

# Connections

## Parole Board Waiting New Members

The Patriot News reports that the case-load progress of the PA Board of Parole has slowed because two board members have not been appointed since the seats became vacant on June 30. Gov. Corbett has nominated replacements but the Senate has not yet voted to confirm them, but is expected to do so within the next few months. There have been no reports on why the Senate has yet to take action. In the mean time, the Board cannot review as many cases as they could with a full board so the prison population is rising and costing the state Department of Corrections more than anticipated.

## Impact Fee Bill Moves Through House Committee

Last week the state House Finance committee voted HB 1950 - a Marcellus Shale drilling impact fee bill - out of their committee and is now set on the House Calendar for when the chamber reconvenes on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The bill, which is Republican-backed, closely matches Gov. Corbett's Advisory Commission's suggested regulations as well as language to fund environmental initiatives. The Senate is also expected to consider their version of the bill next week.

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

- John Evans (R-Erie)
- Scott Boyd (R-Lancaster)

**\*\* The Senate and the House both reconvene session next Monday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m.**

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## Legislative Session Days 2011

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| <p>2011 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE<br/> November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23<br/> December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14</p> | <p>2011 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE<br/> November 14, 15, 16<br/> December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14</p> |
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## Committee Calendar

### WEDNESDAY - 11/9/11

Assessment Task Force

11:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Meeting pursuant to: HR 343 White, J Resolution re county reassessment contracting HR 344 Neuman Resolution re county's performance measure

### MONDAY - 11/14/11

House Transportation

10:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Public hearing on the Red Light Camera Program

House Children and Youth

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

Informational meeting for members to be provided with a general overview of child welfare services in Pennsylvania. Topics will include the roles of the County Children and Youth Agency (CYA), the Court of Common Pleas, DPW's Office of Children, Youth and Families, and private providers of children and youth services

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## House Finance

11:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Informational meeting with DCED on changes in local tax collection to go into effect January 1, 2012, including Earned Income Tax collection

## House Labor and Industry (Agenda updated)

12:00 p.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 283](#) Keller, M Amends Separation Act re min. bid requirement [HB 1602](#) Killion Amends Mechanics' Lien Law re subcontractors [HB 1820](#) Delozier Amends Minimum Wage Act re exemptions

## TUESDAY - 11/15/11

### House Health

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [SB 638](#) Ward Amends Public Welfare Code re methadone [SB 361](#) Robbins Amends Vital Statistics Law re disclosure

### Senate Republican Policy and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on issues related to flood mitigation through stormwater management

### Senate Game and Fisheries and House Game and Fisheries

10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

Joint public hearing with the PA Fish and Boat Commission for a presentation of the organizations "Hatchery Cost Savings Work Group Report"

### Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure & Senate Communications and Technology

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Joint public hearing on Act 183

### Senate Education

10:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

To consider: [SB 1133](#) White, D Amends Public School Code re general powers [SB 1211](#) White, M Amends Public School Code re project contracts [SB 1221](#) Dinniman Amends Public School Code re priv. entities [SB 1239](#) Boscola Amends Public School Code re higher ed project [SB 1308](#) Tomlinson Act re PASSHE & economic develop. agreements [SB 1322](#) Smucker Amends Public School Code re higher ed powers

## WEDNESDAY - 11/16/11

### House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 1200](#) Schroder Amends Title 65 re Public Integrity Commission

### Senate Republican Policy and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on issues related to flood mitigation through stormwater management

### House Professional Licensure

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [SB 957](#) Tomlinson Amends Osteopathic Medical Practice Act [SB 967](#) Tomlinson Amends Medical Practice Act re athletic train. [SB 366](#) White, D Amends Bd of Vehicles Act re licensure [HB 469](#) Cox Amends Practical Nurse Law re violations [HB 470](#) Cox Amends Professional Nursing Law re title use

## THURSDAY - 11/17/11

### House Consumer Affairs

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

Public hearing on: [HB 1580](#) Ross Amends Alt. Energy Portfolio Standards Act

### House Professional Licensure

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

Public hearing on: [HB 1717](#) Mustio Act re right to practice naturopathic medicine

### House and Senate Local Government, House Urban Affairs, and Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on Act 47 of 1987, the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act

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## Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room, Harrisburg

Public meeting to consider the following Regulations: 2886 PA Gaming Control Board #125-138: Table Game Devices 2895 PA Gaming Control Board #125-148: Table Game Rules for Roulette, Big Six Wheel and Casino War 2896 PA Gaming Control Board #125-149: Table Game Rules for Pai Gow, Craps and Mini-Craps and Sic Bo 2897 PA Gaming Control Board #125-151: Table Game Rules for Minibaccarat, Midibaccarat and Baccarat 2852 Department of Revenue #15-449: Return and Payment of Tax 2822 PA Public Utility Commission #57-271: Utilities; Service Outage Response and Restoration Practices

## Public Employee Retirement Commission

10:00 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

Commission meeting and legislative review of: [HB 89](#) Murphy Amends act re police & firemen's pension funds [HB 90](#) Murphy Amends 2nd Class A City Employee Pension Law [HB 1791](#) Vulakovich Amends Second Class County Code re retirement [SB 1072](#) Costa, J Amends 2nd Class County Code re retirement

## House Judiciary

1:30 p.m., University of Pennsylvania, Perelman Quadrangle Cafe 58, 1st Floor, Irvine Auditorium, 3401 Spruce Street, Philadelphia

Public hearing on: [HB 1815](#) Cutler Joint Resolution re judges & justices [HB 1816](#) Cutler Amends Title 71 re Appellate Court Nom. Cmsn

## MONDAY - 11/21/11

### House Children and Youth

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

Informational meeting on a safety plan for dependent children

## WEDNESDAY - 11/30/11

### 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

## WEDNESDAY - 12/7/11

### Senate Communications and Technology

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

Public hearing to review the OIT Strategic Plan

## 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 LCB privatization