

Connections

Harrisburg Receiver Chosen

Lawyer David Unkovic has been selected by Governor Corbett to be Harrisburg city's receiver as the city moves forward under the Act 47 state take over provisions. On Friday, under the law, the PA Community and Economic Development Secretary C. Allan Walker filed a petition with the Commonwealth court to appoint Unkovic. As reported by the Pennsylvania Legislative Services, Unkovic said, "the problem is solvable," in reference to the economic hardship facing the city. The largest task the city has to overcome is paying off the \$300 million debt created by their 40-plus year old incinerator.

Federal Mortgage Aid Program Helps Pennsylvanians

As reported by the Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Pennsylvania is one of the top states that has taken advantage of President Obama's federal Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program. While the program was a flop in other states, more than 3,000 homeowners in PA were assisted by the program. Due to the hard work done by the PA Housing Finance Authority, PA used \$108 million to help homeowners who were in danger of losing their homes.

Delaware River Basin Halts Vote On Drilling

According to an article in The Intelligencer of Philadelphia, Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley said, "energy equals jobs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." He was speaking to a group of business owners and students in his hometown area of Bucks County. That same day, the Delaware County River Basin Commission postponed a vote that would allow drilling for gas in the Delaware River Basin. The group oversees the river in 4 states - Delaware, New York, New Jersey and PA. New York and Delaware has already decided to vote against regulations that would allow drilling. PA and NJ have yet to announce how they will vote.

****The following members have announced they will not be seeking reelection in 2012:**

- Rep. Curt Schroder (R-Chester) (11/10/11)
- Sen. Jeff Piccola (R-Dauphin) (11/10/11)
- Rep. Ed Staback (D-Lackawanna) (11/10/11)
- Rep. John Evans (R-Erie) (10/24/11)
- Rep. Scott Boyd (R-Lancaster) (9/29/11)

Legislative Session Days 2011

2011 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE

November 14, 15, 16, 21 (cancelled), 22 (non voting), 23 (cancelled)
 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14
 January 3 (non-voting), 17, 18, 23, 24, 25
 February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15
 March 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28
 April 2, 3, 4, 30
 May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23
 June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

2011 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE

November 14, 15, 16
 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

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Committee Calendar

MONDAY - 11/21/11

**** CANCELLED ****House Children and Youth

10:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting on a safety plan for dependent children

**** CANCELLED ****House Health

11:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: SB 349 Browne Act re regulation of indoor tanning facilities HB 1960 Vulakovich Amends Prescribed Pediatric Ext. Care Ctrs Act

House Judiciary

11:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: HB 1976 Cutler Amends Title 42 re personal injury actions

**** CANCELLED ****House Labor and Industry

11:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: HB 1820 Delozier Amends Minimum Wage Act re exemptions SB 1310 Gordner Amends Unemployment Compensation Law

TUESDAY - 11/22/11

**** CANCELLED ****House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: SB 9 Scarnati Act requiring ID of lawful U.S. presence

**** CANCELLED ****House Local Government

9:15 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: SB 1276 Smucker Amends County Code re county classification

**** CANCELLED ****House Environmental Resources and Energy

9:30 a.m., Room 39, East Wing

To consider: HB 193 Harper Act re State-owned bldgs & energy standards HB 1813 Tobash Amends Surface Mining Conserv. & Reclam. Act SB 995 Baker, L Amends Title 35 re 911 info at gas well sites HR 438 Cruz Resolution re waste tire program in Phila.

House Judiciary

10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: HB 1958 Marsico Amends Titles 18, 23, 42, 44 & 61 SB 815 Baker, L Amends Title 42 re right to counsel SB 817 Baker, L Amends Title 42 re juvenile restraint in court

WEDNESDAY - 11/30/11

Senate Banking and Insurance

11:00 a.m., University of Pittsburgh, William Pitt Union Ballroom, 4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh Public hearing to accept testimony regarding the ongoing contractual dispute between Highmark and UPMC, and Highmark's acquisition of West Penn Allegheny Hospital

House Liquor Control

12:00 p.m., PA Convention Center, Room 201 (A, B, C), 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia

Public hearing on: HB 11 Turzai Amends Liquor Code re LCB privatization

THURSDAY - 12/1/11

House Liquor Control

10:00 a.m., PA Convention Center, Room 201 (A, B, C), 12th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia

Public hearing on: HB 11 Turzai Amends Liquor Code re LCB privatization

TUESDAY - 12/6/11

Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

11:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: SB 1302 Williams, A. Amends Phila City-County Consolidation Act

WEDNESDAY - 12/7/11

Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

9:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Hearing on re-write of Title 35

Senate Communications and Technology

9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

Public hearing to review the OIT Strategic Plan

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THURSDAY - 12/8/11

House Tourism and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on: HB 137 Godshall Amends Public School Code re terms & sessions

House Consumer Affairs

10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Public hearing on: HB 1580 Ross Amends Alt. Energy Portfolio Standards Act

MONDAY - 12/12/11

Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

12:00 p.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Environmental Issues Forum with Nate Fice, program manager of the Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), will offer a presentation on the SFI program - its history, current projects, benefits and its relationship with the national SFI program.

TUESDAY - 12/13/11

House Liquor Control

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: HB 11 Turzai Amends Liquor Code re PLCB privatization

WEDNESDAY - 12/14/11

House Game and Fisheries

9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Agenda to be announced

