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Members of the Finance, Ways & Means Committee will hear presentations on the proposed budget through the middle of March. Next week's schedule includes the Board of Probation and Parole, TRA, TACIR, TRICOR, and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Insurance, Tourist Development and Correction.

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Representative John Tidwell receives the Champion Award from Ronnie Mangrum and Donna Riddle of *CMT / ABATE* for his years of service to the organization. *CMT / ABATE*, the Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee - American Bikers Active Toward Education, was represented by a number of active members observing Wednesday, February 13, 2008 as "Mike Hays' Memorial Legislative Day." Mike Hays was the Legislative Director of *CMT / ABATE* before his death in 2007. Several members along with Representative Tidwell, and Representative Judd Matheny (also shown), received awards for their support and sponsorships of bills promoting motorcycle and safety-related legislation.

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The Agriculture Committee met Tuesday to consider three bills.

HB 3163 (Bibb) was referred to Finance, Ways and Means. This bill exempts from state and local sales and use tax separately metered water sold by a utility



Rep. Bibb

to a qualified farmer or nurseryman when such water is used directly in production of food or fiber for human or animal consumption or for growing of horticultural products.

HB 2802 (Buck) was deferred two weeks.

HB 3663 (Niceley) was deferred one week.

The Domestic Relations Subcommittee and the full **Children and Family Affairs Committee** had no bills on notice and did not meet this week.

The Family Justice Subcommittee had five bills on notice:

HB 2643 (Hardaway) failed in subcommittee. The bill grants the court discretionary authority to require a person who fails to comply with a child support order to attend job training programs in lieu of, or in addition to, any penalties.

HB 3112 (DuBois) was rolled two weeks. This bill authorizes the court to award attorney's fees and other costs, including court reporter expenses, investigator fees, expert witness fees, and deposition costs incurred by either party in establishing marital fault.

HB 3284 (Maddox) was rolled one week. It establishes guidelines on the appointment of an attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem in divorce and annulment cases.

HB 1262 (Lynn) was rolled one week. This bill keeps a child who is adjudicated delinquent for a sexual offense that is a Class A, B, or C felony from attending an elementary or secondary school with children who have not been adjudicated delinquent.

HB 3070 (McCord) was rolled one week. It grants the courts the authority to issue an order directing DCS to allow visitation between a child in state custody and certain relatives.

The **Commerce Committee** met to hear one bill, **HB 3274 (Cobb, C.)**. This bill requires auctioneer liens to be filed within 60 days after the auction instead of 30 days. *[passed to Calendar and Rules]*

Industrial Impact Subcommittee

The **Industrial Impact Subcommittee** met Wednesday to consider eight bills. HBs 70 and 2751 were taken off notice, and HB 2528 was rolled one week. HB 589 was rolled to the last calendar. Per subcommittee practice, HB 3105 was rolled one week to consider a new amendment. The subcommittee will resume mixed martial arts discussions next week (HB 2633).

HB 3658 (Borchert) exempts Mennonite schools in Henry County from building regulations that are enforced by the state fire marshal. Rep. Borchert said he promised the administration that he would not accept any amendments to this bill. *[passed to full committee]*

HB 3272 (Cobb, C.) revises the requirements for blasting within 100 feet of pipelines carrying liquid petroleum. Present law requires notification of the responsible utility company when conducting blasting operations within 100 feet of pipelines distributing liquefied petroleum or natural gas. This bill extends such requirement to operations within 100 feet of liquid petroleum pipelines and further requires that all monitored blasting not exceed 2 inches per second peak particle velocity (present law requires such blasting not exceed 4 inches per second peak particle velocity). The subcommittee adopted an amendment that adds the word “particle” to the language of the bill since it was mistakenly omitted. *[passed to full committee as amended]*

HB 3108 (Curtiss) directs the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to create grants so that volunteer firefighters may attend the fire academy tuition-free. *[passed to full committee]*

Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee

The **Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee** met Tuesday to hear one bill, **HJR 770 (Mumpower)**, which confirms Tre Hargett’s appointment to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. *[passed to full committee]*

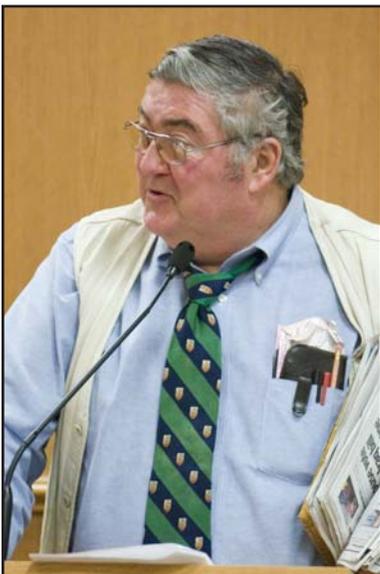
Conservation and Environment Committee

The Conservation and Environment Committee met Wednesday to consider three bills. They were all referred to Finance, Ways and Means as amended.

HB 2669 (McDonald) enacts the “Drinking Water Access and Resources Planning Act of 2008”. It also establishes a water management planning council in each county, and authorizes counties to form a multi-county water management planning council. Requires such councils, by December 31, 2009, to develop maps showing existing service areas, un-served areas and underserved areas, and showing which public water systems should make economic water line extensions to serve un-served and underserved areas. Plans should prioritize water improvement needs within the areas. This bill establishes a dedicated fund in the state treasury administered by the Utility Management Review Board and the Water and Wastewater Financing Board to fund the construction of these projects. The bill as amended requires members of these water management planning councils serve with no pay.

HB 2670 (McDonald) authorizes TWRA to issue sport fishing and hunting licenses with a one-time fee of \$10 to Tennessee residents who are 100 percent disabled and receive social security disability. The \$10 one-time fee is necessary to keep federal

drawdown money.



Rep. Buck

HB 348 (Buck) requires the minimum energy conservation standards for any new residential building construction on or after January 1, 2008, be the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council. It also encourages

builders of new residential construction to voluntarily utilize the 2006 International Conservation Code energy conservation standards for residential construction. The provisions of this bill as amended are not to be construed as mandating any higher level of enforcement or inspection by local government than that in place prior to the effective date of this act.

Wildlife Subcommittee

The Wildlife Subcommittee met Tuesday to consider three bills.

HB 3131 (Hawk) was referred to full committee as amended. It removes the prohibition on the use of cable snare traps in any county located in the Eastern Grand Division of Tennessee as defined in T.C.A. § 4-1-202 and Dyer County. The bill as amended removes provisions regulating trapping and requires the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission to promulgate rules regulating trapping.

HB 2615 (Williams) was deferred two weeks.

HB 3339 (Matheny) was deferred three weeks.

Parks and Tourism Subcommittee

The Parks and Tourism Subcommittee met Tuesday to consider one bill.

HJR 815 (Pitts) was referred to full committee. This joint resolution confirms the appointment of Dorothy N. Mann to the State Forestry Commission.

Environment Subcommittee

The Environment Subcommittee met Wednesday to consider three bills.

HB 2810 (Fraley) was referred to full committee. It authorizes the General Assembly to appropriate up to \$2,000,000 for one pilot project to provide water in rural Tennessee before the year 2010. The local government grant recipient will be required to provide matching funds in an amount of at least 25% of the

grant total. Completion within five years will be required for the approved project.

HB 3348 (McDonald) was deferred to April 2, 2008.

HB 2764 (Floyd) was deferred two weeks.

The **House Consumer & Employee Affairs Committee** passed two bills.

HB 2527 by Turner M creates nine (9) investigator positions, 3 in each grand division of the state, to investigate employers allegedly hiring illegal aliens. These investigators will be in the Department of Labor & Workforce Development. This bill passed to Finance, Ways & Means.

HB 2762 by Jones S makes technical changes to the consumer credit files. When a credit reporting agency changes a TN consumer's name, date of birth, federal social security number, or address on a consumer report while there is a security freeze in place, the agency must provide written confirmation of any such change not later than 30 days of the change being posted to the consumer's file. Presently, they cannot make these changes without 30 days' prior written notice. The bill passed to Calendar and Rules.

The **Employee Affairs Subcommittee** heard **HB 3124 by Montgomery**. This bill expands the elevator safety board within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to include regulation of amusement devices. Amusement devices are currently regulated within the Department of

Commerce and Insurance.



The newly named board, The Elevator and Amusement Device Board would be authorized to charge a permit fee. County Clerks would no longer have this authority.

The bill passed to full committee.

Rep. Montgomery

The Education Committee met on Wednesday to consider its calendar. Action follows:

Referred to Calendar & Rules:

HB 3252 – (Coley) directs the state board of education to develop guidelines to assist LEA's to foster foreign language fluency for students in grades seven through twelve.

Referred to Calendar & Rules, if amended:

HB 2545 – (Brooks, H.) changes the authority of determining the fitness of a teacher for reemployment from the local board of education to the director of schools. As amended, this action shall be in accordance with board policy and any locally negotiated agreement.

HB 2584 – (Coley) as amended, encourages LEA's to seek free or reduced-cost eye examinations from optometrists or ophthalmologists and free or reduced-cost hearing examinations from physicians or audiologists for children unable to afford such testing.

Referred to Finance, Ways & Means:

HB 2972 – (Winningham) requires each director of schools submit to the commissioner of education an



Chairman Wimmingham, Rep. H. Brooks

annual report of all non-certified personnel, part-time or full-time, employed by the school system.

Higher Ed Subcommittee

The Higher Ed Subcommittee met on Wednesday. Action follows:

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 3317 – (Brown) changes the age of dependent children of prisoners of war, MIA's, and soldiers killed during periods of war and receiving a tuition waiver, from 23 to 21.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 3483 – (Yokley)

Deferred 2 weeks:

HB 2500 – (Odom)

Taken Off Notice:

HB 3335 – (Coley)

HB 3336 – (Coley)

K-12 Subcommittee

The Subcommittee met Tuesday with 12 bills on its calendar. Only two (2) were considered. Action follows:

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 2858 – (Winningham) allows LEA's to perform random drug tests on those students participating in extracurricular activities.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 2919 – (West)

HB 3739 – (Winningham)

HB 2897 – (Winningham)

HB 2974 – (Winningham)

HB 2975 – (Winningham)

HB 2775 – (Brooks, H)



Chairlady Brown

HB 3615 – (Maddox)
HB 3511 – (Jones, U.)

Deferred 5 weeks:

HB 2859 – (Winningham) prohibits local governments from using BEP funds to reduce local taxes or local operating funds.

Taken Off Notice:

HB 3416 – (Lollar)
HB 3413 – (Harwell)

finance, ways & means

Julie Travis & Patrick Boggs

Finance, Ways & Means Committee:

This week, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee continued its program of budget hearings on the departments that constitute state government.



*Secretary of State
Riley Darnell*

Conference, the District Public Defenders Conference, and the Post-Conviction Defenders Office appearing. Scheduled to appear today after



Rep. Lollar

Tuesday, the committee heard from the constitutional officers of state government: the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer.

Wednesday, another beneficial budget hearing was completed, with the Attorney General and Reporter, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General

session is the director of the Department of Human Services.

Bills Referred to Calendar & Rules:

HB 2341 (Lollar) – This bill extends the ability of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature to carry forward appropriated but unexpended funds to June 30, 2012.

Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee met Wednesday and had twelve bills to consider on its calendar. Chmn. Tindell expressed that the policy of the subcommittee, as reflected in subcommittee actions below, is to allow bills that fund a road or highway sign for an individual who is killed in the line of duty to be passed out when considered and funded. Other road and highway signs are to be placed behind the budget, and will all be placed on a special calendar within the behind the budget framework.

Bills Referred to the Full Committee:

HB 3724 (Fitzhugh) – This bill simply cleans up language and corrects typographical errors in last year's bond bill.

HB 2901 (Odom) – This bill removes a one year minimum on temporary driver's licenses issued to persons who will be in the country for less than a year. Such licenses would only be valid for the period of time that the person will legally be in the country, and have to be surrendered when leaving the country.

HB 2535 (Pitts) – This bill names a bridge on S.R. 374 (101st Airborne Division Pkwy.) at the intersection of U.S. 79 (Wilma Rudolph Blvd.) as the Gander Memorial Bridge. Since the bridge was named after a contingent of 248 soldiers from Ft. Campbell who died in an airplane crash in the line of duty in 1985.

Bills Rolled One Week:

HB 132 (Bell)
HB 761 (Matheny)

Bills Rolled Two Weeks:

HJR 553 (M. Turner)
HB 1168 (Sontany)

Bills Placed Behind the Budget:

HB 2515 (Harmon) Placed on the special Behind the Budget Road Sign Calendar.

HB 2476 (Overbey) Chmn. Tindell requested that this be grouped Behind the Budget with Rep. Lundberg's HB 2441, which is of a similar nature.

HB 2479 (Overbey)

HB 2560 (Swafford) Placed on the special Behind the Budget Road Sign Calendar.

Bills Taken Off-Notice:

HB 178 (Harwell)

Government Operations

The House Government Operations Committee convened on Wednesday, February 13th to consider fourteen bills on the calendar. The first two items on the calendar were in the committee for review and referral purposes for other standing committees and the remaining twelve bills were sunset bills based on sunset hearings that were conducted this past summer and fall. **HB 2118** by Representative Tidwell was rolled for one week, **HB 2716** and **HB 3581**, both by Representative Kernell, were taken off notice.

HB 649 by Representative Mike Turner was reviewed and referred to the State and Local Government Committee with a positive recommendation. This legislation requires the State Fire Marshal to develop guidelines regarding emergency vehicles having proper access to gate systems that surround gated communities. An amendment placed on the bill would require the Fire Marshal to promulgate rules according to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act instead of just creating guidelines. In addition, the amendment changed the effective date from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008.

The following sunset bills were approved by the committee and sent to the Calendar and Rules Committee:

HB 3591 by Kernell – Advisory Committee for Children’s Special Services – re-authorized until June 30, 2014.

HB 2701 by Kernell – Terminates the Interagency Council and Advisory Panel on Osteoporosis:

HB 3222 by Kernell – Tennessee Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Health – re-authorized until June 30, 2014.

HB 3229 by Kernell – Tennessee Alliance for Fitness and Health – re-authorized until June 30, 2012.

HB 3241 by Kernell – Institute for Labor-Management Studies – re-authorized until June 30, 2015.

HB 3530 by Kernell – State Board for Alarm Systems Contractors – re-authorized until June 30, 2012.

HB 3534 by Kernell – Repeals the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Authority on June 30, 2008.

HB 3559 by Kernell – Sam Davis Memorial Association – re-authorized until June 30, 2014.

HB 3572 by Kernell – Board of Law Examiners – re-authorized until June 30, 2014.

HB 3575 by Kernell – Tennessee State School Bond Authority – re-authorized until June 30, 2014.

The **Health & Human Resources Committee** did not have bills on notice and did not meet this week.

Professional Occupations Subcommittee

The **Professional Occupations Subcommittee** held its first meeting of 2008 at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, with two bills on calendar. **HB 3275 (Maddox)** failed for lack of a motion. **Chairlady Favors** rolled **HB 3633** two weeks.

Health Care Facilities Subcommittee

The **Health Care Facilities Subcommittee** held its first meeting of 2008 at noon on Wednesday, February



s/c Chairman Overbey

13, 2008, to consider five bills, referring one (HB 2729) to full committee. **HB 2729 (Favors)** as amended allows an assisted care living facility (ACLF) resident who qualifies for hospice care under Medicare to receive hospice services and continue as a resident of the ACLF so long as the resident's physician authorizes the hospice care. **Rep. Lynn** presented **HB 2945** that removes the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations from current law related to licensing of a home medical equipment provider, and then offered an amendment in committee to make further housekeeping name changes to existing law. Subsequently, HB 2945 was rolled one week for review and typographical corrections to the proposed amendment. **Rep. M. Turner** requested to roll **HB 2572** and **HB 2677** one week. **Rep. Maggart** requested to roll **HB 3138** two weeks.

Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee

The **Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee** held its first meeting of 2008 at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, with three bills on notice. **HB 3672**

(**Shepard**) that makes changes to the Massage Licensure Board was referred to full committee. After discussion and testimony from the Department of MH&DD and the Executive Director of NAMI on **HB 1419**

(**Harwell**) concerning universal mental health screening with informed parental consent, the bill was rolled one week for review and consideration of three amendments; two are attached to the bill as it passed the Senate in 2007 and the third changes the bill's effective date. **Rep. Kelsey** requested to roll **HB 2925** two weeks.



Rep. Harwell

The Full Judiciary Committee did not meet this week. House bill 3134 by Rep. Fincher was rolled one week.

Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee met to discuss nine bills this week. House bill 889 by Rep. McCord was rolled to the last calendar of the Civil Practice and Procedure Subcommittee. House bill 3905 by Rep. H. Brooks was rolled to the Judiciary Summer Study Committee. House bill 3746 by Rep. Lundberg was approved for passage to the full committee. This bill changes the period to respond to a garnishment from ten days to ten business days.

The following is a list of bills rolled 1 week:

HB 2222 by Rep. Maddox
 HB 2797 by Rep. Buck
 HB 3031 by Rep. Hawk

Rolled 2 weeks:

HB 2954 by Rep. Lynn
 HB 2558 by Rep. Hackworth

Rolled 3 weeks:

HB 758 by Rep. Matheny

Criminal Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Criminal Practice and Procedure Subcommittee met to consider fourteen bills. House bill 2598 by Chairman Coleman was rolled until March 26th. House bill 2671 by Rep. Matheny was taken off notice. House bills 3046 by Rep. Matheny and 2843 by Rep. DuBois were placed on the March 19th special calendar for gun legislation. Also, house bill 2847 by Rep. DuBois will be heard March 12th on the special calendar for sex offender bills. House bill 3696 by Rep. Lynn was re-referred to the Civil Practice Subcommittee.

The following is a list of bills that were approved for passage to the full committee:

- HB 583 by Rep. DuBois, as amended, creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for any person to knowingly deliver or convey to a public servant any written, electronic, or verbal communication which contains a threat of death or to



s/c Chairlady Sontany

inflict serious bodily injury upon the public servant or his immediate family if the threat is related to the public servant's responsibilities and a reasonable person would believe the person making the threat intends to carry it out. Public servant is defined as any public officer or employee of the state or any political subdivision of the state or of any governmental instrumentality within the state.

- HB 2433 by Rep. McDonald, as amended, is a comprehensive bill setting uniform standards in the buying and selling of scrap metal to combat the growing problem of scrap metal theft. It requires scrap metal dealers to register with the Department of Commerce and Insurance. Violations are punished as a Class A misdemeanor.

- HB 3101 by Rep. Curtiss creates a Class B misdemeanor for criminal impersonation with the intent to gain access to a person less than eighteen years of age.

- HB 2861 by Rep. Floyd increases the penalties for members of the Tennessee National Guard for the commission of military

type offenses such as absence without leave,
missing movement, insubordination, etc.

Bills rolled 1 week:

HB 2420 by Rep. Moore

HB 2599 by Rep. Bass

Rolled 2 weeks:

House bill 2683 by Rep. Dunn

Rolled 3 weeks:

House bill 2860 by Rep. Floyd

state & local government

Lawrence Hall, Jr.

This week in State and Local Government's full committee, there were 14 bills on the calendar. Seven bills were passed to Calendar and Rules and three were sent to Finance, Ways and Means.

Calendar and Rules:

HB 2791 by Odom – This bill decreases the number of seating for persons required for certain facilities to be classified as premier type tourist resorts at which the serving of alcoholic beverages is allowed.

HB 3377 by Odom - This bill changes the qualifying deadline for the presidential preference primary from the second Thursday in December to the first Thursday in November.

HB 2452 by Swafford – Designates March 29th as “Vietnam Veterans Day,” a day of special observance.

HB 2845 by DuBois – Authorizes the sale of wine only by Mt. Pleasant Grille.

HB 2428 by Moore – This bill permits election officials to receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages at the polling place on election day from any person under certain circumstances.

HB 2567 by Pitts – Recognizes September 17 as “United States Constitution Day.”

Finance, Ways and Means:

HB 2990 by Fraley – Names Winchester Tennessee National Guard Armory in honor of Otis W. Bauer.

HB 3272 by Maddox – Authorizes counties using the County Financial Management System of 1981 to sell surplus property online.

HB 2567 by Pitts – This bill sets the maximum income that disabled homeowners may have and still qualify for property tax relief at \$24,000 for the 2007 tax year.

Rolled Bills:

HB 2614 by Fincher – 1 week

HB 1305 by West – 1 week
HB 1256 by Moore – 1 Week
HB 459 by Fitzhugh – 1 Week

State Government Subcommittee

This week in State Government subcommittee three bills were passed to full committee and all others were rolled to a later calendar.

HJR 773 by Curtiss – Names March 2008 as “Certified Government Financial Managers Month.”

HB 3730 by Fitzhugh – This bill changes date by which each entity of state government that is subject to Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 must submit its annual compliance report and implementation plan update to the department of audit from “by June 30” to “by October 1.”

HB 3831 by Bone – Specifies the official flag of the military in Tennessee.

Rolled Bills:

HB 3115 by DuBois – 2 Weeks
HB 3507 by U. Jones – 5 Weeks
HB 3876 by U. Jones – 5 Weeks

Local Government Subcommittee

The Local Government subcommittee considered 19 bills this week. The committee passed 8 bills to full committee and the others were moved to later calendars.

Full Committee:

HB 2565 by Fincher – This bill allows appointments to the Cookeville municipal planning commission to be made by the city council instead of the mayor.

HB 3727 by Fitzhugh – This bill revises various provisions governing real and personal property tax exemptions such as provision for exemption for church parsonage and provision governing exemptions for federally assisted housing.



Chairman Pinion

The **House Transportation Committee** convened February 12, 2008 to consider twenty-two bills. **HB2848** (DuBois) was deferred for two weeks. Action on **HB2836** (Borchert), **HB2627** (Overbey), and **HB2665** (West) was deferred for one week.

The following bills were referred to the **Calendar and Rules Committee**:

HB2549 (Sargent) – Increases the minimum amount of property damage liability insurance for motor vehicle policies from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for proof required after December 31, 2008.

HJR780 (Matheny) – Designates May 2008 as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.”

HB2866 (Pinion) – Requires chief administrative officer of county highway department to designate interim successor, in writing, who shall fulfill office upon death, resignation, or removal of chief executive officer until qualified successor chosen by law.

The following bills were referred to the **Finance, Ways and Means Committee**:

HB2445 (Litz) – As amended, “Anonymous Charitable Donor Underpass,” highway signs on a segment of bridge spanning Norfolk Southern Railroad on State Route 160 in Hamblen County.

HB2984 (Litz) – As amended, “John Porter Davis Underpass” highway signs on St. Paul Church Road under I-81 in Hamblen County.

HB2458 (McDaniel) – “Guy Stokes and Guy Stokes, Jr. Memorial Highway” highway signs on a 4.21 mile segment of State Route 69 in Decatur County.

HB2613 (J. Cobb) – “Trey Lefler Memorial Highway” highway signs on a segment of U.S. Highway 11 in Loudon County.

HB2885 (Bone) – “Trey Lefler Memorial Highway” highway signs on a segment of U.S. Highway 11 in Loudon County.

HB2837 (Borchert) – “Blake Pafford Memorial Road” highway signs on a segment of SR 191 within Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park in Benton County.

HB2900 (Dunn) – “Allan Gill Memorial Highway” highway signs on a segment of State Route 131 (Emory Road) in Knox County.

HB2792 (Dean) – “Officer Julie Jacks Memorial Highway” highway signs on a segment of Interstate 24 in City of Chattanooga.

HB2722 (Fincher) – “Jerry A. Jared Highway” highway signs on a segment of State Route 111 in Putnam County.

The following bills were passed by the committee and will be placed in the **Omnibus License Plate Bill**:

HB2453 (Swafford) – As amended, authorizes National Rifle Association new specialty earmarked license plates. The bill allocates 50 percent of funds derived from sale and renewal of such plates to TWRA for hunter education.

HB2457 (McDaniel) – Authorizes issuance of special license plates for certified members of Tennessee State Guard.

HB2459 (McDaniel) – Authorizes issuance of special license plates for certified members of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

HB2616 (Williams) – Authorizes issuance of a new specialty earmarked license plate for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

HB2573 (Overbey) – Authorizes issuance of Share the Road new specialty license plate.

The bill allocates 50 percent of proceeds produced from sale thereof to the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation.

HB2749 (Dunn) – Authorizes issuance of Tennessee Urban Forestry Council new specialty earmarked license plates. The bill allocates 50 percent of the proceeds derived from the sale of such plates to the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council.

Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee

The **Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee** met February 12, 2008 to consider eight bills.

HB2823 (Shepard) was deferred for three weeks. **HB3164** (Bibb) and **HB2653** (Hackworth) were deferred for two weeks. **HB3152** (J. Cobb) and **HB2653** (Hackworth) were rolled for one week.

The following bills were referred to the full **Transportation Committee**:

HB3290 (Maddox) – Reauthorizes “Gold Star Mothers” memorial license plate as “Gold Star Family” plate. The bill expands eligibility for such plates to persons, instead of mothers, whose spouse, parent, sibling, or child, instead of just child, died in the line of duty in the U.S. armed forces.

HB3386 (Lundberg) – Permits a motor vehicle owner who will be out of state during his or her annual registration plate renewal month to apply for and receive early renewal.

HB2994 (Overbey) – Eliminates issuance of M-limited licenses, which allow minors between 14 and 16 to operate motor-driven cycles or motorized bicycles.

HB3490 (Overbey) – Requires the date of birth on driver licenses be red and be the same font size as the driver license number. An amendment was adopted change the effective date to July 1, 2009.

Public Transportation & Highways Subcommittee

The **Public Transportation & Highways Subcommittee** met on February 12, 2008 to consider eighteen bills. **HB2794** (Harwell) was deferred two weeks. **HB3720** (Bell), **HB3385** (Maggart) and **HB3476** (Matlock) were rolled for one week.

The following bills were passed to the full **Transportation Committee**:

HB3450 (Rinks) – “James (Wesley) Franks Memorial Bridge” highway signs on a bridge spanning Indian Creek on U.S. Highway 64 in Hardin County.

HB3066 (McCord) – Authorizes issuance of Appalachian Bear Rescue new specialty earmarked license plates. The bill allocates 50 percent of funds derived from sale thereof to Appalachian Bear Rescue.

HB3784 (Bone) – “Arlie and Charlie Pass Highway” highway signs on a segment of State Route 266 in Wilson County.

HB3469 (J. Cobb) – Authorizes issuance of new specialty earmarked license plates for Mitochondrial Disorder. The bill allocates proceeds from sale of such license plates to Mitochondrial Disease Association of Tennessee.

HB3634 (Overbey) – Revises amount of new specialty license plate revenue that arts commission may award in grants prior to distribution to urban and rural arts organizations from \$393,600 to 50 percent of revenue collected for such plates.

HB3491 (Overbey) – Revises name of “Women Veterans of America” plates to “Tennessee Woman Veteran” plates.

HB3433 (H. Brooks) – “L.D. Lindsay Bridge” on a bridge spanning Interstate 640 in Knoxville.

HB2505 (Mumpower) – “Emory ‘Cumbo’ Sykes Interchange” signs at Exit 66 (State Route 126 / Memorial Boulevard) on Interstate 81 in Sullivan County.

HB2506 (Mumpower) – “Private First Class Eugene H. Stepp Memorial Bridge” highways signs spanning Hatcher Creek on State Route 44 in Hickory Tree community of Sullivan County.

HB2977 (Winningham) – “Veterans Memorial Highway” highway signs on U.S. Highway 127 in Pickett County

HB2735 (Tidwell) – “Johnson E. Doyle Memorial Bridge” highways signs on a bridge spanning Cane Creek on State Route 438 in Perry County.

HB2758 (Tidwell) – Extends time period for minimum issuance requirements for Trout Unlimited new specialty earmarked license plates until July 1, 2009.

HB3169 (Tidwell) – “Esquire Fred Ashley Howell and Tilda Hildren Culp Howell Memorial Bridge” highways signs on a bridge spanning Cedar Creek on State Route 128 in Perry County.

HB2684 (Dunn) – Designates all of proposed State Route 475, Knoxville Parkway, in Knox, Anderson and Loudon counties as a scenic highway.

Remembering the devastation...Facing the recovery...



The devastating storms that swept across Tennessee last week left state and federal officials facing a massive recovery effort. Here, Governor Phil Bredesen surveys the damages suffered in the Jackson area with District 73 Representative Jimmy Eldridge, former Representative and now Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matt Kisber, and District 80 Representative Johnny Shaw. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has now declared *thirteen* Tennessee counties are eligible for disaster assistance.

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