

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – JOHN PIPPY, CHAIRMAN

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

[Senate Bill 987](#) (Stout) would authorize the Department of General Services (DGS) to convey three tracts of land totaling 67.875 acres in Cecil Township, Washington County to the Washington County Authority. The Department would be authorized to reserve or grant easements on the Department of Transportation's Washington County Maintenance Facility for access and utility service. No portion of the property could be used for a licensed gaming facility or it would revert to the Commonwealth. The costs and fees incidental to the transfer would be paid by the grantee. The property would be conveyed under the terms and conditions of an agreement of sale with DGS. If an agreement of sale is not executed within 12 months of the effective date of the act, the authorization for the conveyance would expire. **[Passed: 48-0.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 150](#) (Baker) designates September 27, 2009 as "Gold Star Mother's Day" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 175](#) (Argall) designates October 22, 2009 as "Lights on Afterschool! Day" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 176](#) (Dinniman) recognizes the holiday beginning with Rosh Hashanah and concluding with Yom Kippur. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 177](#) (Vance) designates the week of October 4 through 10, 2009 as "Children Healthy Lifestyles Week" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 178](#) (Stack) designates October 4, 2009 as "Pulaski Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 179](#) (Stack) designates the month of October 2009 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

Thursday, September 24, 2009

[Senate Resolution 149](#) (Baker) designates September 29, 2009 as "Pennsylvania First Responder Awareness Day." **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 180](#) (Vogel) designates the month of October 2009 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 181](#) (Kasunic) commends the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Hunter-Trapper Education course on the celebration of its 50th anniversary. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 182](#) (Dinniman) designates September 2009 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 183](#) (Piccola) designates September 25, 2009 as “International Ataxia Awareness Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 184](#) (Piccola) designates October 17, 2009 as “Military Family Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[House Bill 792](#) (Goodman) would authorize DGS to convey 4.748 acres and an easement in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County to the county for \$48,000. The deed of conveyance would have to contain a provision that the property would only be used for an adult pre-release parole center or it would revert to the Commonwealth. In addition, no portion of the property could be used for a licensed gaming facility or it would revert to the Commonwealth. The costs and fees incidental to the transfer would be paid by the grantee. If an agreement of sale is not executed within two years of the effective date of the act, the authorization for the conveyance would expire. **Passed: 48-0.**

Executive Session

Various Judicial Nominations (Two-Thirds Vote Required). **Confirmed: 48-0.**

Nominations to Various to Boards and Commissions. **Confirmed: 48-0.**

Friday, September 25, 2009

[House Bill 1531](#) (George) would amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to make a number of changes. Among other modifications, the bill would:

- Provide for semi-monthly tax reports;
- Extend the expiration date of the Wild Resources Conservation, Organ Donation and Military Family Relief Assistance income tax check-offs until January 1, 2014;
- Transfer the provisions related to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit from the Public School Code of 1949 to the Tax Reform Code of 1971; and,
- Establish a 90-day tax amnesty program for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. The program would apply to taxpayers with delinquent taxes as of June 1, 2009. Taxpayers who participated in the last tax amnesty program would be ineligible. In addition, individuals who participate in this program would be precluded from participating in future amnesty programs. During the amnesty period, participants would be required to file a tax amnesty return, pay all taxes and 50 percent of interest due, and file complete returns for all years in question. If within two years after the end of the program a participant becomes delinquent on future taxes, the Department of Revenue could assess all interest and penalties foregone through the program. The Department would be required to publicize the program and provide a report to the General Assembly detailing the implementation of the program. **Passed: 47-1.**