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- **Former Sen. Clarence D. Bell, (R-Chester County)**

Mr. Bell served in the House of Representatives from 1955 to 1960 and in the Senate from 1961 to 2001.

He passed away on June 26, 2002.

- **Former Sen. Leonard Bodack, (D-Allegheny County).**

Mr. Bodack served in the Senate from 1979 to 2002 and was the Democratic Whip from 1992 to 2000.

Bodack's daughter Patricia was hired by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission in 1996. "James Hertzler, an aide for Bodack, said the senator heard about the job opening and got his daughter an application." The job pays 40,000. His son, Mark Bodack, makes \$31,600 a year working for the Turnpike as an equipment operator. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Robert Moran. June 5, 1996.)

Monthly pension: \$5,857.54.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$18,479.79.

SERS Response to RTK Request, June 11, 2013.

- **Former Sen. David "Chip" Brightbill, (R-Lebanon County).**

Mr. Brightbill was elected in 1981 and served as Republican Whip from 1997 to 2000 and Majority Leader from 2001 to 2006. Senator Brightbill voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted "unvouchered expenses." Mr. Brightbill, and former Senate President *Pro Tempore* Robert Jubelirer, were fired by voters in the aftermath of the short-lived 2005 pay increase for lawmakers.

Bad judgment: "We are here to correct a mistake. As one of the people who exercised poor judgment, I would like to apologize," as he introduced the repeal legislation on the Senate floor.

Better judgment? Brighbill, R-Lebanon took **\$17,700** in previously unclaimed per diems on his way out the door.

Bonus time: Mr. Brighbill gave his chief of staff, Erik Arneson, a \$15,000 bonus in 2006. Mr. Arneson is now employed by Sen. Pileggi.

Pay-to-play: It's hard to imagine that tax cheat - former Sen. Joseph Loeper - and former Senate Majority Leader David "Chip," a former President *Pro Tempore*, Lieutenant Governor Robert Jubelirer (R-Blair) and their staff did not have their hands in the turnpike cookie jar. If a 60/40 split at the Turnpike didn't include Senate Republicans, who got the split?

Family ties: Brighbill's brother in law, Mike Long, was the former chief of staff to former Senate President *Pro Tempore* Robert Jubelirer. Mr. Jubelirer awarded Mr. Long a \$22,500 tax payer bonus for running his failed primary campaign.

Long is a principal lobbyist at Long & Nyquist Associates.

Mike Long's Pension Pay out:

Monthly pension: \$4,044.83.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$157,638.81.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 9, 2013.

Mr. Jubelirer is a lobbyist for Stevens & Lee.

David J. Brighbill's Pension Pay out:

Monthly pension: \$3,756.33.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$132,155.78.

SERS Response to RTK Request, February 19, 2013.

• **Former Sen. Joseph Conti, (R-Bucks County).**

Mr. Conti was elected to the House in 1993, moved on to the Senate in 1997, voted for the pension pay raise in 2001 and was forced to retire for supporting the legislative pay raise of 2005.

Senator Conti voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses, but said he isn't sure how much he collected, although he estimates the amount at between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Shortly after the vote to rescind the raises on November 16, newspapers quoted the Republican from Doylestown saying that he did not intend to pay the money back because he spent it on a new water heater” (*The Morning Call*, November 28, 2005.)

Senator Conti declared, "I'm not giving it back. I believe in it." Conti declared that the only way he would return the expense payments would be if "the [Pennsylvania state] treasurer came to pick up the new hot-water heater" that he purchased for his home.

“Senator Conti, who said his raise went toward a water heater, reversed course and said he planned to refund the money” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, December 1, 2005.)

In 2007, Gov. Rendell appointed former state senator and pay-jacker Joe Conti to a new \$150,000 position as CEO of the Liquor Control Board. Conti's anointment came without a nationwide search, and his salary more than doubled the \$65,572 paid to the Chairman of the LCB, Jonathan Newman.

Battered by PR missteps, in March 2009 the LCB announced it would spend \$170,000 on charm school for its employees. Mr. Conti said, “This is part of the renaissance of the Liquor Control Board. The point is to become a specialty retailer and not be known as a government monopoly.”

Not content to embarrass itself with a charm offense, last May the LCB decided to roll out a \$142,000 advertising campaign inviting family members to get Mom drunk on Mother's Day. "Treat her to the perfect Mother's Day cocktail this year. Try a Mother's Kiss mixed drink, made with equal parts strawberry kiwi vodka and lemonade."

• **Former Sen. Joseph Conti, (R-Bucks County).**

Mr. Conti's made \$156,312 last year with benefits, retired and was hired as a consultant by the LCB for \$80 an hour. But his retirement after

six years comes amid a reported investigation by the Pennsylvania Ethics Commission.

Mr. Conti is under an ethics investigation for trying to secure jobs for his friends and family and also for accepting gifts.

Monthly pension: \$5,254.86.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$151,045.81.

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• **Sen. Jacob “Jake” Corman, III (R-Centre County).**

Mr. Corman was elected to the Senate in 1999. He succeeded his father - J. Doyle Corman - who served in the Senate from 1977 to 1998.

Mr. Corman, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman, made \$109,066 last year with benefits. This full-time senator took \$5,283 in transportation, lodging and hospitality from members of his business fan club. (*Associated Press, Pennsylvania Independent and Philadelphia Inquirer.*)

Per diems in 2011: \$7,063.

• **Sen. Jay Costa, (D-Allegheny County).**

Mr. Costa was elected to the Senate in 1996 and became the Senate Democratic leader in November 2010.

His brother is the Rep. Paul Costa is the Democratic Chairman of Liquor Control and his cousin Dom Costa was elected to the House of Representatives in 2009.

Pay raise: “Fourteen of the 25 state senators who took the expense money -- including Jay Costa Jr., D-Forest Hills, and Gerald LaValle, D-Rochester -- have not yet returned it.” (*Post-Gazette*, December 2, 2005.)

Per diems: Mr. Costa collected **\$31,153** for food and lodging from January 2008 through October 2009. (*Tribune Democrat*, Randy Griffith, January 10, 2010.)

• **Sen. Edwin Erickson, (R-Delaware County).**

Mr. Erickson won a special election on March 20, 2001 and voted to increase his pension on May 8, 2001.

Erickson is Chairman of the Policy Committee and a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

Per diems in 2011: \$9,701.

• **Former Senator Vincent J. Fumo, (D- Philadelphia).**

Mr. Fumo served in the Senate from 1978 to 2008, voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” Mr. Fumo said the monetary expense of the pay raise is minor compared to the loss of time spent on the legislation and the damage the controversy has caused to the fabric of the Legislature. Fumo said, "In the end, the people of Pennsylvania are going to suffer far more than the pay raise has cost them," (*Associated Press and Patriot News*, November 16, 2005.)

Driving in style: “Take the black 2002 Cadillac DeVille with dark-tinted windows parked just feet from the Senate entrance. It's leased to Sen. Vincent J. Fumo, the powerful and independently wealthy Philadelphia Democrat.”

The cost: \$600 a month. Tack on another \$5,392 for insurance and the annual bill jumps to \$12,592. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, June 15, 2003.)

Bank of Fumo: “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.”

“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.”

“The fourth, then-State Sen. Richard Tilghman of Montgomery County, retired in 2001. He said Friday that he, too, would now report his profits.”

“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.)

Profitable nonprofit: “Six Pennsylvania lawmakers have steered almost \$29 million in taxpayer money to nonprofit groups controlled, created or fostered by those same politicians.” The bipartisan group includes House Speaker John Perzel, a Philadelphia Republican; state Sen. Vincent Fumo, D-Philadelphia; and House Minority Whip Michael Veon, a Beaver Falls Democrat. Others funneling tax money to pet causes are Rep. Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia; Rep. Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster; and Rep. Eugene McGill, R-Horsham...”

“Some lawmakers complain privately about caucus leaders siphoning off tax money for their non profits. They say it leaves rank-and-file legislators to scramble for tiny grants for their districts.”

A spokesman said Fumo is proud of the Citizens Alliance for Better Neighborhoods, an organization his aides founded in 1991. Fumo helped steer more than \$2.2 million in special state grants to the group and secured millions more from a Philadelphia area utility for the Alliance.

The *Philadelphia Daily News* has reported Fumo leases his district office from a Citizens Alliance subsidiary. But Fumo has said he is not involved in Alliance operations and never has been an officer.

The Alliance, headed by former Fumo staffer Ruth Arnao, operates a charter school and recently contributed \$100,000 to an AIDS charity. It reported \$24.6 million in assets, including street-cleaning equipment, investments and buildings, on a 2002 federal tax statement.

“The federal investigation began after PECO Energy Co. donated \$17 million to the Citizens Alliance as Fumo negotiated with the utility over electric rates. Investigators also are examining allegations the Citizens Alliance paid for public opinion polls and financed a lawsuit against Fumo's political foe, Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer, R-Altoona, according to published reports.” (*Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted and Debra Erdley, April 24, 2006.)

Legal history

February 6, 2007: Senator Vincent Fumo (D-Philadelphia) was indicted by the federal government on 139 counts, including numerous counts of felonious use of taxpayers' funds and legislative staff for personal purpose as well as fraud.

March 16, 2009: Vince Fumo was convicted of 137 corruption counts, including defrauding the Senate of about \$1.3 million, a South Philadelphia nonprofit of \$960,000 and the Independence Seaport Museum of \$128,000.

May 26, 2011: “Former Democratic State Sen. Vincent J. Fumo seemed a step closer to a longer prison term after two appellate judges said Wednesday the sentencing of the disgraced politician in 2009 was rife with serious procedural errors...”

November 13, 2011: Mr. Fumo was re-sentenced to 61 months in prison in a sprawling corruption case, just above the 55-month sentence thrown out by a U.S. appeals court. Prosecutors had sought a guideline sentence of at least 17 years.

Pension: Mr. Fumo received monthly annuity payments of **\$8,371.58** on December 1, 2008. Those payments were terminated on July 14, 2009 under Act 140. (SERS Response to RTK Request, July 24, 2012.)

• **Former Senator Jim Gerlach, (R-Chester County).**

Mr. Gerlach was elected to the House in 1991, moved on to the Senate in 1995 and has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2003.

Before leaving for Washington, Mr. Gerlach voted to increase his pension. He is also eligible for a federal pension.

Pension: “Gerlach receives a state pension of about \$1,287 per month, or about \$15,441 per year, records say.” (*Journal Register*, Evan Brandt, October 10, 2011.)

• **Sen. Stewart Greenleaf, (R-Montgomery County).**

Mr. Greenleaf was elected to the House in 1977 and moved on to the Senate in 1979.

He is the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

• **Former Sen. Edward Helfrick, (R-Columbia County).**

Mr. Helfrick was elected to the House in 1977 and moved on to the Senate in 1981.

Helfrick, a self-made coal baron, got taxpayers to chip in \$600 a month for his Mercedes Benz. “Helfrick, who also drives a 2002 Mercedes sedan as his personal vehicle, said his constituents know what cars he drives, and’ "I don't think I should drive something less just because I'm a legislator." (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, June 15, 2003.)

Mr. Helfrick resigned on August 22, 2003 for health reasons.

Monthly pension: \$3,360.37.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$0.

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- **Former Sen. Edwin Holl (R-Montgomery).**

Mr. Holl served in the House from 1961 to 1966 and moved on to the Senate in 1966. He voted to increase his pension in 2001 and retired in 2002.

Sen. Holl passed away on August 10, 2005.

- **Sen. Vincent Hughes (D, Philadelphia).**

Mr. Hughes served in the House from 1987 to 1994 and moved on to the Senate in 1994.

Deputy Whipster: Mr. Hughes voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” Sens. Vincent J. Hughes and Joseph B. Scarnati have seen their salaries soar to **\$106,986**, or 54% - a far bigger percentage boost than any other legislator gets.

“Under a little-noticed provision, the pay-raise law gives Senate deputy whips - new positions now held by Hughes and Scarnati - the same pay as those in certain other long-standing leadership posts. Their pay rose so sharply because, unlike other ranking members, they had been collecting the base legislative pay of \$69,648 before the new law.”
(*Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 3, 2005.)

Mr. Hughes is the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and serves on the Legislative Advisory Audit Committee, the Boards of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the State Employees Retirement System.

Per diems 2011-2012: \$21,208.

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

• **Former Sen. Robert Jubelirer, (R-Blair County).**

Mr. Jubelirer was elected in 1975, served as Majority Leader from 1981 to 1984, President Pro Tempore from 1985 to 1992 & 1994 to 2006 and as acting Lieutenant Governor from 2001 to 2003.

He was defeated in the 2006 primary for his role in the 2005 legislative pay raise.

Mia culpability: Mr. Jubelirer was the state's longest-serving Senate president, and wanted to get rid of the “unvouchered expenses” portion of the pay raise. Unvouchered expenses were a backdoor way of providing immediate raises for lawmakers, thus skirting a constitutional prohibition against increases during their term of office. Without the unvouchered expenses, lawmakers would have been forced to wait for a new term of office to get more pay.

"The fact is, we were getting nothing done," Jubelirer said in an interview with the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. "It dominated everything. And I felt the time had come to absolutely listen to the public out there (*Tribune-Review*, Sunday, November 20, 2005.)

“This summer, I made a mistake. I voted for a pay raise for judges, state officials, and legislators. The pay increase was too large, the unvouchered expense provision offended nearly every Pennsylvanian and the measure was passed without proper public input. By way of e-mails, letters, telephone calls and personal visits, people throughout our area let me know they disapproved of my action. They were right; I publicly apologized, taking responsibility for my mistake” (Senator Jubelirer’s letter to constituents: 'I made a mistake' on pay raise vote, *Centre Daily Times*, December 1, 2005.)

Bonus babies: Sen. Jubelirer gave Drew Crompton \$19,647 while working on the Swann campaign. Mr. Crompton is now employed by Sen. Scarnatti.

Brightbill's brother in law, Mike Long, was the former chief of staff to former Senate President *Pro Tempore* Robert Jubelirer. Mr. Jubelirer awarded Mr. Long a \$22,500 tax payer bonus for running his failed primary campaign.

No fingerprints: "...Republican Sen. John Eichelberger, a fiscal and social conservative from Blair County who requested the investigation, told the Tribune-Review on Wednesday that he believes the lack of action by the office is politically motivated."

"I've never been interviewed'," said Eichelberger, who in 2007 could name times and places where he saw aides of former Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer, R-Altoona, campaigning in Cambria County races, including his own. He concedes his memory of those events now is not as good."

"Eichelberger defeated Jubelirer in the 2006 Republican primary. Jubelirer and his former chief of staff Mike Long declined comment for this story." (*Pittsburgh Tribune*, Brad Bumsted July 12, 2012.)

Pay-to-play: According to Jubelirer, pay-to-play was "completely foreign" to how Republicans behaved when was running the joint. "We recommended people who were very competent," said Jubelirer, who also said he was not contacted by law enforcement. "Sometimes they got hired, sometimes they didn't." (*Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*, March 16, 2013.)

Jubelirer's "recommendations" carried weight." Deborah Eckert started working at the turnpike in 1994 making \$42,000 as a "marketing department representative." In 1997, John Durbin, the former executive director of the turnpike told the *Philadelphia Inquirer* that Jubelirer had called him in mid-1996 to say, "Deb was extremely qualified for a promotion..." She was promoted.

The couple married on August 17, 1997. When Deborah Eckert Jubelirer quit her job on August 6, 1999, she was making \$66,539 as assistant deputy executive director of marketing. Mrs. Jubelirer and a computer technician were fired "after officials learned that a nude photo of her was in the computer system in the turnpike commission offices." (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Joe Grata and Tom Gibb, August 7, 1999.)

Current status: Mr. Jubelirer is the Chairman Govt. Affairs at Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel, LLP.

Monthly pension: \$7,577.81

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$193,715.69.

SERS Response to RTK Request, February 19, 2013.

• **Sen. Richard Kasunic, (D-Somerset County).**

Mr. Kasunic served the House from 1983 to 1994 and moved on to the Senate in 1995. He is Senate Minority Caucus Chairman and the Democratic Chairman of the Game & Fisheries Committee.

Roads to nowhere: A couple years back, during the dedication of the transit facility at the Connellsville Airport, state Sen. Richard Kasunic “put a bug in his [the governors’] ear” about a Brownsville link of the Mon-Fayette Expressway. (*Herald Standard*, Amy Karpinsky, August 27, 2005.)

Among the supporters of the toll road were gubernatorial candidate and former-Allegheny County Executive and unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate Dan Onorato (D); state Sen. Richard Kasunic, (D-Fayette); and former PA House Speaker (and convicted felon) Bill DeWeese (D-Greene).

Ethics: “State Sen. Richard Kasunic, D-Fayette, said Lincoln ‘has shown ethics and an ability to get things done. He's been very much part of the Mon-Fayette [road] program since 1985. He knows the workings of the turnpike commission and state transportation needs. In an interview later, Lincoln recalled that he had been interested in the Mon Fayette Expressway since the \$4 billion project was born through legislation in 1985.” (*Post-Gazette*, Tom Barnes, May 6, 2004.)

On March 22, 2013, former Commissioner J. William Lincoln resigned after admitting he accepted a \$3,000 gift certificate to Nemacolin Woodlands Resort from an engineering firm, shook down campaign donations from turnpike contractors, and served as the point of contact

between the Senate and commission. Lincoln was the former Senate Majority Leader (D-Fayette). The grand jury's presentment declared that:

"Commissioner J. William Lincoln testified before the grand jury pursuant to a grant of immunity. Commissioner Lincoln admitted that he received the gift certificates and failed to report them on his annual Statement of Financial Interests." (Please refer to discussion on "Indictments" on p. 8.)

Mr. Lincoln will be able to retain his pension and lifetime of free health care on the taxpayers' dime.

• **Sen. Richard Kasunic, (D-Somerset County).**

Legislative expenses: "From January 2008 through October 2009, "Sen. Richard Kasunic, a Democrat who represents most of Somerset County, collected \$26,878, and Sen. Donald White, an Indiana Republican, collected \$15,170." (*Tribune Democrat*, Randy Griffith, January 10, 2010.)

Family ties: His son, Richard Kasunic, Jr., won the Democratic and Republican nomination in the 2013 primary for Magisterial District Justice in Fayette County.

Per diems in 2011: \$9,831.

• **Sen. Shirley Kitchen, (D-Philadelphia).**

Sen. Kitchen served in the House from 1987 to 1988 and moved on to the Senate in 1996. She is the Democratic Chairman of the Public Health & Welfare Committee.

Kitchen voted against the pay-raise bill on July 7, 2005, but accepted the "unvouchered expenses."

Per diems in 2011: \$6,432.

• **Former Sen. Allen Kukovich, (D-Westmoreland County.)**

Mr. Kukovich served the House from 1977 to 1996 and moved on to the Senate in 1996. He was defeated in the 2004 General Election by Bob Regola. Kukovich was the Democratic state party chairman from 2002 to 2003 and served as director of the Governor's southwest regional office from 2004 to 2009.

The warning: A political reformer, Kukovich warned against influence peddling at the Turnpike. Kukovich warned that the Turnpike's bond business "just seems to be pay backs to political folks all the time."

Legislative milestone: He was an influential force behind the creation of the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Mr. Kukovich is the regional chairman for the Power of 32. "Power of 32 is concerned with long-term solutions to improve the quality of life of people in a 32-county area that encompasses parts of four states. (*Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, Anthony Todd Carlisle, January 20, 2011.)

Monthly pension: \$8,425.96.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$0.

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• **Former Senator Gerald LaValle, (D-Beaver).**

Mr. LaValle was elected to the Senate in 1990 and resigned in 2008 amid a cloud of controversy.

Senator Gerry LaValle's constituents have called him a thief, a crook and "everything else under the sun" in the wake of his vote supporting the pay rise. (*Beaver County Times*, November 4, 2005.)

"Senators from the Pittsburgh area who had taken the extra money, including Jay Costa, D-Forest Hills, Gerald LaValle, D-Beaver, and John Wozniak, D-Johnstown, brusquely refused to answer yesterday when

asked whether they would return the money” (*Post- Gazette*, Harrisburg Bureau November 17, 2005.)

“A spokeswoman from his office said that he is no longer commenting on the matter” (Vindy.com, November 20, 2005.)

“Fourteen of the 25 state senators who took the expense money -- including Jay Costa Jr., D-Forest Hills, and Gerald LaValle, D-Rochester -- have not yet returned it.” (*Post- Gazette*, Friday, December 2, 2005.)

“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 [...] As board members, Veon, 49, and LaValle, 74, determine how BIG spends its cash. As top-ranking lawmakers, Veon and LaValle influence the distribution of special grants controlled by legislative leaders to outfits such as BIG” (*Tribune Review*, February 26, 2006.)

Legal history

- **September, 2007:** It was revealed that Senator Gerald LaValle’s wife was paid \$112,000 annually to run a small nonprofit charity funded primarily with taxpayer money through state grants via BIG. Approximately 56% of all of the charity’s revenues went for salaries, compared to a national standard for salaries for such charities of 15%.
- **February, 2007:** Former-Senator Gerald LaValle (D-Beaver) was investigated by the Pennsylvania Attorney General (2007-2008) for his connections to two separate Beaver County nonprofit organizations.
- **August 8, 2008:** Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett charged Senator. Gerald LaValle's wife, Darla LaValle, with stealing thousands of dollars, inflating her salary, and denying employees pension benefits while serving as executive director of the Voluntary Action Center.

- **December, 2009:** “A tearful Darla LaValle, charged with skimming money from the nonprofit she directed for 20 years, was sentenced Monday to four years probation after pleading no contest to theft and misapplication of entrusted property.” (*Beaver County Times*, March 22, 2010.)

Monthly pension: \$4,520.13.

Lump-sum withdrawal: 0.

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- **Former Sen. Charles Lemmond, (R-Luzerne County).**

Mr. Lemmond was elected in 1985, voted for the 2005 pay raise, and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” He retired with a “pension bounce” at the end of 2006.

“Sen. Charles Lemmond, R-Dallas, collected a \$34.20 reimbursement from the Senate when he renewed his \$36 vehicle registration on a leased Buick Park Avenue last year by claiming it as a “transportation expense.” (*Shamrock Times*, November 13, 2006)

Mr. Lemmond passed away on May 30, 2012.

Monthly pension **\$2,337.**

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: **\$120,000.**

(*The Associated Press*, February 8, 2007)

- **Former Sen. Sean Logan, (D-Allegheny County).**

Mr. Logan served in the Senate from 2001 to 2010.

He was appointed to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission as a Commissioner in June 2013, and will receive a vehicle, an expense account and \$26,000 a year, or \$1,083.34 per meeting.

- **Former Sen. Roger Madigan, (R-Bradford County).**

Mr. Madigan served in the House from 1977 to 1984 and moved on to the Senate in 1985. He retired in 2008.

Pay raise: “Senator Madigan, long quiet about collecting the money early or repaying it, changed his mind, apparently after the legislature caved in to righteous public pressure and canceled the pay raise.” (*Daily and Sunday Review*, December 4, 2005.)

Monthly pension: \$7,335.33.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$5,251,55..

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- **Former Sen. Robert Mellow, (D-Lackawanna).**

Mr. Mellow served in the Senate from 1970 to 2010 before stepping down under a cloud of controversy.

Mr. Mellow voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” “There is no reason legally why I should give it back, so I’m not,” said Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Mellow. The raises were established law for four months, and similar ones were upheld by the courts, he added. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, December 1, 2005.)

Mr. Mellow's annual salary of \$110,350, since 2008, was based on his leadership position as Senate minority leader. Sen. Mellow 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.

Crime Watch: The *Philadelphia Inquirer* reported last year that the Senate spent \$213,000 in state funds over several years to rent Mellow's

district office in Peckville to a business half-owned by his then-wife, Diane Mellow.

Mellow's home and district office in Peckville were raided by the FBI and Internal Revenue Service agents as part of a criminal investigation in June 2010.

Federal plea bargain: Mr. Mellow's ownership of an office building outside Scranton that served as his legislative office prompted a State Ethics Commission investigation. Mr. Mellow agreed in March to pay only \$21,000 to resolve the official complaint. In the federal case, he agreed to pay an additional \$31,748 in taxes that he illegally avoided when he sold the office building. In federal court, on May 9, 2012, Mellow pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud, a charge that covered both the campaign activity and the tax cheating. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, plus fines and restitution.

"Former Senate Democratic leader Robert Mellow on Wednesday pleaded guilty to using Senate staffers for his campaigns -- the 32nd person charged in northeastern Pennsylvania corruption prosecutions that have convicted judges, contractors and county and school officials."

"Mellow, 69, pleaded guilty in Scranton to a federal conspiracy charge for the campaigning and to filing a false tax return. He faces a maximum five-year prison sentence and \$250,000 fine." (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, May 19, 2012.)

Turnpike: On March 13, 2013, Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane announced criminal charges against a former Senate majority leader, five former turnpike employees, and two businessmen.

"The former state officials are accused of using 'pay-to-play' schemes for financial and political gain. Their criminal acts resulted in the misdirection, misuse, and theft of millions of dollars of public money, according to Kane. Charges have been filed against former State Sen. Robert Mellow, former turnpike Commissioner Mitchell Rubin, former turnpike Chief Executive Officer Joseph Brimmeier, former turnpike Chief Operating Officer George Hatalowich, and former turnpike employees Melvin Shelton and Raymond Zajicek. In addition, charges have been filed

against turnpike vendors Dennis Miller and Jeffrey Suzenski.” (Office of Attorney General, Press Release, March 13, 2013.)

Special class: Mr. Mellow's pension will be 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.

Pension: Mr. Mellow’s guilty plea has resulted in the forfeiture of his pension. SERS has been paying out a total of **\$20,510.29** in monthly benefits, of which \$11,579.91 went to Mellow, and \$8,930.38 went to his former wife.

“Former State Senator Bob Mellow of Lackawanna County is second on the list. Mellow’s \$11,549 per month pension payments were stopped in May when he pleaded guilty, but he had already taken in **\$196,858** over 17 months.” (WNEP, Dave Bohman, September 11, 2012.)

“Former state Sen. Robert Mellow is appealing the forfeiture of his sizable \$138,958 annual state pension, according to records released Wednesday by the State Employees' Retirement System.” (*Shamrock Times*, Robert Swift, July 19, 2012.)

Lump-sum withdrawal: Mr. Mellow was able to keep his lump sum withdrawal of \$331,025.14. (SERS Response RTK Request, April 23, 2012 and January 28, 2013.)

• **Former Sen. Hal Mowery, (R-Cumberland County).**

Mr. Mowery served in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 1990 and in the Senate from 1993 to 2004.

Monthly pension: \$2,685.62.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$90,315.59.

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- **Former Sen. Timothy Murphy, (R-Allegheny County).**

Mr. Murphy served in the Senate from 1997 to 2003, padded his pension and was elected to Congress in 2004.

Mr. Murphy is also eligible for federal pension.

- **Former Sen. Raphael Musto, (D-Luzerene).**

Mr. Musto captured the House seat his father - James Musto - held from 1949 to 1971. He served in the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1980, replaced Congressman Dan Flood in Congress from 1980 to 1981 and served in the Pennsylvania Senate from 1983 to 2010.

Pay raise: Musto voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” “When the pay raise issue first came up I felt in my case it was justified and I voted for it,” Musto said. “This issue varied throughout the state. In some areas of the state it was unpopular, in some areas it was mediocre and in some areas it was not an issue” (*Citizens Voice*, November 3, 2005.)

Legal History

- **April 8, 2010:** The FBI searched Mr. Musto’s home.” Federal agents spent three hours searching the Pittston Township home of state Sen. Raphael Musto today, removing a satellite radio and other items from two vehicles after taking photographs”. (*Citizens Voice*, April 8, 2010.)

- **July 18, 2010:** “A federal grand jury has indicted longtime state Sen. Raphael J. Musto, the latest legislator to be caught up in an overlapping series of corruption investigations.” “The indictment announced Tuesday alleges that Mr. Musto, D-Luzerne, accepted bribes, gifts and construction work from an unnamed contractor in return for his help in obtaining state grants and loans.” (*Inquirer Harrisburg Bureau*.)

• **November 24, 2010:** "...Sen. Raphael J. Musto was indicted by a federal grand jury Tuesday on charges that he accepted bribes and kickbacks from a construction company and another government official" Musto is alleged to have "accepted more than \$35,000 from the construction company for helping it secure government funding. The company was not named in the indictment, but federal agents have been investigating Musto's ties to wealthy Wilkes-Barre developer Robert K. Mericle, who has pleaded guilty in another corruption case Prosecutors allege Musto also accepted \$3,000 from the unnamed official for helping direct loans and grants to several agencies affiliated with the official through the state Department of Environmental Protection." (*Citizens Voice*, November 24, 2010.)

Pension: "Musto says he's innocent. And since his indictment in 2010, Musto has racked up more than \$200,000 in monthly pension payments." (WNEP, Dave Bohman, September 11, 2012.)

Monthly pension: \$10,586.05.

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: 0.

SERS Response to RTK Request, December 18, 2013.

• **Former Sen. Michael O’Pake, (D-Berks County)**

Mr. O’Pake served in the House from 1969 to 1972 and served in the Senate from 1996 to 2010. He was the Democratic Whip in the Senate from 2001 to 2010. Sen. O’Pake passed away on December 27, 2010.

• **Former Sen. Jeffrey Piccola, (R-Dauphin County).**

Mr. Piccola served in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 1995 and served in the Senate from 1995 to 2012. He was the Majority Whip from 2001 to 2006.

Monthly pension: \$6,987.15,

Approximate lump-sum withdrawal: \$21,185.42.

SERS Response to RTK Request, December 11, 2012.

- **Former Sen. Terry Punt, (R-Adams County).**

Mr. Punt served in the House from 1979 to 1988 and served in the Senate from 1989 to 2008. Sen. Punt passed away December 28, 2009.

- **Former Sen. James Rhoades, (R-Schuylkill County).**

Mr. Rhoades served in the Senate from 1981 to 2008. Sen. Rhoades was killed in an automobile accident on October 18, 2008.

- **Sen. Bob Robbins, (R-Butler County).**

Mr. Robbins served the House from 1983 to 1990 and was elected to the Senate in 1991. He is the Majority Caucus Secretary.

Per diems 2011-2012: \$26,741.

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

- **Sen. Joseph Scarnati, (R-Jefferson County).**

Mr. Scarnati ran as an independent and won a special election for the Senate in 2001. He became President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate in 2007 and served as Lt. Governor from 2008 to 2011 after the death of Catherine Baker Knoll. As President Pro Tempore, Mr. Scarnati made \$126,996 per year.

Deputy whipster: “Mr. Scarnati voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted “unvouchered expenses.” Senators Vincent J. Hughes and Joseph B. Scarnati have seen their salaries soar to \$106,986, or 54% - a far bigger percentage boost than any other legislator gets.”

“Senate Republicans had no such position until the pay raise. Scarnati was appointed several weeks after the raises became law.”

(*Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 3, 2005.)

Per diems 2011-2012: \$23,177.

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

• **Former Sen. Barry Stout, (D-Washington County).**

Mr. Stout served the House from 1970 to 1976 and served in the Senate from 1977 to 2010.

Pension multiplier: Mr. Stout 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. Stout'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.

King of the road: "It has been known and written about as the Mon-Fayette Expressway for the past two decades. It is a 17-mile, \$475 million segment of the toll road from Interstate 70 in Washington County north to Route 51 in Large, southern Allegheny County."

"Although it's only part of a larger system of roads being developed by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the J. Barry Stout Highway is bigger than four other new limited-access highways built in Western Pennsylvania in recent decades: Interstate 279 from Pittsburgh to the North Hills, the Airport Expressway (Route 60) at Pittsburgh International Airport, the Beaver Valley Expressway and the Greensburg Bypass." (*Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, Joe Grata, January 23, 2000.)

Final toll: This 17 mile patch went into in operation in 2002 at a cost of \$588 million. (Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.)

Pit stop: The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation dedicated the "J. Barry Stout Park and Ride" off the "Beau Street" exit of I-70 on October 22, 2004.

Monthly pension: \$219,334.26.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$7,819.08.

SERS Response to RTK Request, June 11, 2013.

• **Sen. Christine Tartaglione. (D-Philadelphia).**

Sen. Tartaglione was elected to the Senate in 1995 and serves as the Democratic Caucus Secretary and is the Democratic and is Chairwoman of the Labor & Industry Committee. She also chaired the Democratic State Party from 1998 to 2002.

Ten months of hard work: “Pennsylvania lawmakers have hiked their pay to the third-highest level in the nation - behind only California and New York - by voting themselves a pay raise of \$8,800 to take effect Nov. 1. The nearly 19 percent boost jumps base salary for the 253 legislators from \$47,000 to \$55,800 a year (more for leaders) if, as expected, Gov. Ridge signs the bill passed last evening. The bill includes for the first time ever a cost-of-living clause giving lawmakers automatic annual pay increases, probably in the range of 2.5 to 3 percent.”

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Pay raise take 2: Sen. Tartaglione voted against the pay-raise bill on July 7, 2005, but accepted the “unvouchered expenses.”

Per diems in 2011: \$8,027.

• **Former Sen. Richard Tilghman, (R-Montgomery County).**

Mr. Tilghman served the House from 1967 to 1968 and served in the Senate from 1969 to 2001.

“Mike Pincus is the affable co-owner of Pincus Mowday Communications of West Chester, Chester County, and has a 28-year history of political work. State corporation records show his company was incorporated in 1997 with the stated purpose of "political campaign management."

“He can be found these days in the campaign headquarters of state Sen. Richard Tilghman, R-Montgomery, running Tilghman's re-election campaign.”

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

“Pincus, who was reached at Tilghman's headquarters, said he counseled Republican Rep. Pat Browne of Lehigh County on how to better communicate. Pincus would not name the other lawmakers he counseled.”
(*Pittsburgh Gazette*, John M.R. Bull August 06, 2000.)

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“The fourth, then-State Sen. Richard Tilghman of Montgomery County, retired in 2001. He said Friday that he, too, would now report his profits. Several current and former legislators said they invested at the suggestion of Jack J. O'Connell, the IGA bank's then-chairman...”

“By coincidence, former Sen. Tilghman - who headed the Senate Appropriations Committee at the time that Barley was in the saddle in the House - remembered that he and his wife bought” 16,000 shares of the bank's stock at \$8 a share in 1999 - and sold the following year, when the price reached \$13 but before the merger was completed. That gave them a profit of \$80,000.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mario F. Cattabiani, Jennifer Lin and Craig R. McCoy, May 16, 2005.)

Pension multiplier: Mr. Tilghman 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. Tilghman'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.

Monthly pension: \$394,809.81.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$7,215,57.

SERS Response to RTK Request, June 11, 2013.

• **Former Sen. Robert Thompson, (R-Chester County).**

Mr. Thompson served the Senate from 1996 to 2006. Sen. Thompson passed away on January 8, 2006.

• **Sen. Tommy Tomlinson, (R-Bucks County).**

Mr. Tomlinson served the House from 1991 to 1994 and moved on to the Senate in 1995. He is the Chairman of the Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee and a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

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Per diems in 2011: \$10,050.

• **Former Sen. Jack Wagner, (D-Allegheny County).**

Mr. Wagner was a Pittsburgh City Councilman from 1984 to 1994, served in the Senate from 1994 to 2005 and was Auditor General of Pennsylvania from 2005 to 2013.

Monthly pension: \$4,768.26.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$99,486,55.

SERS Response to RTK Request, June 11, 2013.

- **Former Sen. Noah Wenger, (R-Lancaster County).**

Mr. Wenger served the House from 1977 to 1982 and served in the Senate from 1983 to 2006. He retired after the legislative pay raise fiasco of 2005.

Monthly pension: \$3,979.82.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$142,350.28.

SERS Response to RTK Request, June 11, 2013.

- **Former Sen. Mary Jo White, (R-Venango.)**

Sen. White served in the Senate from 1997 to 2012.

Per diems 2011: \$10,864.

Monthly pension: \$2,816.37.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$0.

SERS Response to RTK Request, January 9, 2013.

Sen. Anthony Williams, (D-Philadelphia County).

Mr. Williams served the House from 1989 to 1998 and was elected to the Senate in 1999; he is the Senate Democratic Whip.

Father knows best: He succeeded his father - Hardy Williams - who stepped aside just before the filing deadline. His son, Anthony, ran unopposed for his father's senate seat and held was reelected to his House seat.

Pay raise merit badge: Mr. Williams voted for the 2005 pay raise and accepted "unvouchered expenses." He said he only voted for the repeal because his caucus asked him to do that. Williams explained that he believed a legislator should be compensated for the service provided. (*The Daily Times*, December 2, 2005.)

Per diems 2011: \$6,184.

Sen. John Wozniak, (D-Cambria County).

Mr. Wozniak served the House from 1981 to 1996 and was elected to the Senate in 1997. He is Democratic Chairman of the Transportation Committee and a member of the PHEAA Board of Directors.

Pay raise: “Senators from the Pittsburgh area who had taken the extra money, including Jay Costa, D-Forest Hills, Gerald LaValle, D-Beaver, and John Wozniak, D-Johnstown, brusquely refused to answer yesterday when asked whether they would return the money.” (*Post-Gazette*, Harrisburg Bureau, Thursday, November 17, 2005.)

“Senator John Wozniak, who voted for the pay raise and decided to accept it early as "unvouchered expenses," and who bashed legislators who opposed the increase, saying: "They're the ones who voted no and are hiding behind their mothers' skirts. I'm sure there's quite a few of them who crossed their fingers and hoped it would pass without them voting for it." (*Centre Daily Times*, November 19, 2005.)

Food and lodging: “The Westmont Democrat collected \$37,826 for food and lodging from January 2008 through October 2009, more than any other state senator.”

“The ‘per diem’ reimbursement, which is paid in addition to the senator’s \$78,314.66 annual salary, represents 244 days in the capital on legislative business, according to data compiled by the chief clerk of the Senate.” (*Tribune Democrat*, Randy Griffith, January 10, 2010.)

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- **Sen. Lisa Boscola, (D-Northampton County).**

Rep. Boscola served in the House from 1995 to 1998 and was elected to the Senate in 1999. Sen. Boscola is the Democratic Chairman of the Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee.

Per diems 2011-2012: \$22,255.

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

- **Former Sen. Charles Dent, (R-Lehigh County).**

Mr. Dent served the House from 1991 to 1988 and served in the Senate from 1999 to 2004. He was elected to Congress in 2004 and is eligible for federal pension.

Voted no but took the money: “According to state records, Dent receives about \$1,370 per month from his state pension, or about \$16,439 per year.” (*Journal Register*, Evan Brandt, October 10, 2011.)

- **Sen. Jane Earll, (R-Erie County).**

Sen. Earll served in the Senate from 1997 to 2012.

Monthly pension: \$1,629.34.

Lump-sum withdrawal: \$75,642.99.

SERS Response to RTK Request, June 11, 2013.

- **Former Sen. Jane Orie , (R-Allegheny County.)**

Rep. Orie served the House from 1997 to 2001 and served in the Senate from 2001 to 2012. She was the Majority Whip from 2007 to 2010.

Conviction and restitution: “Former state Sen. Jane Orie must pay \$180,457 in restitution and damages stemming from her 14 corruption convictions, and her state pension will help pay the bill, an Allegheny County judge ruled on Tuesday.”

“Orie, 50, of McCandless is serving a 2 1/2- to 10-year prison sentence for using her state-paid staff for campaign work and knowingly introducing forged documents at an earlier trial. The restitution is less than a tenth what prosecutors sought.” (*Tribune-Review*, Bobby Kerlik , July 4, 2012.)

Per diems in 2011: \$6,068.

Pension: Monthly annuity payments forfeited under Act 140.

- **Former Sen. Allyson Schwartz, (D-Philadelphia).**

Sen. Schwartz served in the Pennsylvania Senate from 1991 to 2004. She has been a member of Congress since 2005 and is eligible for a federal pension.

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Voted no but took the money: “Schwartz reportedly receives about \$1,528 a month from her state pension, or about \$18,340 per year — about \$4,000 less than the 2010 U.S. poverty level for a family of four. (*Journal Register*, Evan Brandt, October 10, 2011.)

- **Sen. Michael Stack, (D-Philadelphia).**

Mr. Stack was elected to the Senate in 2001. His grandfather, Mike Stack was a Congressman. Stack is the Democratic Chairman of the Banking & Insurance Committee.

Baby you can wash my car: Senate records show Sen. Michael Stack, D-Philadelphia, billed taxpayers more than \$600 over two years for charges identified as “car washes.” Stack and his aides did not respond to e-mails or phone calls seeking. (*Tribune Review*, Brad Bumsted, March 4, 2013.)

Per diems 2011-2012: \$20,656.

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

- **Sen. Mike Waugh, (R-York County).**

Mr. Waugh served the House from 1993 to 1998 and was elected to the Senate in 1999. He is the Vice Chairman of Agriculture & Rural Affairs.

- **Sen. Don White, (R-Indian County).**

Mr. White was elected to the Senate in 2001 and is the Chairman of the Banking & Insurance Committee.