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Ephrata Borough Sees Increase in Electric Bills
 Even though residents knew ahead of time that rates would go up, many were shocked at February's bill. Borough Manager Gary Nace relayed to the residents that if they are having trouble paying the bill to contact the borough office to work out a reasonable payment plan. This should be done prior to paying a partial bill.

New Chairperson Myron Stolzhus heads up Legislative Committee

1. Representative Denlinger will continue to serve on the House Finance Committee and chair the House Values Action Team. He was also tapped to chair a new Budget Task Force.
2. With the state facing a 1.6 billion deficit, there has been talk of an increased gas tax.
3. An internet sales tax is again under discussion due to unequal burdens on businesses
4. There was a discussion regarding the "card check" bill that unions are pushing Congress to approve.

The Ambassador Committee is still calling those members who have not renewed for year 2009. There was also discussion about the New Member Breakfast to be held Friday January 27 at The Udder Choice at 8:00 a.m. Please help us by getting all your information in to the Chamber Office – 738-9010.

**Have you renewed your Chamber Membership?
 Make sure your business is included in the
 Ephrata Chamber Directory!**

Dates to Remember

Tourism Breakfast at Foxchase Golf Club – February 18th, 7:30 a.m.
 R.S.V.P. at 738-9010

Mt. Joy Chamber Legislative Breakfast with Senator Michael Brubaker – February 19th

Business After Hours – Wanner Ford – February 26th, 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP 738.9010

Third Friday's is a Charm – downtown Ephrata Feb. 19, 5 to 8 p.m.

Lancaster County **Joint Chamber's Group Meeting** – February 23rd.

New Chamber Member Breakfast Friday, February 27 at 8:00 a.m. RSVP 738-9010

WORKNET Occupation Medicine – Seminar - "**Downsizing in a Recession**", February 10th or February 26th
 R.S.V.P. by February 6th for 1st session
 Call 717.431.1770

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
 CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 26TH**



Welcome New Members
 Leffler Energy
 Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity
 Bobcat of Lancaster, LLC