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Legislative Report

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Because of the July 4th holiday, reports will be sent out on Wednesday, July 3rd. Friday delivery of reports will continue on July 12th.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Session Schedule:

2013 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE

September 23, 24, 25, 30

October 1, 2, 15, 16, 17 (NV), 21, 22, 23

November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 (NV)

2013 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE

Fall Schedule is TBA

GOVERNOR CORBETT SIGNS 2013-14 BUDGET

Gov. Tom Corbett held a press conference in the Governor's Reception Room tonight to sign the 2013-14 budget. The governor was joined by House Majority Leader Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee Rep. Bill Adolph (R-Delaware), a host of House Republicans, and Secretary of the Department of Transportation Barry Schoch.

Gov. Corbett said the \$28.375 billion budget marks the third consecutive year during his administration that the budget was done on time. "This plan again provides record levels of funding for basic education, while meeting our obligations to those in need, ensuring the safety of our citizens and supporting our job creators all without raising taxes," he stated. "We do that with spending with restraint, investing with care and keeping faith in the free market system, we can continue toward prosperity."

Gov. Corbett highlighted the education components of the budget. "This budget once again places education as our highest priority, accounting for 41 cents of every state dollar," he stated. "Under this budget we will increase spending on basic education by an additional \$122.5 million including money for distressed schools. We're always increasing funding for early education, bringing our total state outlay for education to nearly \$11 billion."

Gov. Corbett that the budget also provides more than \$1 billion in total state funds for support services to citizens with intellectual disabilities and noted that the budget includes an increase of nearly \$1.4 million, for a total of \$13.9 million for the Domestic Violence Program and \$950,000 for the Rape Crisis Program.

Turning to the economy, Gov. Corbett said 100,000 new jobs have been added to the private sector in the past two-and-a half years and the unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since the recession. "It's important to keep in mind that this job growth has not happened despite of our refusal to raise taxes, to the contrary it's happened because we refused to raise taxes," he stated. "Lower taxes mean more money invested in private sector industries and the jobs that they provide. This year we have worked to eliminate the inheritance tax on small businesses, the kinds of businesses that provide the majority of jobs for our citizens. With this reform, families will be able to continue their way of life when their parent or grandparent dies. They will be able to continue their family business providing jobs for our citizens."

Gov. Corbett then discussed liquor privatization, pensions, and transportation. "The General Assembly accomplished two very historic votes in the House and the Senate; votes that clearly reflect the public's demand for choice and convenience by ending an outdated, state-run monopoly in the market for wine and spirits. The General Assembly has yet to reach a final agreement on a final bill that would honor the public's will when it comes to the sale of beer, wine and spirits," he stated. "Likewise, the pension reform work remains to be done. Right now our state's unfunded liability for state and public school employees is nearing a staggering \$50 billion. Without reforms, this debt will grow. Without reforms, it will continue to will jeopardize the hard earned pensions of tens of thousands state employees while robbing citizens of revenues we need to address the core functions of government. Lastly, we have yet to reach an agreement on a bill that would resolve a 15-year long problem of funding for our roads and bridges and our other public transportation systems. They are assets that belong to all our citizens and we must confront the challenge of keeping them in good repair. I look forward to working with the General Assembly in enacting fair, balanced, long term, and sustainable salutation to the difficulties that plague our aging transportation system. We are making progress, we are moving forward. I look forward to the return of the General Assembly in the fall."

Gov. Corbett formally signed the budget bill and then responded to questions from the media.

attached to the report is a spreadsheet with the enacted budget line items

BILL REPORT

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STATE NEWS

CORBETT ABANDONS STATE EMPLOYEE 40-HOUR WORK WEEK

State employees started getting word that the idea of moving the non-unionized workers to a 40-hour workweek as soon as August has been abandoned for financial reasons. The move would have cost the state an estimated \$21 million more this year to compensate those 13,000 employees for the additional time they spent at work. Dan Egan, a spokesman for the Office of Administration, said, "The 40-hour work week was always a proposal and there were never any guarantees that it would be part of the final budget."

HOUSE PASSES DELAWARE LOOPHOLE BILL

Pennsylvania lawmakers are advanced legislation to tighten rules for the so-called Delaware loophole, where businesses set up a holding company in that state to shield revenues from state taxes. The House voted 119-to-83 late Monday in favor of a wider tax bill that included the loophole changes. The bill now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

SENATE CONFIRMS STEVENS FOR PA SUPREME COURT

The Senate voted unanimously to confirm Judge Correale Stevens to fill a pivotal vacancy on the state Supreme Court. Judge Stevens, the current president judge of state Superior Court, will serve a 2½-year term on the state's highest court. A Sugarloaf Twp. resident, Judge Stevens said he plans to be an active participant on the court and not a "seat warmer." A Republican by political background, Judge Stevens said he will approach cases based on the law and not "play the role of tiebreaker."

IN THE NEWS

SRBC ANNOUNCES OPEN REGISTRATION FOR 2013 SUSQUEHANNA WATER SCIENCE FORUM

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC; www.srbc.net) today announced that registration is open for the **2013 Susquehanna Water Science Forum – From Science to Sustainable Water Resources Management** (www.srbc.net/waterscienceforum/registration.htm). This first-ever Forum will address the need to encourage, publicize and disseminate research to ensure that the best available scientific information is used to establish priorities and support sustainable water resource management in the Susquehanna River Basin. The Forum will be held October 7 and 8, 2013, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg in Camp Hill, Pa. Early bird registration, which runs through August 15, is \$195 (government, non-profit and academic) and \$250 (for-profit). The Forum will also host a student poster and student registration is set at \$65.

The Forum will bring together water resource professionals and researchers to share current water resource research, prioritize research needs and better coordinate activities in the Susquehanna basin. Public and private interests will focus on applied research in water resources management, providing a catalyst for continued coordination and development.

The Forum will host more than 25 distinguished panelists and speakers, including water resource leaders, academics, planners, biologists, engineers, hydrologists and other professionals. Keynote speakers include Dr. Donald Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science; Dr. Robert Hirsch, research hydrologist at the U.S. Geological Survey; Dr. Raymond Najjar, professor of oceanography at Pennsylvania State University, Department of Meteorology, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences; and Dr. James Richenderfer, director of technical programs for SRBC.

"From science to sustainable water resources management' says it all about the 2013 Susquehanna Water Science Forum," said Dr. Robert Summers, SRBC Maryland Commissioner and co-chair of the Forum. "The Forum will showcase current science and research that relates to key water management issues and challenges in the Susquehanna River Basin. The presentations and discussion forums on new solutions to long-standing problems and emerging issues facing the watershed will benefit both the participants and SRBC."

"Demands on the limited water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin continue to increase, making SRBC's job of properly planning for and management of those resources more important than ever" said Caren Glotfelty, Director of the Heinz Endowments Environment Program and co-chair of the Forum. "The 2013 Susquehanna Water Science Forum is a "must" for researchers, members of the academic community, water managers, consultants and others who want to share current water resource research and better coordinate research activities in the Susquehanna River Basin."

Forum topics include:

- Identifying Greatest Stressors to Aquatic Ecosystem Integrity
- Evaluating Effects of Stressors
- Balancing Competing Uses for Long-term Sustainability
- Using Science to Achieve Balanced Policy and Regulation

Sponsors for the Forum include McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC; Metro Bank; QBN Development Group, LLC; Runwell Solutions, Inc.; Wells Fargo Advisors; and Wevodau Insurance & Benefit Strategies, Inc.

For more information and to register for the Forum, please visit www.srbc.net/waterscienceforum.

07-01-2013 **Streams, lakes rules overdue for update**
While power plants must stay within strict limits on the amount of pollutants they release into the air, rules intended to safeguard streams and lakes are much less restrictive. They have not been updated at the federal level in more than 30 years. That is far too long, given the fast pace of changing technology. In all... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

WEEK IN REVIEW

07-03-2013 **Criticism pours down as Corbett's agenda stalls**
HARRISBURG, Pa. — For months, insiders had been wagering on whether Gov. Tom Corbett could ram a very aggressive spring agenda through the Legislature in less than six months... - [AP](#)

07-03-2013 **Liquor privatization not dead, Pennsylvania lawmakers say**
Forgive Pennsylvanians if they feel like Charlie Brown lining up to kick the football when they hear lawmakers say they are closer than ever to getting the state out of the booze business. Lawmakers failed to include liquor privatization in last weekend's budget... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

07-02-2013 **Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett sees hope for his agenda**
Despite a frantic and frustrating legislative week, Gov. Tom Corbett seemed a study in serenity Sunday night as he hosted reporters and legislators for a late-night signing of the state budget -- his third and, as he reminded the crowd, one that was once again delivered on time.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-02-2013 **Who won and who lost in the 2013-14 Pa. state budget**
At first blush, the list of winners in the 2013-14 state budget is pretty long and impressive. Schools, social service programs, state police and a host of other vital programs get more state aid this year. After two leaner spending plans in his first two years, Gov. Tom Corbett's... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

07-01-2013 **Gov. Tom Corbett gets budget; but rest of '13 agenda hits the wall**

Legislative work wrapped up tonight with lawmakers in both the House and Senate passing a \$28.4 billion budget, but conceding that they will not be able to deliver, immediately at least, on the rest of Gov. Tom Corbett's ambitious agenda. The breakdown occurred when House Democrats decided to...
- [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

07-01-2013

Governor signs state budget that doesn't include his top priorities

HARRISBURG - A \$28.4 billion Pennsylvania budget plan for the fiscal year that does not raise taxes has passed the Legislature on the final day of the fiscal year. But Gov. Tom Corbett went 0-for-3 on the big policy issues he'd staked out in his budget speech — funding transportation, dismantling the...
- [Sunbury Daily Item](#)