

# news from jim kelly

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KELLY'S BI-PARTISAN SCHOOLBOARD PASSES STATE HOUSE OF REPS.

Harrisburg, January 18<sup>1972</sup>-- By a close vote of 106 to 69, the State House this week passed a major change in the election code sponsored by Representative James B. Kelly (R-Allegheny), provides for the bi-partisan election of schoolboard members.

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A vote of 102 in the affirmative is necessary for passage. The bill must now pass the Senate and be signed into law by the Governor, but little opposition is expected since a similar measure has, in recent years, passed the Senate only to be defeated in the House.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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PASSES STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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102 affirmative votes were required for House passage of the bill. The bill must now pass the Senate and be signed by the Governor to become law. Little opposition is expected, since a similar measure has passed the Senate in previous years, only to be defeated later in the House.

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An outspoken advocate of a smaller legislature, Kelly said he did not feel increasing the size of a legislator's district would impair<sup>IR</sup> his ability to provide constituent service. In that regard, Kelly has been active in obtaining the cooperation of the Transportation Department to improve local state highways.

"When I first sought office," Kelly said, "I promised only to do the best possible job to help resolve the budget ~~fiasco~~<sup>FIASCO</sup>, the drug problem, and the environmental ~~crises~~<sup>CRISIS</sup>." He pointed out that he had been instrumental in developing the compromise which led to a <sup>\$200 million</sup> reduction of state spending, a reduction of the income tax, reduced business taxes, and increased state aid to his local school districts.

Legislation proposed by representative Kelly banning billboards in certain locations was enacted into law, and the House is presently considering in committee another Kelly sponsored bill, which would regulate the use of harmful pesticides.

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Looking to the future, Kelly said, "I think its high time the state got out of the business of creating regulat~~ory~~ commissions and boards like the Milk Marketing Board. Our state tax dollars ought to be spent on providing essential human services such as education - not on structuring and maintaining little ~~buracies~~<sup>BUREAUCRACIES</sup> for the purpose of regulating our daily lives."

The 28th legislative district extends from McCandless to Sewickley Valley, and includes Marshall, Pine and Richland Townships. During redistricting, Glenfield, Kilbuck, Emsworth, Ben Avon and Ohio Townships were shifted to another district.

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In a review of his first term in office Kelly said, "When I first sought election, I promised to do the best possible job to help resolve the budget fiasco, the rising drug problem and our environmental crisis." Kelly stressed that he was instrumental in developing the compromise which led to a \$200 million dollar reduction of state spending, a reduction of the income tax, lower business taxes and increased state aid for local schools.

Kelly continues to be an outspoken advocate of a smaller legislature. "I do not feel that increasing the size of a legislative district will impair the ability of a representative to provide good constituent service.", he said.

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Kelly's co-sponsorship of important drug legislation, which has passed the house, is an indication of his desire to have young people work for the prevention of drug addiction.

Commenting on Pennsylvania's future, Kelly said, "I think its high time the state got out of the business of creating regulatory commissions and boards like the Milk Marketing Board. Our state tax dollars should be spent on providing essential human services such as education - not on structuring and maintaining little bureaucracies for the purpose of regulating our daily lives."

JAMES B. KELLY, MEMBER  
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INGOMAR, PENNSYLVANIA 15127



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

March 13, 1972

TO: Republican Committee of 28th Legislative District  
FROM: Representative James Kelly

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the HARRISBURG HOTLINE. Its production has been commissioned by several of us in the Legislature; and I hope to make it available to you on a bi-weekly or, at the least, a monthly basis. Hopefully, it will be of assistance to you in keeping up with Harrisburg events.

Also enclosed for your review is a copy of the release announcing my candidacy for a second term in the Pennsylvania House. In requesting your support of my candidacy, which is very important to me, may I take this opportunity to again stress my willingness and desire to be of service to you in solving state-related problems which your constituents might have. If ever there is anything I can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 364-4138. If I am in Harrisburg, Jeanne will relay the message; and I will get back to you promptly. The one thing we can do to win converts to our Party is to provide fast and effective help on state-related problems.

Enclosures

# HARRISBURG REPORT

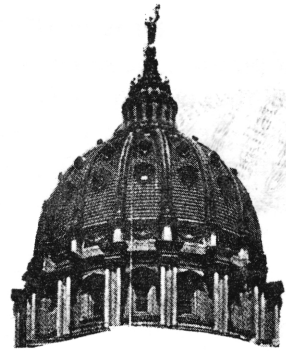


by

REPRESENTATIVE

James B. Kelly

28th Legislative District  
Allegheny County



QUOTE OF THE YEAR: "If called as a witness, I will appear; it is a likelihood I will appear as a prosecution witness." - - - -

Governor Shapp when asked by newsmen about criminal charges filed against his former State Police Commissioner in the King of Prussia wiretap case. With or without immunity?

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**BUDGET BATTLE: CUT STATE SPENDING, TAXES NOW:** Inspired by an aroused Pittsburgh electorate which last month nominated Mayor Pete Flaherty, an avowed foe of big spending and even bigger taxes, on both the Democrat and Republican tickets, House Republicans are more than ever determined to follow the same course in the current state battle of the Budget. Flaherty's twin victories were even more noteworthy by the fact that he was opposed openly by everyone in sight - - both party organizations, labor, business, both city newspapers and all other vested interests - - everyone, in fact, except the people. But they also mean much more than that; actually Flaherty's victories have dramatized the current tax fight within the General Assembly in which Republicans are fighting for the average wage earner and Shapp and his Democrats are lined up on the side of wealthy, high-salaried executives!

Basically, the facts are these: In his Budget message, the Governor proposed cutting the state income tax rate from 2.3 to 2.1 per cent, a plan that would give increasing benefits to persons with abnormally high incomes. House Republicans, in control for the first time in four years, immediately proposed a \$3.7 billion ceiling on state spending, a ceiling that will permit enactment of an additional Republican plan to uniformly exclude the first \$2,000 of all income for state tax purposes just as all income from pensions, social security, workmen's and unemployment compensation, sick pay and welfare is currently excluded under the present law. — Result: immediate removal from state income tax rolls of thousands of poor people of all ages; senior citizens now forced to pay tax on interest earned by their life's savings, and students who spend summers working their way through college - - plus a uniform \$46 per year savings for all individual taxpayers, rich and poor alike!

Unlike the Shapp proposal which grants different degrees of income tax relief to different income classes, Republicans are convinced their plan is in keeping with the state Constitution which requires uniformity of taxation on all its subjects. For example, the Shapp plan would result in an annual savings of \$100 on individual incomes of \$50,000 annually - - as compared with only \$46 under the House plan. At the other end of the scale, store clerks whose average annual income in Pennsylvania amounts to only \$4,412 would get a tax break of only \$8.82 as compared with the same \$46 reduction also provided high salaried executives of the chain stores for which they work!

Here are some other examples of average annual incomes for Pennsylvanians published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Dept. of Labor and Industry, together with the varying degrees of tax relief proposed by the Governor against which the Republican \$46 deduction for each should be judged: bank clerks, \$5,630 and \$11.26; textile workers, \$6,201 and \$12.40; bakers, \$8,315 and \$16.63; printers, \$9,145 and \$18.29; auto workers, \$10,921 and \$21.84; steel workers, \$11,259 and \$22.52, and bituminous coal miners, \$12,080 and \$24.16. In the construction industry, the average runs from \$10,200 and \$20.40 for outdoor laborers to \$17,200 and \$34.40 for plumbers working indoors.

But if the possibility of these tax breaks for all individuals, as well as other substantial reductions in two regressive business taxes, seems refreshingly near, don't bet on it. The ultimate fate of the entire tax reform proposal now rests in the hands of the Democrat-controlled Senate and the Governor's office which must somehow be forced to agree to a \$3.74 billion ceiling on State spending already passed by the House before it can be enacted into law. The Governor himself seems to be wavering on the issue; after first threatening to veto the bill if it ever reaches his desk, he now says the courts might find it unconstitutional - - an inconceivable reversal of the public image he once tried to create as a friend of the "little guy." Apparently the time has now come for an intensive letter-writing campaign to force the real Governor Shapp to stand up!!

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**THE CRONIES COME HOME TO ROOST:** A number of years ago, the Department of Property and Supplies took steps to prevent pigeons from roosting on the window sills and ledges of the Capitol Building. Now, under the Shapp Administration, a new kind of bird is taking up occupancy at the Capitol and the pigeons are the taxpayers.

Early in 1972, the Commonwealth signed a sweetheart lease for the Harrisburger Hotel for a ten-year period that will cost Pennsylvania taxpayers more than \$5 million. One of the former members of the cabal that owned the building - - now known as the Milton—Hilton - - is roosting in the sub-cabinet post of Deputy Secretary of Property and Supplies. He is Charles Adler, II, former chairman of Shapp's 1970 campaign committee in Dauphin County, who now has as one of his prime responsibilities, the overseeing of all leasing arrangements made on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Nearly every responsible public official in town, including Democratic Auditor General Robert P. Casey, was appalled by the blatant arrogance by the Administration when it ignored widespread demands that the lease be dropped. Instead, less than six months later, Property and Supplies was in the process of finding new roosting places for a couple more Shapp cronies. And when Adler's signature was affixed to another ten-year lease - - costing another \$5 million plus - - for the former Evangelical Press Building in Harrisburg, the Governor was further implicated in the rampant political favoritism that has infested State Executive operations since his election.

Known owners of the building - - the Milton—Hilton annex - - include William P. Zurick of Shamokin - - a close political ally during the Democratic presidential primary campaign last year - - and Eli Kramer of Harrisburg - - a business associate of the Governor's in a Harrisburg cable television operation. The wheeling and dealing that went on to effect this lease would have made a 19th Century lobbyist blush - - but not Shapp's gaggle of cronies who are now in a position to gross more than \$4 million over ten years on a building they purchased for \$350,000 less than three months before the Commonwealth leased it!

House Republicans also have demanded cancellation of this lease on the basis that it provides that if the Commonwealth does not have full occupancy of the building by March 31, 1973, the State could decide to cancel - - and it still wasn't ready as of June 1. The situation is now such that the Governor's friends hold title to a building in which they have no personal financial risk but on which they will make a substantial profit. The Governor and his friends may consider this to be just pigeon feed, but House Republicans are determined to bring the entire Milton—Hilton affair under full public scrutiny at the earliest possible moment.

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**SHAPP BUGGED BY WIRETAP:** After more than six months the Administration is finally getting around to criminal prosecutions against seven persons involved in the wiretap scandal that has racked the administration of law and justice since last year. The incident was first revealed last November when several Pennsylvania State Police, working for then Commissioner Rocco Urella, were allegedly caught tapping telephone lines of other State Police, working for then Attorney General J. Shane Creamer, who was investigating criminal activities in the Philadelphia area. The Governor first fired both Urella and Creamer, apparently hoping that that action would satisfy the concerned public officials who were understandably upset with the obvious violations of Pennsylvania as well as Federal law.

As the picture of these Keystone Kops activities began to unfold, the Administration slowly became aware that its original sop would not suffice, so a number of State Police officers were court-martialed. But even this failed to dissuade the newly-created House Bipartisan Select Committee to investigate the Administration of Justice, and the Administration was faced with but two alternatives - - (1) do nothing and let House investigators uncover the whole rotten mess, or (2) attempt to take some of the sting out of the disclosures that were being developed each time the committee brought in a new witness.

The Governor chose the latter course and his new Attorney General appointed a special prosecutor to initiate criminal charges against Urella and the other five men who worked for the Administration - - until they got caught. The Governor says he wants to testify at these criminal proceedings because there are "certain allegations that have to be cleared up." Hopefully, including testimony before the House Committee by one Trooper who said the Governor himself ordered Urella to have the troopers sign a false confession.

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**CONSUMER'S GUIDE: RATE YOUR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER:** A new consumer's guide by an anonymous author has surfaced in Harrisburg and is being circulate by House members on both sides of the aisle. But it isn't BY Herbert Denenberg - - it's ABOUT Denenberg. In all, the guide - - unashamedly similar to those Denenberg has issued at taxpayers expense over the past few years seeks yes or no answers to a total of 27 questions like these:

Is your Insurance Commissioner all things to all people?. . . . Does your Insurance Commissioner issue press releases only when necessary?. . . . Is your Insurance Commissioner the kind of man who instills the spirit of cooperation between the consumer, hospitals, doctors, lawyers, dentists and legislators?. . . . Does your Insurance Commissioner have an ambition to travel to Washington as a Senator or hold some other higher office?

Apparently, Governor Shapp already has answered the last one to his own satisfaction, at least. In response to questions at a recent news conference, the Governor said: "Herb has a lot of good qualities. I think he could be a good candidate." On a Shapp—Denenberg ticket? Perish the thought!!



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STUDENT POLL  
NAMES KELLY

PITTSBURGH, Representative James B. Kelly (R-McCandless) scored a lopsided victory over his Republican primary challenger and Democrat opponent in a mock election held recently by students in five North Allegheny 12th grade Current Issues classes taught by Mrs. Arlene Levy.

Each candidate visited the classes on separate occasions and presented his views on such diverse topics as busing, home rule, taxes and the size of the legislature. Following the appearances, a straw vote was conducted by secret ballot. The results were:

James B. Kelly (R) - 91

Wm. M. Appleton (R) - 15

Thomas Wier (D) - 4

Mark Stevenson, Kelly's student coordinator said, "I am pleased with the results and feel they indicate April and November victories for Mr. Kelly. I think the vote reflects young peoples' concern for effective government... which is what they feel Representative Kelly signifies. Hopefully student attitude also reflects their parents' thinking."

According to Stevenson, interest in the upcoming election, among new young voters, is very high. Most 18 year olds have indicated a strong interest in the issues and an eagerness to exercise their new voting privilege at the polls.

Stevenson is a senior and intends to continue his education at Westchester State College in the fall.

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KELLY NAMED  
TO TASK FORCE  
ON FEDERAL AID

HARRISBURG, Representative James B. Kelly (R-McCandless) has been named as a member of a special 15 member legislative task force to determine how Pennsylvania's state government can better assist its communities and municipalities in obtaining the maximum federal funds available for local projects.

During fiscal 1969-70, federal monies funnelled into Pennsylvania totaled \$1.343 billion for various matching fund programs.

In the current fiscal year the figure is expected to reach approximately \$2 billion. Despite the staggering amounts, many communities in Pennsylvania are not getting their fair share and some are not getting anything at all.

"The key now," said Kelly, "is to hear from the municipalities and communities themselves. Grantsmanship is a real art today. And part of the problem is the lack of technical know-how at the community level in developing project plans and proposals."

The committee is anxious for interested municipal and community officials to testify before it in a series of hearings that we will be conducting.

Programs involved in the probe will include funding in child nutrition, urban and rural water and waste disposal grants, Appalachian development, community action, education, air pollution control, hospital construction, Model Cities projects, transportation, housing, and employment.

The committee anticipates initiating hearings during mid-April.

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HARRISBURG, Representative James B. Kelly (R-28th District) has announced the results of a post card poll of his constituents on vital state issues.

The poll was conducted as part of the JIM KELLY REPORT that was mailed to more than 18,000 families in the 28th Legislative District during December. Recipients of the newsletter were given the opportunity to indicate their feelings concerning six vital state issues by means of a post card supplied with the newsletter.

1,007 recipients spent their own 6¢ postage to respond in the following manner:

| <u>DO YOU FAVOR:</u>                            | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|
| A GRADUATED INCOME TAX                          | 532        | 382       |
| A RAPID MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR THE NORTH HILLS | 597        | 312       |
| NO-FAULT AUTO INSURANCE                         | 782        | 146       |
| YEAR LONG USE OF SCHOOLS                        | 632        | 301       |
| DIVORCE LAW REFORM                              | 654        | 215       |
| ABORTION LAW REFORM                             | 640        | 258       |
| THE KELLY REPORT SHOULD BE CONTINUED            | 948        | 23        |

A space reserved for comments resulted in a high number of inquiries as to no-fault automobile insurance. Many also used the space to bitterly complain about the high price of milk in Pennsylvania.

No state funds were used to produce the newsletter. Contributions from interested citizens made it possible. Kelly says that he plans to continue to publish the report and indicated that the next edition will cover issues raised by constituents in their post card comments.

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Editor: A copy of the JIM KELLY REPORT is enclosed for your perusal.

# the jim kelly report

PUBLISHED AS A SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE 28th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

DECEMBER 1971

## HOUSE FACES MAJOR ISSUES IN RECORD LEGISLATIVE YEAR



**CITIZENS' GROUPS STUDY ROADS**—During the past year a number of meetings organized by Representative Kelly have been conducted to set priorities for local state highway maintenance. Details on how elected officials, law enforcement officers and citizens are working together are found on page 2.

### WHY THIS REPORT IS SENT TO YOU . . .

Good communication between an elected official and his constituents is vital to effective government. This legislative report should serve as an important link between Representative Jim Kelly and residents of the 28th District, some of whose contributions have made it possible.

A postcard is enclosed for your comments. It will be appreciated if you will kindly complete the card, stamp it, and drop it in the mail at your earliest convenience.

The past legislative year has probably been one of the most active ever faced by a freshman legislator. I have witnessed tax and budget controversies, the likes of which the Commonwealth has never seen before . . . and I hope will never see again.

Lengthy debates covered school subsidies, prison reform, unemployment compensation, divorce law reform, highway maintenance, welfare, and health.

When running for the Legislature, I addressed certain issues which I felt deserved the priority attention of your legislator, i.e. roads, drugs, the environment, and the fiscal state of the Commonwealth.

In an effort to get things moving, I have worked with other officials at all levels of government. Meetings have been held with transportation officials to see that our roads are properly maintained. Major drug legislation, cosponsored by me, has already passed the House.


I have introduced legislation curtailing the construction and use of billboards and limiting the distribution of certain kinds of pesticides. My success in securing an appointment to the Ways and Means Committee placed me effectively in the midst of the fiscal crisis.

Efforts to improve communication with my constituents have included prompt replies to over 100 weekly inquiries, five town meetings in the district to explain Harrisburg developments, and close liaison with local news media . . . all in an effort to do what I said I would do.

If you are concerned with the widening leadership and credibility gap between people and their representatives, you can help to improve state government by asking your friends in other legislative districts to communicate with their legislators. We need representatives committed to devoting sufficient time to their legislative duties, supporting a reduction in the size of the House, and willing to put their interests second to those of their constituents.

There are many of us in the House working for a more effective Legislature . . . it will never come until we are a majority of the 203 members.

Sincerely,

  
James B. Kelly

# LOCAL OFFICIALS, CITIZENS MEET TO DISCUSS ROAD CONDITIONS



Representative Kelly, left, and District Engineer Anthony Gaeta answer questions at citizens' meeting held at local Penn DOT offices. Similar meetings were held elsewhere.

## KELLY VOTES FOR INCOME TAX TO INSURE FINANCIAL STABILITY

Representative Kelly was one of 12 Republicans voting for the recently enacted state income tax. The Republicans voted for the tax package following compromise agreements between leaders of both parties that produced major changes over the first tax which had been declared unconstitutional.

As a result of the Republican cooperation, 'porkbarrel' appropriations for Philadelphia were avoided, \$160 million in tax relief was given employers, and the tax was reduced from 2.5% to 2.3% of gross income.

The second tax, which became law, was necessitated by the Supreme Court rejection of the first tax bill because of its graduated provisions. Kelly did not support the first bill because of several objectionable sections, and the absence of a budget. He indicated the second measure was constructed by the Ways and Means Committee in strict compliance with the Court Decision.

"In the second fiscal controversy Philadelphia would have been the recipient of approximately \$200 million in additional 'kick-back' appropriations in exchange for certain Democratic votes," Kelly said.

"Many employers have expressed their gratitude for the Republican efforts which resulted in the Capital Stock Tax exemption being restored for manufacturers and the Corporate Net Income tax being reduced from 12% to 11%. These are the first in a series of critically needed steps designed to restore Pennsylvania's competitive business economy and build job opportunities," Kelly added.

Another important factor in the new tax law was the approval of \$1.3 million additional school subsidies for the 28th District. Although the Legislature could not mandate reduced school taxes, such a resolution passed concurrently.

Continued efforts by Representative Kelly have resulted in a vastly improved network of state highways within the 28th District.

According to Kelly, "All of us realize the tremendous problems that are faced by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT). From time to time, the maintenance of a particular stretch of road will be overlooked or the location of a highway will be decided before local residents and officials have had their say."

Penn DOT's problems are compounded by the fact that the Department supervises some 42,000 miles compared with Ohio's 8,000. However, through close liaison with Penn DOT officials and a series of public meetings with concerned officials, many of the local problems have been resolved.

"I feel that one of the best ways a Representative can serve his area is to function as a catalyst between state officials and local problems," Kelly said. "I have found the local Penn DOT officials are most responsive when critical problems are brought to their attention. In my opinion District Engineer Anthony Gaeta and Assistant District Engineer-Operations Michael Gittens have given outstanding service and response," Kelly added.

During the summer and fall many roadways within the district have been resurfaced, patched or totally repaved in preparation for the winter.

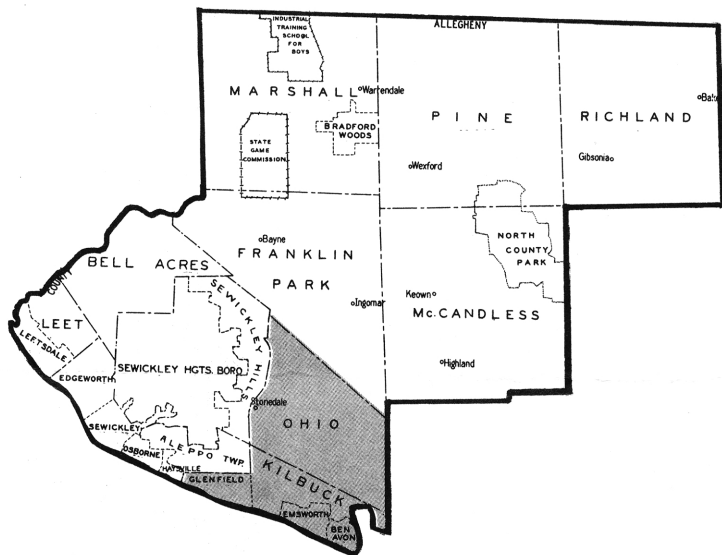


North Hills News Record Photograph

**IMPROVED SERVICE FOR NORTH PITTSBURGH TELEPHONE USERS**—Representative Kelly and Marshall Supervisor Samuel Law lead the successful drive to expand telephone service for North Pittsburgh Telephone Co. subscribers. Customers indicated their approval of the changes which permit 935 callers to reach 364 and 366 numbers without incurring toll charges, thus paving the way for improved service.



# LEGISLATIVE HOPPER RECEIVES 7 KELLY SPONSORED BILLS



**28th DISTRICT TO BE REDUCED**—The Legislative Reapportionment Commission has announced that Ohio, Kilbuck, Emsworth, Ben Avon and Glenfield (shaded area on map) will be removed from Representative Kelly's District effective January 1973. The move was necessary in order to comply with Pennsylvania's shift in population as recorded in the 1970 census. The district will then have 58,895 residents, or 10,000 less than at present.

## OTHERS ARE SAYING . . .

The following excerpt items have been selected at random from recent news articles and correspondence addressed to Representative Kelly:

"We wish to say 'Thank You, Jim Kelly, for your diligent efforts in getting the routing of I-279 reviewed and changed.' Moving a highway, even on paper, is no small accomplishment."  
**SUBURBAN LIFE**

"Dear Mr. Kelly: Thank you for speaking to us. We learned a lot from it."  
**CLASS 6B, FRANKLIN SCHOOL**

"Congratulations are in order to Representatives James B. Kelly and Richard Cessar, North Hills Republicans, for introducing a bill in the General Assembly to regulate the sale, purchase and use of pesticides in Pennsylvania."  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FORECAST**

"Typical of the complaints are those of Representative James Kelly, R-Ingomar, a freshman legislator. His 'office' consists of one of eleven desks in a basement room shared with eight other legislators in the Capitol. He has no allotment for an office in his home district. His only staff consists of a Harrisburg secretary shared by three other assemblymen."  
**QED RENAISSANCE**

"Representative Kelly's stand on the tax vote was an important factor in having the budget and tax lower than proposed by Governor Shapp. It was instrumental in heading the State toward fiscal responsibility."  
**CLIFF JONES, REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN**

"I really appreciate your willingness to keep after this matter. I certainly have never heard of anyone receiving this kind of active response from a member of any legislative body before."  
**WEXFORD RESIDENT**

"James B. Kelly—Just a note to advise that you have signed your finish, when you voted for Sunday liquor sales."  
**UNSIGNED**

"It is encouraging to know that we have General Assembly members, such as yourself, who recognize agriculture's role in Pennsylvania's economy."  
**CHARLES ORD, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TO THE PENNSYLVANIA FARMERS' ASSOCIATION**

Briefly, a summary of some of the bills introduced by Representative Kelly is as follows:

### BILLBOARDS TO BE BANNED ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

**HB 689**—This bill will prohibit outdoor advertising immediately adjacent to interstate highways. It will allow Pennsylvania to utilize Federal funds for the purchase and destruction of existing billboards along interstate highways. The bill is currently under consideration by the Transportation Committee. The Senate has already passed an identical bill.

### REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HB 744**—This measure proposes a constitutional amendment that will reduce the number of representatives from 203 to 151. It will require passage by two separate, successive legislatures and approval by a state-wide referendum. It has been referred to the State Government Committee.

### PESTICIDES REGULATED BY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

**HB 1557**—This bill will control the use and sale of pesticides. The Secretary of Environmental Resources will have the final word on which pesticides are to be prohibited. It is expected this bill will be amended by the Conservation Committee, before it is considered by the entire House.

### SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TO BE NON-POLITICAL

**HB 205**—This proposed law would permit school board candidates to cross file in elections, similar to the manner in which judges are now identified as being bipartisan on ballots. Political parties will still be able to endorse candidates. The cross filing procedure should encourage more qualified candidates. The bill has been referred to the State Government Committee for further consideration.

### CONSOLIDATE 3 ROW OFFICES IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

**HB 1587**—This bill would combine the three offices of Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, and Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans Court into one office in Allegheny County. The bill, designed by Clerk of Courts Robert Pierce and Representative Kelly, would produce considerable savings in operating expenses and result in the more efficient administration of legal records. The bill has been directed to the Urban Affairs Committee.

### REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOUNT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED

**HB 1554**—This bill has been co-sponsored with Representative John Renninger. It would require the submission of accountable records by State Representatives before they could be reimbursed for expenses.

Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year from the Kellys



*Jim, Jimmy and Jeanne*

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Harrisburg, June 30<sup>72</sup> -- Rep. James B. Kelly (R-28 District, Allegheny) announced today that Governor Shapp will sign into law H.B. 205, permitting the bi-partisan election of school board directors.

"When the bill is signed," Kelly said, "school board members will be elected in the same manner as judges who several years ago were permitted to cross file. I believe this concept has proved helpful in removing political patronage from our courts.

Kelly, prime sponsor of the legislation, said his chief reason for proposing the bill was that "it will help remove patronage from many of our school districts, in several of which a party's endorsement implies a guaranteed return of certain jobs.

"Furthermore," Kelly said, "the quality and administration of public education should not be tied to the vagaries of party registration figures. School officials should be elected on their merits rather than on the coat-tails of a majority party.

He also explained there is no reason why an individual seeking an office with no pay which usually requires more than one night a week away from the family should have to spend additional time working with a political party.

"I am most pleased to have had an active part in initiating this important and major change in the Pennsylvania Election Code.

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# news from jim kelly

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HARRISBURG - Rep. James B. Kelly (R-Allegheny) said today he will propose an amendment to the House Rules which will aid voters in determining which legislators are serving in a full time capacity.

Kelly said, "I believe citizens have a legitimate gripe about the proposed pay raises, especially when consideration is given to the swollen size of the legislature, and the attitude of some members that their responsibilities can be fulfilled on a part time basis.

"I intend to propose rules similar to those adopted by Congress which require House members, or candidates for the office, to file a report of outside income with the Clerk of the House.

"Such a report would be available to the press or any constituent who desires to know whether his representative is serving a full-time capacity.

Kelly also indicated he would continue to press for the adoption of legislation which would permit the citizens of the Commonwealth to decide by a Constitutional Referendum upon a reduction in the size of the legislature.

He said, "I favor rejecting the findings of the Salary Commission, but hope we can take action to designate our present remuneration of \$15,600 as income rather than as part income and part <sup>unaccountable</sup> expense allowance.

"The continuation of this facade only enforces the disparity in compensation between legislators close to Harrisburg and those far away. Additionally, it does not encourage the collection of local, state or federal income taxes until the year-end forms are submitted.

"Of paramount concern" Kelly said, "should be the election of qualified and dedicated legislators.

# HARRISBURG REPORT

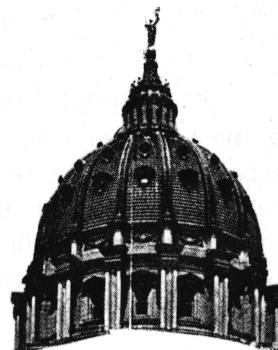


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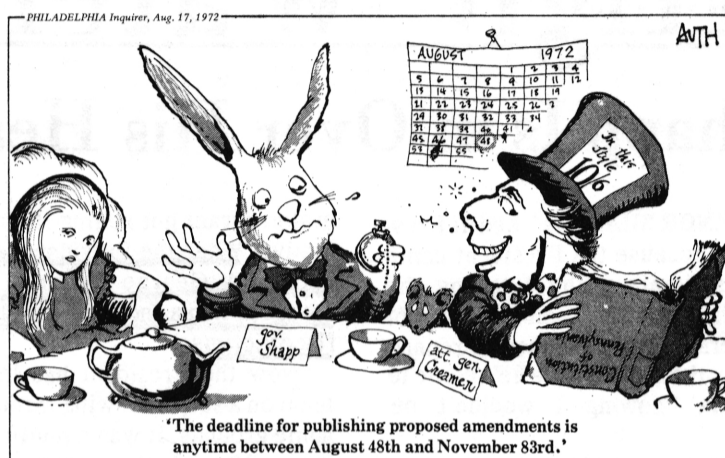
REPRESENTATIVE

James B. Kelly

28th Legislative District  
Allegheny County



September, 1972



**THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS:** If, in viewing the Wonderland of governmental irresponsibility, Pennsylvania has become under the Shapp Administration, little Alice seems distressed, well she might. For, like all Pennsylvanians who thought they were electing a businessman to run their government, little Alice has just discovered that Governor Rabbit is not content with controlling both the executive and legislative branches but wants to take over the courts, too! His tactic: deliberate circumvention of the state Constitution.

Briefly, the facts are these: For more than two years, the Governor has been promising tax relief for both individuals and business - - tax relief based on public approval of a graduated income tax to replace the 2.3 per cent flat tax now on the books. But the Governor forgot a constitutional requirement that any amendment needing public approval must be advertised "three months before the next general election in at least two newspapers in every county." Undaunted by the fact that the Aug. 7 deadline has already passed with the amendment still in the Legislature, the Governor simply got his attorney general to rule that three months doesn't really mean ninety days but that once a month for three months would do!

"Forgetting that Aug. 7 deadline," the Inquirer pointed out, "means that the promised tax reform must be delayed from 1973 until at least 1975 because constitutional amendments must be approved by both chambers in two consecutive sessions before being submitted to the voters." No wonder little Alice seems distressed - - and confused - - by the legalistic antics of Governor Rabbit and his Mad Hatter attorney general. As the Inquirer pointed out: "The processes of amending a constitution may be difficult, but it should not be up to the attorney general to do it on his own."

**IF REPUBLICANS WIN: TWO YEARS OF INVESTIGATIONS:** The Republican leadership in the current Democrat-controlled House has given the public a preview of the kind of legislative investigation it intends to conduct if Republicans elect enough members this fall to gain control of that body next year. Noting that its staff "already has uncovered enough evidence of political favoritism and wilful waste of taxpayer money in the Shapp Administration to warrant a full-scale investigation," Republicans already have introduced a resolution to make the Department of Property and Supplies its first target. Specifically, Republicans want to investigate:

- - A possible revival of the infamous insurance "grave train" as a result of disclosures that insurance on the Governor's mansion has been placed with a former York County Democrat chairman in total disregard of bidding practices followed by the two previous Republican Administrations.
- - The long term rental of two downtown Harrisburg buildings - - the Milton-Hilton and its Uptown Annex - - from close personal, political and business associates of the Governor at a total ten-year cost of more than \$10 million, or nearly twice the cost of building a new home for the Department of Environmental Resources.

- — The privately negotiated sale of the Governor's new/old Turbo-prop Executive Airplane for \$550,000 as "unservicable property" in a transaction that "totally disregards the written bidding procedures" used to dispose of three smaller planes earlier this year; three days later, the plane was resold to a second buyer at a \$20,000 profit to the first!

Although there is little chance that a Democrat-controlled House would ever vote to investigate the Governor, election of enough Republicans this fall will restore the traditional system of checks and balances and give Republicans the power needed to uncover and curb any wrongdoing within the Shapp Administration. Certainly the taxpayer has the right to know what is going on in their government. Republicans believe, moreover, that these same taxpayers also have the right to insist that the Governor stop squandering and start saving their hard earned tax dollar.

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# High Water

## Shapp Is in Over His Head

**GOVERNOR SHAPP** is irked at President Nixon because the President came into Pennsylvania without telling the Governor first. "An incredible display of bad manners," Shapp snapped to reporters. "This is the second time he's come to Pennsylvania knowing I wouldn't be around."

Nixon made a surprise inspection tour of the flood-ravaged Wyoming Valley Saturday. He gave a \$4 million installment in federal aid to Wilkes College; congratulated newlyweds Daniel and Cathy Conte as they left a Wilkes-Barre church; handed out souvenir pens and made a "campaign pledge" which he kept the next day.

The promise was to see that a picnic for flood victims didn't run short of food. Sunday six members of the White House staff showed up with 100 cases of soda, 2,000 hot dogs and hamburgers and the trimmings. Mustard and catsup were smeared over lots of youngsters, but it was the governor who wound up with egg on his face.

He has consistently tried to make a political issue out of the flood and he scored some early points while the federal apparatus was getting underway slowly in the usual welter of red tape. But once the fed-

eral program got rolling it was quite effective. When the President sent in HUD Secretary George Romney, Shapp involved him in a shouting match in front of flood victims.

Now the President has led the first team on a surprise swing through Shapp's home grounds. It was a political success, just as Nixon had expected it to be. The President of the United States is not deliberately going to give Milton Shapp or any other governor the opportunity to embarrass him publicly by making wild charges.

SHAPP HAS USED the high waters following Hurricane Agnes for everything from an abortive try to raise the gas tax to this latest attempt to discredit federal aid to the flood-stricken. It is beyond us how Shapp can expect "courtesies" from the man he has been sniping at ever since the rain stopped.

The Nixon Administration is committed to helping the Commonwealth recover from the flood. Nothing Shapp says is likely to affect the amount or timing of federal aid. All he has done so far is make himself and Pennsylvania appear ungrateful in the eyes of the rest of the country.

HARRISBURG Patriot, Sept. 12, 1972

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**INDICTED STATE AIDE BRINGS RESIGNATION DEMAND:** Rep. H. Joseph Hepford, Republican Caucus Secretary, has demanded the resignation of Community Affairs Secretary William E. Wilcox because of the way he handled the case of the Director of the Pennsylvania Housing Agency and his assistant, both of whom are now under indictment for grand theft in California in connection with jobs both previously held with the Sacramento Housing Authority.

Hepford charged in a recent floor speech that Wilcox knew Zollinger had resigned his California post under fire before giving him his \$24,000 a year state job. When he migrated East several months ago, Zollinger brought with him his former fiscal director, Michael Montbriand, and put him on the Shapp Administration payroll as his assistant at \$15,366 annually.

Early in July, Wilcox summarily fired Montbriand when he learned that he, too, was under investigation in the same California case. But Zollinger was allowed to take a leave of absence without pay after both pleaded innocent to indictments returned by a California court. "The Shapp Administration cannot hide these skeletons," Hepford said, "I call upon Mr. Wilcox to fire Zollinger immediately . . . (and) I call on the Governor to ask for his (Wilcox) resignation as Secretary of Community Affairs."

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Harrisburg, October 6 / 72 -- Rep. James B. Kelly (R-Allegheny, 28th District) announced today he intends to sponsor a Discharge Resolution to bring House Bill 2483, removing from the Milk Marketing Board the authority to set retail milk prices, from the House Agriculture Committee for consideration and possible passage.

Kelly explained that the bill is being held up in committee because the Democratic majority in the House does not really want the bill to become law.

"This proposal, although a campaign promise of Governor Shapp's, has never received the immediate and positive support by the Democratic Administration that the voters have been led to believe," Kelly said.

"For example, the Governor delayed the introduction of House Bill 2483 until the very last minute--September 12, 1972--when he could and should have introduced the legislation two years ago when he first took office."

Kelly said the bill was further delayed by House Speaker Herbert Fineman, a Democrat, when he referred the legislation to the Agriculture Committee, a committee chaired by a Democrat, "very much opposed to the bill."

"It could just as easily have been referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection, where it would have received swift and positive action and would now be on the floor for a vote," Kelly added.

The McCardlin Township legislator said he will fight to have a discharge resolution voted upon so that House Bill 2483 will be forced to the floor for consideration. "I will also urge my colleagues, if given the opportunity to vote on the bill, to support this important consumer protection legislation," Kelly added.

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RELEASE: Immediate

CONTACT: Jean Verlich (741-3912)

12/8/72

Representative James B. Kelly (R-McCandless) has announced the opening of a constituent service office and the appointment of Jean Verlich as his Administrative Assistant.

The office, located at 430 Beaver Street in Sewickley, will be financed in part by the August increase in legislative expenses, which have also been made accountable.

Miss Verlich will attend to the day-to-day operational activities of the office. Prior to her appointment, she served as Press Secretary for the Southwest Pennsylvania Committee for the Re-election of the President. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Miss Verlich holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in writing, which she received Summa Cum Laude in December, 1971.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

December 12, 1972

Dear Committee Member:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed copy of the release announcing the opening of my constituent service office. We have opened the office in an effort to be of greater help to you and the residents of the 28th District.

If there is anything you feel I can do to be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call me or Jean at 741-3912.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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RELEASE: Wednesday, December 27, 1972

CONTACT: Jean Verlich (412-741-3912)

Representative James B. Kelly (R-McCandless) announced today that applications are presently being accepted for lifeguard positions at Pennsylvania State Parks.

Kelly said the state will hire about 500 temporary lifeguards as well as a number of lifeguard supervisors for work at State Park pools next summer. Area parks needing guards include Raccoon Creek in Beaver County and Moraine in Butler, although interested persons may apply for positions at any state park except, of course, those which may not permit swimming because of damage resulting from the 1972 flood.

"All applicants must be high school graduates," Kelly stated. "Those applying for lifeguard positions must hold a current Red Cross senior lifesaving certificate. Those seeking positions as lifeguard supervisors," Kelly continued, "must be Pennsylvania residents, have at least two years experience as a lifeguard, and possess a current Red Cross certificate as a Water Safety Instructor."

No written test will be given, Kelly added, as applicants will be rated on their qualifications. Lifeguards will be paid \$2.65 an hour; supervisors, \$2.97 an hour.

Applications for these positions can be obtained from the State Civil Service Commission, which has an office in Pittsburgh in Room 411 of the State Office Building at 300 Liberty Avenue, or from the local superintendent of any State Park. The

final date for filing an application is February 7, 1973.