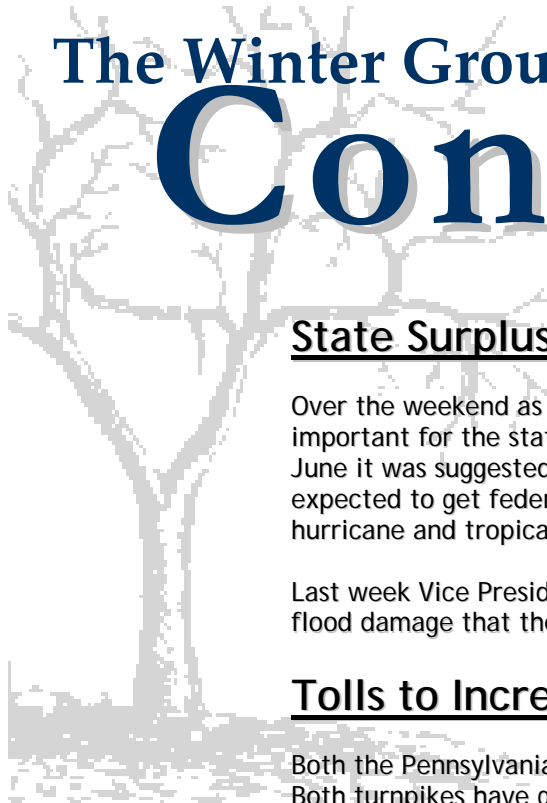


# Connections



## State Surplus & Federal Money to Help With Flood Damage

Over the weekend as Governor Corbett addressed the Republican State Committee, he said it is important for the state to have saved its \$700 million year end surplus to help with flood clean up. In June it was suggested to use that money towards this fiscal year's budget. Even though the state is expected to get federal money for clean up efforts, it turns out surplus from 2010-2011 is needed for hurricane and tropical storm relief.

Last week Vice President Joe Biden visited Duryea, PA and promised local residents suffering from flood damage that the federal government will help residents get back on their feet.

## Tolls to Increase On Turnpikes

Both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Turnpikes are scheduled to increase their tolls on January 1. Both turnpikes have give a portion of their revenue to the state - NJ gives \$324 million a year and PA has given \$3.1 billion since 2007. Many travelers and truckers are disappointed to hear the news but it is a way to generate funding for transportation projects without creating new fees or increasing the gas tax.

## Senate Kicks Off Fall Session Today

Senate reconvenes Monday, September 19, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.  
House reconvenes Monday, September 26, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

## 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

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September 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28  
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## Committee Calendar

### MONDAY - 9/19/11

#### **House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness (Time Change)**

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

Public hearing on: HB 1762 Barrar Amends Title 75 re emergency towing standards

#### **Senate Appropriations**

**12:30 p.m., Room 461 Main Capitol**

To consider: SB 100 Greenleaf Amends Titles 42, 61 re Safe Community Reentry SB 162 Pileggi Amends Breach of Personal Info Act re notify SB 361 Robbins Amends Vital Statistics Law re disclosure SB 405 Browne Amends Local Tax Enabling Act re taxing SB 449 Vance Amends Public School Code re child abuse SB 725 Gordner Amends Borough Code re elections SB 726 Folmer Amends 1st Class Twp Code re elected officers SB 957 Tomlinson Amends Osteopathic Medical Practice Act SB 967 Tomlinson Amends Medical Practice Act re athletic train. HB 1424 Bloom Amends Title 3 re PA Preferred trademark

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## House Democratic Policy Committee

**2:00 p.m., Room 418 Main Capitol**

Public hearing on: [HB 300](#) Frankel Amends PA Human Relations Act re discriminate

**TUESDAY - 9/20/11**

## Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development

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

Public hearing on the economic impact and status of the Pennsylvania gaming industry, current and future, along with an overview of the Pennsylvania Statewide Gaming Market Assessment Report prepared for Pennsylvania Treasury by the Innovation Group

## House Republican Policy Committee

**10:00 a.m., City of Beaver Falls, City Council Chamber, Beaver County**

Public hearing on workforce development, hosted by Rep. Jim Marshall

## Senate Game and Fisheries

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

Public hearing with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regarding license flexibility: [SB 1049](#) Kasunic Amends Title 30 re license & permit issuance

## House Local Government

**11:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building**

Committee workshop meeting to review the proposed rewrite of the Borough Code: [HB 1702](#) Gingrich Act reenacting & amending The Borough Code

## Senate Judiciary

**11:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing**

Meeting to receive the report of the Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions and also to consider: [SB 733](#) Williams, A. Amends Titles 18 & 42 re parents/guardians [SB 883](#) Greenleaf Amends Title 2 re administrative procedure [SB 1167](#) Baker, L Amends Titles 23 & 51 re deployment custody

**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

## House Democratic Policy Committee

**10:00 a.m., Room 418 Main Capitol**

Public hearing on BPA Usage in Baby Products

## Senate Education

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

Public hearing on: [SB 1225](#) Pileggi Amends Title 24 re public library

**THURSDAY - 9/22/11**

## Senate Banking and Insurance

**1:00 p.m., Erie Insurance Auditorium, 100 Erie Insurance Place, Sixth & French Streets, 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 & Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

**9:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing**

Joint public hearing on feasibility of establishing a state disaster assistance program

## House Human Services

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

To consider: [HB 1651](#) DiGirolamo Amends Title 44 re Pharm. Accountability System

**WEDNESDAY - 9/28/11**

## House Aging and Older Adult Services

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

Informational meeting on: [HB 1720](#) Hennessey Amends Title 20 re uniform adult guardianship

## House Professional Licensure

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

To consider: Reg. 16A-48 Reg. 16A-54 Reg. 16A-5511 Reg. 16A-4931 Reg. 16A-5724

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## **THURSDAY - 9/29/11**

### **House Republican Policy Committee**

**10:00 a.m., Bucks County, Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown**

Public hearing on the impact of Marcellus Shale on communities and the environment around the Commonwealth

## **TUESDAY - 10/4/11**

### **House Tourism and Recreational Development**

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

Informational meeting on bicycling and the impact of transportation tourism in PA

### **Senate Urban Affairs and Housing**

**9:30 a.m., PA College of Technology, Professional Development Center, Mountain Laurel Room, 1 College Avenue, Williamsport**

Public hearing to discuss the natural gas industry's impact on housing in Lycoming County

## **WEDNESDAY - 10/5/11**

### **House Gaming Oversight**

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

Public hearing on gaming reform

### **House Insurance**

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

Public hearing on The Health Insurance Exchanges

### **House Professional Licensure**

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

Public hearing on bills relating to cosmetology, and: HB 1571 Gibbons Amends Cosmetology Law re booth rental prohib.

## **FRIDAY - 10/7/11**

### **Senate Game and Fisheries**

**10:00 a.m., Whitetail Gold Resort, 11573 Blairs Valley Road, Mercersburg**

Public hearing regarding the PA Game Commission's Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas (WPRA), the implementation and administration of the Wild Pheasant Conservation Enhancement Program (CREP) and an overview of the Commission's Quail Management Program

## **WEDNESDAY - 10/12/11**

### **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

### **House Finance**

**1:45 p.m., County Airport, 205 A Airport Road, Washington**

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

## **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

## **TUESDAY - 10/25/11**

### **Senate Game and Fisheries**

**12:00 p.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing**

To consider: SB 1037 Browne Amends Title 34 re authorized agents SB 1049 Kasunic Amends Title 30 re license & permit issuance SB 1066 Alloway Amends Title 34 re hunting on private property HB 735 Gillespie Amends Title 34 re unlawful acts; licenses HB 860 Kula Amends Title 34 re hunting under the influence