



STATE REPRESENTATIVE



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Majority Chairman Metcalfe Gavels In to Protect Life, Liberty, Property and Family-Sustaining Jobs

Dear Friends,

Our state and nation face many challenges, not the least of which is the continued growth of all levels of our government. The expansion of government, from the multi-million dollar budgets of local governments, such as Cranberry Township, to the multi-billion dollar budgets of Pennsylvania, to the multi-trillion dollar budgets of our federal government, creates the same result: individual citizens have less of their own money and lose more of their individual rights.

As we entered the 2011-2012 legislative session, I received the appointment of Majority Chairman to lead the Pennsylvania House of Representatives State Government Committee. The responsibilities of my committee include issues of interaction between the state and federal government. During the first half of this year, I held hearings on a wide range of issues facing Pennsylvanians, including: performance-based budgeting; requiring voters to present photo ID every time they vote; the health, privacy and liberty issues related to the TSA body scanners and pat downs; Congressional redistricting; and increasing government transparency.

I am currently planning summer and fall hearings on issues including: addressing the \$1.4 billion per year illegal alien problem in Pennsylvania; protecting marriage between one man and one woman; the economic savings of adopting English as our official language; state pension issues; and the size of the legislature. It is important to note that reducing welfare by only 10% would save taxpayers more than three times the savings of eliminating our entire state legislature.

My main objective as a Chairman is to advance policies that protect our individual liberties by holding our government accountable to perform the limited Constitutional responsibilities we have assigned it, while restricting its reach into our lives and our pockets. I will continue my work to protect taxpayers.

Serving the 12th District,

Daryl Metcalfe
State Representative



Representative Daryl Metcalfe has been appointed to serve as **Majority Chairman** of the highly active **Pennsylvania House State Government Committee**.

“Every legislative initiative referred to this committee will be considered based on one overriding governing principle: whether or not it protects, affirms or advances our God-given, not government-given individual liberties,” said Metcalfe. Representative Metcalfe has been recognized by the **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette** as the Pennsylvania General Assembly’s “**No. 1 Conservative**” and a multiple time highest-ranking lawmaker on the **Pennsylvania Liberty Index**.

The **State Government Committee** and each of its subcommittees maintains legislative jurisdiction over issues involving proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution; land conveyances; statewide initiatives and referendum; election code reform; lobbyist disclosure; ethics and financial disclosure requirements for public officials and employees; sunshine laws to ensure open public meetings; and this year’s Congressional redistricting.

“Whether it’s advancing legislation to permanently protect the traditional definition of marriage between one man and one woman or defending the lives, jobs and property of Pennsylvania taxpayers from the illegal alien invasion, this committee has an unprecedented opportunity to restore the proper role of state government to a fully accountable public servant that upholds our personal liberties, rather than eroding them,” said Metcalfe.

Metcalfe’s Moment

“Legislative committee hearings are often exercises in self-indulgence by lawmakers, who seem more interested in hearing their own voices than what witnesses have to say.”

“Representative Daryl Metcalfe, chairman of the House State Government Committee, last week put on a clinic in how a hearing should be run.”

- Brad Bumsted, State Capitol Reporter
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, March 27, 2011

Metcalfe Keeps Job-Creating Legislation Moving Forward

Just how difficult is it for an individual member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to sponsor and advance legislation that ultimately becomes law?

Considering the following statistics, the answer is clearly against all odds:

- Out of the approximately **11,560 bills** introduced in both chambers of the Pennsylvania General Assembly during the **2007-08** and **2009-10** legislative sessions, only **525** or **less than 5 percent** were signed into law by the governor.
- Of those **525**, approximately **362**, or **69 percent**, were introduced by members of **House** and **Senate leadership** or **committee chairman**.
- Conversely, only **163**, or **31 percent**, were sponsored by **“rank-and-file members”** of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.



Representative Metcalfe was joined by State House members, leaders from organizations across the Commonwealth and individuals committed to ending the practice of compulsory unionism to officially reintroduce the **Pennsylvania Open Workforce Initiative** (House Bills 50-53).

Here are just some of the most recently enacted legislation that were either co-sponsored by **Representative Metcalfe**, advanced by the **House State Government Committee** and/or voted in favor of by **Representative Metcalfe** to **protect the individual and economic freedoms of Pennsylvania taxpayers and job creators**:

FAIR SHARE ACT NOW LAW

Senate Bill 1131 (Fair Share Act) is aimed at protecting taxpayers, job creators and the medical community against frivolous lawsuits.

The Fair Share Act reforms the state's joint and several liability law by ensuring that defendants found negligent or liable for an injury are responsible for only their share of the damages. **Senate Bill 1131** was adopted by the House and signed into law on June 28.

CASTLE DOCTRINE NOW LAW

House Bill 40 makes Pennsylvania the **24th state** to adopt the **Castle Doctrine** to restore the legal ability of law-abiding Commonwealth residents to stand their ground and use **lethal force** to defend themselves against violent criminals.

The **Castle Doctrine**, which passed in the House by a margin of 164 to 37, was signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett on June 28.



Representative Metcalfe addresses gun owners from across the Commonwealth at his Annual Pennsylvania Right to Keep and Bear Arms Rally.

SPRINKLER MANDATE REPEALED

House Bill 377 repeals the **Universal Construction Code** mandate requiring sprinkler systems to be installed in all newly constructed residential housing. Individual homeowners should have the freedom to choose, rather than being forced through a state government mandate, to invest the additional **\$5,000 to \$15,000** to install a sprinkler system.

House Bill 377 was the first bill sent to and signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett.

INCREASING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

Since Representative Metcalfe's appointment as Majority Chairman, the **House State Government Committee** has advanced several pieces of reform legislation to increase government transparency, accountability and integrity. All five bills have passed the House unanimously.

Signed into law on June 30, **House Bill 15** establishes the **PennWatch** online database to allow state taxpayers to conveniently monitor government spending and other statistical information to hold elected officials fiscally responsible and accountable.

House Bill 103 increases penalties for lobbyists engaging in prohibited activities.

House Bill 107 prohibits an individual who has been employed within the last two years by a company offering a competitively sealed bid for a state contract from participating in the evaluation of such proposals. Similarly, **House Bill 108** makes the Right-to-Know Law applicable to public procurement contracts and provides for public inspection of non-competitive contracts prior to the execution of the agreement.

Finally, **House Bill 109** prohibits members of the General Assembly from creating or maintaining legislative nonprofit organizations.

Metcalfe Photo ID Legislation to Stamp Out Voter Fraud and Corruption Wins House Approval

Sponsored and advanced by House State Government Committee Majority Chairman Representative Metcalfe, the **Pennsylvania Voter Protection Act (House Bill 934)** was passed by the House on June 23.

“Pennsylvania has a long and ongoing history of documented voter fraud— pre-dating even the frequently-forged signature of Mickey Mouse during the 1918 election to the deeply-rooted and widespread influence of A.C.O.R.N. during the past several election cycles,” said Metcalfe. “Currently in Pennsylvania, it is impossible to board a commercial airplane, cash a paycheck, operate a motor vehicle or even purchase season passes to an amusement park without displaying valid photo ID. Guaranteeing the integrity of our state’s election process deserves no less than equal protection under the law.”

Modeled after Indiana’s photo identification law, which was upheld as Constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2008, Metcalfe’s legislation would amend the state election code to require voters to present valid photo ID before voting. Current Pennsylvania law requires identification for voters who appear to vote in an election district for the first time.

Expert testimony presented to the House State Government Committee earlier this spring confirmed that requiring valid photo ID at the polls, as provided for by **House Bill 934**, can prevent the four most widely documented types of voter fraud, including: impersonation at the polls, fictitious registrations, double voting and voting by illegal aliens.

Even more recently, in a June 7 **KQV Radio/Tribune Review** poll, **86 percent** of respondents said that “voters should be required to show photo ID.”

“**House Bill 934** is a commonsense safeguard that will only disenfranchise integrity-deficient individuals seeking to perpetuate fraud and corruption at the polls,” said Metcalfe. “Any elected official who opposes requiring valid photo ID at the polls needs to be asked if allowing for cheating at the ballot box is necessary for them in order to win.”

House Bill 934 now advances to the Senate for consideration. Visit RepMetcalfe.com or [RepMetcalfe/Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/RepMetcalfe) for the latest legislative updates.

Recognized Leadership



Representative Metcalfe presents Ronald Reagan’s son, Michael, with a copy of the successfully adopted House Resolution he introduced commemorating former president Reagan’s 100th birthday and legacy.



As Majority Chairman of the House State Government Committee, Representative Metcalfe convened the second in a series of unprecedented joint statewide hearings with the Senate on Congressional Redistricting at the Cranberry Township Municipal Building.

Metcalfe Calls 2011-12 State Budget First Step to Fiscal Responsibility and Family-Sustaining Jobs

For the first time in nine years, Pennsylvania taxpayers finally have a balanced, on-time, state budget containing no tax increases and that cuts more than **\$1 billion** in excessive government spending compared to last year’s budget.

“This is the first budget that I have supported in 13 years because it takes the first step in reversing the fiscally irresponsible spending decisions of the past and provides an excellent framework to get state government off taxpayers’ backs and out of our pockets,” said Representative Metcalfe. “The multi-billion dollar Rendell budget deficit was closed with no tax increases, and this year’s budget also includes a reduction in the job-killing Capital Stock and Franchise Tax.”

Additionally, the 2011-12 state budget eliminates or consolidates nearly **100** wasteful, non-essential or duplicative line items and government programs.

“Again, this year’s budget is only the first step on the path to fiscally responsible state government and much more needs to be done, especially in reducing taxpayer-funded expenditures for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) whose funding ballooned by more than **\$4 billion per year** under the Rendell administration,” said Metcalfe. “Due to legislative pressure initiated by House Republicans, Governor Corbett agreed to reduce his proposed welfare spending by **\$404 million**. Next year, after the governor has served a full year in office and has had time to fully examine DPW’s operations, we will expect him to bring a meat cleaver, rather than a butter knife, to cut even more wasteful and excessive welfare spending.”

Metcalfe commended the final 2011-12 state budget for forcing state government to start to live within its means.

“As we came to a close on this fiscal year, state revenues exceeded expectations by hundreds of millions of dollars,” said Metcalfe. “Throughout the budget debate, House Democrats led a misinformation campaign in an attempt to stop long overdue spending reductions by claiming that the state has a surplus due to the new revenue numbers. Even with the elimination of the multi-billion dollar Rendell budget deficit, Pennsylvania still has **\$50 billion** in current and future liabilities. Simple math reveals that even revenue exceeding expectations by hundreds of millions of dollars still does not equal a surplus, but a deficit. I will continue my work to protect Pennsylvania taxpayers.”

Metcalfe In The Media

Metcalfe Says Now is the Right Time to Expel Property Tax-Increasing Teacher Strikes from Pennsylvania

With approximately **42 public school districts** at risk for an immediate teachers strike due to expired contracts and an additional **120 districts** facing the possibility of a strike before the end of 2011, Representative Metcalfe participated in a state Capitol press conference in early June to officially unveil the **STRIKE-FREE Education Pact (House Bills 1369 & 1640)** to outlaw teacher strikes and other public school lockouts in Pennsylvania.

“In addition to short-changing students by completely short-circuiting the education process, teacher strikes are ultimately the hammer that drives property taxes through the roof as taxpayers are left footing the bill for union-driven salary increases and lengthy arbitrations,” said Metcalfe, who also referenced that Butler County has been negatively impacted by three-public-school-closing teacher strikes (**Seneca Valley [1]** and **South Butler [2]** school districts) during the past several school years. “Passage of the **STRIKE-FREE Education Pact** will finally expel the self-serving greed of public sector unions that has no legitimate place in the public service arena or in Pennsylvania.”

Article 3, Section 14, of the Pennsylvania Constitution currently states: “The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth.”

If approved in two consecutive sessions of the General Assembly and by voter referendum, Metcalfe’s legislation (**House Bill 1640**) would amend, expand and clarify Article 3, Section 14, with the following plain English provision:

“And shall not provide for any lawful strike or lockout of employees of public education.”

Also supported by Representative Metcalfe, **House Bill 1369** would immediately outlaw teacher strikes and lockouts at the statutory level and includes a **\$5,000 individual fine per incident** for inciting a **strike**, and **teachers losing two days of pay** for every **illegal strike day**.



Representative Metcalfe talks teacher strike elimination during another in-studio interview on KDKA 1020AM’s Mike Pintek Show.

“Due to circumstances absolutely beyond their control, strike-impacted parents and guardians have no choice but to find child care during a strike, in order to keep earning their paychecks,” said Metcalfe. “Strike-impacted students and their families are also harmed in many other ways, not the least of which includes lost vacation time and being robbed of countless other extracurricular opportunities that cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents. However, striking teacher union members suffer no economic loss because they will be retroactively paid for the 180 days of instruction as mandated by state law.”

Currently, **37 states**, including neighboring New York and New Jersey, prohibit teacher strikes. Within the past decade, the majority of teacher strikes nationwide occurred in three states: **Pennsylvania (94)**, **Illinois (29)** and **Ohio (28)**. During this time, more than **247,000 Pennsylvania students** have had their learning experiences interrupted and adversely impacted by teacher strikes.

Say YES! to the STRIKE-FREE Education Pact today by completing the online petition at RepMetcalfe.com.

Metcalfe Ignites State and National Airwaves to Shut Down Illegal Alien Invasion of PA

Organizing a headline-generating press conference held in early January at the **National Press Club** in **Washington, D.C.**, which was attended by state legislators from as far away as Arizona and covered by **CNN, ABC News** and more than a dozen other media outlets from across the country...



Representative Metcalfe was among the distinguished panelists invited to participate in the nationally televised debate, “Putting The 14th Amendment To The Test” at the National Constitution Center.

Reintroducing the 14-bill **National Security Begins at Home** package for the 2011-12 legislative session at the state Capitol and participating as one of five specially selected panelists on the nationally televised **Peter Jennings Project** debate at the **National Constitution Center** in Philadelphia, during the same week in early March...

Returning to **Washington, D.C.**, in April to once again ignite the national talk radio airwaves at the **2011 Hold Their Feet to the Fire** event and continuing to address Tea Party groups across the Commonwealth...

These are just some of the ways **State Legislators for Legal Immigration founder**, Representative Metcalfe, is stepping up the fight to combat Pennsylvania’s estimated **140,000 illegal alien invasion**.

“Pennsylvanians must be made aware of the personal liberties lost, the more than **\$1.4 billion** in **tax dollars wasted annually** and lives destroyed due to the continued presence of illegal aliens,” said Metcalfe. “It is my hope that putting a human face on those who have been victimized by illegal aliens through violent crimes, stolen jobs and illegally-accessed benefits will bring about the immediate and necessary reforms contained in the **National Security Begins at Home** package.”

Now that the 2011-12 state budget has been enacted, as **Majority Chairman** of the **Pennsylvania House State Government Committee**, Metcalfe is planning to hold hearings to advance the **National Security Begins at Home** package for consideration by the General Assembly later this fall.

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