# Legislative roundup

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require accreditation of glower groups and would set up procedures for mediation by the State Agriculture Department in case of disputes

The bill's prime sponsor is Ted Stuban, Berwick He has strong PFA support.

HB 105, a sunset bill for state agencies, passed the House overwhelmingly. Prime sponsor is James J. Gallen, Shillington

HB 105 would establish a legislative auditor to review over 75 state agencies and make recommendations to the state on whether their existence should be

In reviewing the proposed state

budget, PFA said it figures the Ag Department will suffer a three percent funding cutback PFA said it fears a cutback in ag research, cutbacks in promotion of stategrown farm goods, and furloughs of 50 Department employees

The Dog Law Enforcement Bureau may bear the brunt of manpower reductions Dog law officers supervise payment of indemnities to owners of livestock and poultry destroyed by dogs as well as enforce dog licensing laws.

The Department's complement of 637 employees already is 36 short of full manpower

The State Grange, reviewing HB 143, the ag areas bill, said it sees several areas where the measure could be improved.

Grangers say they would like a seven-year review period to make HB 143 uniform with Clean and Green. They fear the measure makes it easy to get into a district but difficult to get out

'We support the general concept of HB 143 but think it could be improved," State Master Charles Wismer said.

Grangers say there is no provision for penalties should someone opt out of the district before the review period is up, nor are there real incentivés to get into a district in the first place.

'If the legislature can't come up with benefits, and that implies spending some money, then how will local townships or counties do anything?" Wismer asked.

Supporters of the measure say it

\$3850

is intended only as a vehicle to allow establishment of ag districts Particulars can be worked out on a local basis

Wismer indicated the Grange will not oppose the bill. "Let it pass and those who want it can use it." he said, adding that it probably will not effect 50 percent of the state's farmers

The Grange also voiced op-

position to Land Grant college status for Lincoln University

That group said it sees establishing a second land grant school in Pennsylavnia as an effort to "rob Peter to pay Paul"

A measure to make Lincoln University an 1890 Land Grant school (as compared to Penn State, an 1862 Land Grant school) is likely to be introduced this session.

## **Young Farmers**

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R1 Centre Hall, as Public Relations Director

Elected as Vice Presidents were Fimothy Webster, Wellsboro, Region I, Rick Pfautz, Stevens, Region II, Dale Rossman, R1 Spring Mills, Region III, Jay Grove, Shippensburg, Region IV, Larry Hay, Berlin, Region V, Scott Morrison, Region VI, and Robert Kreager, R2 Schuylkill Haven, Region VII

The Spokesmen for Agriculture speaking contest, scheduled to be held at the convention, was postponed until the summer conference planned at Wellsboro on July 17 and 18

Continued planning for the National Educational Institute will be discussed and reviewed at an Institute meeting to be held in Hershey on March 4 and at the

summer conference

Heading an Institute Committee for the national gathering in December is Stanley Wolf, of Orrtanna, as chairman

Serving as treasurer for the group is Thomas Zartman, R1 Ephrata, and Vernon Leininger, R2 Denver, is in charge of finance and budget

Four coordinators for the Institute planning include William Homan, R1 Centre Hall, education, Leroy Geesaman, R1 Fredericksburg, public relations, Earl Stauffer, R1 Ephrata, program, and Richard Hoppes, R2 Hamburg, operations.







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