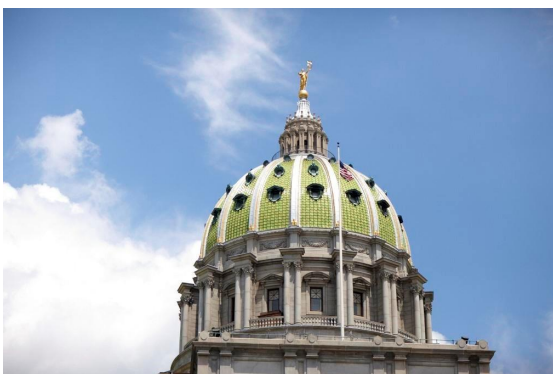


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***The State House and
State Senate will convene
at 11AM.***

SNAP FUNDING FLIGHT

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware have joined more than 20 states in suing the Trump Administration, claiming it plans to unlawfully block SNAP payments beginning November 1st. The USDA says funds are depleted, given the federal shutdown, putting food assistance for millions at risk, including 2 million Pennsylvanians. A federal hearing is scheduled tomorrow in Boston as states push to protect access to critical food benefits.

SECOND CUT

The Federal Reserve is expected to announce interest rate cuts today by another 0.25%. This would be the second time they have cut the rate since last month. This comes as pressure from the Administration mounts to cut rates amidst their claims of falling prices for goods and rising wages.

SWEET RELIEF

Philadelphia City Councilmember **Jimmy Harrity** has called to do away with the city's soda tax. Adopted in 2017, the city generates 1.5 cents per ounce of sweetened beverages sold. Harrity argues that Philadelphians have found workarounds to the taxed beverages, citing the decline in revenue. However, it is unlikely that the measure will gain traction as several council members have voiced opposition to the idea.

WELL DESERVED

Congratulations to **Kimberley Hrivnak**, COO of the Allegheny County Library Association, for winning the Pennsylvania Library Association's 2025 Distinguished Service Award. Kimberley joined PaLA in 2001 and has been an active member ever since! She currently serves on the Legislative Committee, provides reports to the Southwest Chapter and Public Library Division, among other professional mentoring. She selflessly shares her knowledge and experience to make Pennsylvania libraries better every single day. *Congratulations again, Kimberley!*

We at Harrisburg: ONLINE extend our condolences to the friends and family of **John R. Saler**, who passed away last Friday. Saler spent his life in the political field, with more than 20 years at Stradley Ronon L.L.C. He also successfully reelected **Wilson Goode** as Philadelphia Mayor and helped other political hopefuls in their campaigns. The service has already been held, but donations can be made to the Philadelphia Orchestra in his honor.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Chick Tulli***
- **Marguerite Quinn**, Director of Government Affairs, Office of the Attorney General
- **George T. Kenney, Jr.**, Associate VP and Senior Advisor for Government Affairs, Temple University
- **Barb Ramsey**, Legislative Secretary, Office of Representative Shelby Labs & Kristin Marcell
- **Mallerie Stromswold**, Government Affairs Manager & Event Coordinator, PA Chamber of Business & Industry
- **Zach Shamberg**, Chief of Government Affairs, Saber Healthcare Group
- **PJ Lavelle**, Partner, Malady & Wooten, LLP
- **Grace Kline**, Associate Editor, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
- **Candida Affa**, Allentown City Councilmember

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (H) Children and Youth – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 1558 and HR 337
- (H) Health – 9:00AM - To consider: HB 305 and SB 9
- (S) Local Government – 9:00AM – Public hearing on SB 822
- (H) Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1522, 1525, 1526, 1530, 1892, 1924
- (H) Local Government – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 855, 1204, 1713, 1727, 1738 and SB 764
- Joint Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee – 10:00AM – To approve the 2024 PAOC Annual Report, committee reorganization, and hold an informational meeting with the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association
- (S) Transportation – 10:00AM - Public hearing to

collect testimony on "Fixing 'F-Stops': An Evaluation of Alleged Lapses in Car Insurance"

- (H) Energy – 10:00AM – Public hearing on HB 1539
- (H) Human Services – 10:15AM – To consider: HB 1939
- (S) Labor and Industry – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 274 and SB 743



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