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## Senate of Pennsylvania

January 21, 2011

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Senators

**FROM:**  Senator Lisa Baker

**SUBJECT:** Budget Impasse Legislation

I plan to re-introduce Senate Bills 1152 and 1153 from last session which would address any future budget impasse.

The first would amend the Constitution to require the Commonwealth to maintain state appropriations at 80 percent of the prior year level if a general fund budget is not enacted by the constitutional deadline of June 30 of any year.

The second would provide for certain actions/deadlines by the General Assembly to move the process forward.

1. No later than six weeks after the date of submission of a budget by the Governor to the General Assembly, a separate general appropriations bill for the ensuing fiscal year shall be introduced in each chamber.
2. Each chamber of the General Assembly shall pass a complete and balanced general appropriations bill no later than the second full week of May.
3. If no final budget agreement has been reached by June 15 of any year and if either the House or the Senate has passed a budget, the opposing chamber which has not passed a budget must vote on what the other chamber has approved.

Co-sponsors of Senate Bill 1152 were Senators Alloway, Argall, Browne, Brubaker, Earll, Erickson, Greenleaf, Pippy, Rafferty, Smucker, Ward and D. White.

Co-sponsors of Senate Bill 1153 were Senators Alloway, Argall, Browne, Brubaker, Erickson, Greenleaf, Pippy, Rafferty, Smucker, Ward and D. White.

If you wish to co-sponsor either of these proposals, please contact Liz Clancy at [LClancy@pasen.gov](mailto:LClancy@pasen.gov) or by phone at 787-7428.