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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

Labor Lost Two Good Friends in PA

PA Representative Sid Kavulich (Dem: Lackawanna 114th Dist.) and PA Representative Mike O'Brien (Dem: Philadelphia 175th Dist.) both recently passed. They were both strong supporters of labor and working families. They will be deeply missed. The PA Conference of Teamsters wishes to express their sincere and heartfelt condolences to both families.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 16 – House Democratic Leader Frank Dermody said House members and staff are grief-stricken at the passing of Rep. Sid Michaels Kavulich of the 114th District.

Kavulich died early this morning at a Philadelphia hospital where he had been since undergoing major surgery in early October.

“Sid was always gracious and engaging. He enjoyed working with people and really getting to know them. That’s why being a representative was such a good fit for him,” Dermody said.

“We knew Sid had a big challenge and we were pulling hard for him. Just yesterday nearly all of us in the Democratic Caucus signed a huge Get Well card for him.”

Kavulich, 62, was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2010 after earlier careers as a television sportscaster and state Senate staff person in northeastern Pennsylvania. He represented

constituents in 18 Lackawanna County communities including North Abington and Scott townships, Carbondale, Clarks Summit, Moosic, Old Forge and Taylor.

Kavulich’s death came just one day after that of another House Democrat, Rep. Mike O’Brien of Philadelphia.

“These are very tough days for the members and staff of the House,” Dermody said. “The happy memories of both Sid and Mike will help to sustain us all.”

Kavulich is survived by his wife Linda, daughters Loni and Ariel, and son Zachary.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Kavulich’s constituent service offices will remain open to help people in the 114th Legislative District with a variety of state-related programs and issues. The telephone numbers are (570) 562-2350 in Taylor and (570) 282-1335 in Carbondale.

PA House vote kills latest attempt to shrink size of PA Legislature

Oct 15, 2018 By **Mark Scoloro** The Associated Press

According to an article by the Associated Press© a proposal to shrink the number of lawmakers in the Pennsylvania Legislature was killed by a procedural vote in the state House, a quick death for a proposal that has lingered for years.

The House vote of 114-76 was the last stand for supporters trying to keep alive the constitutional amendment as the current two-year session nears a close. Constitutional amendments in Pennsylvania must be passed with the exact same language in two consecutive sessions before they can go to voters as a referendum.

The amendment that passed in the last session would have shrunk the House alone, from 203 members to 151. Supporters were trying to strip out language that was subsequently added to also cut the Senate from 50 to 38. House Republican leaders who control the chamber said after the vote that supporters will have to start over next year.

The floor debate Monday barely touched on the relative merits of the proposal, which backers have said was aimed at making the chamber operate more efficiently, and perhaps, reap a modest cost savings.

Instead it focused on fine points of House rules, under which the bill had recently been changed to add back in cuts to senators -- a poison pill given the House-only vote in the last session and the Senate's consistent opposition.

Pennsylvania has the second-most lawmakers of any state, behind only New Hampshire, and the most of any full-time legislature.

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