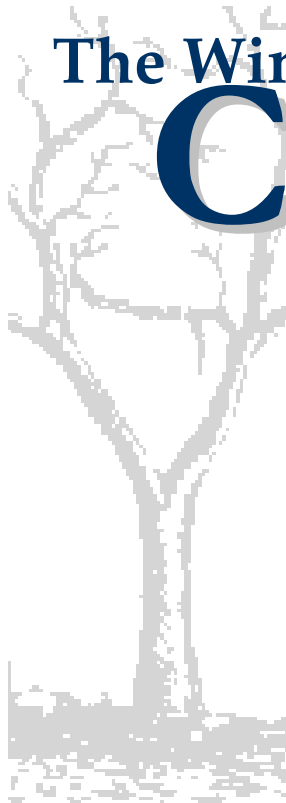


Connections



Harrisburg Mayor Tries Again Before State Takes Over Debt

According to the Patriot News, Harrisburg Mayor Linda Thompson met with Gov. Corbett last Friday to discuss the financial crisis of the city. Mayor Thompson has created a fiscal recovery plan but if the city council does not approve it, the state could take over the city's operations. The Mayor's plan includes support from the state, county and bond insurers to aid the city's incinerator debt, the implementation of a 2.2 to 2.5% commuter tax, and the lease of the parking authority. The council is expected to vote on the Mayor's plan on Wednesday. If the plan is not approved, the legislature would move Sen. Jeff Piccola's bill, SB 1151, which would create a panel to oversee the Act 47 plan that the council rejected earlier this summer.

Commission Recommends More Red Light Cameras

Today the Pittsburgh Post Gazette reports that the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission recommends the installation of speed cameras in road construction zones throughout the state to help enforce the law and prevent accidents. This effort would require legislation.

Currently, only Philadelphia uses red light cameras to take a photo of a license plate of a vehicle that enters an intersection after a light has turned red. The vehicle is then fined \$100. More than 100 citations a year are issued from the system.

Voter ID Bill On The Move

The voter identification bill - HB 934 - could be up for consideration when the legislature returns to session next month. The bill would require voters to show a government-issued photo ID when they go to vote. According to an article in the Phillyburbs.com, the Secretary of the Commonwealth Carol Aichele supports the bill as a measure to prevent voter fraud. The bill cleared the House and is now in the Senate State Government Committee.

Legislative Session Days 2011

2011 HOUSE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE September 26, 27, 28 October 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 November 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14	2011 SENATE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE September 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 November 1, 14, 15, 16 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14
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Committee Calendar

FRIDAY - 8/26/11

Senate Aging and Youth

1:00 p.m., Tots-n-Tikes Center, 10 South 8th Street, Youngwood
Public hearing on: [SB 753](#) Vance Amends Title 23 re child abuse definition

MONDAY - 8/29/11

House Democratic Policy Committee

3:00 p.m., Fairless Hills Energy Station, 50 Sinter Road, Fairless Hills
Committee members to tour Dominion's Fairless Hills Energy Station
Public hearing on Palliative Care

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TUESDAY - 8/30/11

House Democratic Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Joseph Stokes Auditorium, First Floor, 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia

House Human Services

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

Public hearing on: [HB 272](#) Hess Act re task force on Lyme disease & relateds

Senate Aging and Youth

11:00 a.m., Redstone Highlands, 12921 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon

Public hearing on issues related to elder protective services

House State Government

1:00 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Public hearing on Illegal Alien Issue - Legislative Package: [HB 858](#) Metcalfe Act prohibiting employment of illegal aliens [HB 798](#) Creighton Amends Title 18 re immigration status; records [HB 439](#) Mustio Act re employing illegal aliens; sanctions [HB 809](#) Perry Act re verification of lawful presence in US [HB 355](#) Readshaw Amends Admin. Code re immigration matters [HB 810](#) Perry Act re financial penalties on municipalities [HB 738](#) Metcalfe Act re safe neighborhoods [HB 856](#) Kauffman Amends Title 18 re smuggling of human beings [HB 857](#) Metcalfe Act re Commonwealth Citizenship Act [HB 474](#) Cox Act re Interstate Compact on Birth Certificate [HB 801](#) Creighton Act re law enforcement; immigration status [HB 41](#) Marsico Act re identification of lawful presence in US [SB 9](#) Scarnati Act requiring ID of lawful U.S. presence [HB 799](#) Creighton Act re Commonwealth & US Dept. of Justice [HB 865](#) Knowles Amends Title 42 re unauthorized aliens

WEDNESDAY - 8/31/11

House State Government

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

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House Democratic Policy Committee

1:00 p.m., Drexel University's Paul Peck Alumni Center, Board Room, Corner of 32nd and Market Streets, Philadelphia

Public hearing on Cemetery Regulations

THURSDAY - 9/1/11

House Democratic Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., Drexel University's Paul Peck Alumni Center, Board Room, Corner of 32nd and Market Streets, Philadelphia

Public hearing on Cell Phone Labeling

WEDNESDAY - 9/7/11

Senate Aging and Youth

11:00 a.m., Life Center, Beaver Valley Mall, Monaca

Public hearing on long-term care

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., Penn State University, 217 Forest Resources Building, State College

Public hearing on the impact of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Appropriation Act and other various topics

THURSDAY 9/8/11

Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

10:00 a.m., Celebration Hall, 2280 Commercial Blvd, State College

Legislative Forestry Task Force Meeting

MONDAY - 9/12/11

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., University of Pittsburgh, J.W. Connolly Ballroom, First Floor, Alumni Hall, 4227 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Public hearing on the impact of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act and other various topics

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TUESDAY - 9/13/11

House Finance

10:00 a.m., Holiday Inn, 210 Ludlow Street, Warren

Informational meeting on the Marcellus Shale industry

Senate Banking and Insurance

1:00 p.m., Penn State Greater Allegheny Campus, Ostermayer Room, Student Community Center, 4000 University Drive, McKeesport

Public hearing to accept testimony regarding the ongoing contractual dispute between Highmark and UPMC and Highmark's proposed acquisition of West Penn Allegheny Hospital

WEDNESDAY - 9/14/11

Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure

10:00 a.m., Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, Brigade Room, 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh

Public hearing on: HB 10 Turzai Amends Second Class County Port Authority Act

THURSDAY - 9/15/11

House Game and Fisheries

6:30 p.m., East Allen Township Municipal Building, 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton

Public hearing on Sunday hunting

TUESDAY - 9/20/11

House Republican Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., Beaver County, venue to be determined

Public hearing on workforce development

WEDNESDAY - 9/21/11

House Transportation

9:00 a.m., Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia

Informational meeting on the Red Light Camera Program

House Tourism and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Ramada Inn, 1450 South Atherton Street, State College

Public hearing on proposed independent PA Tourism Commission

Senate Education

10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on: SB 1225 (to be filed) (Library Code Reform by Sen. Pileggi)

THURSDAY - 9/22/11

Senate Banking and Insurance

1:00 p.m., Erie Insurance Auditorium, 100 Erie Insurance Place, Erie

Public hearing to accept testimony regarding the ongoing contractual dispute between Highmark and UPMC and Highmark's proposed acquisition of West Penn Allegheny Hospital

TUESDAY - 9/27/11

House Human Services

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

To consider: HB 1651 DiGirolamo Amends Title 44 re Pharm. Accountability Sysm.

WEDNESDAY - 9/28/11

House Professional Licensure

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

To consider: Reg. 16A-48 Reg. 16A-54 Reg. 16A-5511

FRIDAY - 9/30/11

House Agriculture and Rural Affairs & Tourism and Recreational Development

10:30 a.m., Inn at Turkey Hill, 991 Central Road, Bloomsburg

Joint informational meeting on the impact of agriculture and county fairs on tourism.

WEDNESDAY - 10/12/11

House Finance

Time TBA, Washington County

Public hearing on: HB 1100 Daley Amends Tax Reform Code re sales & use tax HB 940 Perry Amends Tax Reform Code re sales & use tax

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., Temple University, Sullivan Hall-Feinstone Lounge, 1330 W. Polett Walk, Philadelphia

Public hearing on the impact of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Appropriation Act and other various topics

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THURSDAY - 10/13/11

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., Lincoln University, International Cultural Center, 1570 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University

Public hearing on the impact of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Appropriation Act and other various topics

WEDNESDAY - 10/19/11

Senate Education

10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing to receive testimony from Secretary of Education Ronald Tomalis on results of PDE investigation and analysis of 2009 PSSA testing anomalies