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EARLY DEPARTURE

Yesterday, State Representative **Seth Grove** (R – York) resigned amid “ethics concerns” due to accepting a new position. Grove previously announced that he would be leading the Pennsylvania Concrete and Aggregates Association following his departure from the legislature at the end of this term. His departure required a replacement as the Labor and Industry chairman, so State Representative **R. Lee James** (R – Venango) will assume that post. Additionally, James was replaced by State Representative **Ryan Warner** (R – Fayette) as the Tourism, Recreational and Economic Development chairman.

ANOTHER SHUTDOWN

The deadline is approaching for federal lawmakers to finalize an agreement on a government funding bill. If no bill is passed by the end of the week, another federal shutdown will be upon us. A major hold up this time is a disagreement on DHS funding. Republicans claim funding is vital to protect the border and keep the government operational, while Democrats will not approve the bill without a change in how DHS is handling immigration enforcement.

STORM CHASERS

As you recover from winter storm Fern, the Pennsylvania Attorney General warns Pennsylvanians to watch out for contractor and utility impersonation scams. These scams tend to increase after storms such as the one seen just days ago. People are encouraged to be wary of anyone showing up at your home, urging you to act quickly, or asking for payment via gift cards, wire, transfers, cryptocurrency, or money transfer apps. It is suggested to get references, verify credibility, and read all contracts thoroughly if work must be done to your home.

KEGCHUP

Heinz is looking to save Superbowl parties everywhere from the dreaded catastrophe of running out of ketchup. The brand has revealed a ketchup keg for the big game. The Kegchup holds 114 ounces of ketchup and Heinz is giving five lucky fans a chance to win one on their Instagram page, with the contest ending today. Pre-order signups for purchase can be found [here](#).

WE ARE

Penn State hockey is gearing up for a couple of historic games this weekend. This will be the first time a hockey game has been played outdoors in Beaver Stadium. Turns out, this extreme cold weather can be put to use for something. The women's team will take the ice first on Friday January 30th followed by the men's team on Saturday January 31st, with both games starting at 1 pm.



Happy Birthday

- **Caleb Wright**, Chief Operating Officer, Versant Strategies



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