland County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Board of Claims, to serve until November 15, 2018, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

MEMBER OF THE ERIE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

April 27, 2011

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

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Roger W. Richards, 1928 South Shore Drive, Erie 16505, Erie County, Forty-ninth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Erie County Convention Center Authority, to serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

TOM CORBETT Governor

HOUSE MESSAGE

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE BILL

The Clerk of the House of Representatives returned to the Senate SB 265, with the information the House has passed the same without amendments.

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:

April 28, 2011

Senators ROBBINS, BAKER, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, FONTANA, ORIE, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, VOGEL and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair SB 819, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for employees of State veterans' homes.

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

Senators CORMAN, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, VANCE, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 941, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for public drunkenness and similar misconduct and for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages.

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

Senators CORMAN, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, TOMLINSON, VANCE, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER and FONTANA presented to the Chair SB 942, entitled:

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

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

Senators CORMAN, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, VANCE, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair SB 943, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in financial matters, imposing an alcohol offense prevention fee in certain municipalities.

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

Senators CORMAN, ERICKSON, EICHELBERGER, MENSCH, BREWSTER and SOLOBAY presented to the Chair SB 944, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (PL.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, further providing for enforcement.

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

Senators VOGEL, ROBBINS, RAFFERTY, ARGALL, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY, YAW, ORIE, BAKER, FONTANA, ERICKSON, FOLMER, PILEGGI, COSTA, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, FARNESE, BOSCOLA, HUGHES, CORMAN, BLAKE, BRUBAKER and SCHWANK presented to the Chair SB 1006, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (PL.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for Schedule I controlled substances.

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

Senators VOGEL, ORIE, YAW, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, ERICKSON, ARGALL, SOLOBAY, ALLOWAY and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1007**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the First Industries Program.

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

Senator D. WHITE presented to the Chair **SB 1008**, entitled:
An Act modernizing the State System of Higher Education.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 28, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, FONTANA, BREWSTER and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1009**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, in preliminary provisions and in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for definitions.

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

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, FONTANA, WAUGH, BREWSTER, FARNESE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1010**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the definition of "emergency vehicle."

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

Senators SOLOBAY, FONTANA, FARNESE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1011**, entitled:

An Act requiring the Department of Health to establish bloodborne pathogen standards for emergency services personnel and public employees; establishing the Bloodborne Pathogen Fund; and repealing an act relating to bloodborne pathogen standards.

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

Senators SOLOBAY, BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA, WAUGH, ALLOWAY, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1013**, entitled:

An Act requiring insurers that approve claims for emergency services to directly reimburse organizations that provide such services.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 28, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, FONTANA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1015**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for a special registration plate for veterans and members of United States military airborne units.

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

Senators SOLOBAY, FONTANA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1016**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 10, 1974 (P.L.705, No.235), known as the Lethal Weapons Training Act, further providing for education and training program.

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

Senators FARNESE, COSTA and TARTAGLIONE presented to the Chair **SB 1020**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for problem-solving courts.

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

Senators WAUGH, FARNESE, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, COSTA and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1022**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L.380, No.97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, providing for testing prior to sewage sludge application.

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

Senators STACK and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1025**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, establishing an amnesty program for traffic violations in cities of the first class.

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

Senator GORDNER presented to the Chair **SB 1030**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, providing for relief from charges.

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

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Senators SOLOBAY, FONTANA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, LEACH, WASHINGTON and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1012**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 21, 1953 (P.L.1273, No.361), known as The Private Detective Act of 1953, further providing for issuances of licenses, fees and bonds, for employees and for prosecution.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 2, 2011.

Senators SOLOBAY, FONTANA, WAUGH, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1014**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further defining "telephone solicitation call."

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 2, 2011.

Senators ARGALL, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, FONTANA, HUGHES, BROWNE, YUDICHAK, FERLO and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1017**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1211, No.376), known as the Practical Nurse Law, further providing for violations.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 2, 2011.

Senators ARGALL, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, EICHELBERGER, WAUGH, FONTANA, HUGHES, BROWNE, YUDICHAK, FERLO and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1018**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for use of title.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 2, 2011.

Senators WAUGH, RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, WILLIAMS, PILEGGI, WASHINGTON and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1021**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in financial responsibility, further providing for exclusion from benefits.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 2, 2011.

Senators WAUGH, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, BREWSTER and BOSCOLA presented to the Chair **SB 1023**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for required financial responsibility.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 2, 2011.

Senators WAUGH, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, FONTANA, ERICKSON and BRUBAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1024**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the issuance of identification cards.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 2, 2011.

Senators FARNESE, FONTANA, HUGHES, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN and LEACH presented to the Chair **SB 1028**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sale or transfer of firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 2, 2011.

Senators M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, YUDICHAK, WAUGH, FONTANA, FERLO, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, BRUBAKER, FOLMER, EARLL, BREWSTER, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK and FARNESE presented to the Chair **SB 1034**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for municipal aggregation of electric generation supply.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, May 2, 2011.

Senators BROWNE, M. WHITE, VOGEL and MENSCH presented to the Chair **SB 1037**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for authorized license-issuing agents.

Which was committed to the Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, May 2, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1041**, 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 Pennsylvania State Police.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, May 2, 2011.

Senators KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE and WASHINGTON presented to the Chair **SB 1042**, 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 Pennsylvania State Police.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, May 2, 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:

April 28, 2011

Senators GREENLEAF, PILEGGI, ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, EARLL, FARNESE, BOSCOLA and YUDICHAK presented to the Chair **SR 30**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review the Commonwealth's program of providing funding for drinking water, wastewater and storm water projects authorized under the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act.

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

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Senator PILEGGI presented to the Chair **SR 100**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting a temporary rule of the Senate relating solely to amendments to the General Appropriation Bill and other appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, including any amendments offered to or for supplemental appropriations for prior fiscal years.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 2, 2011.

BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the presence of the Senate signed the following bill:

SB 265.

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

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

SB 330 (Pr. No. 980) (Rereported)

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 installment payment of school real property taxes.

SB 468 (Pr. No. 723) (Rereported)

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for special registration plates for recipients of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Bronze Star with Valor.

SB 552 (Pr. No. 619) (Rereported)

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

SB 612 (Pr. No. 1135) (Amended) (Rereported)

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 and for persons to be suspended.

SB 857 (Pr. No. 882) (Rereported)

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 accountability to Commonwealth taxpayers.

SB 858 (Pr. No. 977) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in district and assistant superintendents, further providing for eligibility; and making editorial changes.

SB 872 (Pr. No. 956) (Rereported)

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 definitions and for responsibilities of school entities; repealing provisions relating to concurrent enrollment committees; and further providing for concurrent enrollment agreements and for enrollment in concurrent courses.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Piccola, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Ward.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request legislative leaves for Senator Farnese and Senator Williams, and temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hughes, Senator Tartaglione, and Senator Yudichak.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator McIlhinney and Senator Piccola, and legislative leaves for Senator Tomlinson and Senator Ward.

Senator Costa requests legislative leaves for Senator Farnese and Senator Williams, and temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Hughes, Senator Tartaglione, and Senator Yudichak.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**WEEKLY RECESS**

Senator PILEGGI offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, May 2, 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, May 9, 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, May 9, 2011, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

YEA-50

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

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 DAVID G. ARGALL
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, in the gallery today is Gail Landis, the vice president for government and community relations at the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and she has brought us a very special guest, Tala Maralit, the deputy chief of staff in the office of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile of the Philippine Senate. Tala is here visiting the United States as part of the Rotary Exchange Program. I ask the Senate to give a very warm welcome to both of these ladies.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Argall please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.
(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lackawanna, Senator Blake.

Senator BLAKE. Mr. President, I am delighted to stand today to welcome some guests from the 22nd Senatorial District in the gallery from Dunmore Middle School. The following persons are here from the Dunmore Middle School Leadership Program: they are seventh and eighth graders, 16 of them, who have done a great job stepping up to commence the process of their career development to represent their classes, both in the seventh and eighth grade, almost as a student council of leadership as well as a career fair and other community activities related to the campus at Dunmore and the entire community in Dunmore. With us is

Mr. Robert Galella, the principal of the middle school; Mrs. Mary Hurst, one of its teachers; and Mrs. Kim Ahearn, a guidance counselor. I would appreciate if the Senate would give a warm welcome to the Dunmore Middle School seventh and eighth graders.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Blake please rise so that the Senate may give you its usual warm welcome.
(Applause.)

**GUESTS OF SENATOR ROBERT D. ROBBINS
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE**

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

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, today I have the pleasure of introducing Yuliya Lisovskaya and Geniya Dobrunova, who are serving as guest Pages in the Senate. Yuliya and Geniya are both citizens of the far eastern region of Russia and are studying abroad in the United States as participants in the Future Leaders Exchange Program. This is the 17th year for the program, which was started by former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Each year, approximately 30,000 students apply for a full U.S. scholarship, and only 1,500 students are accepted into the program. These young ladies are two of this elite group.

Yuliya is a member of the senior class at Greenville High School. She is an accomplished artist and recently participated in the Greenville High School Art Show. She also enjoys reading, writing, and horsemanship. During her visit to the United States, she is residing with her host family, Rodney and Tammi Callahan of Greenville.

Geniya is a member of the junior class at Allegheny-Clarion High School. She is a member of the school track team and the Japanese club. As a member of the Japanese club, she helped to plant cherry blossom trees in the community, which were dedicated to the citizens of Japan who recently suffered a great tragedy. She is also in the process of becoming a member of the National Honor Society. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and writing. During her visit to this country, she is residing with her host family, Steven and Robin Knight of Emlenton.

They are accompanied here today by Mrs. Liz Morris and her husband, Arnie Morris, of New Castle, who are seated in the Senate gallery. Mrs. Morris is serving in her 32nd year as a local coordinator for the FLEX program.

Mr. President and fellow Members, please join me in welcoming my special guests to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

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

(Applause.)

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

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

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Senators ALLOWAY, RAFFERTY, STACK, DINNIMAN, D. WHITE, ERICKSON, PILEGGI, FERLO, GREENLEAF, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, BREWSTER, PIPPY, HUGHES,

COSTA, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, BOSCOLA, EARLL and FARNESE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 101**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 15 through June 15, 2011, as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Alloway.

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing May 15 through June 15, 2011, as "Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. An estimated 3 in every 1,000 children ages 6 to 17 in the United States and this Commonwealth are diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome, a neurobiological, genetic condition which has no cure. Tourette Syndrome is a lifelong developmental disability that begins before a child reaches 18 years of age and affects children and adults of all races and ethnicities.

Individuals with Tourette Syndrome are affected by tics, which are involuntary, rapid, sudden movements or vocalizations that occur repeatedly. Individuals with Tourette Syndrome face periodic changes in the nature and severity of their tics, as these symptoms wax and wane and change without forewarning.

With this resolution, we recognize the needs of these individuals with neurological impairment and urge all citizens to support education and awareness of Tourette Syndrome, and to assist those individuals and families who deal with this neurobiological disorder every day of their lives.

GUESTS OF SENATOR RICHARD L. ALLOWAY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

Senator ALLOWAY. Mr. President, I am hosting a reception at 4:30 p.m. today for the PA Tourette Syndrome Association in the East Wing Rotunda, and I invite all of my colleagues to stop by and say hello and meet these extraordinary folks. Some of them are in the gallery today from the Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Alliance, whose headquarters is in Gettysburg, Adams County, which is my district. I would like the Senate to welcome them all.

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

(Applause.)

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

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

RECESS

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

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

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats request a caucus as well in the rear of the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of Republican and Democratic caucuses, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Corman.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pileggi requests a legislative leave for Senator Corman. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Hughes and Senator Yudichak have returned, and their temporary Capitol leaves are cancelled.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Schwank.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Kasunic requests a legislative leave for Senator Schwank. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Farnese and Senator Tomlinson have returned, and their legislative leaves are cancelled.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 58 (Pr. No. 43) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for the protection of victims of sexual violence, for duties of law enforcement agencies, for procedure and for penalties.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

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

NAY-0

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

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

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES CANCELLED

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

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 224 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 274 (Pr. No. 250) -- 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 unlawful acts concerning licenses; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for authority to issue permits, for permit fees and for falconry permits.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Erickson	Orie	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Piccola	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Ward
Blake	Folmer	Pippy	Washington
Boscola	Fontana	Rafferty	Waugh
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Earll	McIlhinney	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 328 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 343 (Pr. No. 335) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for collection of identifying information of students attending institutions of higher education.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

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

YEA-50

Alloway	Erickson	Orie	Vance
Argall	Farnese	Piccola	Vogel
Baker	Ferlo	Pileggi	Ward
Blake	Folmer	Pippy	Washington
Boscola	Fontana	Rafferty	Waugh
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Dinniman	Leach	Stack	Yudichak
Earll	McIlhinney	Tartaglione	
Eichelberger	Mensch	Tomlinson	

NAY-0

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 419 and SB 907 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 109 (Pr. No. 1106) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act requiring certain notification in certain advertising.

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

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 5 (Pr. No. 989) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 27 and HB 38 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

SB 104 (Pr. No. 87) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, providing for State-owned vehicle use.

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

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 118, SB 158, SB 202, SB 263, SB 318, SB 320, SB 329, SB 386, SB 405, SB 564, SB 566, SB 626, SB 631, SB 637 and SB 704 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

BILLS REREFERRED

SB 717 (Pr. No. 701) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

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

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

SB 725 (Pr. No. 731) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L.1656, No.581), known as The Borough Code, further providing for officers to be elected, for election of assessors, for filling vacancies in elective borough offices, for powers of assessors and for duplicate assessments.

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

SB 726 (Pr. No. 732) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, further providing for elected officers enumerated, for vacancies in general, for the corporate power of first class townships being vested in the board of township commissioners, for elected officers in townships of the first class and for additions and revisions to duplicates.

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 747, SB 815, SB 816, SB 817, SB 818, SB 828, SB 829, SB 830, SB 831, SB 832, SB 834, SB 844, SB 850 and SB 932 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PILEGGI.

RECESS

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held in the Rules room immediately.

The PRESIDENT. For the purpose of a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations to be held immediately, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Senators VANCE, ORIE, MENSCH, TARTAGLIONE, SCARNATI, KITCHEN, STACK, BAKER, ERICKSON, DINNIMAN, WARD, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, YAW, ALLOWAY, HUGHES, RAFFERTY, VOGEL, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, ROBBINS, WAUGH, WOZNIAK, YUDICHAK, EARLL, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, TOMLINSON, PIPPY, D. WHITE, BREWSTER, FARNESE, BRUBAKER, LEACH, WASHINGTON and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 102**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2011, as "Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance.

Senator VANCE. Mr. President, I am particularly happy to urge the adoption of this resolution. Nurses are really the bedrock of healthcare, and they are active in so many diverse ways. From bedside nursing, hospitals, and long-term care facilities to the halls of research, State legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of nursing is felt in many different areas. I urge immediate adoption of this resolution.

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

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

Senators BAKER, RAFFERTY, BLAKE, ERICKSON, BOSCOLA, M. WHITE, BREWSTER, EARLL, COSTA, VOGEL, WAUGH, SCARNATI, D. WHITE, SMUCKER, VANCE, MENSCH, ROBBINS, WARD, BRUBAKER, YAW, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, YUDICHAK, WOZNIAC, WILLIAMS, GREENLEAF, ARGALL, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FERLO, FONTANA, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, SCHWANK, SOLOBAY, STACK, FOLMER and PILEGGI, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 103**, entitled:

A Resolution thanking the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary for their service; and designating May 1, 2011, as "Loyalty Day" in Pennsylvania.

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

Senators FARNESE, ORIE, STACK, KASUNIC, TARTAGLIONE, EARLL, M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, COSTA, SCARNATI, GREENLEAF, TOMLINSON, ERICKSON, BROWNE, HUGHES, PIPPY, YAW, BOSCOLA, PILEGGI, FERLO, SCHWANK, FOLMER, WASHINGTON, KITCHEN, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER and LEACH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 104**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of May 2011 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide additional funding for research in order to find a treatment and cure for the disease.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of Senator Orie and myself to offer this resolution recognizing the month of May 2011 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month," or ALS Awareness Month, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS is a devastating disease. Each year in the United States more than

5,500 people are diagnosed with ALS, with an estimated 30,000 Americans suffering from the disease at any point in time. Here in Pennsylvania, it is estimated that 1,200 people are currently combating this deadly disease.

ALS symptoms make living a normal life extremely difficult. Muscle weakness causes limb usage to be impaired and makes swallowing and breathing burdensome. A symptom known as "thick speech" makes it difficult for sufferers to project their voices and communicate as you and I would. As the disease progresses, many lose their ability to walk, gesture, speak, and breathe on their own and, ultimately, complete paralysis sets in.

The average life expectancy of an ALS patient is between 2 and 5 years after diagnosis. This overwhelming disease affects people in the prime of their lives, as most are diagnosed between 35 and 70 years of age. Lou Gehrig, one of the greatest baseball players in the history of America, died from ALS in the prime of his life in 1941 at the age of 38. Seventy years later, we continue to search for a cure so that the thousands of ALS patients and families suffering from the devastation that this disease brings will no longer face its inevitable outcome.

Mr. President, I would like to formally thank the ALS Association, particularly the Western Pennsylvania Chapter and the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, for their daily efforts in research, education, advocacy, and support. They stand at the front lines of this incurable disease, making strides every day to enhance the vitality of ALS patients, who use their services to sustain longer and fuller lives. Enhancements in the treatment of ALS have been made over the years, allowing thousands of people to experience longer lives, but a cure still eludes them. We must continue to advocate for additional research and technology assistance, so that we may finally witness the day when ALS sufferers say, I beat ALS, it did not beat me.

Thank you, Mr. President

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

A voice vote having been taken, the resolution was adopted in the affirmative.

Senators SOLOBAY, COSTA, WILLIAMS, KASUNIC, HUGHES, FONTANA, PILEGGI, BROWNE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, DINNIMAN, EARLL, FERLO, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, ORIE, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 105**, entitled:

A Resolution designating May 2011 as "Junior Achievement Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Solobay.

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through a hands-on program. Junior Achievement reaches out to more than a quarter-million students in the Commonwealth from kindergarten through grade 12, in both the

private and public school systems. It gives them a message of hope and prosperity for their future, helps them prepare by showing them real-world opportunities on how to generate wealth, effectively manage a job and position, and helps them create jobs within their communities so that they can apply their entrepreneurial and leadership skills. I ask for unanimous adoption of this resolution.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators ORIE, SCARNATI, PILEGGI, PICCOLA, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EARLL, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, KASUNIC, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, WILLIAMS, YAW, YUDICHAK and D. WHITE, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 106**, entitled:

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

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senator ORIE. Mr. President, I submit my remarks for the record.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentlewoman from Allegheny, Senator ORIE:)

Mr. President, it is a pleasure to recognize a program that has been successful in encouraging businesses to get involved in education so that our children reach their full potential. In 2001, Pennsylvania became the first State in the nation to pass a tax credit encouraging companies to donate to scholarship organizations, which in turn award scholarships to students to attend the school of their choice.

While Pennsylvania is poised to take the next step with Senate Bill No. 1, the EITC has had a record of success. Over 3,600 companies have pledged in excess of \$490 million to programs that directly benefit students, and last year, 44,000 families took advantage of EITC scholarships. Over the past 10 years, the program has grown from \$30 million to \$75 million. Unfortunately, it was scaled back to \$60 million during our economic downturn, but I am excited that Senate Bill No. 1 and House Bill No. 1330 would raise the EITC to \$100 million.

I am proud to stand with you today to celebrate all of the successes, from the buy-in from the private sector, to the number of children who have been afforded an education that their families chose, to providing new supports to public schools through the innovative public program component. The EITC is a true private-public partnership, and without it, many families could not afford a private education. The EITC offers a helping hand to families who work hard to send their children to the school of their choice.

Today, I am pleased that the Senate will adopt my resolution celebrating the anniversary of the EITC. As such, I commend all those involved—the business community, the parents, the teachers, and the students—for their involvement with this program. Thank you.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

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

Senators ORIE, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BREWSTER, BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EARLL, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, WARD, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, WILLIAMS, PILEGGI, PIPPY and SCHWANK, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 107**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing May 3, 2011, as "World Asthma Day 2011" in Pennsylvania.

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

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

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

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Johnston, Zachary Allan Jennings and to Joseph A. Cocco, Jr., by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kimberly N. Jones by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Gail Romig by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Tara Bartholomy by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Steven M. Baker by Senator Earll.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Penny Glackman by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barbara Hirst by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Christopher A. Hamlin by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary Thomas Dorsch and to Liyan Fan by Senator Orie.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas Canzoneri by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Helen Larson Cummings by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey J. Crosby, Jr., Neal J. Donovan and to Brandon L. Lonaberger by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to James A. Roth, Weston Teare, Matthew Gannon, Marlin Lloyd, Thomas Ness, Jr., Daniel Orwig, Edward L. Behrensen and to Lucas Teare by Senator Waugh.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Comcast of Pittsburgh by Senator Wozniak.

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

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

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, last night, the world heard a story of remarkable courage. It sounded simple: a team of Navy SEALs flew helicopters into Pakistan, located Osama bin Laden, and killed the man responsible for the deaths of more than 3,000 innocent Americans on September 11, 2001. Of course, we know it was anything but simple. Countless individuals spent countless hours to achieve this objective, and only the bravest of the brave could carry out a mission this difficult.

For the past 10 years, the honorable men and women of our Armed Forces have made incredible sacrifices to keep the United States of America and other peace-loving nations across the globe safe from terrorists. Today, we thank them once again and stand in awe of their courage, their selflessness, and their heroism.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fayette, Senator Kasunic.

Senator KASUNIC. Mr. President, I rise to commend our brave military and intelligence personnel who were responsible for bringing mass murderer and terrorist Osama bin Laden to justice. This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the horrific events that took place in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Somerset County, which took over 3,000 lives.

Mr. President, in those 10 years, our country has fought two wars and undertaken numerous other military operations, all with the intention of defeating Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network. These wars have resulted in death or injury to thousands of brave soldiers. We can only hope that the news of bin Laden's death brings all those who have lost a loved one a small sense of closure.

Mr. President, while I have no illusions of terrorism abruptly stopping today, I do hope this spells the beginning of the end for those who use religion as a tool to justify brutality and oppression. While it may be difficult to pinpoint when this war on terror will truly end, I can point with certainty and pride to when it began. It began in the skies over Shanksville in Somerset County when a number of courageous passengers on Flight 93 decided to fight back. Faced with their own deaths, they fought and stopped hijackers from causing further death and devastation in our nation's capital. Their bravery will forever stand as a symbol of this nation's resolve to defend, at all costs, the precious freedoms that we have as Americans. There is a memorial in Shanksville honoring these heroes which will always stand to help us remember, express sorrow for those who perished, and to reaffirm our commitment to the cause of freedom.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Northampton, Senator Boscola.

Senator BOSCOLA. Mr. President, I rise to publicly express my disappointment with Michael Krancer, DEP Secretary. In fact, in caucus, my colleagues and I were seriously debating about having this nominee recalled and brought back to the Senate. Last week, my fellow Democrats and I voted for Secretary Krancer in good faith, believing he would be fair, open-minded, and nonpartisan.

However, just days after confirming him, he has demonstrated a blatant arrogance, disregard indifference, and lack of respect to the Senate Democrats and the millions of people that we represent. We are not quite sure if he did not come to the policy

hearing or send anybody because he intentionally decided not to, or maybe the Governor's Office told him not to send a representative. So, we will be sending a letter asking the Governor for a response to that question.

Mr. President, while all of us have our own views on the State's budding Marcellus Shale industry, I do not believe anyone would argue that this issue is not one of the most critical issues that we are facing in this General Assembly. Last week, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee visited Pennsylvania's second largest city to hold a hearing on gas drilling. Environmentalists, emergency service experts, the Marcellus Shale industry itself, and hundreds of citizens showed up to weigh in on the many issues concerning how we encourage this industry, while still making it accountable to our environment and to our host communities.

So, I am proud to say that even the gas drilling industry was represented and came to testify at length, making sure that we had an understanding of the issue from their perspective, but not our DEP Secretary. He ignored our invitation and has not been real truthful to us. In our Caucus, there were 5 or 6 Members who asked him politely, with respect, to come to this hearing, which was for 3 hours, where we knew there would be hundreds of people testifying. Just show up. Just listen to what the concerns are of these people, hundreds of people, real faces attached to these people, but no.

Normally what happens in any kind of committee when we have a hearing is we kind of make it ourselves, the public has no input. We kind of control it. So, this hearing was thinking outside the box a little where we would actually have people affected by this industry come and weigh in and we would listen to their concerns. We showed up. Environmentalist showed up. The industry showed up, but one of the most important agencies that we asked just one person to come, out of more than 2,500 employees, please send somebody so they can see and listen to what is going on in these communities.

In the end, it was obvious that Mr. Krancer had no interest in showing up or sending anybody to discuss how the State's key environmental regulator would approach and hold the gas drilling industry accountable. Mr. President, not only did Mr. Krancer fail to show the slightest interest in this issue, but, come on, there is 2,500 members of the DEP who represent him. They could have sent one person to show up and just observe.

Curiously enough though, DEP personnel were available for a similar GOP-sponsored hearing weeks before. I mean, really, you are going to send a representative from the Department of Environmental Protection to a Republican Policy Committee hearing, but you are not going to send one to a Democratic one? It is foolish. It is childish. I mean, it is handled with a lack of respect, a disgrace that should alarm all Pennsylvanians, because all of the Senate represents all of Pennsylvania. The Governor represents all Pennsylvanians, and so does his cabinet.

I hope my fellow Senators will join me in condemning the agency head who seemed intent on only listening to Republican ideas. If you think that I might be wrong, I remember on January 19, the Washington Observer-Reporter editorial clearly spelled out the way our new Governor and his minions apparently plan on running this State. While pointing out that the Governor has accepted, and I quote -- now, this is not me, this is an editorial -- "hefty campaign donations from the gas industry and named its lobbyists to the transition team, he has left the door open a crack.

He now says, he will consider anything his fellow Republicans in the legislature propose."

Well, Mr. President, the Governor's DEP Secretary is following his boss's lead. However, this agency is too important, its responsibilities are too crucial, and its actions are too critical to our environment, the quality of our waterways, and the health of millions of people. Mr. President, we need a DEP Secretary who is more committed to his job. We need a DEP Secretary who is not afraid to be accountable and accessible, and we need a DEP Secretary who thinks for himself. Because if he does not, this Department of Environmental Protection, DEP, will go by a new acronym that it has earned, "don't expect protection," because that is where it is leading us now, and that would be a shame.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I rise to support the comments of my colleague, our Senate Democratic Policy Committee chairperson, Senator Boscola. She is right on the mark. Mr. President, just last week, we stood back in that caucus room, and 20 Democratic Senators contemplated whether or not we were going to support the Secretary of Environmental Protection, and at my urging to our Caucus was to support him, and we did so, despite reservations that we had about some of the positions that the gentleman has taken on various issues.

Mr. President, we pleaded with him. A number of us asked him to please participate in our policy hearing, because it is important to know--when you are in the Minority, Mr. President, there are only a handful of ways in which you can begin to have a conversation and dialogue about issues. When you are in the Majority, you can schedule a hearing through a committee. We do not have that luxury or that privilege. The only way we can get our voice and our message out is by using a policy committee hearing, and that is what we tried to do, in a very fair and balanced way, as all of our policy hearings have been.

For the past 8, 10, 15 years that I have been here, I have never been to a policy hearing where we have asked the administration to participate and they have steadfastly refused. We never got a response as to why. We understood the Secretary could not make it, and he was very clear about that when we sat in that caucus room, but more importantly, Mr. President, he has 2,500 employees. One of them could have found the time to come to our policy hearing and have a conversation with people from the industry who had the courage to come and testify and be part of our conversation.

People from the fire service community, our Fire Commissioner, had the courage to come before our committee and listen to what we were saying and the points that we wanted to raise, and we learned a lot about that process. Local firemen involved in responding to some of the blowouts that have taken place had the courage to come and talk to us. Likewise, people from the environmental community, as well as people from the academic community, all came to our policy hearing, wanting to be a part of the process, as well as several hundred people who participated.

But it is not about that, Mr. President. It is about the manner in which we are going to operate in this Senate Chamber. This is not just about Senate Democrats, it is about every one of us in this Senate Chamber and how we are going to go forward with

a relationship with an administration that looks down upon one segment of this Chamber with disdain and no respect, but will work with the other segment of this Chamber to do what needs to be done.

That is not what we signed up for, and that is clearly not what the people of Pennsylvania have said to us. They have told us very clearly that they want us to work together with all of our colleagues, on both sides of this aisle and both parts of this building. But that is not what has taken place here. All of our Members have consistently said that they want to work with this administration and our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, and we have demonstrated that. Every single vote that we have put up for a cabinet appointee has been a unanimous vote, so we have demonstrated our willingness and desire to work with the administration to try to address some of these important issues.

To deal with what we had to deal with as a Caucus last week is not appropriate. It needs to be recognized by the Members on this floor, all of the Members, because it is a slap in the face of this Caucus and of this Chamber as a whole, something for which we cannot stand. It may be a different story 4 years from now. Four years from now, when we go through reapportionment, it could be the Senate Democrats who are sitting in the Majority, and it could be a Democratic Governor sitting in that office across the hall.

At that point in time, we expect, and we will make certain, that if one of our colleagues asked for a representative to attend a policy hearing, they would certainly find the time to be there, if they can be, or at least, at a minimum, send one of their 2,500 employees to allow them to have the courage to come to a meeting and have a conversation. And that is what it was, an informational conversation about the Marcellus Shale industry, probably the single biggest issue, probably the single biggest change in this Commonwealth that we have seen in decades, maybe 100 years.

He did not have the courtesy to come to our Senate Democratic Policy Committee meeting. We find that very disappointing. We are very upset about it, and we are going to remember exactly what took place as it relates to that as we go forward. I hope that all of our colleagues on this Senate floor, on both sides of this Chamber, recognize that this is something that should not be acceptable and that every member of the Cabinet should work in conjunction with the General Assembly.

We are not out here by ourselves, nor is the administration. Our goal, our objective, and the concern for the people of Pennsylvania needs to be one where we all work together. We row in the same direction, not against each other, but in the same direction. That did not happen, but we hope that it happens as we go forward. In fact, despite what took place, we look forward to continuing to work with our colleagues on that side of the aisle, our colleagues on the other side of the building, and the administration.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator STACK. Mr. President, I also want to join with a number of my colleagues in saluting the brave men and women in the United States military. A number of years ago, like a lot of folks, I was dismayed, shocked, and heartbroken by the evil terrorist attacks against innocent citizens of this country and countries from around the world. On a personal note, Mr.

President, it was around that time that I committed to something I had been thinking about for a long time, and that was trying to join the United States military.

Shortly after 9/11, I got my paperwork started. I got sidetracked a little bit, but eventually, I was able to get accepted to the Army National Guard and go to training at Fort Lee, Fort Benning, and attend the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia. I have continued to be a part of what I consider to be the best, most skilled, most committed National Guard unit in the country.

This is the great story of our Pennsylvania National Guard, Mr. President. We have over 19,000 active guardsmen and guardswomen who have done multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. They have stood tall for this country and this Commonwealth. Wherever you go around the country, anyone who has served with those from the Keystone--the red Keystone, which Governor Corbett wears with honor; he is a former member of the 28th Infantry Division, as am I--but wherever you go, folks recognize the outstanding work that the Pennsylvania National Guard has done in the fight on terror around the world.

We are very excited that we also have a new Adjutant General, General Craig, coming in. He is uniquely suited to take up the reins of an outstanding National Guard, which will continue to serve the people of the Commonwealth with our brave men and women fighting the war on terror around the world. So, we salute the bravery of our men and women and what they have done throughout the decade of this war on terror, and most recently, on bringing the mass murderer Osama bin Laden to justice.

Shifting gears, Mr. President, I also want to talk about another vital issue and make an announcement for some folks who may not be aware of it. Today, adultBasic insurance receivers were hit with yet another expiration date. The door closes today for recipients to enroll in the Blues program known as Special Care, as long as you have no pre-existing conditions. Actually, today you can get the pre-existing conditions coverage, but after that, Special Care is not going to cover pre-existing conditions for these individuals.

So what that basically means is, if you are sick, you are out of luck. And the Insurance Department's adultBasic hotline, a hotline number that has been used a lot over the last decade or so, 1-800-GO-BASIC, ends at the end of this month. Is there anything else we can do to cause 41,000 people to worry some more? Was it really necessary to give these hardworking folks such tight deadlines? Many of them are still reeling from the fallout from losing their access to the affordable and the much-heralded adultBasic healthcare program.

What it is really like, Mr. President, is this: it is as though the Commonwealth has once again created a fiction that somehow we can put an expiration date on people's health. Do not get sick after next week or next month. Tell your friends they had better get sick now, because we will not be able to acknowledge it after that. And let me say this, I am pleased that Governor Corbett and his administration have taken the steps to get in touch with these individuals and let them know about their healthcare options, or more accurately, their healthcare limitations, but I think that they should do much more than tell them that time is running out, you are on your own.

The best thing we can do is to reinstate a program that has worked, the adultBasic program. How in the world can we say,

no tax on the billionaire natural gas drillers of the Marcellus Shale, we can afford that, but we cannot afford ABC insurance for working Pennsylvanians. I say we can afford it, and we should.

There are three viable plans circulating in our legislature that could fund this critical program. I know you have heard about this before, Mr. President. This is my legislation, Senate Bill No. 420, which would allocate the General Assembly's nearly \$200 million reserve fund to provide the operating expenses for adultBasic through April 2012. There is another plan, Senator Costa's legislation, Senate Bill No. 729, which advocates using \$25 million from the current year's \$232-million-and-growing budget surplus to continue the adultBasic program. We also have Representative DeLuca's legislation, House Bill No. 500, which would borrow funds from existing State accounts and use the Catastrophic Loss Trust Fund surcharge as the basis for repayment. That is \$50 million right there toward the adultBasic program.

Of course, let us not forget the Tobacco Settlement Fund, which helped fund the creation of adultBasic. Amazingly--time flies, Mr. President--I was a part of this body when we were able to get that settlement from the tobacco companies. We worked hard, Democrats and Republicans together, and everybody emphasized, let us make sure this money is committed to health-related issues. And guess what, we came through on that commitment, Mr. President.

Very soon, we are going to get our next annual installment of money from the Tobacco Settlement Fund. That is \$360 million that could easily restore adultBasic. Instead, the Governor's budget plan calls for shifting most of this money into a newly-created Liberty Loan Fund under the DCED. Mr. President, I do not expect you to give me an answer, but what in the world does this have to do with health? The Tobacco Settlement Fund was intended to be used for health programs in this Commonwealth, not business loans. You know, I ask these questions a lot, but I do not necessarily see this in the media coverage, and I believe it is because a lot of the media do not attend these Sessions or do not pay attention to Petitions and Remonstrances. But for God's sake, people need to know.

I am all for economic development, Mr. President, but we are talking about sacrificing 41,000 individuals' lifelines for the sake of business. It is sickening. I have the business credentials to be able to stand up on this particular issue, Mr. President, and I have disagreed, in fact, with many of my colleagues on this side of the aisle. I have worked hard in this Chamber to make sure that Pennsylvania is much more business-friendly, and as a result, much more job-friendly, but how does putting more people on welfare and into poverty help business?

Mr. President, I know we have a lot of priorities. We have to balance the budget, and we have to fund our growing transportation woes, but we also have to take care of our most vulnerable working citizens, citizens who do not deserve the treatment that they are getting right now. For now, I want to urge my colleagues to spread the word about Special Care and the Medical Assistance deadlines. It is important. In the future, we are going to have some more ideas, but in the meantime, tell people they had better get on the programs that they are eligible for, or they are completely out of luck.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator FARNESE. Mr. President, last week, I stood at this podium and I made a comment that I believed--I believed it then, and I believe it now--that this administration suffers from a serious disconnect between the campaign trail and the conduct that is supposed to be portrayed in the Governor's Office. The comments that I have heard today from many of my colleagues regarding the Secretary of the DEP continue to highlight why this administration simply just does not get it. No additional factors, in my opinion, continue to highlight that more than the significant issue that we have right now with adultBasic, as articulated by my colleague, and of course, the other issue of what is happening in the Governor's budget with the hospital services and hospital care throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Again, we have to insure--the Senate Democrats have said this well before the budget was articulated by the Governor in March--we must make sure that we do not balance this budget on the backs of the people who need help the most. We cannot cut services and resources upon which our citizens vitally depend. That is the disconnect. That is what, for some reason, this Governor and this administration simply do not get, or they just do not want to get.

If we pass Governor Corbett's budget as it stands today, we do a serious disservice to our hospitals and medical services across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This budget makes across-the-board cuts to critical medical services. It zeroes out trauma centers, burn centers, OB/GYN and neonatal, as well as funding for medical and health professional education. We already have a problem in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where we educate some of the smartest and finest doctors in the world, and they pick up and leave. They go somewhere else to raise a family and start their careers. We cannot afford to have that happen. This budget does exactly that.

Breast and cervical cancer programs, regional cancer institutes, and cancer control programs have all been zeroed out in Governor Corbett's budget. Let me speak from personal experience on this topic. I have spoken about my father's bout with cancer many times, and I can tell you something, Mr. President, the one thing about cancer prevention, cancer fighting, and cancer research is that the earlier you get to the disease, the quicker that the disease is highlighted and diagnosed, the better chance the patient has to survive. My father is a living testament to the fact that cancer research and funding for medical and health professional education works, has worked in the past, and will continue to work in the future.

Again, for some reason, this administration simply does not get it. What this really means, when you talk about early detection and cancer treatment, is that those who need this treatment the most will not be able to get it. Again, I really believe, in this day and age, for an administration to make a decision to cease making contributions to cancer research, at where we are in this country and where we will go, is simply unacceptable.

These cuts, Mr. President, have the potential to set back Pennsylvania's cancer treatment and research initiatives and hurt people. How can we simply turn them away? Not only that, but without these services, cancer patients will be forced to make more trips to the hospital, where they will pay for more treatment

and more drugs. We are turning our backs on the people who need us the most. These cuts will cause our medical system to deteriorate and callously deprive people who desperately need treatment and medication.

Hospitals in periods of economic upheaval need more help to deal with the high costs of servicing those who have no insurance. That is a given fact. That is basic finance 101. Again, for some reason, this administration simply does not get it, or does not want to get it. Hospitals are, at times, leaders in job creation for every level of worker, from doctors and nurses to janitors and food service workers. By eliminating funding, we are doing a huge disservice to economic development in the region and forcing many Pennsylvanians into the unemployment line.

Again, this is all we heard on the campaign trail--and of course, it is acceptable, it is expected--job creation, job development. But when you get in a position to lead, to take Pennsylvania forward, you simply cannot turn your back and forget that you represent not just Republicans, not just Democrats, but you represent all Pennsylvanians. I think we saw that last night, Mr. President, in President Obama's speech. He made it very clear in his comments last night that he is not just a President for Democrats, he is a President for the entire United States of America. That is what we expect from Governor Corbett, and that is what we expect from this administration.

We all understand, Mr. President, that sacrifices have to be made if Pennsylvania is to get out of this huge budgetary hole in which we find ourselves, and in which this recession, in our defense, has placed us. But we need to find an alternative to \$333 million in hospital cuts that this administration, that this Governor, is proposing. Too many lives are at stake. This is a cost-effective but short-sighted approach that has the potential to severely affect Pennsylvania and its citizens, both financially and personally, in the long run. We need to find another way.

The Senate Democrats have a proposal, like we have for many, many problems that Pennsylvanians are faced with right now. We have a proposal to alleviate the burden of some of these cuts, to draw down Federal dollars, and to plug some of the holes that will be left in hospital budgets, should the Governor's proposal stand. And yes, Mr. President, you heard every Senate Democrat say the same thing, and I will say it again as I close. We are ready and willing to discuss this and any other budget proposal, both in our Caucus or a budget proposal from across the aisle, that will help generate the cost savings that we need to get through this budget. We are ready, willing, and able. The question is, is the administration listening?

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I, too, stand to congratulate and commend the United States military intelligence, the United States Central Intelligence Agency, for their hard work and diligence to produce the results last night, when justice was finally brought home. The loved ones of the 3,000 people who were killed at the World Trade Center can know now that the mastermind has met his fate at the hands of the United States military. God bless the Navy SEALs for their work.

Mr. President, earlier today, Senator Stack and I represented the Senate of Pennsylvania at the State F.O.P. Memorial. That is

the Fraternal Order of Police Memorial. The Memorial is the first Monday of each May. We stand to recognize and remember those law enforcement officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and today we remembered three who died through the 2010 calendar year.

Mr. President, it was a very moving ceremony for everyone involved, and it is a day in which we dedicate ourselves to the remembrance of those individuals and to celebrate their lives as police officers, as law enforcement officials, as parents, as brothers, as sisters, as sons or daughters. We need to do more than just remember them 1 day a week or for 1 week when we celebrate National Police Officers' Week. We in the Commonwealth owe a deep debt of gratitude to the men and women of the law enforcement community for, day in and day out, what they do for us to protect our lives, to protect our properties, and to insure our rights as citizens of this great Commonwealth.

So to each and every one of the law enforcement officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, may God continue to keep them in His care, and to the families of the three who made the ultimate sacrifice in the 2010 year, may the memories of their loved ones comfort them.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

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

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY MAY 2, 2011

12:30 P.M. APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 330, 468, 552, 612, 857, 858 and 872) Room 461 Main Capitol

TUESDAY MAY 3, 2011

9:30 A.M. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (to consider Senate Bills No. 292, 308, 367, 460, 469, 618, 791 and 898; and to consider the nomination of Richard J. Allan as Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources) Sen. Maj. Caucus Rm.

10:30 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (public hearing to consider Senate Bill No. 247 and other issues related to Open Records Law) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

11:30 A.M. JUDICIARY (confirmation hearing to consider the nomination of Linda L. Kelly, Esquire, as Attorney General; and to consider Senate Bills No. 29, 411, 448, 750 and 1006) Room 8E-B East Wing

12:00 P.M. GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 450, 473, 502 and 853; and House Bill No. 78) Room 8E-A East Wing

Off the Floor RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (to consider Senate Resolution No. 100; and certain executive nominations) Rules Cmte. Conf. Rm.

WEDNESDAY MAY 4, 2011

9:00 A.M. FINANCE (public hearing on the requirements for collecting sales tax on transactions made over the Internet) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

9:00 A.M. LAW AND JUSTICE (public hearing to consider Liquor Control Board legislative proposals) Room 8E-A East Wing

9:30 A.M. URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (to consider Senate Bills No. 295, 297 and 923; and House Bill No. 442) Room 461 Main Capitol

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE (to consider Senate Bills No. 326, 362, 638 and 732) Room 461 Main Capitol

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011

9:00 A.M. GAME AND FISHERIES (public hearing to consider testimony regarding classification of waters, fishing license modifications, sources of alternative funding for the PA Fish and Boat Commission and Fishermans Paradise) HR Stackhouse School of Fisheries Conservation and Watercraft Safety Bellefonte, PA

WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2011

9:30 A.M. COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY (public hearing to consider Senate Bills No. 354, 355 and 356) Room 8E-A East Wing

THURSDAY MAY 12, 2011

11:00 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (joint hearing with the House State Government Committee to consider Congressional Redistricting) PA Convention Ctr., 105AB, 12th St. Concourse 1101 Arch St. Phila., PA

THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2011

11:00 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (joint hearing with the House State Government Committee to consider Congressional Redistricting) Cranberry Twp. Municipal Bldg., 2525 Rochester Road Cranberry Twp., PA

TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2011

9:00 A.M. STATE GOVERNMENT (joint hearing with the House State Government Committee to consider Congressional Redistricting) Hrg. Rm. 1 North Off.

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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lehigh, Senator Browne.

Senator BROWNE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:05 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.