

# **HARRISBURG: ON LINE**

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**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** Sharing information so all of us can do our jobs better! That's the concept behind HARRISBURG: ON LINE. We started this Fax publication for circulation to the clients and government relations friends of Greenlee Associates and, frankly, we are pleasantly surprised at the very positive reaction. It's a forerunner to an ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD which will be up and running shortly after we move to our new building at the end of the month. **But, for this to be of maximum value to all of us, it can't be a one way street.** If you have news about issues, politics or an important 'heads up' for government relations friends in the business community, please share it with us for ON LINE. Timeliness is critical...old information is frequently useless information. Call us with your news or if you see any of the Greenlee Associates folks (Bill Greenlee, Stan Rapp, Matt Steck, Jim Murtha or Heather Dumeyer) in your travels on the Hill or around town...just pass on the information. Please help us make this a better service for all of our friends. Thanks.

**House convenes at 1 PM, Monday while the Senate goes in at 2 PM. Jim Trammell of Sun Company and Bill Danneberg of PMA** are hosting another issue meeting with elected officials on **Tuesday, February 9th** at the PMA Building at 225 State Street. The 9:15 AM guest is **Senator Mike Fisher** immediately after the **Governor's budget briefing for Legislative Leaders.**

**UNITED WE STAND AMERICA** (Ross Perot's on-going political organization) is not all that 'united'. There's a big fight over the organization's leadership in **Lehigh County** reminding many of internal GOP and Democratic squabbles. The more things change the more they stay the same.

**Senate Bill 1 - Workers' Compensation Reform - the Mellow/Madigan bill** - is slated to come out of Senate Committee on Monday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> with a **Senate Final Passage vote** slated for Wednesday. It would appear that the bill may come out of Committee with a unanimous vote and earn perhaps as many as 35-40 votes for Final Passage. Get off the track..this train's leavin'.

**Senator Bill Stewart (D-Cambria)** yesterday introduced legislation to exclude municipalities and industrial development authorities from the liability chain for hazardous waste problems. This is similar to last year's **Senator Brightbill** legislation. The legislation attempts to eliminate the problem that develops when those entities take title to land to allow for public financing of economic development projects on the site. The public financing is great but now the municipality or authority is in the liability chain. This would exempt them from that liability. Others counter that a better way to accomplish the same end would be to amend the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority law to eliminate the need for the municipality or authority to actually take title to the site to achieve public financing. **Senator Stewart** indicated to us on Tuesday that he is more than willing to work with others to develop the most desirable way to achieve the goal of rejuvenating old industrial sites.

**Senator Jeanette Reibman (D-Northampton)** has introduced **Senate Bill 351** which deals with Water Resources Management. It's on the agenda of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control & Conservation Committee's Water Resources meeting on February 24 & 25 in the East Wing of the Capitol. Call if you'd like a copy of the bill and the bill analysis.