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As Pennsylvania lawmakers prepare for this year's budget negotiations, Revenue Secretary **Pat Browne** shared promising news this week: the state has collected \$928 million more in revenue this fiscal year over projections. Browne reported that the increase will provide the Commonwealth with more flexibility as discussions continue on budget proposals.

REPORTING FOR DUTY

U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick** (R-PA) is set to host the Defense and Innovation Summit at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle on July 14th and 15th. The summit will host the nation's leading defense CEOs, investors, U.S. military, and administration officials to present PA's defense base and announce investments, partnerships, and future innovations. Senator McCormick is expecting the summit to provide newfound opportunity for our Commonwealth and the country by highlighting Pennsylvania on the map for American defense production.

BATTLEGROUND

The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) has announced the organization is targeting a handful of State House and Senate races to preserve the slim democratic majority in the House and their aspirations to flip the power in the Senate. In the House, the DLCC is keeping their efforts on House Districts: 18, 30, 41, 45, 88, 121, 137, 142, and 143. For the Senate, the organization is locking in on Senate Districts 6, 24, and 40. DLCC President **Heather Williams** stated on the targeted races, "These Target Race candidates have launched strong campaigns that can build on Democrats' recent successes in the Keystone State, from stellar candidate recruitment to defying the odds in special elections."

CONSPIRACY

Two National Institute of Health researchers have been accused of attempting to smuggle vials of deactivated mpox viruses into the United States. The two men were citizens of The Netherlands and Cameroon, respectively, and were working for an NIH laboratory in Montana when they took a trip to the Republic of Congo. Authorities found 113 vials of the viral pathogens in concealed Styrofoam coolers when the men flew back to America. If convicted, the researchers face up to

five years in prison. They are also facing charges of making false statements to authorities. Should've tried the fake Barbasol can...

CLUCKIN' PROMOTED!

Why did the chicken cross the road? To become a police officer! An officer from the Bethal Park Police Department found a stranded chicken wandering the streets and brought it back to the station. Once 'detained' they appointed the chicken to be a temporary police recruit. However, they are still searching for its owner and have released its biographic information as 'rock chicken'. Talk about an *egg-cellent* addition to the *disp-hatch* team!



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Kate Klunk**
- State Representative **Greg Vitali**
- State Representative **Emily Kinkead**
- Former State Representative **Kevin Blaum**
- Former State Representative **Mark Cohen**
- **Christine Corrigan**, Executive Director of the PA Press Club
- **Arielle Phillips Chortanoff**, Vice President of State Advocacy, HAP
- **James Fitzgerald, III**, Former Senior Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

Committee Meetings

- Joint Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing – 11:00AM - Quarterly business Meeting
- Joint Performance-Based Funding Council – 3:00PM - Voting meeting on performance goals and weights



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