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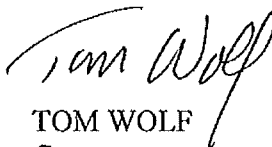
TO THE HONORABLE SENATE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 286, Printer's Number 1437.

While the reforms relating to the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) in this bill are consistent with the goals of my administration and worthy of becoming law, I am concerned with a single provision within this measure that allows for legislative interference with an executive branch prerogative. The requirement that gubernatorial appointments to the DRPA be confirmed by the Senate before the appointees may serve on the board of the Port Authority is unnecessary. Furthermore, this encroachment upon the authority of the Governor does not improve the operation of the DRPA and had this provision been excised from the legislation, I would have signed the bill. Since the provision remains, however, it would not be prudent in my judgment to give it the force of law in this Commonwealth. Nevertheless, even though I am not approving this bill, this rejection will not have a momentous impact on the DRPA since many of the reforms offered in the legislation have already been put into effect. For those not yet undertaken, I will work towards implementing them as they are worthwhile steps towards improving the authority's overall functioning.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 286, Printer's Number 1437.

Sincerely,


TOM WOLF
Governor