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SIGNED

Yesterday, SB 867 was signed into law, becoming Act No. 16 of 2026. The bipartisan legislation was sponsored by State Senators **Christine Tartaglione** (D-Philadelphia), **John Kane** (D-Chester/Delaware), and **Devlin Robinson** (R-Allegheny). This law will allow the Pennsylvania Accessibility Advisory Board to review and make necessary updates to the state's accessibility codes.

SNEAK PEAK INTO NOVEMBER

On Tuesday, primary elections were held in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan, highlighting some potential trends for the upcoming General elections. Notably, the Democratic Party continues to gain momentum in Special Elections since the President took office, but President Trump's influence still dominates within the Republican Party. This can be seen with the Trump-backed candidates winning in Indiana, while a Democrat won a special election State Senate race in Michigan, securing the party's majority in the State Senate.

AN END IN SIGHT?

The White House is hopeful that there is an end in sight to the war with Iran, that it started over 60 days ago. The Administration issued a Memorandum of Understanding to end the war and is anticipating a response from Iran in the coming days. Trump expressed that there have been good talks over the last 24 hours and is confident the issue will be resolved. Alternatively, other U.S. officials are skeptical a resolution will be reached in the immediate future. Meanwhile, international oil giants continue to report record profits in the first quarter of the year.

HANTAVIRUS

The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified multiple passengers on board a Dutch cruise ship that have contracted the Andes virus, with three confirmed deaths. The Hantavirus is a rare disease and is shown to be fatal in about 35% of infected individuals. The ship is now heading to the Canary Islands where further aid and testing will take place. The WHO has insisted that the risk of the global population is low.

RIP

CNN founder, **Ted Turner**, passed away according to a CNN report yesterday. Turner was 87 and was an ambitious entrepreneur. He had taken over his father's billboard business, quickly becoming a millionaire, before purchasing a television station in 1970. In 2018 Turner announced that he was diagnosed with Lewy body dementia.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Michael Stender**
- **Jennifer Riley**, Senior Vice President Advocacy and Comms, Triad Strategies
- **Drew Crompton**, Member, McNeese, Wallace & Nurick, LLC
- **Janet Zerby**

Committee Meetings

- (H) Democratic Policy – 9:00AM - Public hearing on Wealth Disparities and Sustainable Housing
- (S) Institutional Sustainability and Innovation – 1:00PM - Public hearing to consider SB 792
- (H) Democratic Policy – 1:00PM - Public hearing on Safeguarding Taxpayer Programs
- (H) Democratic Policy – 2:00PM - Public hearing on Disability Summit Legislative Panel



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