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THE NEW LEGISLATURE

Thirty five new members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly (28 House members and 7 Senators) were sworn into office on January 6, 2009. The political breakdown now stands at 29 Republicans and 20 Democrats in the Senate (The 29th District seat is open due to the death of Jim Rhoades. Current House Member David Argall has won the Republican Party nomination for the seat and will face Schuylkill County Treasurer Steve Lukach in a March 3rd special election), and 104 -99 in favor of the Democrats in the House.

Following is a breakdown of the new legislators by chamber, which ILECs offer service in their districts, and, for the Senators, committees to which they have been appointed that are of interest to the PTA. (House committee memberships will not be announced until January 26th). Also listed are the relevant committee chairman (and the companies they represent) for each chamber.

Senate

Richard Alloway
Lawrence Farnese

Daylin Leach

Lloyd Smucker

Elder Vogel
Kim Ward

Gene Yaw

Companies Represented

Embarq, Verizon
Verizon

Verizon

Verizon, Frontier (Commonwealth),
Embarq

Verizon, Windstream
Verizon, Kecksburg, Windstream,
Yukon-Waltz

Frontier (Commonwealth, Canton
Citizens), Verizon, Windstream,
Buffalo Valley, North Penn,
Pennsylvania Telephone, NEP

Committees

None
Communications &
Technology
Communications &
Technology

None

None
Communications &
Technology
Consumer Protection
& Professional
Licensure

None

<u>House</u>	<u>Companies Represented</u>
Bryan Barbin	Verizon
Brendan Boyle	Verizon
Matthew Bradford	Verizon
Tim Briggs	Verizon
Vanessa Brown	Verizon
Frank Burns	Verizon, Windstream
Jim Christiana	Verizon
Dom Costa	Verizon
Gary Day	Verizon, Conestoga, Ironton
Daniel Deasy	Verizon
Sheyl Delozier	Verizon, Embarq
Paul Drucker	Verizon
Frank Farry	Verizon
Matt Gabler	Windstream, Verizon
Seth Grove	Verizon, Embarq, Frontier (Commonwealth)
Tom Houghton	Verizon, Frontier (Commonwealth)
Kenyatta Johnson	Verizon
Tim Krieger	Verizon
Robert Matzie	Verizon
Carl Metzgar	Verizon, Embarq
Nick Micarelli	Verizon
Rick Mirabito	Verizon
Kevin Murphy	Frontier (Commonwealth), Verizon
Donna Oberlander	Windstream, Verizon, Embarq, Venus
Mike Reese	Laurel Highland, Verizon, Kecksburg
Brad Roae	Windstream, Verizon
Steve Santarsiero	Verizon
Will Tallman	Embarq, Verizon

Committee Chairman

Senate Communications and Technology Committee:

Majority Chairman – Senator Mike Folmer (Verizon, Frontier-Commonwealth, Embarq, Frontier, Conestoga)

Minority Chairman – Senator John Wozniak (Verizon, Windstream, Embarq, TDS-Sugar Valley, Pa Telephone)

Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee:

Majority Chairman – Senator Tommy Tomlinson (Verizon)

Minority Chairman – Senator Lisa Boscola (Verizon, Frontier-Commonwealth, Ironton)

House Consumer Affairs Committee:

Majority Chairman – Representative Joe Preston (Verizon)

Minority Chairman – Representative Bob Godshall (Verizon)