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- **Rep. Bill Adolph, (R-Delaware).**

Mr. Adolph was elected to the House of Representatives in 1988. He is the Majority Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and is Chairman of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,444.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,216.

- **Former Rep. Bob Allen, (R-Schuylkill).**

Mr. Allen served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2006 and was defeated after supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise.

Monthly pension: \$2,456.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$101,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Follow up: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. David Argall, (R-Berks).**

Sen. Argall served in the House of Representatives from 1984-2008. He was Minority Whip when the 2005 legislative pay raise was enacted. Mr. Argall was elected to the Senate on March 9, 2009 after the Senator James Rhoades. He is Chairman of the Urban Affairs and Housing Committee.

Pay raise: According to Mr. Argall, all \$7,000 of the “unvouchered” cash was donated to the United Way (*Morning Call*, Harrisburg Bureau, November 17, 2005), and he told the *Republican Herald* that he reported

the “income and took a deduction on his federal tax for the charitable donation.”

- **Former Rep. David Argall, (R-Berks).**

Per diems: As State House Minority Whip David Argall’s expense records revealed that Mr. Argall collected an exorbitant amount of supplemental, tax-free income in the form of “per diems.” A thorough review of Rep. Argall’s expenses for the period 2005 through 2007 indicates he routinely collected the maximum per diem allowable even as he assumed his duties on the Speaker’s Commission on Legislative Reform. Mr. Argall collected a “per diem” for 129 separate days in 2005, totaling \$15,009 in cash. Argall took the maximum per diem 85% of the time, and his average was \$116. The per diem rate for most of 2005 was \$129 before climbing to \$141.

Mr. Argall’s appetite for “per diems” actually increased in the postpay raise era. Rep. Argall collected a per diem for 149 separate days in 2007, (including Reform Commission meetings), totaling \$16,794. Argall’s average per diem was \$113. The per diem rate in 2007 rose by 5% and was set at \$148.

RockTheCapital’s review of Senate per diem billings during the 2009 budget fiasco found that Senator David Argall profited handsomely from the budget stalemate. From March through September, 2009, Mr. Argall padded his nontaxable income with 59 per diems equal to \$8,437, and an additional 12 days of per diems and expenses valued at \$1,764.

Full time homework: While serving as a full time legislator, Mr. Argall received an MA in American Studies in 1993 and a Ph.D. in Public Administration in 2006.

Per Diems 2011: \$9,639

- **Former Rep. Thomas E. Armstrong, (R-Lancaster).**

Mr. Armstrong served in the House of Representatives from 1990 to 2002 and was able to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS.
Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Jane Baker, (R-Lehigh).**

Rep. Baker was elected in 2000 and retired in 2002 but was able to increase her pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS.
Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Matt Baker, (R-Bradford).**

Mr. Baker was elected in 1992 and serves as Majority Chairman of the House Health and Human Services Committee. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors.

Per diems in 2009: \$17,149.

Per diems in 2011: \$15,646.

- **Former Rep Ellen Bard, (R-Montgomery).**

Rep. Bard served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2004.

Monthly pension:

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. John E. Barley, (R-Lancaster).**

Mr. Barley was elected in 1985 and quickly moved up the leadership ladder. He served as Republican Caucus Secretary from 1991 to 1992, as

Republican Policy Committee Chairman from 1993 to 94, and as Majority Whip from 1995 to 1996. He was elected Majority Appropriations Chairman in 1997, a position he held until his retirement in 2002. Mr. Barley was Chairman of the Appropriations Committee from 1997 to 2002 and a close ally of former Speaker John Perzel.

Exit strategy: Mr. Barley abruptly resigned office prior to the 2002 primary - after he voted to increase his pension - and is now a principal in the lobby firm, Versant Strategies.

• **Former Rep. John E. Barley, (R-Lancaster).**

Insider trading: “State Sen. Vincent J. Fumo might have been the politician with the biggest stake in IGA Federal Savings. But he wasn't alone... The list included some of the region's biggest Republican names - Perzel, Tomlinson, Tilghman, Asher, Salvatore - and a Democrat, Fumo. His \$300,000 investment was more than the others' combined...”

“Then-Rep. John Barley (R., Lancaster), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee at the time, said he bought his 375 shares on O'Connell's suggestion.”

“Barley did not report a capital gain, and said he could not remember whether he had made more than \$1,300 on the stock.”(*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, Jennifer Lin and Craig R. McCoy, May 16, 2005.)

Trash to cash: “...Barley also has been dogged by growing criticism for more than a year, with protesters turning out at numerous public events at the state Capitol and in his district. Opposition reached a crescendo last fall when the new state legislative map was unveiled, effectively removing Barley's opponents from his district. Although Barley was not a member of the reapportionment commission, critics accused him of having a hand in drawing the map to protect his House seat. They dubbed it 'Barleymandering.’”

“...Barley's troubles began in 2000 when the public learned that the Lancaster Waste Management Authority had agreed to buy 284 acres of

the family's land for \$15.7 million, plus lucrative option payments, to expand the nearby county landfill.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Amy Worden, January 12, 2002.)

Exit strategy: Mr. Barley abruptly resigned office prior to the 2002 primary - after he voted to increase his pension - and is now a principal in the lobby firm Versant Strategies.

Monthly pension:

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Rep. Steve Barrar, (R-Delaware).**

Mr. Barrar was elected to the House of Representatives in 1997. He is currently Majority Chairman of the Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,596.

Per diems in 2011: \$15,764.

• **Former Rep. Linda Bebko-Jones, (D-Erie).**

Rep. Bebko-Jones was elected in 1992 and withdrew from the primary in 2006 after questions were raised about the validity of her signatures. She escaped jail time after pleading guilty to charges that she forged signatures on her nominating petitions. Rep. Bebko-Jones payments' ended on November 20, 2011 after her death.

Monthly pension: \$2,581.29.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$6,555.51.

SERS Response to RTK Request, July 24, 2012.

• **Former Rep. Alfred Belardi, (D-Lackawanna).**

Mr. Belardi served in the House of Representatives from 1979 to 2006 and was defeated for supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise. “He

kept the pay raise and put in for 216 per diems in 18 months and took home an additional \$29,052 before leaving office.” (*Shamrock Times*, November 14, 2006.).

Golden parachute: “Mr. Belardi was given a six-week, \$10,000 consulting job to help his successor as Democratic caucus administrator learn that job” (*Daily Review*, March 14, 2007) . He was listed as a House employee making \$116,826 a year as Director of Member Services. (*Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, February 7, 2009.)

Monthly pension: \$5,800.91

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$158,606.34.

SERS Response to RTK Request, April 23, 2012.

• **Former Rep Bob Belfanti, (D-Columbia).**

Mr. Belfanti served in the House of Representatives from 1979 to 2010.

Per diems in 2009: \$10,563.

Monthly pension:\$4,425.42.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$157,161.03.

Source: SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, (R-Centre).**

Mr. Benninghoff was elected to the House of Representatives in 1997 and is the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$17,802.

Per diems in 2011: \$13,375.

• **Former Rep. Jerry Birmelin, (R-Wayne).**

Mr. Birmelin served in the House of Representatives from 1985-2006, and was defeated for supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise.

“Rep. Jerry Birmelin (R) cashed in on 238 per diems in 18 months and took home an additional \$31,933. Mr. Birmelin took the pay raise, started to pay it back, changed his mind, stopped payment...” (*Shamrock Times*, November 14, 2006.)

Monthly pension: \$3,953.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$100,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Rep. Louise Bishop, (D-Philadelphia.)**

Rep. Bishop also voted for the raise, then voted to repeal the raise, but kept the money. A House member since 1989, Rep. Bishop is the Democratic Chairwoman of the Children & Youth Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$15,920.

Per diems in 2009: \$840.

• **Former Rep. Kevin Blaum, (D-Luzerne).**

Mr. Blaum served in the House of Representatives from 1981 to 2006 and was forced out of office after supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise.

“A car is a tool,” said Rep. Kevin Blaum, (D-Wilkes-Barre), who billed the state for a leased Ford Explorer and collected an average of about \$1,500 a month in per-diems. “ (*Shamrock Times*, November 13, 2006.)

“Rep. Blaum took 215 per diems in 18 months and made an extra \$26,824.” (*Shamrock Times*, November 14, 2006.)

Mr. Blaum is an associate director of admission and the director of financial aid at Wyoming Seminary.

Monthly pension: \$4,579.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$115,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

- **Former Rep. Karl Boyes, (R- Erie).**

Mr. Boyes represented the 3rd legislative district from 1980 until his death in 2003.

- **Former Rep. Pat Browne, (R-Lehigh).**

Mr. Browne was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1994 to 2005. He won a special election to fill the senate seat vacated by Charlie Dent.

Image Makeover: “From his Special Leadership Account, Perzel paid Pincus \$5,000 a month for five months last year for “professional services.”

“Perzel's spokesman, Drachler, said Pincus was hired to boost the profiles of some House Republicans by helping them with their image and communications skills [...] Browne's seat was considered critical by Republicans who wanted to keep their current House majority, “And Browne has problems. His district comprises almost equal numbers of registered Democrats and Republicans. He was arrested for drunken driving last year. Democrats figure he is beatable [...] Pincus said he helped Browne improve his public speaking and his handling of questions from the media. Browne did not return Post-Gazette phone calls seeking comment.” (*Pittsburgh Gazette*, John M.R. Bull, August 06, 2000.)

Financial oversight: Mr. Browne is currently the Senate Republic Whip, a Trustee for the Public School Employees Retirement Board and member of the Legislative Audit Advisory Committee.

Per diems in 2011: \$7,941.

• **Former Rep. Raymond Bunt Jr., (R-Montgomery).**

Mr. Bunt served in the House of Representatives from 1983 to 2006 and was forced to retire for supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise.

Per diems 2004 to 2005: \$45,595.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, April 23, 2006.

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Monthly pension: \$3,824.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$108,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Former Rep Alan Butkovitz, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Butkovitz served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2005 and got a new job in 2006 as Philadelphia City Controller.

Mr. Butkovitz said "it would be untenable for elected officials to retain money that the Supreme Court is now saying was not legally authorized." Butkovitz said he had contacted the House comptroller to figure out how much he owed and what the best method was to repay it." (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 16, 2006.)

Monthly pension: \$2,006 a month. (2006)

Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Ron Buxton, (D-Dauphin).**

Mr. Buxton was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and retired in 2012. Mr. Buxton served as the Democratic Party's Caucus Administrator.

Annual Pension Pay Out: \$66,603.24.

Lump Sum Payment Amount: \$0.

Source: SERS Response to Right-to-Know Request, December 11, 2012.

• **Rep. Thomas Caltagirone, (D-Berks).**

Mr. Caltagirone has served in the House of Representatives since 1977, supported the pay raise but paid it back. He is the Democratic Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Allegation: Caltagirone was accused of sexual harassment by one of his staffers, Marci L. Santoro. "Legal bills paid by the taxpayers for the grand jury probe eventually topped \$272,000." The case was closed by Acting Attorney General Walter Cohen in 1995 "over the objections of the grand jury, which sent a letter to him saying that it believed there was enough evidence to indict Caltagirone on most of the 17 charges presented. Cohen's successor, Tom Corbett - who is running for the same post this year - reopened the investigation, but later closed it again without filing charges. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, February 15, 2004.)

Reconciliation: In 2004 Rep. Caltagirone rehired Ms. Santoro as a legislative assistant.

Per diems in 2009: \$26,480.

Per diems 2011-2012: \$40,073.

(*Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted, January 13, 2013.)

Wine and dine: "In 2010, Rep. Tom Caltagirone, the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, reported a \$1,292 gift from Vintage Importers of Pennsylvania. On its web site, Vintage Importers identifies itself as a distributor for "small boutique producers of fine wines from around the world." Caltagirone, of Reading, did not return calls." (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, Brad Bumsted and Debra Erdley, March 13, 2013.)

- **Former Rep. Steve Cappelli, (R-Lycoming).**

Mr. Cappelli served in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2008.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. James Casorio, (D-Westmoreland).**

Mr. Casorio served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2010.

Pension pad: Mr. Casorio voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase.

Source: State Employees' Retirement System; *The Morning Call*, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.

Per diems 2004 to 2005: He gobbled-up \$42,335 for 357 days worth of per diems over a two-year period. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 2, 2006.)

Pay raise: Mr. Casorio voted against the pay raise and was penalized by Bill DeWeese who took away his leadership positions on Committees. (*Tribune Review*, June 29, 2005.)

Monthly pension: \$1,806.80.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$82,377.29.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Gaynor Cawley, (D- Lackawanna).**

Mr. Cawley served in the House of Representatives from 1981-2006 and was forced to retire after supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise.

Per diems 2004 to 2005: Mr. Cawley was the largest recipient of per diems during this period - **\$53,030.**

(Philadelphia Inquirer Mario F. Cattabiani , April 23, 2006.)

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

- **Former Rep. Gaynor Cawley, (D- Lackawanna).**

Monthly pension: \$38,904.

Sunday Patriot News, March 11, 2007.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$113,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Follow up: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Mario Civera, (R-Delaware).**

Mr. Civera served in the House of Representatives from 1980 to 2010 and was elected to Delaware County Council in 2009, but refused to resign his seat in the House of Representatives.

Double time: “More than a month after being sworn in as a Delaware County Commissioner, Rep. Mario Civera (R., Delaware) is still occupying his House seat in Harrisburg.” *(Philadelphia Inquirer, February 26, 2010.)*

Per diems in 2009: \$15,967.

Monthly pension: \$6,106.26.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$165,070.67.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Daniel Clark, (R-Mifflin).**

Mr. Clark served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2002 and was able to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Paul Clymer, (R-Bucks).**

Mr. Clymer has served in the House of Representatives since 1981. He is the Majority Chairman of the Education Committee and is also a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2009: \$19,049.

Per diems in 2011: \$15,417.

- **Former Rep. Lita Cohen, (R-Montgomery).**

Rep. Cohen served in the House of Representatives from 1993 and 2002 and was able to increase her pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Mark Cohen, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Cohen was elected in 1978. He served as the Majority Caucus Chairman from 1990 to 1992, Majority Whip from 1993 to 1994, Democratic Caucus Chairman from 1994 to 2006 and as Majority Caucus Chairman from 2007 to 2010.

Per diems: “He voted for the raise, voted to repeal the raise, took the money... and read **800 books over at a cost to tax payers of \$28,200.**” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 2, 2006.)

Per diems 2005 to 2006: \$46,379.

Philadelphia Inquirer Mario F. Cattabiani , April 23, 2006.

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems in 2009: \$31,473.

Per diems in 2011: \$39,333.75.

Taxpayer funded education: While serving as a full time legislator Mr. Cohen completed graduate work at Temple University, Gratz College and Pennsylvania State University, received a law degree from the Widener School of Law and an MBA from Lebanon Valley College in 2000.

• **Rep. Mark Cohen, (D-Philadelphia).**

Pension parachute: Mr. Cohen is currently the Democratic Chairman of the State Government Committee and will enjoy a generous pension pay out. Benefits covered by the pension system in effect before 1974 utilizes a higher "multiplier" to calculate benefits for Mr. Cohen. The pre-1974 tier uses a 7.5 % multiplier of the average salary of the three highest years compared to a 3% multiplier for lawmakers elected after 1974 and uses a 2.5% multiplier for state employees.

• **Former Rep. Nicholas A. Colafella, (D-Beaver).**

Mr. Colafella served in the House of Representatives from Coleman from 1981 to 2002 and was able to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Colafella was appointed to the State Ethics Commission in 2004 and currently serves as the Vice Chairman.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Jeff Coleman, (R-Armstrong).**

Mr. Coleman served in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2004 and was able to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Sue Cornell, (R-Montgomery).**

Rep. Cornell served one term in the House of Representatives and was defeated after supporting the 2005 legislative pay raise. As a lame duck legislator, Cornell spent \$2,000 of tax payer dollars to attend a legislative conference. (*Associated Press*, March 20, 2007.)

Ghost employee: After her defeat, Speaker Perzel “found her work, assigning her to the office of his fellow Philadelphia Republican, then-Rep. George Kenney, for the same \$72,187 salary she had as a legislator. For a month and a half, Cornell collected a state paycheck without doing any work or setting foot in [Rep.] Kenney's office.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 22, 2009.)

Parked: Cornell was the former manager of governmental relations for the Philadelphia Parking Authority. She now serves as the Authority’s director of customer service.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Tom Corrigan, (D-Bucks).**

Mr. Corrigan served in the House of Representatives from 1986 to 2006, and was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. “Rep. Thomas C. Corrigan Sr. (D., Bucks) hung up on a reporter when asked whether he would return the money he collected in ‘unvouchered expenses.’” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 16, 2006.)

Party time: “After he stepped down, Mr. Corrigan attended the four-day National Conference of State Legislatures which cost taxpayers \$2,000.” (*Associated Press*, March 20, 2007.)

“Mr. Corrigan retired with an extra \$1,280 after taking the \$3,801 pay raise.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 26, 2006.)

Monthly pension: \$2,289.07.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$102,897.47.

SERS, Right-to-Know Request, July 19, 2010.

• **Rep. Paul Costa, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Costa has served in the House of Representatives since 1999 and is currently the Democratic Chairman of Liquor Control.

Family ties: His brother, Jay, is the Senate Democratic Majority Leader and his cousin, Dom Costa, was elected to the House of Representatives in 2009.

Tailgating: In 2010 Mr. Costa was arrested when he was tailgating at a Pittsburgh Steelers football game. “A local lawmaker has been fined \$50 plus court costs for disorderly conduct after authorities dropped a charge that he smoked marijuana while tailgating last month outside a Pittsburgh Steelers game.” (KDKA, November 24, 2010.)

Second home paid for by taxpayers: “In December 2011, state Rep. Paul Costa, D-Wilkins Township, filed notice with the state regarding the creation of a limited liability company. Vandaleh Real Estate Associates LLC was created with the Harrisburg address of property that was at the time owned by Costa, former Rep. Michael Diven, state Sen. Tim Solobay, D-Canonsburg, and Sen. John Yudichak, D-Luzerne.” Observer-Reporter, Aaron Kendeall, December 12, 2012.) Mr. Costa can walk to his second home in Harrisburg which is located close to the Capitol.

Per diems in 2009: \$23,000.97.

Per diems in 2011: \$23,375.

• **Former Rep. Jeff Coy, (D-Cumberland).**

Mr. Coy served in the House of Representatives from 1983 to 2004 and resigned his seat after his appointment to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. He served three terms on the GCB from 2005-2011.

Junkets: “Four state gambling regulators attended a September conference at a posh Rome hotel that cost their agency about \$27,000 and included charges by at least one of them for the pool bar, laundry and limousine service...Board member Jeff Coy's trip cost about \$6,600 and included the pool bar, limo and laundry charges, according to a receipt the lawmakers obtained. (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, Brad Bumsted, March 19, 2009.)

“Coy, a former state lawmaker, shows similar tastes when he attends an out-of-state gaming conference. He traveled to Las Vegas in November for a three-day conference at the swank Bellagio hotel and billed the state \$1,922 -- the largest single travel bill submitted by a board member between January and November of last year.” (*Public Opinion*, Richard Fellingner, 2009.)

“Besides the Las Vegas conference, Coy attended one in October in Chicago for two nights and billed the state \$1,498. The total bill includes airfare, hotel charge, meals and parking.” (*Public Opinion Harrisburg Bureau*, Richard Fellingner, 2009)

Fit to serve: “His successor, Rob Kauffman (R), attempted to have him removed from the Board. In a letter to then Speaker of the House Dennis O'Brien, Mr. Kauffman's raised objections and argued Mr. Coy's appointment violates the state constitution because legislators cannot be appointed to civil offices "during the term in which they were elected even if they resign during the course of that term." (Letter to Speaker Dennis O'Brien, January 13, 2007.)

The Attorney General sued to have Mr. Coy removed from the GCB based on the timing of his appointment. The lawsuit was rejected by the Commonwealth Court on September 27, 2004. (*Associated Press*, Mark Scolforo, September 28, 2004.)

- **Former Rep. Jeff Coy, (D-Cumberland).**

Fit to swerve: “Coy, as the 89th District legislator, answered questions in 1997 about his travel perks. Coy claimed that he was entitled to per-diem expenses and did not have to present receipts for his daily expenses because his home in Southampton Township was farther than 50 miles from the state Capitol. He organized a seven-vehicle caravan for the media to prove his point. His 1997 Jeep Cherokee made a 50.3-mile trip while reporters pointed out a shorter route.”

“When state gaming regulator Jeffrey Coy of Shippensburg makes the hour-long drive to Harrisburg for work, he travels in style. He drives a 2006 Cadillac DTS, for which the state pays \$650 per month, and he often stays at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers at \$125 per night...Besides the Las Vegas conference, Coy attended one in October in Chicago for two nights and billed the state \$1,498. The total bill includes airfare, hotel charge, meals and parking.” (*Public Opinion Harrisburg Bureau*, Richard Fellingner.)

Another pension: “In 2011 - Mr. Coy served as Vice Chairman of the Board Director for Orrstown Financial Services - received \$72,982 in compensation package and pension value was \$85,332.” (*Forbes Magazine*.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Thomas Creighton, (R-Lancaster).**

Served in the House of Representatives from 2000 to 2012 and went back on a campaign pledge he made in 2000 not to accept a pension.

“He said he has changed his mind and will accept a taxpayer-funded pension, which is expected to be about \$30,000 a year. He declined to offer a reason for his change of heart. ‘I don't have a good explanation’ he said.”
(*Lancaster Newspapers*, Tom Murse, December 5, 2011.)

Monthly pension: \$1,388.62.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$79,819.96.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Former Rep Lawrence Curry, (D-Montgomery).**

Mr. Curry served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2012.

Per diems in 2009: \$17,090.

Per diems in 2011: \$11,371.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Rep. Angel Cruz, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Cruz was elected in 2001 and he is Democratic Chairman of the Human Services Committee. Cruz voted for the pay raise, then voted to repeal the raise, and took the money.

Cake and eat it too: Rep. Cruz told *RTC* the night of the pay raise repeal vote that he was waiting to collect pension and health benefits before running for a higher paying job on City Council.

• **Rep. Peter Daley, (D-Washington).**

Mr. Daley has served in the House of Representatives since 1983 and is Democratic Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee.

Motor head: “Rep. Pete Daley, D-Washington County, drove a state-leased car and collected gas and oil reimbursement of **\$17,612**, more than

\$7,000 more than the next highest lawmaker for fuel.” (*Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted, March 4, 2013.)

Per diems in 2009: \$24,640.

Per diems 2011-2012: \$41,939.

(*Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted, January 13, 2013.)

Ski buff: In 2012, Mr. Daley accepted four free ski passes from the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association valued at \$2,400. (*Associated Press*, *Pennsylvania Independent* and *Philadelphia Inquirer*.)

• **Former Rep. Craig Dally, (D-Northampton).**

Mr. Dally served in the House of Representatives from 1996 to 2010 and resigned after winning an election to serve on the Northampton Court of Common Pleas.

Per diems in 2009: \$15,403.

• **Rep. Tony, DeLuca, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. DeLuca has served in the House of Representatives since 1983 and is Democratic Chairman of the Insurance Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$16,359.

Per diems in 2011: \$13,751.

• **Rep. Frank Dermody, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Dermody has served in the House of Representatives since 1991 and is the Democratic Leader and Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,279.

Per diems in 2011: \$19,979.

- **Former Rep. Bill DeWeese, (D-Greene).**

Mr. DeWeese served in the House of Representatives from 1976 to 2012. He was the Democratic Leader from 1995 to 2008, Speaker of the House from 1993 to 1994, Democratic Whip from 2006 to 2009.

Pay raise: The former Majority Leader and former Speaker of the House orchestrated the pay raise and demoted party members in leadership positions who voted against the pay raise. Mr. DeWeese received over \$13,000 in “unvouchered expenses” with which he sent eight \$1,000 checks to each school district in Greene County, and paid \$5,000 in federal income taxes.

- **Former Rep. Bill DeWeese, (D-Greene).**

DeWeese the Munificent: “He gave Massachusetts-made maple chairs to 11 departing Democrats last year, four of whom the voters tossed from office. Custom-etched with the state seal, each cost \$287.”

“The minority leader also spent nearly \$800 on 175 stuffed bears with the state's quarter glued to their paws. They were handed out at an information-technology convention last year.”

“And \$10,962 covered a Christmas party for 475 Democratic legislators and staffers. That's not including the \$4,008 spent for employee gifts. Everyone got a six-pack cooler embossed with the state seal.”
(*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, November 09, 2003.)

Frequent flyer: “Among state lawmakers, no one uses the planes more often than Rep. Bill DeWeese, (D-Greene). He flew on them 11 times last year and twice this year -- at a total cost of nearly \$24,000.” (*Tribune Review*, December 1, 2005.)

Mr. DeWeese also accessed a \$13 million “special leadership account” to fly to Santa Barbara, California, pay a personal driver, and

spend **\$149,105 on advertising and \$254,722 on consulting fees.**
(*Herald-Standard*, May 12, 2006.)

Driver's education fund: DeWeese decided to drive himself to work. "According to media reports, DeWeese spent \$32,000 last year on a driver from Donna Hertig Enterprises. A *Herald-Standard* review of DeWeese's legislative spending shows that in October 2006 Donna Hertig Enterprises received four payments totaling approximately \$4,074 for driver services." (*Herald-Standard*, February 17, 2007.)

Polling for dollars: In 2007, House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese authorized \$289,759 for political polling. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 25, 2007.)

Sentence: The former House Majority was sentenced to 2.5 to five years in prison after being convicted on five felonies for using his Harrisburg and district office staff to for political advancement. Judge Todd Hoover also ordered Mr. DeWeese to pay \$25,000 in fines, court costs and almost \$116,000 in restitution.

• **Former Rep. Bill DeWeese, (D-Greene).**

Per diems 2005 to 2006: \$41,717.

Philadelphia Inquirer Mario F. Cattabiani , April 23, 2006.

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems in 2009: \$36,051.

Per diems in 2011: \$23,104.

Pension: Mr. DeWeese was stripped of his annual pension by the State Employers Retirement System under Act 140, and is serving at prison sentence for misusing public money at the Retreat State.

• **Rep. Gene DiGirolamo, (R-Bucks).**

Mr. DiGirolamo has served in the House of Representatives since 1995, and is the Majority Chairman of the Human Services Committee.

Per diems 2009: \$20,419.

Per diems 2011: \$15,347.

- **Former Rep. Mike Diven, (R-Allegheny).**

Mr. Diven served in the House of Representatives in 2000 as a Democrat, switched parties in 2005, was defeated in 2006 after the legislative pay raise, reverted back to the Democratic Party in 2009 and was defeated running for District Magistrate.

Second home paid for taxpayers:

“In December 2011, state Rep. Paul Costa, D-Wilkins Township, filed notice with the state regarding the creation of a limited liability company. Vandaleh Real Estate Associates LLC was created with the Harrisburg address of property that was at the time owned by Costa, former Rep. Michael Diven, state Sen. Tim Solobay, D-Canonsburg, and Sen. John Yudichak, D-Luzerne.” Observer-Reporter, Aaron Kendeall, December 12, 2012.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Bob Donatucci, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Donatucci served in the House of Representatives from 1980 until his death in November 2010. He was succeeded by his wife Maria Donatucci in 2011.

- **Former Rep. Todd Eachus, (D-Luzerne).**

Mr. Eachus was the former Democratic Party Leader and served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2010. Mr. Eachus voted for the pay raise, kept the money, defended the pay grab, and voted to increase his salary 22% from \$69,648 to \$85,102.

Taxpayer investment property: “Four others - House Democratic leader Todd A. Eachus of Butler Township and Reps. Michael Peifer, Mario Scavello and John Yudichak - also own buildings in Harrisburg, where they stay while on business, and also collect per diems, often for the full amount.”

“Eachus, D-116, and his wife, Ellen, own a two-story brick townhouse listed as commercial property with apartments at 225 South St., near the Capitol building. They bought it for \$125,000 on Aug. 30, 2005, and have a \$100,000, 30-year mortgage on it. The previous owner paid \$82,000 for it at a 1996 sheriff's sale. The property is also listed as a source of income on Eachus' 2008 financial interest statement...” (*Shamrock Times*, Borys Krawczeniuk & Robert Swift, February 21, 2010.)

Law suit: On March 17, 2012, in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, “Former Majority Leader Todd Eachus of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and seven staff members of the House Democratic Caucus have been sued by the former controller of the caucus who claims she was fired for testifying about the scandal known as Bonusgate.”

• **Former Rep. Bill DeWeese, (D-Greene).**

“Mary Ann O'Leary, the former controller, says in a federal lawsuit filed March 7 that she testified 14 times before a grand jury investigating Bonusgate, the probe into the use of tax dollars for campaign activities that led to the convictions of former House Speakers John Perzel and William DeWeese and former Democratic Whip Mike Veon.” (*Citizens Voice*, Kent Jackson, March 17, 2012)

Per diems in 2009: \$27,688.

Monthly Pension Pay out: \$2,864.30

Lump Sum Payment Amount: \$96,478.99

SERS, Right-to-Know Request, December 18, 2012.

- **Former Rep C. Allan Egolf, (R-Perry).**

Mr. Egolf served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2004.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Dwight Evans, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Evan was elected in 1981 and was the former Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He voted for the pay raise, then voted to repeal the raise, and still took the money.

Nonprofit: “Six Pennsylvania lawmakers have steered almost \$29 million in taxpayer money to nonprofit groups controlled, created or fostered by those same politicians...”

“In Northwest Philadelphia, Evans incorporated the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation with several constituents in 1983. Evans has helped the corporation snare three dozen state grants worth about \$5.7 million since 1990, but has no direct role in operations. (*Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted and Debra Erdley, April 24, 2006.)

- **Rep. Dwight Evans, (D-Philadelphia).**

Time out: “A Philadelphia nonprofit with ties to State Rep. Dwight Evans mismanaged \$1.5 million in state grants since 2006, raising questions about how the money was obtained and spent, according to a confidential state audit. At Evans' direction, the Urban Affairs Coalition put a Philadelphia pastor and his aide on its payroll, the auditors found, then used taxpayer funds to pay them \$365,000 for work that auditors said they could not verify.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, John P. Martin and Angela Couloumbis, November 18, 2012.)

Fill ‘er up with tax dollars: “The highest priced state-paid leased vehicle costs \$644 per month: a 2009 Mercury Mariner hybrid. Rep. Dwight

Evans, D-Philadelphia, who drove one of those, said the state Department of General Services ‘sets up the lease ... and sets the price.’”
(*Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted, March 4, 2013.)

Patron of the arts: The former-WAM King received two free tickets from the Barnes Foundation’s to attend the grand opening of the transplanted museum. The tickets were valued at \$10,000. (*Associated Press*, *Pennsylvania Independent* and *Philadelphia Inquirer*.)

Per diems in 2009: \$16,720.

Per diems in 2011: \$2,813.

• **Former Rep. John Evans, (R-Erie).**

Mr. Evans served in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2012. He was reimbursed for \$25,537 in per diems in 2009.

Per diems in 2009: \$25,537.

Per diems in 2011-2012: \$48,036.

(*Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted, January 13, 2013).

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Russ Fairchild, (R-Union).**

Mr. Fairchild served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2010.

Pay raise: Mr. Fairchild (R-Union) noted on May 3, 2006 in an interview with RTC that the proceeds of the “unvouchered expenses” he accepted were donated to local charities in his district and made public. “Mr. Fairchild, R-85 of Lewisburg, said he is repaying \$4,826 in expense

money over a period of three months. House payroll records show the amount in gross expense money that Mr. Fairchild collected is \$7,708.”

“Mr. Fairchild said he too is basing his repayment on the net amount that showed up in his paycheck after income taxes and Social Security were deducted. He said he wanted to make the repayment in one sum, but was advised that a scheduled repayment was necessary,” (*The Daily Item*, October 08, 2006.)

Per diems in 2009: \$14,794.

Monthly pension: \$3,211.70.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$126,853.80.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Brett Feese, (R-Lycoming).**

Rep. Feese served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2006 and retired after the legislative pay raise of 2005. He was the Republican Whip from 2003 to 2004.

Back in the House: “Former Rep. Brett Feese, R-Lycoming, was hired as chief counsel to the House Republicans, at \$155,000 per year.” (*Patriot*, Sunday, March 11, 2007.)

Verdict: “Former state Rep. Brett Feese was sentenced to 4 to 12 years in state prison by a Dauphin County judge on Friday, February 10, 2012 for his role as a principal in the Computergate scandal involving House Republicans.” (*Patriot*, Sunday, March 14, 2013.) Mr. Feese is appealing his conviction in the U.S. Middle District Court.

• **Former Rep. Brett Feese, (R-Lycoming).**

Monthly pension: Forfeited under Act 140.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: Forfeited under Act 140.

- **Former Rep. John Fichter, (R-Montgomery).**

Rep. Fichter served in the House of Representatives from 1992 to 2006 and retired after the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Monthly pension: \$2,202.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal:

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Patrick Fleagle, (R-Franklin).**

Rep. Fleagle served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2006 and was defeated in the primary (R) and general election (D) for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Monthly pension: \$2,659.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$87,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Rep. Robert Flick, (R-Chester).**

Mr. Flick voted for the pay raise and kept the “unvouchered expenses.” He retired with a “pension bounce.” As a lame duck legislator, Flick spent \$2,400 of tax payer dollars to attend a legislative conference (*Associated Press*, March 20, 2007.)

Monthly pension: \$3,183.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$107,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Teresa Forcier, (R-Crawford).**

Rep. Forcier served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2006 and was defeated in the 2006 primary for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. Forcier harvested a pension bounce.

Monthly pension: \$2,768.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$84,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Rep. Robert Freeman, (D-Northampton).**

Mr. Freeman served two stints in the House of Representatives. Freeman was elected in 1983 and turned out of office in 1994. He was reelected in 1999.

- **Former Rep. Will Gabig, (R-Cumberland).**

Mr. Gabig was elected in 2001 and retired in 2010. Gabig was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board where he earns \$96,802. His pension pay outs were put on hold in November, 2011.

Monthly pension: \$1,011.12.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$43,261.82.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Tom Gannon, (R-Delaware).**

Mr. Gannon served in the House of Representatives from 1979 to 2006. He was defeated in the 2006 general election for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. Mr. Gannon is a practicing attorney.

Monthly pension: \$3,444.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$118,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Rick Geist, (R-Blair).**

Mr. Geist was elected to office in 1979 chairman of the powerful Transportation Committee. He was defeated in Blair County by talk host and college professor, John McGinnis, in 2012.

Fill it up: Mr. Geist powered his way down a road paved with tax payer dollars. “The self-styled car enthusiast drives a 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse costing \$550 a month.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, June 15, 2003.)

Pay raise: Mr. Geist voted for the pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.”

- **Former Rep. Rick Geist, (R-Blair).**

Per diems 2004-2005: \$42,719.

Philadelphia Inquirer Mario F. Cattabiani , April 23, 2006.

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems in 2009: \$27,354.

Per diems in 2011: \$31,473.

Richard A. Geist Consulting focuses on transportation issues.

Monthly pension: \$5,395.18.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal:\$3,381.09 (partial).

SERS Response to RTK Request, December 11, 2012.

- **Former Rep. Camille “Bud” George, (D-Clearfield).**

Mr. George was elected in 1978 and retired in 2012.

Per diems in 2009: \$15,646.

Per diems in 2011: \$9,668.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Bob Godshall, (R-Montgomery).**

Mr. Godshall has served in the House of Representatives since 1983 and is the Chairman of the Consumer Affairs Committee.

Mr. Godshall is a member of the State Employees Retirement System Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2009: \$21,564.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,527.

- **Former Rep. Mike Gruitza, (D-Mercer).**

Mr. Gruitza served in the House of Representatives from 1981 to 2006 when he retired after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005 and retired with a “pension bounce.”

Pay raise: Mr. Gruitza voted for the pay raise, accepted “unvouchered expenses,” and spent the raise on chimney work. "It's not worth the aggravation," Gruitza said. "I feel bad that there is a sense out there that you are just trying to take care of yourself, when all these years

my main priority has been helping others." (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, December 1, 2005.)

Monthly pension: \$3,466.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$113,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Rep. Gary Haluska, (D-Cambria).**

Mr. Haluska has served in the House of Representatives since 1995 and is the Democratic Chairman for the Committee on Games and Fisheries.

Pay raise: Rep. Haluska voted "no on the pay raise, "but took the unconstitutional money. His Capitol office (787-3532) referred *RTC* to the district office at 814-674-8939. On May 3, 2006, Mr. Haluska told *RockTheCapital.org* that he donated the entire amount to local food banks as he did in 1995 when he first arrived in the House.

Per diems in 2009: \$16,359.

Per diems in 2011: \$10,951.

- **Rep. Mike Hanna, (D-Centre).**

Mr. Hanna has served in the House of Representatives since 1991 and is the Democratic Whip. Mr. Hanna is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors.

Per diems in 2009: \$17,960.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,199.

- **Rep R. Ted Harhai, (D-Westmoreland).**

Mr. Harhai has served in the House of Representatives since 1998 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee.

Per diems 2009: \$19,509.

Per diems: “At **\$35,117**, Harhai, a nine-term legislator, collected the most among the Westmoreland County delegation. Harhai, whose district includes Manor and part of North Huntingdon, didn't return a call requesting comment about ranking 17th-highest among the 165 House members who received per diems.” (*Tribune Review*, Chris Foreman, January 30, 2013.)

- **Rep. Julie Harhart, (R-Lehigh).**

Rep. Harhart has served in the House of Representatives since 1995 and is the Chairwoman of the Professional Licensure Committee.

Taxpayer-fed expense account used for political purposes

“Precision Marketing [paid \$1.1 million by John Perzel in 1999] used phone solicitors to call thousands of Pennsylvania voters to explain the wide range of constituent services their Republican state representatives could provide...Mr. Perzel’s spokesperson, Stephen Drachler “released an edited copy of a script used by the telemarketers working for one House Republican. The name had been blacked out. It could, however, be read if held up to the light -- state Rep. Julie Harhart, R-Northampton...The script uses her name four times in four paragraphs.” (*Pittsburgh Gazette*, John M.R. Bull, August 06, 2000.)

Per diems in 2009: \$19,792.

- **Former Rep. George C. Hasay, (R-Luzerne).**

Mr. Hasay served in the House of Representatives from 1973 to 2006 and was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Pay raise: Mr. Hasay voted for the pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” He retired with a “pension bounce.” Mr. Hasay confessed, "I spent 34 years in public service, and when I first ran for the job, I never even thought about the pension plan or anything like that," said former state Rep. George C. Hasay, (R-Luzerne), whose annual pension is \$79,000 and lump-sum withdrawal was \$329,000. (*Morning Call*, Bill White Blog, February 9, 2007,)

Monthly pension: \$6,587.41.

Taxpayers United of America, March 14, 2012.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$329,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

• **Rep. Tim Hennessey, (R-Chester).**

Mr. Hennessey has been a member of Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 1993. He is the Majority Chairman of the Aging & Older Adult Services Committee.

Per diems from 2004 to 2005: \$44,210.

Philadelphia Inquirer Mario F. Cattabiani , April 23, 2006.

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems in 2009: \$17,480.

Per diems in 2011: \$13,165.

• **Former Rep. Lynn Herman, (R-Centre).**

Mr. Herman served in the House of Representatives from 1982 to 2006 and retired after the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Monthly pension: \$2,459.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$66,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Art Hershey, (R-Chester).**

Mr. Hershey served in the House of Representatives from 1983 to 2008. Mr. Hershey works as a lobbyist with John Barley at Versant Strategies.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Dick Hess, (R-Bedford).**

Mr. Hess has served in the House of Representatives since 1987 and is the Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$25,162.

Per diems in 2011: \$23,924.

Turnpike: His son, Jeffrey Hess, gained employment at the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

- **Former Rep. Mike Horsey, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Horsey served in the House of Representatives from 1994 until he was defeated in the primary by Tommy Blackwell in 2004.

Ethics: In 1997, “You might call Philadelphia Democratic state Rep. Mike Horsey's campaign finance reporting ‘one for the books.’”

“A state Elections Bureau official did, calling Horsey's filings ‘the worst’ ever. They are impossible to read. Money and totals don't match. Few contributors are listed. And Horsey paid \$2,000 in fines in January for missing reporting dates.” (*Daily News Staff Writer, John M. Baer, July 21, 1997.*)

Monthly pension:

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Scott Hutchinson, (R-Venango).**

Mr. Hutchinson served in the House of Representatives from 1992 to 2012 before being elected to the Senate.

He is the Majority Chairman of Intergovernmental Operations Committee in the Senate.

Per diems in 2009: \$21 257.

Per diems in 2011: \$15,758.

• **Former Rep. Kenneth Jadowiec, (R-McKean).**

Mr. Jadowiec served in the House of Representatives from 1987 to 2002, and voted to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Harold James, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. James served in the House of Representatives from 1989 until was defeated in the 2008 primary by Kenyatta Johnson. He won a special election in April 2012 and returned to office on May 8, 2012.

Pay raise: Mr. James voted for the pay hike, voted to repeal the raise, and still took the money. Mr. James said, "I earned it and I worked for it." (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Inquirer September 16, 2006.)

Monthly pension: \$2,829.22

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$106,435.93.

SERS Response to RTKR, August 11, 2011.

• **Former Rep. Rep. Babette Josephs, (D-Philadelphia).**

Representative Josephs served in the House of Representatives from 1985 to 2012. She was defeated in the 2012 Democratic primary. She voted for the raise, voted to repeal the raise, and donated the money to charity but never paid it back.

Per diems in 2009: \$14,794.

Per diems in 2011: \$10,034

Monthly pension: \$5,271.70.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$0.

SERS Response to RTK Request, December 11, 2012.

• **Former Rep. Ralph Kaiser, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Kaiser served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2002. Kaiser's district in Allegheny County was moved to Lancaster County.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Bill Keller, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Keller has served in the House of Representatives since 1993 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee.

Crime watch: On August 18, 2010, “Action News has learned that federal authorities conducted raids this morning involving Pa. State Representative William Keller. Federal investigators carted out files and cases from a home in Rose Valley, Delaware County. The house belongs to Marty O'Rourke, a campaign aide to State Representative Bill Keller. (WPVI, *Offices of State Rep., staffer and judge raided.*)

Per diems in 2009: \$20,680.

Per diems in 2011: \$17,765.

- **Former Rep. George Kenney, (R-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Kenney served in the House of Representatives from 1985 to 2008. Mr. Kenney voted for the raise, voted to repeal the raise, and took the money and vacated his seat.

“Ghost” Landlord: “It was 2006, and [Sue] Cornell, a freshman state representative, had just been booted from office by Montgomery County voters, and she needed a job. ..Perzel found her work, assigning her to the office of his fellow Philadelphia Republican, then-Rep. George Kenney, for the same \$72,187 salary she had as a legislator. For a month and a half, Cornell collected a state paycheck without doing any work or setting foot in Kenney's office. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 22, 2009.)

Monthly pension: \$3,441.13

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$129,845.49.

SERS, Right-to-Know Request, July 19, 2010.

- **Rep. Thaddeus Kirkland, (D-Delaware).**

Mr. Kirkland served in the House of Representatives since 1993 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee.

Ethics: Mr. Kirkland “is under investigation by the state Ethics Commission, apparently in connection with a tangled web of money and potential conflicts of interest that he helped weave from Harrisburg. The *Daily News* reported in November that since 1998, about \$800,000 in state grants has gone to organizations close to Kirkland's family - including the Baptist church where he is pastor, an annual cultural festival at which his daughter has been paid to sing and an arts center where his wife is president and his son-in-law was executive director.” (*Daily News* Wednesday, February 13, 2013.)

Per diems in 2009: \$17,008.

Per diems in 2011: \$18,708.

COLA: “I will take my pay raise and I appreciate the opportunity to take that pay raise,” he said. “When I get an increase in pay, the more I do for my community. The more I get, the more I give.” (*Montgomery Media Publications*, Danielle Lynch, November 21, 2012.)

• **Former Rep. Edward Krebs, (R-Lebanon).**

Mr. Krebs was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 as a Democrat and switched parties in 1993. Mr. Krebs voted to increase his pension before retiring.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Frank LaGrotta, (D-Beaver).**

Mr. LaGrotta served in the House of Representatives from 1987 to 2006. He was defeated in the primary for supporting the legislative pay

raise. Mr. LaGrotta claims his “unvouchered expenses” were used to buy a new computer for his office and pay some mileage to his employees. (*Vindy.com*, November 20, 2005.)

Expenses: “Mr. LaGrotta billed tax payers for \$87,256 in expenses in 2005 including \$17,611 on commercial transportation and \$10,920 on vehicle related costs.” (*Beaver County Times*, June 28, 2006.)

Employment history: Mr. LaGrotta was defeated in the 2006 primary, and was then hired as an “internal adviser” to the House Democratic caucus “assisting other members as necessary,” (*Herald Standard*, February 16, 2007.)

He was hired “at a salary of \$73,614 as a legislative assistant. (*Daily Review*, March 14, 2007.)

Guilty conviction: “LaGrotta, of Lawrence County, pleaded guilty in Dauphin County Court Monday to conflict of interest charges for creating “no-work” jobs for two relatives in his Ellwood City district office. He was sentenced by Dauphin County President Judge Richard Lewis to six months of in-home confinement Monday. LaGrotta was also given 30 additional months of probation, fined \$10,000, ordered to repay \$27,092 to the state, and required to do 500 hours of community service.” (*Patriot News*, February 5, 2008.)

Despite a felony conviction, Mr. LaGrotta will receive a state pension when he turns 50. “Mr. LaGrotta, who is serving six months' house arrest, is still eligible for a state pension that's nearly triple the per capita income in Lawrence County, where he served as state representative for two decades. (*Post-Gazette Harrisburg Bureau*, February 28, 2008.)

Relapse: Beaver police arrested LaGrotta, of Ellwood City, on May 5 after he tried to have an altered Xanax prescription filled at the Rite Aid pharmacy on Third Street. If LaGrotta is ultimately convicted on the new charges, he would then face a state probation revocation hearing, Perry said. Lewis could also re-sentence LaGrotta on the conflict-of-interest convictions if his probation is revoked. (*Beaver County Times*, June 18, 2010.)

Crime Watch: “Former state Rep. Frank LaGrotta was led from a Lawrence County courtroom in handcuffs Wednesday to begin serving at least three months in the county jail...The former legislator was immediately taken to the Lawrence County Jail, where he will spend between three months and 12 months after pleading guilty to 10 criminal charges in April. On Monday, visiting Senior Judge Eugene Fike II sentenced LaGrotta to jail, ordered him to serve 2 years of probation, and fined him \$1,500 plus court costs on three counts each of acquiring or obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation and possession of a controlled substance.” (*Beaver County Times* June 15, 2011.)

Per diems and pension boost: Mr. LaGrotta took an extra \$4,414 from the illegal pay raise. “After losing the primary in 2006, I decided to stop having the amount of the pay raise deducted from my salary. I also was reimbursed for the months I did pay back. It was perfectly legal, according to House Comptroller Alexis Brown,’ Mr. LaGrotta said yesterday. Earnings from the 2005 pay raise will help boost Mr. LaGrotta's annual pension by roughly \$740 a year, according to estimates by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.” (Clerk’s Office, February 21, 2008 and Post Gazette, February 29, 2008.)

Monthly pension: \$3,048.88.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$111,754.44.

SERS Response to RTKR, April 23, 2012.

• **Former Rep. Susan Laughlin, (D-Beaver).**

Representative Laughlin served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2004. She succeeded her husband - Charles Laughlin - who represented the 16th District from 1973 to 1988 before passing away in office.

Why drive when you can fly: “When it came to a vehicle, her objective was not to make the same mistake as her husband, who represented the district for 16 years before his death in 1988. ‘He ruined three engines

traveling the 466-mile round trip to Harrisburg,' she said. Laughlin rarely drives to Harrisburg, opting instead to fly. She's logged 32 round trips, averaging about \$300 apiece, in the last year alone - with the taxpayers paying more than \$9,500." (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, June 15, 2003.)

Rep. Laughlin voted to increase her pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- Former Rep. Marie Lederer, (D-Philadelphia).

Rep. Lederer served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006. She retired after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. Lederer voted for the pay raise, kept the money, and received a "pension bounce."

Family business: Her husband and father-in-law also served in the House of Representatives.

Monthly pension: \$3,052.

Lump-sum withdrawal: 0.

SERS Response to RTK Request, August 11, 2011.

- **Former Rep. Dennis Leh, (R-Berks).**

Rep Leh served in the House of Representatives from 1987 to 2006, and was defeated in the general election after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. Mr. Leh voted for the pay raise but returned the money.

Monthly pension: \$2,814.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$96,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Victor Lescovitz, (D-Washington).**

Rep. Lescovitz served in the House of Representatives from 1980 to 2006, and retired after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. Mr. Lescovitz voted for the pay raise, kept the money, and received a “pension bounce.”

Monthly pension: \$3,897.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$118,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

• **Former Rep. David Levdansky, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Levdansky served in the House of Representatives from 1985 to 2010 when he lost his reelection bid by a slim margin to Rick Saccone. He also lost a bid to regain the seat in 2012 to Mr. Saccone.

Reform wordsmith: Mr. Levdansky is credited with coining the term “pinstripe patronage” in reference to the Turnpike Commission’s hiring practices and said, “Per diems are too often viewed as a salary supplement.” (Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Tom Barnes, March 2, 1993.)

Per diems in 2009: \$18,669.

- Former Rep. David Levdansky, (D-Allegheny).

V.I.P.: Mr. Levdansky said "yes" to the Pennsylvania Ski Areas' Association and took three VIP passes "for himself and his two sons. "I thought, "his is a fun sport. What the hell, I'll take them and teach them to ski," recalled Levdansky, who insisted that he would never treat lobbyists differently because they came bearing gifts.' I owe them five or 10 minutes and a cup of coffee," he added. "But I owe that to every constituent, and they don't have to give me anything.'" (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, April 16, 2006.)

Monthly pension: \$3,014.74.

Lump-sum withdrawal: 0.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Kelly Lewis, (R-Monroe).**

Mr. Lewis served in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2004 and resigned shortly after winning a third term to the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Edward Lucyk, (D-Schuylkill).**

Mr. Lucyk served in the House of Representatives from 1981 to 2002 and was able to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Patronage: "Last year, he traded in his seat of two decades for a part-time contract - \$25,000 a year for two years - as a consultant to coal-

region Democrats in the House.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani and Angela Couloumbis, February 03, 2003.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Jim Lynch, (R-McKean).**

Mr. Lynch served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2004.

Fines but no jail time: In 2004, the State Ethics Commission ordered Habay to pay \$13,000 in restitution and referred the case to the attorney general's office. That year the commission also ordered Rep. Jim Lynch, R-Warren, to repay the state \$5,381 for using his district-office staff to perform campaign activities and for submitting bogus expense vouchers for reimbursement. (Associated Press , Marc Scolforo, January 30, 2010.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Rep. John Maher, (R-Allegheny).**

Mr. Maher has served in the House of Representatives since he won a Special Election in 1997.

Per diems in 2009: \$24,406.

Per diems in 2011: \$25,192.

• **Former Rep. Steve Maitland, (R-Adams).**

Mr. Maitland served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006. During that time he earned a law degree at the taxpayers' expense. Maitland was defeated in the primary of 2006, and even after the Supreme

Court declared “unvouchered expenses” were unconstitutional, said he had no plans to repay the money because he used the money for law school tuition which he termed a “legitimate reimbursement.” (York Daily Record, September 15, 2006.)

Pension: “Mr. Maitland retired with a ‘pension bounce,’ and claimed \$11,368 in per diems, much of it retroactive, before he left office.” (York Daily Record, January 30, 2007.)

- **Former Rep. Steve Maitland, (R-Adams).**

Post-pay raise: Mr. Maitland specializes in criminal law.

Monthly pension: \$1,445.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$65,000.

The Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

- **Rep. Sandra Major, (R-Wayne.)**

Rep. Major has served in the House of Representatives since 1995 and is the Majority Caucus Chairwoman. Rep. Major is a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,371.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,871.

- **Former Rep. Kathy Manderino, (D-Philadelphia).**

Rep. Manderino served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2010. Her father - James Manderino - served in the House of Representatives from 1966 to 1989 and was also the Speaker of the House.

On April 22, 2011 Manderino joined Interac as Senior Vice President.

Per diems in 2009 \$18,663.

Monthly pension: \$2,884.82.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$100,225.16.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Rep. Joseph Markosek, (D-Westmoreland).**

Mr. Markosek served in the House of Representatives since 1983 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Markosek is a Trustee for the Public School Employees Retirement Board.

Per diems in 2009: \$26,410.

Per diems 2011-2012: “In the last Legislative session, Democrat Joe Markosek collected more than \$28,000 in unvouchered payments for hotel rooms and meals during state work when he was away from his Monroeville home, and Democrat Ted Harhai of Monessen collected more than \$35,000 in similar per-diem payments.” (Tribune Review By Chris Foreman January 30, 2013.)

• **Rep. Ron Marsico, (R-Dauphin.)**

Mr. Marsico was elected in 1989 and serves as the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

• **Former Rep. David Mayernik, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Mayernik was elected in 1983 and retired in 2002 after he voted to increase his pension.

Retirement: Mr. Mayernik completed a law degree in 1993 while working as a full time legislator. He is affiliated with Eckert Seamans in Pittsburgh.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Keith McCall, (D-Carbon).**

Mr. McCall won a House seat in 1982 and replaced his father who passed away. He held the seat until 2011 and served as Speaker of the House from 2009 to 2011.

As Whip, he voted for the pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” Mr. McCall failed to respond to a request for information left at (717)-783-1375 on May 3, 2006 by RTC. However, RockTheCapital.org did receive an invitation to a \$500 a plate breakfast fundraiser held in November 2007 and in April 2008.

Per diems in 2009: \$24,390.

Mr. McCall was appointed by the House Democratic Caucus as their representative for a two-year term on the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission at an annual salary of \$145,018.

• **Rep. Mike McGeehan, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. McGeehan has served in the House of Representatives since 1991 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,117.

Per diems in 2011: \$20,073.

- **Former Rep. Gene McGill, (R-Montgomery).**

Mr. McGill served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2006, and was defeated in the general election of 2006 for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Leniency Letter for Pedophile: McGill became infamous when he asked for leniency for a pedophile whose father was a campaign contributor. “Before [Sheldon] Granor was to be sentenced, friends and supporters wrote letters to Delaware County Judge Ann Osborne.

- **Former Rep. Gene McGill, (R-Montgomery).**

“One came from McGill under a House of Representatives letterhead and signed by him as the state representative from the 151st Legislative District. It was written at the request of Bernard Granor, a longtime McGill friend and contributor, whose son was preparing to plead guilty...Bernard Granor's contributions to his campaigns over the years, about \$1,500 since 2000, played ‘absolutely no; role in his decision to write the letter, McGill said.”

“In his dozen years in Harrisburg, McGill has cosponsored numerous bills that sought to toughen sentences on child sexual offenders and stiffen reporting requirements for violent predators. A week after he wrote the Granor letter, McGill cosponsored a resolution declaring April 2003 Child Abuse Prevention Month.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, October 06, 2006.)

Nonprofit: “Six Pennsylvania lawmakers have steered almost \$29 million in taxpayer money to nonprofit groups controlled, created or fostered by those same politicians...” At the Historic Property Preservation Institute, McGill is one of the institute's two officers. “McGill incorporated the institute in 2002 to acquire and restore historic properties in Montgomery County, records show. McGill obtained \$47,000 in state grants for the institute. He also lives rent-free in a township-owned building the Institute is restoring. McGill insists he personally labors to restore the historic spring

house at no charge in lieu of rent... He said he's done everything possible to minimize any conflict with his role as legislator, including a check with House GOP attorneys before proceeding.' This is not a pass through for Gene McGill,' he said.'" (Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Brad Bumsted and Debra Erdley, April 24, 2006.)

In 2010, McGill joined the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians as its new State Government Relations Director.

Monthly pension: \$1,809.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$56,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Fred McIlhattan, (R-Armstrong).**

Mr. McIlhattan served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2007 when he retired.

Monthly pension:

Lump-sum withdrawal

• **Former Rep. Chuck McIlhinney, (R-Bucks).**

Mr. McIlhinney served in the House of Representatives from 1998 to 2007 until he was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Senator McIlhinney is Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee, a member of the State Employees Retirement System Board of Directors and is working to obtain an MBA.

• **Former Rep Tony Melio, (D-Bucks).**

Mr. Melio was elected in 1987 and served until 2010. He passed away on December 19, 2012.

Per diems in 2009: \$15,599.

Monthly pension: \$3,208.16.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$140,318.27.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Thomas A. Michlovic, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Michlovic was elected in 1979 and retired in 2002 which enabled him to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature. Mr. Michlovic became a Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Securities Commission in 2004.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Rep. Nick Micozzie, (R-Delaware.)**

Mr. Micozzie was elected in 1979 and is the Chairman of the Committee on the Committees.

Per diems in 2009: \$13,999.

Per diems in 2011: \$7,833

• **Rep. Ron Miller, (R-York).**

Mr. Miller was elected in 1999 and is the Chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

- **Former Rep. Sheila Miller, (R-Berks).**

Rep. Miller served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006 and was forced to retire after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. She is a full-time family farmer.

Monthly pension: \$2,743.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$99,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Rep. John Myers, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Myers has served in the House of Representatives since 1995 to 2013. Myers voted 'no' on the pay-raise bill, but accepted "unvouchered expenses." Mr. Myers is the Democratic Chairman of the Health Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$14,511.

Per diems in 2011: \$10,947.

- **Former Rep. Jerry Nailor, (R-Cumberland).**

Mr. Nailor served in the House of Representatives since 1989 to 2008.

Monthly pension: \$2,211.20.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$97,217.99.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Dennis O'Brien, (R-Philadelphia).**

Mr. O'Brien served in the House of Representatives from 1976 to 1980 and 1983 through 2012. He was Speaker of the House from 2007 to 2008.

Mr. O'Brien was elected to the Philadelphia City Council in 2012.

Monthly pension: \$5,855.01.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$220,644.11.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 9, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Frank Oliver, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Oliver served in the House of Representatives from 1973 to 2010. He voted for the raise, voted to repeal the raise, and still took the money.

"Oliver said he voted for the raise, he took the money, he deserved the money, he worked hard for it, his constituents knew he worked hard for it, and he wasn't in any way ashamed of voting for the raise or taking it. 'If that pay-raise issue came up tomorrow, I would support it,' he said. 'I know I deserve it. Most members deserve it. We're underpaid as it is.'"

(Philadelphia Inquirer, Angela Coulombis and Marc Schogo, September 16, 2006.)

Pension: Mr. Oliver is in a special class when it comes to pension benefits covered by a pension system in effect before 1974. This system requires a higher "multiplier" to calculate benefits for the pre-1974 class than for lawmakers elected since that year.

Mr. Oliver's pension is calculated based on his 40 years in office, a 7.5 % multiplier of the average salary of the three highest years and other factors. The 7.5% multiplier enjoyed by lawmakers elected before 1974 is compared to a 3% multiplier for lawmakers elected after 1974 and a 2.5% multiplier for state employees.

Per diems in 2009: \$21,274.

Monthly pension: \$23,841.66

Source: Taxpayers United, 2012.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$416,000.

Source: "Tacking large government pensions," February 15, 2011.

• **Former Rep. John Perzel, (R-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Perzel served in the House of Representatives from 1979 until 2010. He was the Whip from 1989 to 1994, Party Leader from 1995 to 2003 and House Speaker from 2003 to 2006. Mr. Perzel was defeated in 2010 after being indicted.

Cows: The former Speaker of the House defended the pay raise scheme based on his belief that farm workers in Lancaster County and tattoo artists in Philadelphia made comparable wage to state legislators.

Florida: Mr. Perzel, who owns a vacation residence in Palm Beach County, Florida, also received \$20,000 for serving on the Board of the GEO Group based in Florida (formerly Wackenhut Correction Corporation.)

All in the family: "State Rep. John Perzel, the Northeast Philadelphia Republican who now serves as House speaker, spent \$2.3 million on TV commercials featuring two dozen GOP House members in targeted races during the heart of last year's campaign season. More than half of that money went to a firm that employs his stepson. He hired two media-consulting firms to produce and air the PSAs for 23 representatives, more than half from the Philadelphia region, on subjects ranging from bioterrorism threats to traffic congestion."

• **Former Rep. John Perzel, (R-Philadelphia).**

"Issue Management, which employs Perzel's stepson, 25-year-old Andrew Carl, got \$1.36 million in business between the primary and general election. The Spring Hill Group - run by Patricia Cliggett and her husband, Don Raymond, brother of Rep. Ron Raymond (R., Delaware) -

got nearly \$1 million.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, By Mario F. Cattabiani, November 09, 2003.)

“Also, on the payroll, Sam Stokes. ‘Stokes is Perzel's brother-in-law, and served as his campaign manager. The grand jury report said Stokes was put on the state payroll in late 2000 because he needed health benefits.’”

“He ‘applied’ for his state position 13 days after he was hired. Over six years, taxpayers paid him a total of \$196,808 in salary.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, November 30, 2009.)

Fumigation: “State Sen. Vincent J. Fumo might have been the politician with the biggest stake in IGA Federal Savings. But he wasn't alone... They bought stock at a time when a bank company headed by Fumo was eyeing IGA for a takeover, though there is no indication that any of the Republican legislators knew that...”

“Four legislators did not report their profits from IGA stock within a year, as required by state ethics law. Three - Fumo, House Speaker John M. Perzel, and State Sen. Robert Tomlinson - reported those profits only this year, after The Inquirer asked them about it...Several current and former legislators said they invested at the suggestion of Jack J. O'Connell, the IGA bank's then-chairman.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, Jennifer Lin and Craig R. McCoy, May 16, 2005.)

Next-of-kin: “Among House Republicans, Brian Preski, former chief of staff to the former speaker, John Perzel, was reimbursed more than \$160,000 for expenses related to his boss's campaign, including \$40,000 in salary. He received a \$16,474 bonus at taxpayer expense.”(Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Tracie Mauriello and Dennis B. Rodd, December 17, 2007.)

Nonprofit: “Six Pennsylvania lawmakers have steered almost \$29 million in taxpayer money to nonprofit groups controlled, created or fostered by those same politicians.”(Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Brad Bumsted and Debra Erdley, April 24, 2006.)

Mayfair: Perzel funneled about \$8.8 million over an eight year period in special state grants to non profits he supported like the Mayfair Community Development Corporation. In addition to the John M. Perzel Community Center in Northeast Philadelphia, the former Lord of the Philadelphia Parking Authority made sure his campaign committee collected a minimum of \$25,000 from PPA employees and consultants from 2002-2007 .” (Pittsburgh Tribune, Brad Bumsted and Deb Erdley, April 24, 2006.)

Ripping off the taxpayer: “Majority Leader John Perzel of Philadelphia also tapped the fund for \$1.1 million to pay a company to collect detailed voter registration data and to conduct phone surveys that even some Republicans say were designed to give incumbent Republicans an edge in their re-election campaigns.”

“Perzel used the same fund to pay a Pittsburgh law firm \$1.4 million, partly for legal research aimed at helping a Republican representative who had been convicted of a felony. The research was meant to bolster Republican arguments that the legislator could not be forced to resign without a vote to expel him, even though the state constitution requires expulsion.”

“The money came from Perzel's Special Leadership Account, one of four such expense accounts used by Democratic and Republican leaders in the Senate and House, ostensibly to pay legislative expenses of their party caucuses. Details of how the money is used are shrouded in secrecy.” (Post-Gazette Harrisburg, John M.R. Bull, Sunday, August 06, 2000.)

Credit rating: In 2006, “Perzel said there were ‘roughly 30-some members who can't apply for a credit card because their credit's so bad.’ His spokeswoman later said Perzel was repeating anecdotal information.” (AP, May 4, 2007.)

PSAs for the People’s Republic North Philly: In the election cycle of 2006, Mr. Perzel spent \$61,098 on Public Service Announcements.

Name change: In early January 2007, the displaced Speaker was the recipient of newly created position in the Republican caucus: "Speaker Emeritus."

Presentment: "As part of an ongoing public corruption investigation into the Pennsylvania Legislature, agents from the Attorney General's Public Corruption Unit today filed criminal charges against Representative John Perzel and former Republican Representative Brett Feese. Also charged are eight current or former aides to Perzel and Feese."

Sentence: On March 21, 2012, Mr. Perzel was sentenced to 2.5 to 5 years in prison for approving the state's purchase of \$10 million in sophisticated computer programs used for Republican political campaigns. Perzel will be eligible for parole in February 2014.

Fines and restitution: Dauphin County Court Judge, Richard A. Lewis, ordered Mr. Perzel to pay \$30,000 in fines and \$1 million in restitution payments.

New home: Mr. Perzel is serving his prison sentence for misusing public money at Laurel Highlands State Correctional Institution.

Pension: As a result of the criminal conviction, Mr. Perzel forfeited his annual pension. He was receiving an annual pension of \$85,653.24. However, Mr. Perzel was allowed to keep his lump sum withdrawal of **\$209,936.03**. (SERS Right to Know Request, August 11, 2011.)

• **Former Rep. Tom Petrone, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Petrone served in the House of Representatives from 1981 to 2008.

Prison field trip: "Mr. Petrone spent about twelve hours in lock up Sunday after he was arrested for failing to appear at two hearings to arrange support payments to his estranged wife." For contempt of court

Judge Cynthia Baldwins, sentenced Mr. Petrone to time served. Petrone's wages were garnished at the time of his arrest but he owed \$7,500 in back support payments." (Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Mike Bucsko, December 30, 1997.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Merle Phillips, (R-Northumberland).**

Mr. Phillips served in the House of Representatives from 1980 through 2011 and final salary was \$89,300.

He was appointed to serve as a Northumberland County Commissioner from 2010-to 2011 before being defeated in the general election.

Per diems in 2009: \$16,710.

Monthly pension: \$10,051.75.

Taxpayers United of America, March 14, 2012.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$2,113.

Shamrock Times, Robert Swift, December 22, 2010.

• **Rep. Tina Pickett, (R-Susquehanna)**

Representative Pickett has served in the House of Representatives since 2001 and is the Chairwoman on the Gaming Oversight Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$21,149.

Per diems in 2011: \$21,028.

• **Former Rep. John Pippy, (R-Allegheny).**

Mr. Pippy served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2003, voted to raise his pension and served in the Senate of Pennsylvania since from 2004 to 2012.

Taxpayer-fed expense account used for political purposes

“Precision Marketing [paid \$1.1 million by John Perzel in 1999] used phone solicitors to call thousands of Pennsylvania voters to explain the wide range of constituent services their Republican state representatives could provide.”

“Critics such as state Rep. John Lawless, R-Montgomery, say the program, dubbed the "Calling Plan," often is conducted in districts where the incumbent faces a re-election challenge. The phone calls are designed to give the incumbent good public relations that might translate to votes on Election Day, Lawless said.”

“State Rep. John Pippy, R-Moon, used the ‘Calling Plan’ in 1998 when he was up for re-election and faced concentrated opposition from the Democratic Party, including a challenge over whether he'd lived in his district long enough to legally represent it in Harrisburg. The calling plan was a success, he said. ‘We literally got hundreds of constituent service requests.’” (Pittsburgh Gazette, John M.R. Bull, August 06, 2000.)

Per diems in 2009:

Per diems in 2011-2012: \$20,921.

(Brad Bumsted, Pittsburgh Tribune Review, January 13, 2003.).

Monthly pension: TBD.

Lump-sum withdrawal: TBD.

• **Former Rep. Frank J. Pistella, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Pistella served in the House of Representatives from 1979 to 2006, and was forced out of office for supporting the legislative pay raise of

2005. Mr. Pistella is an attorney for Neighborhood Legal Services in Pittsburgh.

His brother, Paul Pistella, gained employment at the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Monthly pension: \$4,229.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$118,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Former Rep. Joe Preston, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Preston served in the House of Representatives from 1983 to 2012. He was crushed in the Democratic Primary and only able to scratch out 34.2% of the vote.

Per diems in 2009: \$22,852.

Per diems in 2011: \$21,671.

Monthly pension: \$4,343.01.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$174,532.12.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Ron Raymond, (R-Delaware).**

Mr. Raymond served in the House of Representatives from 1985 through 2007.

His brother did consulting work for John Perzel. "The Spring Hill Group - run by Patricia Cliggett and her husband, Don Raymond, brother of Rep. Ron Raymond (R., Delaware) - got nearly \$1 million." (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, November 09, 2003.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Harry Readshaw, (D-Allegheny.)**

Mr. Readshaw has served in the House of Representatives since 1995 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Professional Licensure Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$21,274.

- **Former Rep. Roy Reinard, (R-Bucks County.)**

Mr. Reinard served in the House of Representatives from 1983 to 2002, voted to raise his pension and retired.

Mr. Reinard is a member of PHEAA's Board of Directors.

- **Former Rep. Bill Rieger, (D-Philadelphia.)**

Mr. Rieger served the 179th legislative district from 1966 to 2006, and only passed two bills into law over a 40 year career.

“In 2004, Mr. Rieger drew scrutiny for being recorded as voting on a number of measures while traveling by car back to his North Philadelphia district...He admitted wedging a piece of paper into the "yea" button in the voting apparatus that each House member uses so that he would be recorded as voting in favor of several measures even though he was absent.” (Inquirer, December 14, 2009.)

Although Mr. Rieger “ghost-voted” seven times and received a \$126 per diem, the House Ethics Committee cleared the 81-year old legislator and declared: “Rep. Rieger was unaware his votes were being cast during his absence.” (Associated Press, June 25, 2004.) He was the senior member on the Ethics Committee, although he did not participate in the investigation.

He voted against the pay raise but took the money and the “pension bounce.

Mr. Rieger passed away in 2009.

Monthly pension: \$9,575.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$369,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Former Rep. Larry Roberts, (D-Fayette).**

Mr. Roberts served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006 and was forced to retire after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Monthly pension: \$1,680.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$65,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Former Rep William Russell Robinson, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Robinson served in the served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2002, voted to increase his pension and was defeated in the Democratic primary by Jake Wheatly.

Monthly pension:

Lump-sum withdrawal:

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Rep. James Roebuck, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Roebuck won a Special Election in 1985 and currently serves as the Democratic Chairman of the Education Committee. Mr. Roebuck is a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2009: \$12,310.

Per diems in 2011: \$11,014.

- **Former Rep. Sam Rohrer, (R-Berks).**

Mr. Rohrer served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2010. Although a devout fiscal conservative, he voted for the pension increase and accepted the bounce.

Per diems in 2009: \$12,874.

Monthly pension: \$2,602.04.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$100,181.53.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

- **Former Speaker of the House Matt Ryan, (R-Delaware County).**

Mr. Ryan served in the House of Representatives from 1962 to 2003 and was the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ryan passed away on March 29, 2003.

- **Former Rep. T.J. Rooney, (D-Northampton.)**

Mr. Rooney served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006 and was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Mr. Rooney said he would not pay the “unvouchered expenses” back unless the Supreme Court deems the measure unconstitutional. "The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has taken another view on several occasions. Until the Supreme Court tells me differently, I will follow the law of Pennsylvania." (Morning Call, Harrisburg Bureau, November 17, 2005.)

Promise-breaker: After the “Supreme Court told Mr. Rooney differently,” he went back on his word and kept the cash. Rooney retired as head of the Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, and enjoyed a “pension bounce.”

Monthly pension: \$1,264.42.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$66,135.46.

SERS response to Right-to-Know Request, October 15, 2008.

- **Rep. Chris Ross, (R-Chester).**

Mr. Ross has served in the House of Representatives from 1997 and is Chairman of the Commerce Committee.

- **Former Rep. Carole Rubley, (R-Chester).**

Rep. Rubley served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2008.

Gross Monthly Annuity: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump Sum Withdrawal:

- **Rep. Ken Ruffing,(D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Ruffing served in the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2006 and was defeated in the primary for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Mr. Ruffing voted for the raise, took the money and did not pay it back. RockTheCapital.org called his office on May 3, 2006. Ruffing, who was on the House floor, did not return the call. Mr. Ruffing refused to disclose the autistic charities to which he donated the “unvouchered expenses” after the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette contacted several organizations and claimed they had not received any money from Rep. Ruffing.

Mr. Ruffing was defeated in the primary but traveled to a legislator conference in Nashville from August 15-18. "I want to go to Nashville," he said. "I am a big country music fan and I want to go to Graceland." (Herald Standard, August 1, 2006). "The cost to taxpayers was estimated to be \$1,300." (Associated Press, March 20, 2007.)

- **Rep. Ken Ruffing, (D-Allegheny).**

“The West Mifflin Democrat, who lost his re-election bid to a political newcomer campaigning in part against the pay raise, said two weeks ago that he gave the money, approximately \$4,000 in all, to an autism organization. But he refused to identify it despite claiming to have documentation. In interviews Thursday, Mr. Ruffing, a four-term incumbent, acknowledged that was not the case.”

"I' gave it to my son Alec. I have to send him to a special school with special needs. And that's where I spent the money. And that's the truth,' he told KDKA-TV." (Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Mark Belko, May 27, 2006.)

After losing an election, Mr. Ruffing was appointed to a temporary advisory role for three months by democratic leadership. "Kenneth Ruffing received an \$18,120 contract to serve as a 'special assistant' in the caucus." (Shamrock Times, March 11, 2007.)

Monthly pension: \$318.76.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$42,353.11.

SERS Response to RTK Request, August 11, 2011.

• **Rep. Chris Sainato, (D-Lawrence).**

Mr. Sainato was elected in 1995 and serves as the Democratic Chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Per diems 2004 to 2005: \$49,140.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, April 23, 2006.

Source: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems in 2009: \$27,831.

Per diems in 2011: \$31,357.

• **Former Rep. Danti Santoni, (D-Berks).**

Mr. Santoni was elected in 1993 and retired in 2012.

Per diems in 2009: \$24,218.

Per diems in 2011: \$22,103.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Larry Sather, (R-Huntingdon).**

Mr. Sather served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006 and was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. He retired with a “pension bounce” for voting for the pay raise and keeping the money.

Monthly pension: \$2,285.01.

Lump-sum withdrawal: 0.

SERS Right to Know Request, August 11, 2011.

- **Rep. Stan Saylor, (R-York)**

Mr. Saylor was elected to the House of Representatives in 1993 and currently serves as the Majority Whip.

Per diems in 2009: \$486.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Jere Schuler, (R-Lancaster).**

Rep. Schuler reserved in the House of Representatives from 1983 through 2002, and voted to increase her pension prior to leaving the legislature.

Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Former Rep. Curt Schroder, (R-Chester).**

Mr. Schroder served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2012. Mr. Schroder became the regional executive director of the Delaware Valley Health Council in 2012.

Per diems in 2009: \$16,091.

Per diems in 2011: \$13,802.

Monthly pension: \$2,552.72.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$104,745.56.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Paul W. Semmel, (R-Lehigh).**

Mr. Semmel served in the House of Representatives from 1983 to 2006. He was defeated in the 2006 primary election for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

He is a full-time family farmer.

Monthly pension: \$4,481.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$138,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Former Rep James E. Shaner, (D-Fayette.)**

Mr. Shaner served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2006 and retired due to health reasons.

Mr. Shaner passed away on April 15, 2012.

Monthly pension: \$4,257.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$153,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

- **Former Rep. Bruce Smith, (R-York).**

Mr. Smith served in the House of Representatives from 1981 and retired after supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Monthly pension: \$6,923.91.

Taxpayers United of America, March 14, 2012.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$167,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

- **Rep. Sam Smith, (R-Jefferson).**

Mr. Smith has served in the House of Representatives since 1987 when he replaced his father, Eugene “Snuffy” Smith, who receives a monthly pension of \$3,988.04 and took a lump sum withdrawal of \$81,276.63. (SERS Response to RTK Request, January 9, 2013.)

Mr. Smith makes \$128,279 a year with benefits as Speaker of the House.

Pay raise: Mr. Smith is one of the last pay raise leaders still standing, but barely. Speaker Smith failed to win his home county - Jefferson - and only garnered a plurality of the vote.

- **Rep. Sam Smith, (R-Jefferson).**

What, me worry?: “While rank-and-file legislators grilled agency heads on their budget requests in stuffy Capitol hearing rooms Thursday, the top Republican in the state House was enjoying Pacific breezes on the

fairway, 3,000 miles away at the iconic Pebble Beach golf resort...Speaker Sam Smith's \$5,000-a-person campaign fund-raising event, a golf outing on the ocean side greens made famous by one of the premier events on the PGA Tour.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, Amy Worden and Angela Couloumbis, February 21, 2013.)

Per diems in 2009: \$14,894.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,431.

- **Rep. Tim Solobay, (D-Washington).**

Mr. Solobay served in the House of Representatives from 1989 through 2010 before being elected to represent the 46th district in the Senate. Senator Solobay is the Democratic Chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Second home paid for taxpayers: “Solobay earned nearly \$30,000 in per diem reimbursement payments between December 2011 and December 2012. This sum does include travel and lodging expenses, as well as food stipends. At least two conferences, in State College and Philadelphia, required lodging out of the Harrisburg area. Gotta sleep somewhere,” Solobay said. “It’s just a living arrangement where we’re at.” (Observer-Reporter, Aaron Kendeall, December 12, 2012.)

Per diems in 2009: \$25,135.

Per diems in 2011-2012: \$32,827.

(Brad Bumsted, Pittsburgh Tribune Review, January 13, 2003.)

- **Rep. Edward Staback, (D-Lackawanna).**

Mr. Staback was elected in 1985 and retired in 2012. Staback voted to increase his salary from \$69,647.64 to \$89,154 during the pay raise vote.

Perks: “I do not take advantage of any of this,” said Rep. Ed Staback. “I don’t consider myself a spendthrift. I spend money as I need to spend it, when I need to spend it.” He collected \$26,745 in per-diems during the 18 months reviewed and bills the House \$585 a month for a private lease on a 2005 Dodge Durango... ‘I think if I try to keep two households on what my earnings are, I wouldn’t be here.’” (Shamrock Times, November 13, 2006.)

Per diems in 2009: \$20,775.

Lump Sum Withdrawal: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Per diems in 2011: \$15,002.

Gross Monthly Annuity:

Lump Sum Withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Jess Stairs, (R-Westmoreland).**

Mr. Stairs served in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 2008.

Monthly pension: \$5,630.

Taxpayers United of America, March 14, 2012.

Lump-sum withdrawal: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

• **Former Rep. David Steil, (R-Bucks.)**

Mr. Steil served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2008.

Monthly Annuity: \$2,143.38.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$83,969.91.

Monthly pension: SERS Response to RTK Request, February 19, 2013.

- **Rep Jerry Stern, (R-Blair).**

Mr. Stern has served in the House of Representatives since 1993 and is Chairman of the Tourism and Recreational Development Committee.

Per diems 2009: \$20,136.32.

Per diems 2011: \$16,454.

- **Former Rep. Stephen Stetler, (D-York).**

Mr. Stetler served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2006, and was named Secretary of Revenue by Governor Rendell in 2008. Mr. Stetler was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on March 31, 2009. He resigned that position on December 15, 2009, the same day he was indicted by Attorney General Tom Corbett.

Conviction: On June 27, 2007, Mr. Stetler was convicted of conflict of interest, criminal conspiracy and the felonies of theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception, theft of services and theft by failure to make required disposition by a Dauphin County Jury. He was sentenced 1.5 to five years in prison and the Court fined Mr. Stetler \$35,000 and ordered him to pay \$466,621 in restitution.

Annual pension: \$45,516 in April 2011; forfeited under Act 140.

Lump-sum withdrawal: He was able to keep a payment of **\$75,758**.

SERS Response to RTK Request, April 18, 2011.

- **Rep. Richard R. Stevenson, (R-Butler).**

Mr. Stevenson has served in the House of Representatives from 2001 and is the Majority Caucus Administrator.

Per diems in 2009: \$20,204.

Per diems in 2011: \$15,442.

- **Former Rep. Tom Stevenson, (R-Allegheny).**

Mr. Stevenson served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2006 and was defeated in the primary election for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. Mr. Stevenson practices law in Pittsburgh.

Monthly pension: \$1,079.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$43,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

- **Former Rep. Jere Strittmatter, (R-Lancaster).**

Mr. Strittmatter served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2002 but was defeated in the primary by Roy Baldwin.

Strittmatter is a consultant and lobbyist for Triad Strategies.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. P. Mike Sturla, (D-Lancaster).**

Mr. Sturla was elected in 1991 and is the Democratic Policy Chairman.

Mr. Sturla voted for the pay raise, kept the cash, and then donated the money to “undisclosed charities.” His raise cost taxpayers more than

\$5,100. "Not being an independently wealthy person," he wrote to us, "it is unrealistic to believe that I would be able to donate all the money to local charities AND also send an equivalent amount to the state." Asked to expand on that point, Sturla wrote, "... I would have to go to a bank and take out a personal loan for an additional \$4,000 dollars in order to send money to the state." (Lancaster New Era, September 29, 2006.)

Sturla garnered infamy for having a golf tournament on the very day 24,000 state workers were laid off. Sturla's response? "Well, I would have laid off more people had we not gone through with the event, the people that were running the event." (WGAL Channel 8, July 11, 2007.)

- Rep. P. Mike Sturla, (D-Lancaster).

Nonprofit: "Six Pennsylvania lawmakers have steered almost \$29 million in taxpayer money to nonprofit groups controlled, created or fostered by those same politicians..." The idea that I could take (a state grant) and start a nonprofit came from Representative Veon," said state Rep. Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster. Sturla formed Lancaster Investment in a Vibrant Economy (LIVE) in 2004 with \$500,000 in special state grants."

"Sturla's organization has a six-member community board and one employee. He said LIVE serves as a clearinghouse for community groups seeking state grants and loans." (Pittsburgh Tribune Review, Brad Bumsted and Debra Erdley, April 24, 2006.)

Building Bridges: In September 2007, Sturla joined Bill DeWeese on a junket to Taiwan. "His office says it's something to do with 'economic development.'"

Per diems in 2009: \$7,776.

Per diems in 2011-2012:\$3,402.

- **Former Rep. Dan Surra, (D-Clearfield).**

Representative Surra served the 75th district from 1991 to 2008. He was defeated for reelection 2008. Four months after imposing a "hiring freeze," Governor Rendell created a new position and hired Mr. Surra to

promote eco-tourism. The creation of \$95,002 job in 2009 was a \$,6000 raise and came with a state issued vehicle.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Tom Tangretti, (D-Westmoreland).**

Mr. Tangretti served the 57th district from 1989 to 2008. "Calling it quits before the Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls go up any further, state Rep. Tom Tangretti, D-Westmoreland, has had enough after two decades in the Legislature..."

It truly saddened me, and I felt a strong need to challenge the institutional environment that led to the pay raise vote. As predicted, the pay raise and other related issues have resulted in a reform movement, both inside and outside of the Legislature, a reform movement I hope will grow and eventually succeed in making the General Assembly a more responsible, accountable and effective institution. (Patriot News, Brett Lieberman, October 3, 2007.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor, (R-Chester).**

Reps. Taylor voted for the pay raise and donated her expenses of approximately \$12,000 to charity. "That's the way the system works," said Taylor, 84. "I worked hard for my pension." (Philadelphia Inquirer, March 26, 2006). She received a pension bounce by keeping the money.

The PHEAA building is named after "E.Z. Taylor."

Ms. Taylor passed away at age 89 in 2010.

Monthly pension: \$10,908.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$187,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

- **Rep. John Taylor, (R-Philadelphia).**

A member since 1985, Mr. Taylor is Chairman of the Liquor Control Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$13,520.02

Per diems in 2011: \$12,442.

- **Rep. Curtis Thomas, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Thomas was elected to served in the House of Representatives f in 1989. Mr. Thomas is Democratic Chairman of the Commerce Committee Mr. Thomas voted for the raise, voted to repeal the raise, and took the money.

Per diems in 2009: \$11,308.

Per diems in 2011: \$4,822.

- **Former Rep. Tom Tigue, (D-Luzerne.)**

Mr. Tigue served in the House of Representatives from and in January 6, 1981 to November 30, 2006 when he was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Mr. Tigue voted for the pay raise, took the money, voted to repeal the pay raise, and will retire with an annual pension of \$61,572.

Advise: “I think you have to be careful how you spend and what you spend it on,’ said Rep. Tom Tigue, D-town, who collected \$21,322 in per-diems during the 18-month period reviewed by the newspaper.” (Shamrock Times, November 13, 2006.)

Monthly pension: \$3,864.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$113,000.

Associated Press, February 8, 2007.

• **Former Rep. Leo Trich, (D-York).**

Mr. Trich served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2002. He voted to increase his pension prior to retirement.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Fred Trello, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Trello served in the House of Representatives from 1975 to 2002. He voted to increase his pension prior to retirement.

Fred Trello, his son, gained employment at the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Mr. Trello passed away on March 28, 2006.

• **Former Rep. Frank Tulli, (R-Dauphin).**

Mr. Tulli served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2002, and stepped down after winning the primary and gave his seat to John Payne.

Mr. Tulli and voted to jack up his pension prior to retirement. He is the CEO of Greenlee Partners lobbying firm.

Monthly pension: \$1,897.93.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$56,191.39.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 9, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Mike Veon, (D-Beaver).**

Mr. Veon was first elected in 1985 and defeated in 2006 for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. The unrepentant former Minority Whip voted for the pay raise and opposed the repeal.

Show me the money: “Mr. Veon has already cashed in with \$45,595 in per diem reimbursements for 2004 – 05.” (Pittsburgh Tribune, April 30, 2006.) “Mr. Veon billed tax payers for \$122,563 in expenses last year including \$24,904 on commercial transportation, \$14,527 on vehicle related costs and \$7,800 to lease a vehicle.” (Beaver County Times, June 28, 2006.)

BIG: “A small Beaver County development agency has spun into a \$10.6 million outfit controlled by a powerful Democratic lawmaker and financed exclusively by Pennsylvania taxpayers. In the case of the Beaver Initiative for Growth, the power lies exclusively with state Rep. Michael Veon, of Beaver Falls -- the second-ranking Democrat in the House -- and state Sen. Gerald LaValle, of Rochester, another veteran Democrat.” (Tribune Review, February 26, 2006.)

Brother, can you spare a dime?: “The grand jury found that between 2003 and 2007 Delta Development, a well-known Democratic contributor, received more than \$1 million from BIG funds. During that same period of time, Delta Development made significant political contributions to Veon and other House Democratic candidates.””

“Corbett said that Delta Development allegedly provided little to no work for the funds they received from BIG. According to the grand jury, Veon arranged a position for his brother, Mark Veon, at Delta Development that paid him more than \$100,000 a year. On May 3, 2004, BIG signed a \$20,000 a month contract with Delta and one month later Veon's brother began working for the consultants for \$160,000 a year.” (Attorney General’s Office, March 25, 2009.)

Legal History

- **July 10, 2008:** Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett filed criminal charges against 12 individuals, including Mike Veon. Mr. Veon (D-Beaver) was charged with conflict of interest, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, theft of services, theft by deception, theft by failure to make required disposition of funds.
- **March 25, 2009:** Attorney General Corbett filed additional charges of corruption, unrelated to the previous charges against Mike Veon. The 25 count indictment includes theft, conflict of interest and criminal conspiracy relating to the nonprofit Beaver Initiative for Growth which was founded by Veon and former state Senator Gerald LaValle in 1992. BIG amassed \$10.6 million in taxpayer funded WAMs, and LaValle and Mike Veon were the only board members.
- **March 10, 2010:** Mike Veon (D-Beaver), former Whip, was convicted on 14 charges related to his role in paying taxpayer-funded bonuses for state employees to work on his campaign and more than a dozen others. He must also pay \$37,000 in fines and \$100,000 restitution.
- **June 18, 2010:** Mr. Veon began to serve a six- to 14-year prison sentence. Veon was also stripped of his \$50,340 annual pension.
- **On June 19, 2012:** Veon was sentenced to an additional 1 to 4 years in prison a separate conviction for misusing state funds at a nonprofit organization he once ran. “Dauphin County Judge Bruce Bratton on Tuesday sentenced the one-time House majority whip to a prison term of one to four years, fined him \$1,500 and ordered him to pay \$119,000 in

restitution. He also sentenced the longtime Beaver County lawmaker to four years' probation once he is released.”

“Veon was sent to prison for his 2010 conviction for misusing public resources, including more than \$1 million in taxpayers' money paid out in bonuses to reward legislative employees for campaign work. He still owes nearly \$2 million in restitution, according to his lawyer.” (Associated Press, June 19, 2012.)

- **Former Rep. Mike Veon, (D-Beaver).**

Loss of pension and restitution: Veon, who started collecting his pension in early 2007, received a \$126,614 lump sum when he lost reelection. Mr. Veon was ordered to pay \$100,000 in restitution and \$37,000 in fines.

“The Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act requires lawmakers and other state workers to give up their pensions if they are convicted of certain crimes and if those illegal activities were job-related.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, June 29, 2010.)

Update: Mr. Veon currently resides at the State Correctional Institute at the Laurel Highlands.

- **Former Rep. Don Walko, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Waters was a member of the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2010 and resigned after he was elected to the 5th District of the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,706.

- **Former Rep. LeAnna Washington, (D-Philadelphia).**

Rep. Washington served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1993 to 2005 before being elected to the Senate in 2005. Senator Washington is Democratic Chairwoman of the Aging and Youth Committee.

Per diems in 2011: \$5,440.

- **Rep. Ron Waters, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Waters has been a member of the House of Representatives since 1999.

Waters voted for the raise, voted to repeal the raise, and then took the money. "From what I understand the legislation doesn't ask for that, but if my constituents want me to give the money back that's what I'll do," said state Rep. Ronald Waters, D-191..." (Delco Times, November 11, 2005.)

Per diems in 2009: \$23,529.

Per diems in 2011: \$17,994.

- **Rep. Katherine Watson, (R-Bucks County).**

Rep. Watson has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2001 and is the Majority Chairwoman of the Children and Youth Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$10,069.

- **Former Rep. Connie C. Williams, (D-Montgomery County).**

Rep. Williams served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1997 to 2001 before being elected to the Senate where she served from 2001 to 2009.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. Jewell Williams, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Williams served in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2012 and was elected sheriff of Philadelphia on November 9, 2011.

Rep. Williams voted for the raise and kept the cash. "I'm going to give it back when a bill is passed that says we have to give it back."
(Philadelphia Inquirer, December 1, 2005.)

Per Diems 2009: \$20,884.27.

Monthly pension: \$1,729.91.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$72,875.12.

SERS Response to RTKR, April 23, 2012.

• **Former Rep. Rod Wilt, (R-Mercer).**

Mr. Wilt served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2006, won the Republican primary, and retired rather than face the voters' wrath after the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Vacation: As a lame duck legislator he spent \$1,000 of tax payer dollars to attend a legislative conference. (Pittsburgh Post Gazette, March 20, 2007.)

Legacy: He is the third generation from the Wilt Family to serve in the House of Representatives. His father Roy is a former representative

and a senator, who receives an annual pension of \$66,403. (Taxpayers United of America, March 14, 2012.)

Mr. Wilt is the President and Managing Member Oakmont Real Estate Management, LLC.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Christopher Wogan, (R-Monroe).**

Rep. Wogan served in the House of Representatives from 1981 to 2002 and was able to increase his pension prior to leaving the legislature.

He began serving as a Judge in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas in 2002.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Ed Wojnarowski, (D-Cambria).**

Rep. Wojnarowski served in the House of Representatives from 1997 to 2008.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Matt Wright, (R-Bucks).**

Mr. Wright served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2005 when he lost election in the Republican Primary for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

All in the family: Wright succeeded his father - James L. Wright - who held the seat from 1965 to 1990.

Fine But No Jail Time: “A former Pennsylvania lawmaker has paid the state \$10,000 under a consent agreement regarding allegations he used legislative employees and resources for campaigning, according to a State Ethics Commission report released Friday.”

“A 27-page adjudication concluded that Matthew N. Wright, a Bucks County Republican, violated the Ethics Act by letting his taxpayer-paid employees coordinate election fundraisers, compose and assemble written materials and solicit and collect campaign donations.”

- **Former Rep. Matt Wright, (R-Bucks).**

“Mr. Wright agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine and signed a consent agreement with the State Ethics Commission. ‘The commission says Wright violated the Ethics Act by using employees, office space and equipment at the Capitol and his Bucks County district office to advance his re-election campaigns.’ (Associated Press, Mark Scolforo, January 29, 2010.)

Mr. Wright heads Matt Wright Government Relations Consulting based in Langhorne.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Tom Yewcic, (D-Cambria).**

Rep. Yewcic served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2008.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Rosita Youngblood, (D-Philadelphia).**

Rep. Youngblood was elected in 1994 and is the Democratic Chairwoman of the Gaming Oversight Committee.

Rep. Youngblood voted for the pay raise and took it. "I work almost seven days a week," Youngblood said. She says she dips into her own pocket to help constituents when they do not have money for such necessities as food or air conditioners and will continue to do so." (Philadelphia Inquirer, August 2, 2005.)

Summer vacation: Rep. Youngblood joined Rep. DeWeese, Rep. Sturla, and several of her colleagues on a free junket to Taiwan in September, 2007.

Per diems in 2009: \$19,391.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,713.

- **Former Rep. Leroy Zimmerman, (R-Lancaster).**

Mr. Zimmerman represented the 99th district from 1994 until his death in 2002.

- **Former Rep. Pete Zug, (R-Lebanon).**

Mr. Zug served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2006, and was defeated in the primary for supporting the legislative pay raise.

Zug received retroactive per diem payments covering 2004-2006 for a total of \$9,419. Rep. Zug lived 30 minutes from the Capitol. (WGAL, November 29, 2006.)

“Yesterday, the [Gaming Control] board signed off on hiring Zug as a licensing analyst. Zug, a Republican from Lebanon County, was among several incumbents given the boot by voters angry about the 2005 legislative pay raise.”

“The Gaming Control Board isn't releasing Zug's salary. The range for the position is \$37,000 to \$66,000. Unlike his job as a representative, he will not have an expense account or access to a state vehicle, a board spokesman said.” (Sharon Smith, The Patriot News, May 18, 2007.)

In 2012 Mr. Zug was appointed to be the Executive Director of the Center of Local Government Services at the Department of Community and Economic Development. He is making \$79,277.

Monthly pension: \$2,600.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$90,400.

The Associated Press, April 9, 2008.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Excused the day of the vote

• **Former Rep. Italy Cappabianca, (D-Erie).**

Mr. Cappabianca served in the House of Representatives from 1979 until 2001 when he died in office.

- **Former Rep. Mary Ann Dailey, (R-Montgomery).**

Rep. Dailey served in the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2005.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Mark McNaughton, (R-Dauphin).**

Mr. McNaughton served in the House of Representatives from 1997-2005 when he was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005. As a lame duck legislator, Mr. McNaughton spent \$3,200 of tax payer dollars to attend two legislative conferences. (Associated Press, March 20, 2007.)

McNaughton lived 6.5 miles from the Capitol and submitted retroactive per diems covering 2003 to 2006 for a total of \$7,900 in reimbursements after his retirement. (WGAL, November 29, 2006.)

Ethics' Statement: "Former State Rep. Mark McNaughton, a longtime critic of gambling just appointed as a member of the state's Gaming Control Board, has won thousands of dollars at casinos in recent years, according to tax returns obtained by The Inquirer."

"McNaughton, other records indicate, also took several trips to an Atlantic City casino with a lobbyist who represents Boyd Gaming Corp., which until September was vying for one of Pennsylvania's coveted slots licenses." (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, December 17, 2006.)

- **Former Rep. Mark McNaughton, (R-Dauphin).**

“Mark McNaughton, a former Republican legislator was denied a seat on the Board when it was revealed he had won money at a casino and not reported it to the Ethics Board.” (The Associated Press, Marc Levy, January 12, 2007.)

As a full time legislator, Mr. McNaughton found time to attain a law degree from the Widener School of Law in 2007.

Monthly pension: \$999.56.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$49,063.72.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 29, 2013.

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- **Former Rep. Bob Bastian, (R-Somerset).**

Mr. Bastian served in the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2008.

Gross Monthly Annuity:

Lump Sum Withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. James Casorio, (D-Westmorerland).**

Mr. Casorio served in the House of Representatives since 1999 and was defeated in the 2010 general election.

Pension pad: Mr. Casorio voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (The Morning Call, July 3, 2001).

Per diems 2004 to 2005: \$42,719.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, April 23, 2006.

SOURCE: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems 2009: \$23, 208.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Rep. Dan Frankel, (D-Allegheny).**

Mr. Frankel has served in the House of Representatives since 1999. He is a member of the State Employees Retirement System Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2009: \$24,447.

Per diems in 2011: \$17,353.

• **Former Rep. John Gordnor, (D & R).**

Mr. Gordnor was elected to serve in the House of Representatives as a Democrat from 1993 to 2001 before he switched parties and served as a Republican from 2001 to 2003.

Mr. Gordnor was elected to represent the 27th senate district in 2003. Sen. Gordnor is the Majority Caucus Administrator, Chairman of the Labor and Industry Committee, and is the Vice Chairman of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee.

Per diems in 2011: \$10,603.

• **Former Rep. Richard Grucela, (D-Northampton).**

Mr. Grucela was elected to serve in the House of Representatives in 1999 and retired in 2011. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Per diems in 2009: \$15,120.

Monthly pension: \$1,553.51.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$74,987.88.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

• **Former Rep. Jeffrey Habay, (R-Allegheny).**

Rep. Habay served in the House of Representatives from 1995 to 2006.

Pension pad: Mr. Habay voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Stealing from Taxpayers: In 2004, the State Ethics Commission “ordered Rep. Jim Lynch, R-Warren, to repay the state \$5,381 for using his district-office staff to perform campaign activities and for submitting bogus expense vouchers for reimbursement.” (Associated Press, Marc Scoloro, January 30, 2010.)

Chain Gang: Mr. Habay resigned from the House in February 2006. He was incarcerated on August 2, 2006 for forcing his legislative staff to perform campaign work while on state time.

Anthrax: “Habay sparked an anthrax scare in 2003 by claiming political foe George Radich mailed him white powder, which turned out to be baking soda. Radich was one of several constituents who asked for an audit of Habay's campaign finances.” (Tribune Review, July 23, 2008).

Monthly pension: Forfeited under Act 140.

Lump-sum withdrawal: Forfeited under Act 140.

Update: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

- **Rep. Kate Harper, (R-Montgomery County).**

Rep Harper was elected in 2001 and is Chairwoman of the Local Government Committee.

Per diems in 2009: \$6,679

Per diems in 2011: \$6,604.

- **Former Rep. John Lawless, (R & D, Montgomery).**

Mr. Lawless served in the House from 1991 to 2002.

Pension Pad: He voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Flip-flop: Lawless switched to the Democratic Party a year before his defeat. He was rewarded with a job as a consultant in the Democratic caucus after his forced retirement and was paid \$65,234 in 2003.

Soft Landing: Lawless, who rarely passed any chance to be quoted while in office, says now that as a mere state worker he doesn't have to talk with the press and refused to discuss his new role, except to say, "I'm one of many."

"Fresh off a narrow 63-vote defeat, Lawless approached DeWeese for a job, selling himself as a useful resource to incoming Democratic

House members and as an adviser to other Southeastern Pennsylvania lawmakers, said Mike Manzo, DeWeese's chief of staff.”

- **Former Rep. John Lawless, (R & D, Montgomery).**

“DeWeese, who had helped persuade Lawless to become a Democrat a year earlier, signed off on the deal.” (Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, February 03, 2003.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Bev Mackereth, (R-York).**

Rep. Mackereth served in the House of Representatives from 2001 - 2008, served as Deputy Director in the Department of Public Welfare before being appointed to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare in 2013.

- **Former Rep. Jennifer Mann, (D-Northampton).**

Rep. Mann served in the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2012.

Per diems in 2009: \$17,391.

Per diems in 2011: \$11,156.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Rep. Darryl Metcalfe, (R-Indiana).**

Mr. Metcalfe has served in the House of Representatives since 1999 and is Chairman of the State Government Committee.

Pension Pad: Mr. Metcalfe voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Travel Log: He accepted \$2,224 to attend two American Legislative Exchange Council. (Associated Press, Pennsylvania Independent and Philadelphia Inquirer.)

Per diems in 2009: \$14,903.

Per diems in 2011: \$12,515.

- **Rep. Phyllis Mundy, (D-Luzerne).**

Rep. Mundy was elected in 1991 and is the Democratic Chairwoman of the Finance Committee.

Pension Pad: Rep. Mundy voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Pay Raise: Rep. Mundy voted for the pay raise, voted to repeal pay raise, but is keeping the “unvouchered expenses” she collected.

“At the time the vote was cast there had been three court decisions upholding the constitutionality of ‘unvouchered expenses,’ Mundy said. “There was nothing unconstitutional about what we did. Now the Supreme Court is reversing itself. That does not mean at the time the vote was cast it was improper.” (Times-Leader, September 16, 2006.)

Per diems 2005 to 2006: Rep. Mundy captured 207 per diems in 18 months and netted **\$27,952.** (Times, November 14, 2006.)

Per diems in 2009: \$15,845.

Per diems in 2011: \$14,955.25

- **Former Rep. Steve Nickol, (R-York).**

Rep. Nickol served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2008.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. John Pallone, (R-Armstrong).**

Rep. Pallone served in the House of Representatives from 2001 to 2010. He was defeated in 2010 primary.

Per diems in 2009: \$18,821.

Monthly pension: \$1,239.51.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$52,975.13.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 28, 2013.

- **Joseph Petrarca, Jr., (D-Westmoreland).**

Mr. Petrarca was elected in 1995 and succeeded his father, Joseph Petrarca. He is the Democratic Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Shortly after the younger Petrarca won election, his father passed away and left a sizable state pension to Joseph Jr. and his sister, Kristen:

The elder Petrarca took office in 1972, when lawmakers could contribute about 18 percent of their salary to their retirement and, in return, receive hefty benefits. After March 1, 1974, the law changed, rendering new legislators ineligible for the larger pension plans.

Petrarca's benefits were valued at \$714,300. He elected to take \$152,868 in a lump sum and monthly payments of \$3,978 for life. He died, however, before the payments were authorized, leaving the \$714,300 to his beneficiaries -- his children.

The Morning Call, Megan O'Matz, March 16, 1995.

Pension Pad: Mr. Petrarca voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (The Morning Call, July 3, 2001.)

Per diems 2005 to 2006: \$44,377.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Mario F. Cattabiani, April 23, 2006.

Source: Chief clerk's offices of the House and Senate.

Per diems 2009: \$26,606.

• **Rep. Steve Samuelson, (D-Northampton).**

Mr. Samuelson has served in the House of Representatives since 1999 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Committee on Aging and Older Adult Services.

Per diems in 2009: \$13,232.

Per diems in 2011: \$8,328.

- **Former Rep. Thomas Scrimenti, (D-Erie).**

Mr. Scrimenti has served in the House of Representatives since 1989 to 2004 but was defeated in the General Election by Rep. Curt Sonney (R).

Pension Pad: Mr. Scrimenti voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture from 2005 to 2009.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Sara Steelman, (D-Indiana).**

Rep. Steelman served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2002. She was defeated in the 2002 General Election by Dave Reed (R).

Gross Monthly Annuity:

Lump Sum Withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Guy Travaglio, (D-Butler).**

Mr. Travaglio served in the House of Representatives since 1995 to 2004.

Pension Pad: Mr. Travaglio voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees'

Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

- **Former Rep. Pat Vance, (R-Cumberland).**

Rep. Vance served in the House of Representatives from 1991 to 2004 and was elected to the senate in 2004.

Sen. Vance is the Majority Chairwoman of the Public Health and Welfare Labor and Industry Committee, and is the Vice Chairwoman of the Communications and Technology Committee.

- **Rep. Greg Vitali, (D-Delaware).**

Rep. Nickol has served in the House of Representatives since 1993 and is the Democratic Chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

Pension pad: Mr. Vitali voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Per diems in 2009: \$18,327.

- **Former Rep. Jim Wansacz, (D-Lackawanna).**

Rep. Wansacz served in the House of Representatives from 2000 to 2010, ran for the state senate and lost and was elected to the Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners in 2011.

Pension Pad: Mr. Wansacz voted against raising legislative pensions by 50% but said he would accept the increase. (State Employees' Retirement System; The Morning Call, Mario F. Cattabianai and David La Torre, July 03, 2001.)

Second Home on the Taxpayers' Dime: "State Rep. Jim Wansacz of Old Forge routinely collects up to \$163 a day for meals and lodging when he's in Harrisburg, even though he owns a house in the state capital where he stays when conducting legislative business...Wansacz, D-114, purchased his three-story row home at 314 S. Second St. on Oct. 2, 2003, for \$72,000, according to Dauphin County records. He has a 30-year mortgage on the home for \$64,800. The previous owner paid \$18,000 for it in 1984."

"He acknowledges he also rents to other legislators, who he declined to identify. The building is listed on his financial interest statement as an income property but he insisted his income does not cover the costs, including the mortgage, taxes and utilities." (Shamrock Times, Borys Krawczeniuk & Robert Swift, February 21, 2010.)

Per diems in 2009: \$18,327.

Monthly pension: Right-to-Know request being processed by SERS. Data request made on June 25, 2013.

Lump-sum withdrawal:

• **Former Rep. John Yudichak, (D-Luzerne).**

Rep. Yudichak served in the House of Representatives from 1999 to 2010 and was elected into the senate in 2010. Senator Yudichak is the Democratic Chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors.

Second Home Paid for Taxpayers: “In December 2011, state Rep. Paul Costa, D-Wilkins Township, filed notice with the state regarding the creation of a limited liability company. Vandaleh Real Estate Associates LLC was created with the Harrisburg address of property that was at the time owned by Costa, former Rep. Michael Diven, state Sen. Tim Solobay, D-Canonsburg, and Sen. John Yudichak, D-Luzerne.”

“Yudichak, one of the original owners of the house, said he dissolved his interest after leaving the House for the Senate a couple of years ago.”

“I made no profit and took no financial gain from the limited time I was in the partnership,” Yudichak said of the real estate agreement. He said the LLC was created, at least in part, as a way for him to end his ownership in the property.” (Observer-Reporter, Aaron Kendeall, December 12, 2012.)

“There is a \$65,000 mortgage on the property. The previous owners paid \$5,733 for it at a 1995 sheriff's sale. Yudichak collected \$5,545 in 35 per diems, all at the full rates, during the budget standoff. He has listed it as a source of income.”

“Yes, it is used for lodging,” Yudichak said. “It's not really taxpayers paying for a home... I've always looked at it and really consider it, I'm paying rent.” (Shamrock Times, Borys Krawczeniuk & Robert Swift, February 21, 2010.)

Per diems in 2009: \$18,792.

Per diems in 2011: \$12,442.