ANIMAL/AQUACULTURE LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 32 Killing, Maiming or Poisoning Domestic or Zoo Animals
Act further providing for offense of cruelty to animals by killing, maiming, or poisoning domestic or zoo animals. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 5, 2007
SB 231 Crimes involving Greyhounds
Act providing for greyhound racing and simulcasting as an offense. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 7, 2007

SB 366 Companion Animal and Divorce
Act further providing, in divorce, for legislative findings and intent, defining "companion animal”, and further providing for effect of agreement between parties and for equitable division of marital property. Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, March 12, 2007
Reported as committed from JUDICIARY, October 2, 2007
First consideration, October 2, 2007
Laid on the table, November 13, 2007

SB 504 Veterinary Practice
Act providing definitions. Amends the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act (P.L.995, No.326).

History: Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 19, 2007

SB 505 Discipline for Veterinarians
Act providing for disciplinary proceedings for veterinarians. Amends the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act (P.L.995, No.326).

History: Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 19, 2007

SB 536 Puppy Lemon Law

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 19, 2007
Reported as amended, May 6, 2008
First consideration, May 6, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 12, 2008

SB 580 Use of Dogs in Hunting
Act permitting use of dogs when hunting wild turkey. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, March 20, 2007
Reported as committed, April 24, 2007
First consideration, April 24, 2007
Second consideration, April 30, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, May 1, 2007 (48-1)
In the House
Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, May 4, 2007
Reported as committed, June 6, 2007
First consideration, June 6, 2007
Laid on the table, June 6, 2007
Removed from table, June 14, 2007
Second consideration, June 18, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 18, 2007
Re-reported as committed, June 20, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, June 26, 2007 (187-14)
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1390), June 26, 2007
Signed in Senate, June 26, 2007
Signed in House, June 26, 2007
Presented to the Governor, June 27, 2007
Approved by the Governor, June 30, 2007
Act No. 18

**SB 669 Elk Hunting**
Act providing for a special license and license auction to hunt one elk. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, March 22, 2007

**SB 852 Dog Law**
Act providing for applications for dog licenses, kennels, requirements for kennels, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses, for inspection of premises and dogs, for transportation of dogs, for out-of-State dealer license, for bills of sale, for revocation, for health certificates for importation, for additional duties of department, for seizure and detention of dogs and for interference with police officer or State dog warden; providing for authority to seize dogs in distress; further providing for enforcement. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 9, 2007

**SB 888 Hunting and Furtaking Licenses**
Act providing for licenses for hunting and furtaking by non-residents. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, May 21, 2007

**SB 900 Unlawful Devices and Methods of Hunting**
Act providing for unlawful devices and methods of hunting. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, May 23, 2007

**SB 901 Laser Sights and Hunting**
Act providing for use of laser sighting device by blind hunter. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, May 23, 2007

**SB 1029 Dangerous Dogs**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, July 14, 2007

**SB 1101 Spaying and Neutering as Condition of Release**
Act providing for spaying and neutering as condition of release for certain animals and repealing certain provisions relating to spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 28, 2007

**SB 1150 Live Targets Prohibited**
Act prohibiting the use of any live animal or fowl as targets at trap or block shoots. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, November 19, 2007

**SB 1162 Dogs and Cats at Large**
Act providing for access to and destruction of seized and detained cats and providing for dogs and cats at large. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, December 20, 2007

**SB 1167 Prohibited Means of Destroying Animals**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, December 7, 2007

**SB 1604 State Horse Racing Commission**
Act further providing for the composition of the State Horse Racing Commission. Amends the Race Horse Industry Reform Act (P.L.435, No.135).

History: Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, October 8, 2008

**HB 69 Mounted Specimen**
Act defining "mounted specimen"; and further providing for buying and selling game and for safety zones. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, January 30, 2007
Reported as committed, May 9, 2007
First consideration, May 9, 2007
In the Senate

HB 73 Prohibition of Live Pigeon Shoots
Act prohibiting live pigeon shoots. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, January 30, 2007

HB 160 Hunting Heritage Protection Act
Act providing for recreational hunting on lands managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, January 31, 2007

HB 192 Service Dogs
Act providing for allowances relating to service dogs. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 5, 2007

HB 193 Service Animals
Act prohibiting discrimination based on use of a guide, signal or service animal. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 5, 2007

HB 356 Lifetime Licenses for Service Dogs
HB 365 Kennel Licenses
Act providing for revocation, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 13, 2007

HB 442 Prohibits Killing, Maiming or Poisoning Domestic or Zoo Animals
Act prohibiting the killing, maiming, or poisoning of domestic or zoo animals. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 26, 2007

HB 445 Dog Law
Act providing for applications for dog licenses, kennels, requirements for kennels, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses, for inspection of premises and dogs, for transportation of dogs, for out-of-State dealer license, for bills of sale, for revocation, for health certificates for importation, for additional duties of department, for seizure and detention of dogs and for interference with police officer or State dog warden; providing for authority to seize dogs in distress; providing for dog bites, for registration, for certain requirements, for control of dangerous dogs, for public safety and penalties; and for enforcement. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 26, 2007

HB 499 Obligation of Upkeep
Act providing for abandonment and the obligation of upkeep by owner for animal held by humane society in connection with cruelty charge. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 26, 2007

HB 593 Dog Owner Liability
Act criminalizing owning/co-owning a dog that kills, maims or disfigures a guide, hearing, or service dog. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, March 6, 2007

HB 1065 Tethering Dogs
Act providing for guidelines related to the tethering of dogs. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, April 18, 2007
Reported as committed, September 25, 2007
First consideration, September 25, 2007
Laid on the table, September 25, 2007
HB 1078 Deterrent Fences
Act providing for deterrent fences for deer, bear and elk and the payment of claims for damages by certain elk. Establishes the Elk Damage Fund. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History:
- Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, April 18, 2007
- Reported as committed, May 9, 2007
- First consideration, May 9, 2007
- Laid on the table, May 9, 2007
- Removed from table, May 21, 2007
- Second consideration, May 23, 2007
- Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 23, 2007
- Third consideration and final passage, July 3, 2007 (201-0)
- Vote on third consideration and final passage reconsidered, July 3, 2007 (201-0)
- Tabled by motion, July 4, 2007
- Removed from table, March 10, 2008
- Third consideration, May 5, 2008
- Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, May 6, 2008

HB 1335 Equine Slaughter Prevention Act
Act providing for the prevention of equine slaughter.

History:
- Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 24, 2007

HB 1454 Coyote Damage
Act providing for the reimbursement for damage to domestic animal by coyote and the forfeiture of such provision if animal is unlicensed dog. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History:
- Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 26, 2007

HB 1926 Animal Fighting
Act providing for the crime of animal cruelty relating to animal fighting. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History:
- Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, October 18, 2007
- Reported with request to re-refer to JUDICIARY, January 14, 2008
- Re-referred to JUDICIARY, January 14, 2008

HB 2130 Live Targets Prohibited
Act prohibiting use of live animal or fowl as targets at trap or block shoots. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History:
- Referred to JUDICIARY, December 13, 2007
**HB 2175 Aquaculture**
Act providing for aquaculture advisory committee, for biennial survey of aquaculture, for permissible propagation, for registration for artificial propagation, for activities under registration for artificial propagation, for registration of dealers and for prohibited propagation and penalties. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, January 17, 2008

**HB 2208 Cruelty to Animals by Person with PFA**
Act criminalizing the killing, maiming or poisoning of a domestic or zoo animal by an individual who is subject to a protection from abuse order. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 1, 2008

**HB 2416 Seizure, Detention, and Destruction of Dogs**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 2, 2008

**HB 2417 Methods of Animal Destruction**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 2, 2008

**HB 2447 County Dog Shelter Restricted Accounts**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 15, 2008

**HB 2525 Dog Law Amended**
Act providing for definitions, issuance of dog licenses, applications for dog licenses, kennels, requirements for kennels, out-of-State dealer license, bills of sale, revocation, suspension or refusal of kennel licenses, transportation of dogs, health certificates for importation, inspections of premises and dogs; providing for refusal of entry, seizure and detention of dogs, confinement of dogs, dog bites, registration, certain requirements, control of dangerous dogs, public safety, selling, bartering or trading dogs, damages caused by coyotes, burdens of proof, enforcement, rules and regulations and violations; and providing for exemption. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 13, 2008
Reported as amended, June 26, 2008
First consideration, June 26, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 26, 2008
Re-reported as committed, July 2, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, July 2, 2008
Re-reported as committed, September 15, 2008
HB 2532 Cruelty to Animals if not Performed by Veterinarian

Act providing for cruelty to animals charge for cropping ears of dog, tail docking, debarking, and surgical birth performed by someone who is not trained in veterinary medicine. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History:

Referred to JUDICIARY, May 14, 2008
Reported as amended, June 24, 2008
First consideration, June 24, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 24, 2008
Re-reported as committed, September 15, 2008
Laid on the table, September 15, 2008
Removed from table, September 15, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, September 15, 2008
Re-reported as committed, September 15, 2008
Second consideration, with amendments, September 16, 2008
(Remarks see House Journal Page ), September 16, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, September 17, 2008 (198-0)
In the Senate
Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 18, 2008
Reported as committed, September 23, 2008
First consideration, September 23, 2008
Re-committed to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, September 23, 2008
Re-reported as amended, September 24, 2008
Second consideration, September 24, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, September 24, 2008
Re-reported as amended, October 7, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, October 8, 2008 (49-1)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ), October 8, 2008
In the House
Referred to RULES, October 8, 2008
Reported as committed, October 8, 2008
House concurred in Senate amendments, October 8, 2008 (183-7)
(Remarks see House Journal Page ), October 8, 2008
Signed in House, October 8, 2008
Signed in Senate, October 8, 2008
Presented to the Governor, October 9, 2008
Approved by the Governor, October 9, 2008
Act No. 119
**HB 2547 Immunity of Humane Society Police Officers**
Act providing for immunity of humane society police officers. Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, May 20, 2008

**HB 2553 Dangerous Dogs (Construction of)**
Act providing for construction of article relating to dangerous dogs. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 20, 2008

**HB 2575 Elk Damage Fund**
Act providing for deterrent fences for deer, bear and elk and the payment of claims for damages by certain elk; and providing for the establishment of the Elk Damage Fund. Amends Title 34 (Game) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, May 30, 2008
Reported as committed, June 10, 2008
First consideration, June 10, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 10, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 16, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 16, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 18, 2008
Second consideration, July 4, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, September 15, 2008 (199-1)
In the Senate
Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, September 18, 2008

**Resolutions**

**SR 8 War Dogs**
Resolution recognizing the invaluable contributions of war dog teams to United States military efforts since World War I.

History: Referred to VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, January 24, 2007

**SR 27 Barbaro**
A Resolution recognizing and honoring Barbaro's life and achievements as an outstanding racehorse and the dedication of his caregivers.

History: Introduced and adopted, February 5, 2007
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 104), February 5, 2007
Transmitted as directed, February 7, 2007
HR 900 National Feral Cat Day
Resolution recognizing October 16, 2008, as "National Feral Cat Day."

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, September 23, 2008
Adopted, October 7, 2008 (199-0)

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 266 PA Climate Change Act
An Act providing for a report on potential climate change impacts and economic opportunities for this Commonwealth.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 8, 2007
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 935), July 9, 2007
Reported as amended from ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 23, 2007
First consideration, October 23, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, October 29, 2007
Re-reported as amended from APPROPRIATIONS, November 14, 2007
Second consideration, November 19, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, November 20, 2007 (47-3)
In the House
Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 21, 2007
Reported as committed, June 30, 2008
First consideration, June 30, 2008
Laid on the table, June 30, 2008
Removed from table, July 1, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 1, 2008
Re-reported as committed, July 2, 2008
Second consideration, July 2, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, July 3, 2008 (176-24)
(Remarks see House Journal Page ....), July 3, 2008
Signed in Senate, July 3, 2008
Signed in House, July 3, 2008
Presented to the Governor, July 4, 2008
Approved by the Governor, July 9, 2008
Act No. 70
SB 453 PA Riparian Buffer Ordinance Act
An Act authorizing municipalities to adopt regulations applicable to riparian buffers within municipal boundaries.

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 14, 2007

SB 863 Land Conservation Grants
Act providing for proceeds from sales by Department of Agriculture and for agricultural land conservation grants. Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law (P.L.128, No.43).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 23, 2007
Reported as committed, November 14, 2007
First consideration, November 14, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, November 19, 2007

SB 1020 Conservation District Law Amended
Act providing for declaration of policy, for the State Conservation Commission, for creation of conservation districts, for designation, appointment, qualifications, compensation, tenure, and organization of district directors, and for powers of districts and directors. Amends the Conservation District Law (P.L.547, No.217).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, July 3, 2007
Reported as amended, November 28, 2007
First consideration, November 28, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, December 3, 2007
Re-reported as amended, March 31, 2008
Second consideration, April 2, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, April 8, 2008 (50-0)
In the House
Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 15, 2008
Reported as committed, May 14, 2008
First consideration, May 14, 2008
Laid on the table, May 14, 2008
Removed from table, May 15, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 15, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 9, 2008
Laid on the table, July 2, 2008
Removed from table, July 2, 2008
Second consideration, July 2, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, July 3, 2008 (202-0)
(Remarks see House Journal Page ....), July 3, 2008
Signed in Senate, July 3, 2008
Signed in House, July 3, 2008
Presented to the Governor, July 4, 2008
Approved by the Governor, July 9, 2008
Act No. 75
SB 1168 Open Space Uses Amended

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, November 27, 2007

SB 1449 Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Assistance Program for Farmers Act
Act establishing the Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Program; providing funding for wastewater treatment plants and farmers to meet nutrient reduction mandates; creating a Nutrient Reduction Trading Board and Program; providing for a Resource Enhancement and Protection tax credit.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 11, 2008
Reported as amended, June 17, 2008
First consideration, June 17, 2008
Laid on the table, July 1, 2008

SB 1493 Nutrient Credit Trading Program Act
Act providing for nutrient and sediment reduction credits and establishing the Nutrient Credit Trading Board and providing for its powers and duties.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 16, 2008

SB 1513 Conservation Easements

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 25, 2008

SB 1514 Agricultural Area Security Law Amendment
Act providing for limitation on certain governmental actions. Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law (P.L.128, No.43).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 25, 2008

HB 328 Adopt-A-River
Act establishing the Adopt-a-River Program.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 9, 2007
Reported as committed, June 3, 2008
First consideration, June 3, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 3, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 25, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 25, 2008
**HB 983 Open Space Uses**
Act providing for acquisition of interests in real property, for local taxing options and for exercise of eminent domain. Amends the act entitled "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses," (1968, P.L.992, No.442).

**History:**
- Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 2, 2007
- Reported as amended, June 19, 2007
- First consideration, June 19, 2007
- Re-committed to RULES, June 19, 2007
- Re-reported as committed, June 27, 2007
- Laid on the table, July 13, 2007
- Removed from table, July 13, 2007
- Laid on the table, September 25, 2007
- Removed from table, June 9, 2008
- Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008
- Re-reported as committed, June 24, 2008
- Second consideration, with amendments, June 24, 2008
  - (Remarks see House Journal Page ), June 24, 2008
- Third consideration and final passage, June 26, 2008 (192-0)
  - (Remarks see House Journal Page ), June 26, 2008

**In the Senate**
- Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, June 29, 2008

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**HB 1007 Farmland Preservation License Plate**
Act providing for special farmland preservation license plates. Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of Pa. C.S.

**History: **
- Referred to TRANSPORTATION, April 3, 2007

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**HB 1276 Conservation and Natural Resources Act**
Act further providing for contracts and agreements. Amends the Conservation and Natural Resources Act (P.L.89, No.18).

**History: **
- Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 15, 2008

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**HB 1380 Release of Agricultural Waste**

**History: **
- Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 29, 2007

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**HB 1705 Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact**
Act authorizing Pennsylvania to join the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact and providing for the form of the compact.

**History: **
- Referred to INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, July 6, 2007
Reported with request to re-refer to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 19, 2007
Re-referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 19, 2007
Reported as committed, December 12, 2007
First consideration, December 12, 2007
Laid on the table, December 12, 2007
Removed from table, December 13, 2007
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, December 13, 2007
Re-reported as committed, January 14, 2008
Second consideration, with amendments, January 17, 2008
(Remarks see House Journal Page), January 17, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, January 28, 2008 (190-0)
(Remarks see House Journal Page), January 28, 2008
In the Senate
Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 4, 2008
Reported as committed, June 10, 2008
First consideration, June 10, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 16, 2008
Re-reported as committed, July 2, 2008
Second consideration, July 2, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, July 3, 2008 (50-0)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page), July 3, 2008
Signed in House, July 3, 2008
Signed in Senate, July 3, 2008
Presented to the Governor, July 4, 2008
Approved by the Governor, July 4, 2008
Act No. 43

HB 2441 Chesapeake Bay and Watershed Improvement Act
Act establishing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Reduction Infrastructure Program; establishing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Reduction Fund; providing for a resource enhancement and protection tax credit; establishing the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program, the Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Fund, the Nutrient Credit Trading Program, the Nutrient Credit Trading Program Board and the Chesapeake Bay Advisory Council; and providing for their powers and duties.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 20, 2008

HB 2492 Conservation Districts
Act providing for powers of conservation districts and directors. Amends the Conservation District Law (P.L.547, No.217).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 2, 2008

HB 2524 Conservation Easements
Act providing for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements. Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law (P.L.128, No.43).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 13, 2008

**HB 2654 Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Plan Act**
Act establishing the Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Program; providing funding for wastewater treatment plants and agricultural operations to meet nutrient reduction mandates; creating a Nutrient Reduction Trading Board and; and providing for an increase in the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 18, 2008

**HB 2656 Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Assistance Program for Farmers Act**
Act establishing the Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Program; providing funding for wastewater treatment plants and farmers to meet nutrient reduction mandates; providing for a resource enhancement and protection tax credit and for supplemental funding for the Department of Agriculture and the State Conservation Commission.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 17, 2008
Reported as committed, June 18, 2008
First consideration, June 18, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 18, 2008
Re-reported as committed, September 15, 2008
Laid on the table, September 15, 2008
Removed from table, September 15, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, September 15, 2008

**HB 2758 Open Spaces Act**
Act further providing for definitions and for local taxing options. Amends “An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses,” (1967 P.L.992, No.442).

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 9, 2008

**HB 2792 Coal Bed Methane Gas Drilling Rights Act**
Act preserving the uses and value of surface lands of this Commonwealth from damage to the lands from coal bed methane extraction or production; requiring disclosure statements as to the impacts on surface lands of proposed coal bed methane gas wells and related facilities to be provided to landowners and tenants; providing for the jurisdiction of courts in the enforcement thereof; regulating the installation and operation of coal bed methane gas wells and related facilities; regulating the impact of the installation of coal bed methane gas wells and related facilities on surface lands and waters; placing responsibilities on landowners and occupiers; and imposing duties upon the Department of Environmental Protection.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 24, 2008

**Resolutions**
**SR 195 Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program**
Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review the Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, October 16, 2007
Reported as committed, November 14, 2007
Adopted, November 20, 2007
Transmitted as directed, November 28, 2007

**SR 224 Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy**
Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the cost for wastewater treatment plants to comply with Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 28, 2008
Reported as committed, February 5, 2008
Adopted, February 12, 2008
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ....), February 12, 2008
Transmitted as directed, February 20, 2008

**SR 344 Water Resource Needs**
Resolution endorsing the request for Federal funding to address vitally important water resource needs.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 17, 2008
Reported as committed, June 30, 2008
Adopted, July 2, 2008 (50-0)
Transmitted as directed, July 15, 2008

**HR 7 Climate Change**
A Resolution urging the Governor to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and sign the Memorandum of Understanding which will allow the Commonwealth to join its neighbors in addressing the challenge of climate change while increasing energy efficiency investments and stimulating emerging clean energy technology markets.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 30, 2007

**HR 454 Farmland Preservation**
A Resolution applauding the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Land Preservation Board for its record of approving the preservation of 50,000 acres of Berks County farmland.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
October 15, 2007
Adopted, October 16, 2007 (202-0)
(Remarks see House Journal Page 2344), October 16, 2007

**HR 719 Water Resource Needs**
Resolution endorsing the request for Federal funding to address vitally important water resource needs.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 2, 2008
Reported as committed, May 13, 2008
Laid on the table, June 26, 2008
Removed from table, June 26, 2008
Laid on the table, September 24, 2008
Removed from table, September 24, 2008
Adopted, October 8, 2008 (197-0)
(Remarks see House Journal Page ), October 8, 2008

**HR 763 Land Application of Sewage Sludge**
Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review the Commonwealth's program for beneficial use of sewage sludge by land application.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 20, 2008
Reported as committed, June 24, 2008
Laid on the table, September 22, 2008
Removed from table, September 22, 2008

**EDUCATION LEGISLATION**

**Bills**

**SB 18 (Special Session) Energy Crop Education**
Act providing energy crop and tax credit education. Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 (P.L.177, No.175).

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, December 7, 2007

**SB 208 Horticultural Education and Demonstration Act**
Act providing for demonstration programs and grants.

History: Referred to EDUCATION, March 7, 2007

**SB 799 Rural PA Revitalization Act amended**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 24, 2007
Reported as committed, May 8, 2007
First consideration, May 8, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 21, 2007
Re-reported as committed, June 4, 2007
Second consideration, June 6, 2007
Amended on third consideration, June 12, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, June 13, 2007 (50-0)
In the House
Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 20, 2007
Reported as committed, October 3, 2007
First consideration, October 3, 2007
Laid on the table, October 3, 2007
Removed from table, November 14, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, November 14, 2007

**SB 864 Vocational Agricultural Education**
Act providing for payment on account of students enrolled in vocational agricultural curriculums and further defining vocational agricultural education. Amends the Public School Code of 1949 (P.L.30, No.14).

History: Referred to EDUCATION, May 11, 2007

**SB 1456 Public Lands for Educational Purposes**
Supplement to the act entitled "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," (P.L.213, No.227) making appropriations for carrying the same into effect.

History: Referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 9, 2008

**HB 109 Payment for Vocational Agricultural Extension Classes**
Act providing for payments to school districts for approved vocational agricultural extension classes and pre-employment agricultural training. Amends the Public School Code of 1949 (P.L.30, No.14).

History: Referred to EDUCATION, January 30, 2007

**HB 886 Education Loan Forgiveness**
Act providing for education loan forgiveness for work in agriculture-related industry. Amends the Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Act (P.L.322, No.64).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 22, 2007

**HB 2313 Agricultural Colleges**
A Supplement to the “act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," (P.L.213, No.227), making appropriations for carrying into effect.

History: Referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 10, 2008
Reported as committed, March 17, 2008
First consideration, March 17, 2008
Laid on the table, March 17, 2008
Removed from table, March 31, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, March 31, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 3, 2008
Second consideration, June 4, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 4, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 30, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, June 30, 2008 (199-3)

In the Senate
Referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 30, 2008
Reported as committed, June 30, 2008
First consideration, June 30, 2008
Second consideration, July 1, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, July 1, 2008
Re-reported as amended, July 2, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, July 3, 2008 (49-1)

In the House
Referred to RULES, July 3, 2008
Reported as committed, July 3, 2008
House concurred in Senate amendments, July 3, 2008 (200-2)
Signed in House, July 3, 2008
Signed in Senate, July 3, 2008
Presented to the Governor, July 4, 2008
Approved by the Governor, July 4, 2008
Act No. 7A

HB 2611 Payments for Vocational Extension Classes
Act providing for increases in payments on account of approved vocational extension classes and pre-employment training. Amends the Public School Code of 1949 (P.L.30, No.14).

History: Referred to EDUCATION, June 10, 2008

Resolutions

HR 847 Horn Farm Center
Resolution recognizing the Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education of Hellam Township, York County, for its efforts in agricultural education.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, August 5, 2008
Adopted, October 6, 2008 (201-0)

ENERGY/BIOFUELS LEGISLATION
**Bills**

**SB 15 Alternative Energy Infrastructure Development Act**
Act providing for alternative energy infrastructure development and establishing the Alternative Energy Infrastructure Development Fund.

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, December 7, 2007

**SB 19 Waste Coal Gasification Infrastructure Development Act**
Act providing for waste coal gasification infrastructure development; and establishing the Waste Coal Gasification Infrastructure Development Program and the Waste Coal Gasification Infrastructure Development Fund.

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, December 10, 2007

**SB 21 (Special Session) PennSecurity Biodiesel Security Act**
Act providing for the sale of diesel fuel with biodiesel content.

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, October 16, 2007

**SB 22 Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund**
Act providing for definitions and for the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund; and providing for biomass-based diesel production incentives. Amends the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act (P.L.1376, No.178).

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, October 16, 2007
Reported as amended, November 27, 2007
First consideration, November 27, 2007
Second consideration, November 28, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, December 3, 2007
Re-reported as amended, December 10, 2007
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 49), December 11, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, December 12, 2007 (40-9)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 54), December 12, 2007

In the House
Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, December 18, 2007
Reported as committed, July 1, 2008
First consideration, July 1, 2008
Laid on the table, July 1, 2008
Removed from table, July 1, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 1, 2008
Re-reported as committed, July 2, 2008
Second consideration, with amendments, July 2, 2008
(Remarks see House Journal Page ....), July 2, 2008
Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 56, July 3, 2008
Third consideration, with amendments, July 4, 2008
Final passage, July 4, 2008 (177-26)

In the Senate

Referred to RULES, July 4, 2008
Re-reported on concurrence, as committed, July 4, 2008
Senate concurred in House amendments, July 4, 2008 (46-4)
  Signed in Senate, July 4, 2008
  Signed in House, July 4, 2008
Presented to the Governor, July 4, 2008
Approved by the Governor, July 10, 2008
Act No. 2

SB 33 (Special Session) PennSecurity Ethanol Initiative Act
Act providing for the sale of fuels with ethanol content.

History:  Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, November 19, 2007

SB 36 Biodiesel Study and Production Incentive Act
An Act providing for the study and mandated content of biodiesel fuel.

History:  Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, November 21, 2007
Reported as amended from ENERGY POLICIES, November 27, 2007
First consideration, November 27, 2007
Second consideration, November 28, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, December 3, 2007
Re-reported as committed from APPROPRIATIONS, December 10, 2007
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 49), December 11, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, December 12, 2007 (42-7)

In the House

Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, December 18, 2007
Reported as committed, July 1, 2008
First consideration, July 1, 2008
Laid on the table, July 1, 2008
Removed from table, July 1, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 1, 2008

SB 41 (Special Session) Switch Grass to Energy Planting Program (STEPP)
Act providing subsidies to those who plant and harvest switch grass to be used exclusively to produce cellulosic ethanol as an alternative source of fuel for motor vehicle.

History:  Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, December 20, 2007

SB 744 Additives and Octane Level in Fuel
Act providing for the Department of Agriculture to establish standards relating to octane levels and additives and for additives and octane level to be posted at the pump. Amends P.L.187, No.24.
SB 789 PennSecurity Fuel Initiative Act
An Act providing for the sale of alternative transportation fuels containing renewable or alternative fuel content.

SB 949 Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act
An Act providing for bituminous coal mines.
SB 1127 Natural Gas Resources
Act providing for the exploration and development of Pennsylvania’s indigenous natural gas resources. Amends the Conservation and Natural Resources Act (P.L.89, No.18).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 19, 2007

SB 1317 PA Farms to Fuels Initiative Act
Act providing incentives to persons who plant and harvest bioenergy crops to be used exclusively to produce cellulosic ethanol as an alternative motor vehicle fuel.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 20, 2008
Reported as amended, May 6, 2008
First consideration, May 6, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 12, 2008

SB 1330 Coal Bed Methane Well Dispute Resolution Act
Act establishing the Coal Methane Review Board to resolve disputes between property owners over the location of coal bed methane wells and access roads.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 3, 2008
Reported as amended, April 29, 2008
First consideration, April 29, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, May 5, 2008
Re-reported as amended, June 23, 2008
Second consideration, June 25, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, June 26, 2008 (49-0)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ....), June 26, 2008
In the House
Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 27, 2008
Reported as amended, September 23, 2008
First consideration, September 23, 2008
Laid on the table, September 23, 2008
Removed from table, September 23, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, September 23, 2008

SB 1571 Fuel Labeling Requirements
Act exempting certain fuels from certain sale and labeling requirements. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.
HB 1 Clean Energy Program
Act establishing the Clean Energy Program. Amends Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of Pa. C.S.

HB 3 Clean Fuels and Energy Independence Act
Act providing for the sale of transportation fuels containing clean, renewable fuel content.
HB 16 (Special Session) State Energy Office Act
Act establishing a State Energy Office and providing for its powers and duties.

History: 
- Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 24, 2007
- Reported as amended from ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, December 12, 2007
- First consideration, December 12, 2007
- Laid on the table, December 12, 2007
- Removed from table, December 12, 2007
- Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, December 12, 2007
- Re-reported as committed from APPROPRIATIONS, March 17, 2008
- Second consideration, March 31, 2008
- Third consideration and final passage, April 1, 2008 (201-2)
- In the Senate
- Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, April 4, 2008

HB 32 (Special Session) Natural Gas and Forests
Act providing for natural gas concerns when the natural gas pocket is within the forests. Amends the Conservation and Natural Resources Act (P.L.89, No.18).

History: 
- Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 18, 2007

HB 36 State Energy Office Act
Act establishing the State Energy Office and the Energy Advisory Committee; and imposing duties on the State Energy Office.

History: 
- Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 25, 2007
- Reported as committed, December 4, 2007
- First consideration, December 4, 2007
- Laid on the table, December 4, 2007
- Removed from table, December 12, 2007
- Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, December 12, 2007
- Re-reported as committed, April 2, 2008
- Second consideration, April 2, 2008
- Third consideration and final passage, April 7, 2008 (201-0)
  (Remarks see House Journal Page ), April 7, 2008
  In the Senate
- Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, April 8, 2008
- Reported as amended, September 16, 2008
HB 53 State Fleet Biodiesel Fuel Act
Act requiring the use of biodiesel by Commonwealth-owned vehicles.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 23, 2008

HB 55 Bioenergy Crop Bonding
Act providing for mining permit; and providing for bioenergy crop bonding. Amends the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (P.L.1198, No.418).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 11, 2008
Reported as committed, September 24, 2008
First consideration, September 24, 2008
Laid on the table, September 24, 2008
Removed from table, September 24, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, September 24, 2008

HB 64 Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund
Act providing for definitions and for the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund. Amends the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act (P.L.1376, No.178).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 19, 2008
Reported as committed, June 26, 2008
First consideration, June 26, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 26, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 30, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 30, 2008

HB 684 Fuel Testing Program
Act providing for the establishment of an automotive fuel testing and disclosure program, standards for automotive fuel and inspection, sampling and testing of automotive fuel and establishing the Octane Testing Account.

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, March 9, 2007
Reported as committed, March 20, 2007
First consideration, March 20, 2007
Laid on the table, March 20, 2007
Removed from table, March 20, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 20, 2007
Re-reported as amended, June 18, 2007
Re-committed to TRANSPORTATION, June 18, 2007
Re-reported as amended, June 27, 2007
Second consideration, with amendments, June 29, 2007
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 29, 2007
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1531), June 29, 2007
**HB 1202 Clean Fuels and Energy Independence Act**

Act providing for the sale of transportation fuels containing clean, renewable or alternative fuel content.

**History:**

Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, May 24, 2007  
Reported as committed, June 13, 2007  
First consideration, June 13, 2007  
Re-committed to RULES, June 13, 2007  
Re-reported as committed, June 18, 2007  
Second consideration, with amendments, June 19, 2007  
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 19, 2007  
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1079-1086), June 19, 2007  
Re-reported as committed, June 20, 2007  
Third consideration and final passage, June 20, 2007 (138-60)  
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1134-1137), June 20, 2007  
In the Senate  
Referral to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 21, 2007  
Reported as committed, June 30, 2008  
First consideration, June 30, 2008  
Second consideration, July 1, 2008  
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 1, 2008  
Re-reported as amended, July 2, 2008  
Third consideration and final passage, July 3, 2008 (47-3)  
In the House  
Referral to RULES, July 4, 2008  
Reported as committed, July 4, 2008  
House concurred in Senate amendments, July 4, 2008 (149-54)  
Signed in House, July 4, 2008  
Signed in Senate, July 4, 2008  
Presented to the Governor, July 4, 2008  
Approved by the Governor, July 10, 2008  
Act No. 78

**HB 1918 Wind Energy Systems**

Act providing for use of the Growing Greener Bond Fund to support the installation of small wind energy systems; and establishing the Small Wind Energy Assistance Fund.  
Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of Pa. C.S.
HB 2164 Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act
An Act providing for bituminous coal mines.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 15, 2008

HB 2227 Compensation for Surface Damage (Oil and Gas Exploration)
Act providing for compensation for surface damage caused by oil and gas drilling or exploration. Amends the Oil and Gas Act (P.L.1140, No.223).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2008

HB 2453 Oil and Gas Conservation Law Amended
Act providing for definitions and for applicability, exclusions and construction. Amends the Oil and Gas Conservation Law (P.L.825, No.359).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 4, 2008

HB 2533 Surface Owners’ Protection Act
Act providing for duties of oil and gas well operators, for notice of operations and surface use and compensation agreement, for entry without surface use compensation agreement, for restriction on issuance of permits for wells, for attorney fees and costs and for emergency situations.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 18, 2008

HB 2577 Clean and Green Energy Corps Act
Act establishing the Clean and Green Energy Corps.

History: Referred to LABOR RELATIONS, June 2, 2008

HB 2588 Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 4, 2008

HB 2615 Gasoline Price Hiking
Act providing for the offense of gasoline price hiking. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, June 10, 2008

HB 2741 Oil and Gas Well Plugging Funds
Act providing for bonding and for well plugging funds. Amends the Oil and Gas Act (P.L.1140, No.223).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, August 21, 2008

HB 2793 Biomass-Based Diesel Production Incentives
Act further providing for biomass-based diesel production incentives. Amends the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act (P.L.1376, No.178).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 29, 2008

HB 2840 Oil and Gas Lease Fund
Act further providing for the Oil and Gas Lease Fund; providing for reallocation of moneys in fund; and making editorial changes. Amends the act entitled "An act requiring rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of Commonwealth land to be placed in a special fund to be used for conservation, recreation, dams, and flood control; authorizing the Secretary of Forests and Waters to determine the need for and location of such projects and to acquire the necessary land," (P.L.865, No.256).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, November 14, 2008

Resolutions

SR 375 Interstate Transportation of Natural Gas
Resolution opposing certain Federal rules and procedures governing the regulation of the interstate transportation of natural gas and memorializing the Congress of the United States to repeal or modify certain provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 18, 2008
Reported as amended, September 23, 2008
Amended, September 24, 2008
Adopted, September 24, 2008

SR 413 Food-to-Fuel
Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend existing "food-to-fuel" mandates and immediately embark on a series of policy remedies aimed at the production of advanced biofuels.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 8, 2008

HR 107 Alternate Energy Sources
Resolution calling for the holding of a conference on the use of alternate energy sources in honor of Benjamin Franklin.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 9, 2007
Reported as committed, September 23, 2008
HR 546 Gas and Energy Prices
Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to exercise due diligence on behalf of the citizens of this Commonwealth and of this nation by implementing oversight, inquiry and investigation into gas and energy prices to ensure that these exceedingly high prices are both necessary and ethically ascertained.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, December 18, 2007
Reported as committed, January 15, 2008
Laid on the table, March 12, 2008
Removed from table, March 12, 2008
Laid on the table, June 2, 2008
Removed from table, June 2, 2008
Laid on the table, June 29, 2008
Removed from table, June 29, 2008
Adopted, October 8, 2008 (197-0)

HR 788 Manipulation of Oil Commodities
Resolution urging Congress of the United States to investigate the role of speculators relating to rising oil prices and manipulation of oil commodities markets.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 10, 2008
Reported as committed, June 17, 2008
Adopted, June 26, 2008 (191-1)

HR 827 Oil Heritage Month
A Resolution recognizing the month of August 2008 as "Oil Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
June 26, 2008
Adopted, June 29, 2008 (194-0)

HR 852 Energy Policies
Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to intently examine its energy policies and make any and all necessary changes in order to address the ever-increasing price of energy on behalf of the citizens of this Commonwealth and of this nation.

History: Referred to CONSUMER AFFAIRS, August 21, 2008

FAIRS/AGRITOURISM LEGISLATION

Bills
SB 415 Farm Show Authority
Act providing for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Exposition and Farm Show Authority and abolishing the State Farm Products Show Commission.
Amends Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 14, 2007

SB 466 Construction Code Exemptions
Act providing for changes to and exemptions (flea markets, fairs, and pole barns) from the Uniform Construction Code. Amends PA Construction Code Act (P.L.491, No.45).

History: Referred to LABOR AND INDUSTRY, March 15, 2007
Reported as amended, June 5, 2007
First consideration, June 5, 2007
Second consideration, June 11, 2007
Amended on third consideration, June 25, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, June 26, 2007 (49-1)
In the House
Referred to LABOR RELATIONS, June 27, 2007
Reported as committed, June 29, 2007
First consideration, June 29, 2007
Laid on the table, June 29, 2007
Removed from table, June 30, 2007
Second consideration, with amendments, July 5, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 5, 2007
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1694), July 5, 2007
Re-reported as committed, July 12, 2007
Third consideration, with amendments, July 12, 2007
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1827), July 12, 2007
Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 1329, July 16, 2007
Final passage, July 16, 2007 (185-18)
In the Senate
Referred to RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, July 16, 2007
Re-reported on concurrence, as committed, July 16, 2007
Senate concurred in House amendments, July 16, 2007 (48-0)
Signed in Senate, July 16, 2007
Signed in House, July 17, 2007
Presented to the Governor, July 17, 2007
Approved by the Governor, July 17, 2007
Act No. 39

SB 546 County Fair Appropriations

History: Referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 19, 2007
HB 1471 Historic Barn Act
Act establishing the Historic Barn Grant Program to provide for the partial costs of rehabilitation or restoration of historic barns.

History: Referred to TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, June 5, 2007
Reported as committed, September 24, 2008
First consideration, September 24, 2008
Laid on the table, September 24, 2008
Removed from table, September 24, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, September 24, 2008

Resolutions

SR 239 Commending the PA State Association of County Fairs
Resolution commending the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs for its promotion of Pennsylvania agriculture, 4-H and Future Farmers of America, family values, scholarships and tourism.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 14, 2008
Reported as committed, April 1, 2008
Amended, April 8, 2008
Adopted, April 9, 2008 (49-0)

FOOD LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 995 Product Advertising Requirements
Act providing for product advertising requirements. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, October 15, 2007

SB 997 Local Agricultural Promotion Program Act
Act establishing the Local Agriculture Promotion Program and establishing the Local Agriculture Promotion Fund.
History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, October 15, 2007

**SB 1500 Milk Sanitation**
Act providing for definitions; providing for raw milk products; and abrogating inconsistent regulations. Amends the Milk Sanitation Law (P.L.589, No.210).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 19, 2008

**SB 1501 Raw Milk Products**
Act providing for raw milk products; and abrogating inconsistent regulations. Amends the Milk Sanitation Law (P.L.589, No.210).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 19, 2008

**HB 1108 Restaurant Display of Dietary Information Act**
Act requiring restaurants to display dietary information. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 18, 2007

**HB 1326 Food-Related Illnesses**
Act providing for the testing for food-related illnesses and threat to food supply. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 5, 2007

**HB 1327 Pesticides (Prevention of Food-Related Illnesses)**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 5, 2007

**HB 1328 Inspection, Sampling and Analysis (Avoid Food-Related Illnesses)**
Act providing for inspection, sampling and analysis to avoid food-related illnesses. Amends the Food Act (P.L.421, No.70.).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 5, 2007

**HB 1422 Retail Food Facility Safety Law**
Act codifying the Public Eating and Drinking Place Law and the Food Act; providing for the protection of public health and for regulations; requiring licensing; further providing for food employee certification and for farmers' market. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 1, 2007
Reported as amended, June 12, 2007
First consideration, June 12, 2007
Re-committed to RULES, June 12, 2007
HB 1605 Expiration Date on Food Products
Act requiring expiration dates to be printed on the packaging of edible food products.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 21, 2007

HB 1626 Certification of Food Establishment Employees
Act providing for certification of food establishment employees. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 25, 2007

HB 1749 Additive Information Placed on Meat Labels
Act requiring information about carbon monoxide additives to be placed on packaging labels of meats sold at retail.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, July 14, 2007

HB 2195 Safe Food and Safe Families Act
An Act prohibiting the administration of certain antimicrobial agents in agriculture; providing for inspection and testing of agricultural operations, for enforcement and for reporting by agricultural operations; and making related repeals.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 27, 2008

HB 2347 Organic Agriculture Development Act
Act providing for an organic farming transition program and establishing the Organic Agriculture Development Fund. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 12, 2008
Reported as amended, June 24, 2008
First consideration, June 24, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 24, 2008
Re-reported as committed, June 26, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, June 26, 2008

HB 2596 Milk Sanitation Law

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 10, 2008

HB 2597 Raw Milk Products

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 10, 2008

Resolutions

SR 114 Milk Prices
Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to use dairy farmers' cost of production as part of the method for calculating Federal order minimum milk prices.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, May 4, 2007
Reported as committed, June 27, 2007
Adopted, June 28, 2007
In the House
Referred to RULES, June 29, 2007

HR 318 Importation of Food from China
Resolution urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ban the importation of all wheat gluten products from China until China fully cooperates with the FDA's investigation into the adulteration of the food supply and opens all of its food processing plants for United States inspection.

History: Referred to INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, June 5, 2007
Reported as committed, June 26, 2007
Laid on the table, July 12, 2007
Removed from table, July 12, 2007
Laid on the table, October 4, 2007
Removed from table, October 4, 2007
Laid on the table, November 15, 2007
Removed from table, November 15, 2007
Laid on the table, December 11, 2007

HR 360 National Dairy Policy Reform
Resolution expressing support for national dairy policy reform and urging policies advanced in HR 2462 and S 1721 in the 2007 Federal Farm Bill reauthorization.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 29, 2007
Reported as amended, July 5, 2007
Adopted, July 10, 2007 (202-0)

**HR 836 Produce Month**
Resolution designating August 2008 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in this Commonwealth.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
June 30, 2008
Adopted, July 1, 2008 (203-0)

**HR 861 Hunger Action Month**
Resolution recognizing September 2008 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
September 9, 2008
Adopted, September 16, 2008 (198-0)

**HR 866 School Breakfast Program**
Resolution supporting the National School Breakfast Program and recognizing the Philadelphia School District for being selected to participate in the Department of Agriculture's School Breakfast Program Expansion Initiative.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
September 15, 2008
Adopted, September 16, 2008 (198-0)

**HR 896 National Food Safety Education Month**
Resolution expressing support for "National Food Safety Education Month" in September 2008.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
September 23, 2008
Adopted, September 24, 2008 (198-0)

**TAX LEGISLATION**

**Bills**

**SB 5 Alternative Energy Investment Rebate**
Act providing for alternative energy investment rebate. Amends the tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, October 4, 2007

**SB 16 (Special Session) Cellulosic Ethanol Tax Credit**
Act providing for tax credit for research, development, and production of cellulosic ethanol. Amends Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, December 7, 2007

**SB 17 (Special Session) Energy Crop Tax Credit**

History: Referred to ENERGY POLICIES, December 7, 2007

**SB 97 REAP**
Act providing for a resource enhancement and protection tax credit. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2)

History: Referred to FINANCE, February 15, 2007
Reported as amended, June 13, 2007
First consideration, June 13, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 18, 2007
Re-reported as amended, June 25, 2007
Second consideration, June 26, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, June 27, 2007 (50-0)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 806), June 27, 2007

In the House

Referred to FINANCE, June 28, 2007
Reported as amended, July 3, 2007
First consideration, July 3, 2007
Laid on the table, July 3, 2007
Removed from table, July 4, 2007
Second consideration, with amendments, July 7, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, July 7, 2007
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1756), July 7, 2007
Re-reported as committed, July 8, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, July 10, 2007 (197-5)
(Remarks see House Journal Page 1801), July 10, 2007

In the Senate

Referred to RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, July 10, 2007
Re-reported on concurrence, as amended, July 15, 2007
Senate concurred in House amendments, as amended by the Senate, July 16, 2007 (45-3)

In the House
SB 690 Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program Act
Act establishing program for tax credit of agricultural lands and riparian buffers and creating opportunities for private investment in best management practices and riparian buffers.

History:  Referred to FINANCE, May 11, 2007
Reported as amended, June 13, 2007
First consideration, June 13, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, June 18, 2007
Re-reported as amended, July 10, 2007
Second consideration, July 11, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, July 12, 2007 (48-0)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 967), July 12, 2007
In the House
Referred to FINANCE, July 13, 2007

SB 708 Preferential Tax Assessment for Agricultural/Forest Land
Act providing for preferential tax assessment for land devoted to agricultural use, agricultural reserve, and/or forest reserve. Amends PA Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319)

History:  Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 29, 2007

SB 763 Taxing Power
Act providing for delegation of taxing powers and restrictions relating to agricultural land. Amends the Local Tax Enabling Act (P.L.1257, No.511).

History:  Referred to FINANCE, April 12, 2007
Reported as committed, April 25, 2007
First consideration, April 25, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2007
Re-reported as amended, June 25, 2007
Second consideration, June 26, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, June 27, 2007 (50-0)
In the House
Referred to FINANCE, June 28, 2007
Reported as amended, October 4, 2007
First consideration, October 4, 2007
Laid on the table, October 4, 2007
Removed from table, October 24, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, October 24, 2007
Re-reported as committed, November 13, 2007
Second consideration, December 4, 2007
Laid on the table, December 11, 2007
Removed from table, June 27, 2008

**SB 965 Alternative Fuel Deployment Act**
An Act authorizing certain tax credits for qualified alternative fuel distributors.

History: Referred to FINANCE, June 11, 2007

**SB 996 Local Agricultural Products Tax Credit Act**
Act providing a tax credit for use of local agricultural products.

History: Referred to FINANCE, October 15, 2007

**SB 1012 Amusement Park Tax**
Act providing for levy, assessment or collection of tax on admission to fixed site amusement or water park. Amends the Local Tax Enabling Act (P.L.1257, No.511)

History: Referred to FINANCE, June 30, 2007
Reported as amended, February 11, 2008
First consideration, February 11, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, February 12, 2008

**SB 1088 Alternative Energy Tax Credit**
Act providing for alternative energy tax credit. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, September 17, 2007

**SB 1089 Alternative Energy Technologies Tax Credit**

History: Referred to FINANCE, September 17, 2007

**SB 1090 Research and Development of Alternative Energy Tax Credit**
Act providing for limitation on tax credits for research and development of alternative energy. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2)

History: Referred to FINANCE, September 17, 2007

**SB 1091 Alternative Energy Investment Rebate**
Act providing for alternative energy investment rebate. Amends the Tax reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2)

History: Referred to FINANCE, September 21, 2007

**SB 1295 Sale and Use Tax Exclusion**
Act providing for exclusions from sales and use taxes for certain plants and seeds. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, February 26, 2008

**SB 1360 Tax Exclusion for Animal Production Buildings**
Act providing for definition of animal housing facility and exempting sale and use tax for building materials and supplies used for the construction or repair of animal production buildings. Amends the Tax reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, April 14, 2008

**SB 1486 Dairy-Max Tax Credit Program Act**
Act establishing the Dairy-Max Tax Credit Program for the modernization and expansion of dairy operations and establishing a sponsorship program.

History: Referred to FINANCE, June 11, 2008

**HB 21 (Special Session) Animal Waste Recycling Act**
Act authorizing State investment tax credits for qualified animal waste recycling facilities and establishing the Animal Waste Recycling Fund.

History: Referred to FINANCE, September 24, 2007

**HB 100 Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program Act**
Act establishing the Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program for the stewardship of agricultural lands and riparian corridors and creating opportunities for private investment in best management practices and riparian corridors.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 29, 2007

**HB 228 Transfer Fee Exemption**

History: Referred to FINANCE, February 5, 2007

**HB 656 Split-off, Separation or Transfer of Preferential Assessed Land**
HB 664 **Biomass Tax Exemption**
Act providing for a sales and use tax exemption for biomass products used for home heating purposes and agricultural products sold by the original producer for the production of fuel. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, March 9, 2007
Reported as amended, June 24, 2008
First consideration, June 24, 2008
Re-committed to RULES, June 24, 2008
Re-reported as committed, September 15, 2008
Laid on the table, September 15, 2008
Removed from table, September 15, 2008
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, September 15, 2008

HB 667 **Removal of Land from Preferential Assessment**

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 9, 2007

HB 696 **Alternative Energy Investment Act**
An Act authorizing investment tax credits for qualified alternative energy enterprises.

History: Referred to FINANCE, March 9, 2007

HB 1074 **Tax Exclusion for Animal Production Buildings**
Act providing for exclusions from sales and use tax for building materials and supplies used for the construction or repair of animal production buildings. Amends the tax Reform Code of 1971(P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, April 18, 2007

HB 1306 **Animal Waste Recycling Act**
Act authorizing State investment tax credits for qualified animal waste recycling facilities and establishing the Animal Waste Recycling Fund.
HB 1373 Gas and Oil Taxation
Act enumerating coal and other valuable minerals, including gas and oil, as subjects of taxation. Amends the General County Assessment Law (P.L.853, No.155).

HB 1600 Supplemental Homeowner Property Tax Relief Act
Act providing for homestead and farmstead exclusions.

HB 1910 Alternative Fuel Deployment Act
An Act authorizing certain tax credits for qualified alternative fuel distributors.

HB 1960 Offset Payments
Act providing for payments to certain local taxing authorities to offset assessments reduced under this act. Amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319).

HB 2604 Dairy-Max Tax Credit Program Act
Act establishing the Dairy-Max Tax Credit Program for the modernization and expansion of dairy operations and establishing a sponsorship program.

HB 2717 Nutrient Credit Trading Program Act
Act authorizing programs relating to nutrient credit; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Environmental Quality Board and the Nutrient Credit Trading Program Board; further providing for the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority; and providing for the promulgation of regulations.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, July 14, 2008

**HB 2732 Vegetable and Fruit Seed Tax Exclusion**
Act providing for exclusion from the sales tax of vegetable seeds, vegetable plants, fruit seeds and fruit trees or plants. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, August 5, 2008

**HB 2752 Land Conservation Tax Credit**

History: Referred to FINANCE, August 28, 2008

**HB 2801 REAP Annual Tax Credits**
Act further providing, in resource enhancement and protection tax credit, for resource enhancement and protection tax credit program and for annual tax credits. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, September 29, 2008

**HB 2819 PA Farmland Assessment Act**
Act further providing for split-off, separation or transfer. Amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, October 6, 2008

**HB 2831 Fuel Tax**
Act further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax, exemptions and deductions in liquid fuels and fuels tax. Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to FINANCE, October 15, 2008

**HB 2835 Green Roof Tax Credit**
Act authorizing the green roof tax credit. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, October 29, 2008
Resolutions

None.

MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 657 Weights and Measures
Act providing for powers and duties relating to weights and measures. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 22, 2007

SB 722 Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease Education, Prevention, and Treatment Act
An Act establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies.

History: Referred to BANKING AND INSURANCE, April 2, 2007

SB 768 Commercial Lending
Act providing for the definitions of "commercial lending activities" and "commercial lending institutions" and for the First Industries Program. Addresses farm credit institutions. Amends Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 3, 2007
Reported as amended, June 4, 2008
First consideration, June 4, 2008
Second consideration, June 11, 2008
Amended on third consideration, June 16, 2008
Amended on third consideration, June 26, 2008
Laid on the table, June 26, 2008
Removed from table, June 26, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, June 27, 2008 (49-0)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ....), June 27, 2008

In the House
Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 28, 2008
Reported as amended, September 23, 2008
First consideration, September 23, 2008
Laid on the table, September 23, 2008
Removed from table, September 23, 2008
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, September 23, 2008
Re-reported as committed, October 7, 2008
HB 239 Township Water Supply
Act providing for use of the township water system to provide water for human consumption for industries and farms that have their own water supply for uses other than human consumption. Amends the Second Class Township Code (P.L.103, No.69).

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 5, 2007
Reported as committed, March 19, 2007
First consideration, March 19, 2007
Laid on the table, March 19, 2007
Removed from table, April 23, 2007
Second consideration, with amendments, April 25, 2007
(Remarks see House Journal Page 622), April 25, 2007
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, April 30, 2007
Re-reported as committed, May 7, 2007
Third consideration and final passage, May 7, 2007 (194-0)

In the Senate
Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, May 9, 2007
Reported as committed, April 2, 2008
First consideration, April 2, 2008
Second consideration, May 5, 2008
Laid on the table, May 8, 2008
Removed from table, May 8, 2008
Laid on the table, June 16, 2008
Removed from table, June 16, 2008
Amended on third consideration, June 23, 2008
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ), June 23, 2008
Amended on third consideration, June 27, 2008
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ), June 27, 2008
Third consideration and final passage, June 28, 2008 (50-0)

In the House
Referred to RULES, June 28, 2008
Reported as committed, July 1, 2008
House concurred in Senate amendments, July 2, 2008 (199-0)
HB 243 Rural Definition Act  
Act providing for way to determine if an area is a rural area and applied to certain laws, programs and studies.

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 6, 2007

HB 379 Agricultural Biosecurity Areas  
Act providing for definitions of “agricultural biosecurity areas” and “posted notice”. Amends Titles 3 (Agriculture) and 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 13, 2007  
Reported as amended, January 14, 2008  
First consideration, January 14, 2008  
Laid on the table, January 14, 2008  
Removed from table, January 15, 2008  
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, January 15, 2008

HB 418 Powers and Duties for Weights and Measures  
Act providing for powers and duties, investigations, orders, local administration, concurrent jurisdiction, division of responsibilities, enforcement and regulations, offenses and penalties relating to weights and measures. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 13, 2007

HB 479 Commercial Fertilizers  
Act providing for the restricted use of commercial fertilizers and agricultural minerals. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 26, 2007

HB 798 Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease Education, Prevention, and Treatment Act  
An Act establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies.

History: Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 19, 2007

HB 1423 Certified Parking Meter Inspectors  
Act providing for certified parking meter inspectors and for general testing and inspections. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 1, 2007
HB 2369 Child Labor Act
Act regulating child labor and exempting certain agricultural employment.

History: Referred to LABOR RELATIONS, March 17, 2008

HB 2658 ATV Operation
Act providing for additional limitations on operation of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, June 18, 2008

HB 2659 Shadowing Plants
Act providing for interference by shadowing plants. Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, June 19, 2008

HB 2725 Use of BioSolids
Act providing for the offense of unlawful use of human biosolids. Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of Pa C.S.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, July 23, 2008

Resolutions

SR 137 Pollinators
Resolution recognizing the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in this Commonwealth, as well as the need to increase awareness about protecting and sustaining pollinators.

History: Introduced and adopted, June 19, 2007
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page 752), June 19, 2007

HR 274 Honeybee Population
A Resolution acknowledging a dire situation relating to the devastation of the honeybee population in this Commonwealth.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, May 18, 2007
Adopted, May 22, 2007 (198-0)

HR 300 Use of Organic or Inorganic Arsenic and Arsenic Derivatives
Resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States to ban the use of organic or inorganic arsenic and arsenic derivatives in poultry feed.

History: Referred to INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, May 29, 2007
Reported as committed, February 12, 2008
Re-committed to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 10, 2008

HR 584 Cesar Chavez Day
Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to declare March 31, 2008, a national holiday in honor of the late, great farm worker leader Cesar E. Chavez.

History: Referred to INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, February 11, 2008
Reported as committed, June 17, 2008
Laid on the table, September 15, 2008
Removed from table, September 15, 2008