



**PA House, with support of Democrats, votes down Governor's tax package
On verge of 100 day budget standoff, Republicans and Governor draw different conclusions
about what happened, where to next**

October 7th - Today, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives debated (for 6 hours) an amendment offered by Democrats (on behalf of Governor Tom Wolf) to raise additional revenue toward resolving the overdue (by 99 days) 2016-2017 Commonwealth Budget.

The amendment offered today was intended to raise revenue by enacting a severance tax (in addition to the existing impact fee) on natural gas. Also, the amendment would have increased the Personal Income Tax (PIT) rate from the current 3.07 to 3.57 percent (originally the Governor had hoped to raise the rate to 3.70). Earlier this week, Governor Wolf took increased taxes on cigarettes and an expanded sales tax (by making it applicable to more products and services) off the table toward demonstrating his willingness to compromise.

Republican House [Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Adolph \(R-Delaware\)](#) reminded that the "16 percent increase" in the PIT represented "95 percent" of the new taxes that were being proposed, as part of the amendment.

Eventually, the revenue-raising amendment ([offered to House Bill 283](#)) was

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