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The State Senate will convene at 1pm

AFTER THE STORM

The Shapiro Administration launched a pilot program that will provide the first state-funded disaster recovery grants for damaged public infrastructure. The new Disaster Recovery Assistance Program - Public Infrastructure (DRAP-PI) will make up to $5 million available to help local governments repair roads, public buildings, utilities, and other critical infrastructure damaged by severe storms. The pilot program is being activated first in Erie and is expected to expand to Philadelphia; two communities hit hard by summer storms.

TOO BIG TO FAIL

Customers across the United States yesterday experienced issues while attempting to bank, as outages hit Chase, Bank of America, Capitol One, U.S. Bank, and Wells Fargo. A spokesperson for Chase Bank claimed that the issue was due to "a technical bug, not a cyber issue." Online conspiracy theorists tend to disagree. This outage comes in the wake of the Microsoft Outlook disruptions last Thursday, and the FAA nationwide ground stop over the weekend. *Stay tuned for the next bug...*

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Congratulations to Deputy Insurance Commissioner ***David Buono*** of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department for receiving the Brenda Cude Excellence in Consumer Advocacy Award from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Buono heads the Office of Market Regulation, and he and his team make sure insurers follow Pennsylvania law, investigate and

resolve consumer complaints and license insurance agents, agencies, and other insurance professionals. Nationally, Buono has been engaged with the NAIC on consumer protection issues for over a decade, and as Chair of the NAIC Market Actions Working Group he coordinates insurance enforcement among states and territories. *Well Done!*

SPACE FORCE

Yesterday, the Shapiro Administration along with U.S. Senator ***Dave McCormick***, Penn State University, the Keystone Space Collaborative, and the Pittsburgh International Airport announced its bid submission to host the new and permanent U.S. Space Academy in Southwest PA. In August, the President issued an executive order establishing this academy, which will be led by NASA. If PA receives the bid for the new academy, the plan would be to break ground and open by 2031 and would have the ability to support 4,000 students.

ILLUSTRIOUS LIFE

Condolences to the family and friends of former State Representative ***Bob Allen***, who passed over the weekend. Allen spent a lifetime in Pennsylvania government, including Mayor of Pottsville, Deputy Secretary of Legislative Affairs for Governor Thornburgh, and as Representatives in the 125th State House Legislative District. More information on the viewing and celebration of Bob's life can be found **here**.





Happy Birthday

- State Senator ***Jay Costa, Jr.***, Democratic Leader
- Former Governor of PA ***Tom Wolf***
- Former U.S. Senator ***Pat Toomey***
- ***Elizabeth Weitzel***, Communications Director, Senator Gene Yaw
- ***Gary Tennis***, Former Press Secretary, DDAP

Committee Meetings

- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF – To consider certain Executive Nominations

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