

Connections

Some PA Casinos Down In Revenue

According to a report in the Erie Times News, 7 of the states' casinos saw a revenue decline in the month of May compared to the same month one year ago. Specifically the revenues were down 5.2% from the year before. Mount Airy in the Poconos and Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh were the only two casinos that saw an increase in revenue.

State Workers Continue To Negotiate Contracts With Corbett

Friday the Patriot News reported that there are ongoing negotiations between the Corbett Administration and state employee unions. Gov. Corbett called for a 4% pay cut to some state employees which is still in negotiation with several other issues. The current AFSCME contracts of about 34,000 workers will expire at the end of the month, leaving several decisions to be made this month.

Santorum To Announce Candidacy for President

Today former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum will announce his candidacy for the President of the United States. The 53 year old Republican is set to make the announcement in Somerset County before 300 - 400 people today. Reports say he will speak for about 10 minutes and then meet with the crowd. Recently a Gallop poll showed him with the least amount of support among the other rumored GOP candidates - a large list.

Voter May Have To Show Photo ID

The Carlisle Sentinel reports that there are a growing number of states that have passed legislation to require voters to show a photo ID in order to cast their ballots. Currently ID is only required if you are voting at a polling place for the first time.

The bill is currently moving through the state House.

Legislative Session Days 2011

2011 HOUSE SPRING SESSION SCHEDULE
June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

2011 SENATE SPRING SESSION SCHEDULE
June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

Committee Calendar

MONDAY - 6/6/11

House Labor and Industry

Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: SB 1030 Gordner Amends Unemployment Comp Law re auto relief

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House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

***Senate Appropriations (New)

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: [SB 237](#) Tartaglione Amends Title 42 re PA portion of fines [SB 704](#) Gordner Amends State Tax Equalization Board Law re bd. [SB 828](#) Robbins Amends 1st Class Twp Code re twp manager [SB 829](#) Robbins Amends 2nd Class Twp Code re township manager [SB 830](#) Robbins Amends 3rd Class City Code re city manager [SB 831](#) Robbins Amends Borough Code re borough manager office [SB 832](#) Robbins Amends act re office of town manager [HB 373](#) Ross Amends Borough Code re general powers [HB 374](#) Millard Act re power to convey; incorporated towns

Senate Rules and Executive Nominations (New)

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider SR 32 and SR 33 (both to be filed) and certain Executive Nominations

TUESDAY - 6/7/11

House Education

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

To consider: [HB 1454](#) Truitt Amends Public School Code re assessment system [SB 612](#) Folmer Amends Public School Code re employee suspend

House Labor and Industry

9:30 a.m., Room B-31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1548](#) Murt Amends Child Labor Law re alcoholic beverages

House Human Services

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

To consider: [HB 1338](#) Baker, M Amends Public School Code re diabetes training [SB 260](#) Erickson Amends HIV-Related Info Act re tests, counsel

House Transportation (Agenda Updated)

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

To consider: [SB 242](#) Kasunic Act re Trooper Stephen R. Gyurke Mem. Bridge [SB 369](#) White, D Amends Title 74 re scenic byways in Clearfield [SB 508](#) Robbins Act re Rte 62 in Mercer County as Vet. Highway [SB 728](#) Eichelberger Act re Cpl. Harry Raymond Harr Memorial Bridge [SB 745](#) Scarnati Amends Rail Freight Preservation & Improvement [HB 1337](#) Baker, M Act re Old Possessions Road, Ward Township

Senate Banking and Insurance (Agenda Updated)

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

To consider: [SB 388](#) Vance Amends Dental Law re liability insurance [SB 896](#) Stack Amends Insurance Company Law re translation and SB 1096 & SB 1097 (both to be filed)

Senate Local Government

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

Informational meeting on: [SB 874](#) Eichelberger Act re Third Class City Code

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

WEDNESDAY - 6/8/11

House Consumer Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1294](#) Godshall Amends Title 66 re valuation & property return

House Tourism and Recreational Development

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

To consider: [HB 870](#) Everett Amends Act re "recreational purpose" for land [HB 1478](#) Sonney Amends County Code re hotel room rental tax [HB 1588](#) Moul Amends County Code re 3 per centum hotel tax

House Aging and Older Adult Services

9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Informational meeting on Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program - PA Dept. of Aging

House Insurance

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

To consider: [HB 1599](#) Godshall Amends act re foreign insurance companies [HB 1601](#) Godshall Amends Insurance Co. Law re insurers

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Senate Aging and Youth (New)

9:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: [SB 550](#) Erickson Amends Title 23 re child protective svcs def.

Senate Education

9:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on the subject of teacher evaluations and effectiveness with a focus on the Corbett Administration's emphasis on including student performance/achievement and: [SB 1087](#) Piccola Amends Public School Code re employee rating

House Environmental Resources and Energy

10:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1088](#) Pickett Amends Alternative Fuels Incentive Act [HB 1089](#) Perry Amends Air Pollution Control Act re vehicles [HB 1290](#) George Act re testing new, envirn. energy technology

House State Government

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

Public hearing on the Department of General Services proposed 2011 Real Property Disposition Plan

Senate Public Health and Welfare

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

To consider: [SB 349](#) Browne Act re regulation of indoor tanning facilities [SB 361](#) Robbins Amends Vital Statistics Law re disclosure [SB 458](#) Dinniman Amends MH & MR Act updating terminology [HB 140](#) DiGirolamo Act re Methadone Death & Incident Review Team [HB 960](#) Gingrich Amends Public Welfare Code re verification

Senate Law and Justice

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

To consider: [SB 117](#) White, D Amends Title 18 re carrying false ID card [HB 148](#) Payne Amends Liquor Code re sales, unlawful acts

House Appropriations

10:30 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

House Commerce

10:30 a.m., Room 39, East Wing

To consider: [HB 683](#) Ross Amends Title 15 re nonprofit corp.; notices [HB 970](#) Longietti Act re Electronic Recording Commission

THURSDAY - 6/9/11

House State Government & Senate State Government

11:00 a.m., Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

Joint public hearing on Congressional Redistricting

House Democratic Policy Committee

1:00 p.m., National Constitution Center, F.M. Kirby Auditorium, 535 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Public hearing on the Marcellus Shale

House Game and Fisheries

6:30 p.m., Seven Springs Mountain Resort, The Wintergreen Room, 777 Waterwheel Drive, Seven Springs

Public hearing on Sunday hunting

FRIDAY - 6/10/11

House Democratic Policy Committee

9:00 a.m., PA Convention Center, Room 109AB, 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Public hearing on Growing Greener

MONDAY - 6/13/11

House Labor and Industry

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

Public hearing on: [HB 1602](#) Killion Amends Mechanics' Lien Law re subcontractors

Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

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

Environmental Issues Forum featuring a Pennsylvania-based initiative to establish a network of public charging stations for electric vehicles.

TUESDAY - 6/14/11

House State Government & Senate State Government

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

Joint public hearing on Congressional Redistricting

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WEDNESDAY - 6/15/11

Senate Communications and Technology

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

To consider: SB 162 Pileggi Amends Breach of Personal Info Act re notify SB 354 Folmer Act re compliance w/ Federal REAL ID Act SB 355 Wozniak Act re electronic swiping of driv. licenses SB 356 Kitchen Act re biometric protection SR 10 Folmer Resolution re broadband mobilization strategy

THURSDAY - 6/16/11

House Human Services

9:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Public hearing on Controlled Substances Database Legislation

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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

Public meeting to consider: 2825 PA Public Utility Commission #57-267: Streamlining the Rate Increase Procedures for Small Motor Carrier

WEDNESDAY - 6/22/11

Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

9:30 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Public hearing on the requirements for carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

THURSDAY - 6/23/11

House Human Services

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

Public hearing on Controlled Substances Database Legislation