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Before ending the business of their committees this week, members of both the House Conservation and Environment Committee and the House Transportation Committee acknowledged the leadership of Chairman Buck and Chairman Pinion. The committees are now closed subject to the call of the chairs.

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The Agriculture Committee met Tuesday to consider five bills on calendar.

The following bill was referred to Calendar and Rules:

HJR 904 (Fincher) designates June 2008 as Dairy Month in Tennessee.

The following bills were deferred one week:

HB 3874 (Fitzhugh) requires application for selling, distributing, or handling tobacco products to include the name and address of a resident agent and contact information for such agent.



Rep. Niceley

exempts from participation in any national animal identification program a person engaged in farm operations who does not receive state or federal farm subsidies or related funds and who does not participate in state or federal agriculture programs for the receipt of such subsidies or funds.

The following bill was taken off notice:

HB 3715 (Bell)

HB 3662 (Niceley) broadens the definition of “qualified farmer or nurseryman” as it applies to such individuals being exempt from paying state and local sales tax on the retail purchase of certain tangible personal property.

HB 3668 (Niceley) enacts the “Amish and Mennonite Farm Protection Act of 2008,” which

children & family affairs

Amelia Mitchell

The **Children & Family Affairs Committee** met on Wednesday, April 16th and considered the following legislation:

The following legislation was referred to Finance, Ways & Means:



Rep. DuBois

HJR 1092 by Rep. DuBois creates a joint committee to study the creation of legal classification of de facto custodian in the state of Tennessee. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Speaker of the Senate no later than 12/15/08, at which

time the committee shall cease to exist.

The following bill was referred to Children & Family Summer Study:

HB 2883 by Rep. DuBois defines “de facto custodian” as an individual who proves that he or she has been the primary caregiver and financial supporter of a child under certain circumstances. An individual may petition the court to be declared a de facto custodian and may be awarded full or joint custody if certain standards and procedures are met.

The following bills were deferred one week:

HB 2820 by Rep. Sherry Jones requires that a Guardian ad litem be appointed for a child during all stages of a contested termination or adoption matter and requires all proceedings of such to be confidential unless the confidentiality is waived by both parties. This bill also grants the court the authority to make a default finding in accordance with the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure

when a verified answer by all parties in a termination of parental rights is not filed.

HB 2905 by Rep. Sherry Jones as amended sets up a board to oversee court reporter fees and have an entity to over see court reporters

Family Justice Subcommittee

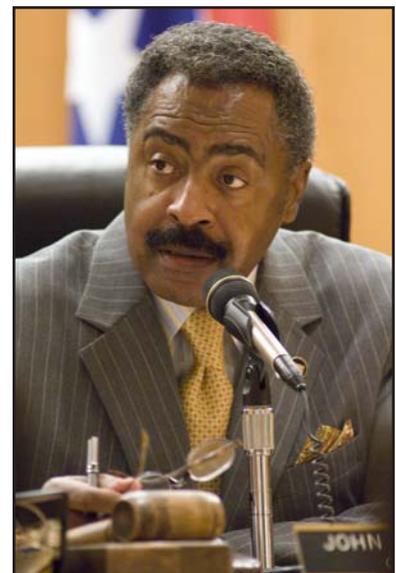
The **Family Justice Subcommittee** met on Tuesday, April 15th, to consider its calendar and the following bills were passed to full committee:

HB 3937 by Rep. Sherry Jones abolishes the juvenile records task force after it submits its final findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor, not later than May 1, 2008.

HB 4139 by Rep. Sherry Jones as amended, changes various requirements regarding the termination of parental rights. It also expands grounds for termination of parental rights by adding statutory rape and aggravated statutory rape to the definition of severe child abuse.

HB 2904 by Rep. Sherry Jones as amended establishes guidelines for appointment of guardian ad litem in divorce matters involving child custody and sets the authority granted to a guardian ad litem. This bill also requires the costs and fees assessed by the court be waived if the parties are indigent. Requires the AOC to maintain a list of properly trained GALs from which the court may appoint.

HB 2818 by Chairman DeBerry requires the court to find that a license is not essential to a party’s employment before revoking the license because of noncompliance with an order of child support.



Chairman DeBerry

The Family Justice subcommittee is closed, subject to the call of the chair.

Domestic Relations

The Domestic Relations subcommittee is closed, subject to the call of the chair.



Commerce passed ten bills out on Tuesday during its full committee meeting.

HB 2624 (Hardaway) as amended would require a purchaser of a burial plot to initial the portion of the contract where it is disclosed that the purchaser has a right to record a copy of the proof of ownership of the burial plot with the register of deeds. This would serve as notice that the purchaser was made aware of this right.

[passed to Calendar & Rules]

HB 3019 (Campfield) prohibits buildings from being treated as schools when the primary purpose of the building is not for educational activities. Rep. Campfield worked with the Department of Commerce & Insurance to present an amendment that narrowly defines educational occupants and restricts local governments from having more stringent regulations than those adopted by the state fire marshal.

[passed to Calendar & Rules]

HB 3330 (Brown) creates a six-member special joint study committee on home loan foreclosures.

[passed to Finance, Ways, & Means]

HB 3888 (Maggart) clarifies that the consumer member of the state licensing board for contractors does not have any ties to the construction industry. An amendment was adopted that defines “significant financial interest” as more than 10% of the person’s gross income or 50% if the person is over the age of 60 and is receiving retirement benefits.

[passed to Calendar & Rules]

HB 4020 (Bone) allows the auction of large industrial/commercial trucks without a motor vehicle dealer license. The auction facility must be specific requirements: sell large construction equipment at auction, motor vehicle sales constitute less than 15% of total sales, maintain regular staff, has permanent facility, has titles of all vehicles to be sold, and conducts no more than 5 auctions per year. The vehicles must weigh in excess of 10,000 lbs. or less than 10,000 lbs. if the vehicle was used in the construction, common carrier or transportation-related business hauling freight.

[passed to Calendar & Rules]

HB 3452 (Baird) allows fireworks operators to take the certification exam instead of the continuing education. The continuing education is currently offered in only one location in the state. The amendment also allows the fire marshal to issue expedited permits for public displays at twice the fee for a regular permit.

[passed to Finance, Ways, & Means]

HB 2528 (Turner M) as amended mandates the use of either the dual technology smoke detectors or the stand-alone models as long as both ionization and photo-electric detectors are used. Photo-electric only detectors are to be used in the kitchen areas. The alarms must be able to be heard in every sleeping room. This legislation will apply to all new construction and renovations to existing buildings.

[passed to Finance, Ways, & Means]

HB 4207 (Favors) is referred to as the “Tennessee Unfair Trade Practices and Unfair Claims Settlement Act of 2009.” This is the most significant change to these laws since 1981. This legislation will give the Department of Commerce & Insurance more authority



Rep. Bone

to take regulatory actions to properly regulate Tennessee's insurance markets. It increases the penalties to make the penalties more meaningful if an insurer violates this Act. Current laws are insufficient for the Department to handle recent high-profile issues. The amendment also makes three technical changes: 1) coverage can only be denied under certain circumstances if someone is out of the country, 2) clarifies the definition of a claim, 3) removes some constitutionally-questionable language according to a recent Attorney General's opinion.
[passed to Government Operations]

HB 4203 (Gilmore) makes various changes to the Tennessee Insurance Producer Licensing Act. It adds specific acts that are considered unfair trade practices. The amendment caps the amount for referrals to \$25, allows nonresident applicants if their state practices reciprocity, and exempts those that have been continuously licensed since 1994 from continuing education. Also, an unauthorized seller commits a fraudulent insurance act.
[passed to Government Operations]



Rep. Hackworth

HB 2757 (Hackworth) as amended creates a special joint committee to study the issues of energy efficiency in residential and small commercial buildings.
[passed to Finance, Ways, & Means]

HB 3602 (McManus) as amended authorizes the Department of Commerce & Insurance to develop a process to resolve

disputes regarding the interpretation and application of building and construction safety standards that may arise during the review of plans or inspection of construction by the department.
[rolled for one week]

Next week will be the **final** meeting of the full Commerce Committee.

Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee

The **Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee** is closed subject to the call of the chair.

Industrial Impact Subcommittee

The **Industrial Impact Subcommittee** is closed subject to the call of the chair.

conservation & environment

Jeremy Maxwell

The Conservation and Environment Committee met Wednesday to consider six bills on calendar.

The following bill was referred to Calendar and Rules as amended:



Rep. Yokley

Management Commission to fully adopt the recommendations of the Technical Review Workgroup, and urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to continue to participate and provide support the Technical Review Workgroup. It urges the appropriate state agencies to use any and all necessary authority to negotiate upcoming renewal of such permit, or otherwise take action to protect Pigeon River from ongoing degradation that prevents such river from fulfilling all of its designated uses.

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

HR 255 (Turner, M.) creates a special House committee to study commercial fishing and commercial musseling in Tennessee. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 106th General Assembly no later than February 1, 2009, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

HJR 781 (DuBois), as amended, creates a special joint committee to study creation of state water authority. The amendment requires the House and Senate

members serve on the Conservation and Environment Committees.

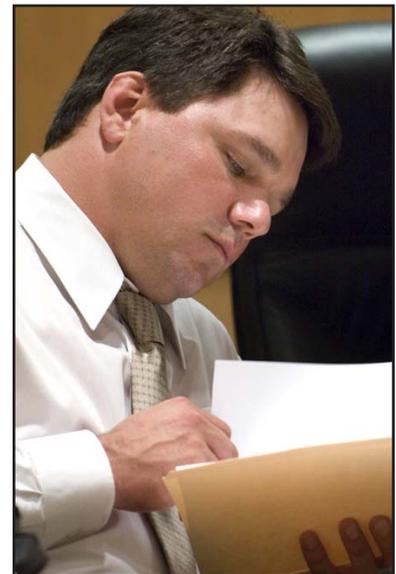
The following bills were referred to Government Operations as amended:

HB 3339 (Matheny) rewrites the bill. It states the intent of legislature to encourage off-highway vehicle activities by limiting the civil liability of those facilitating or providing access to such activities since there is an inherent risk. The amended bill also allows private land owners to open their lands to these vehicles' use. Also, the requirements for posting of signs are explained.

HB 4185 (McCord) rewrites the bill. The amendment adds the department of environment and conservation shall remove, or enter into a contract for the removal of, tires and associated debris from the Nolichucky River.

The following bill was taken off notice:

HB 3072 (McCord)



Rep. McCord

Environment Subcommittee

The Environment Subcommittee met Wednesday before the full committee to consider two bills.

The following bills were deferred to the summer study committee:

HB 3156 (Rowland) prohibits knowingly accepting, processing, or disposing of radioactive waste material in any landfill in the state. Federal entities acting under federal law would be exempt from such requirement.

HJR 1145 (Jones, U.) urges the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to disapprove the request to

import and dispose of low-level radioactive waste from Italy in this country.

consumer & employee affairs

Lucy Wilson



Chairman McDonald

House Consumer & Employee Affairs Committee

The Committee met to hear 10 bills. One bill passed out of committee to Calendar and Rules Committee; two were taken off notice and seven were rolled to the next committee meeting, April 22, 2008.

Passed to Calendar & Rules Committee:

HB 3834 by Philip Johnson passed with an amendment that rewrites the bill and incorporates all three amendments passed on the companion Senate Bill. The bill prohibits misrepresentation of the geographic location in telephone directory and creates a civil penalty. The amendment ...

- Defines "local telephone directory;"
- Makes it an unfair act under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 to misrepresent the geographic location of a person; and
- Violations are punishable through local penalties and private rights of action and as a Class B Misdemeanor.

Rolled One Week:

HB 4160 by Ferguson authorizes employers to apply for exemption from the Workers' Compensation Act for employees who are members of a recognized religious sect that is conscientiously opposed to the acceptance of the benefits of public or private insurance. These employees must provide specific documents to qualify. This bill also authorizes the minor's guardian to provide the documents for an employee who is a minor.

HB 3710 by Fitzhugh excludes from workers' compensation injuries that occur during recreational activities, that are not required by the employer, and that do not directly benefit the employer.

HB 3848 by Mumpower imposes various requirements on contracting agents who sell, lease, etc. their lists of contracted health care providers and their contracted reimbursement rate.

One component of the 2004 Workers' Compensation reform is related to providing quality medical care to injured employees while also controlling increasing medical costs. The statute states that the cost control mechanisms were to be a program of medical case management and a program to review utilization and quality of medical care services.

HB 3807 by Lollar requires a physician licensed in Tennessee in the same specialty as the physician providing the services to conduct a utilization review of medical services in workers' compensation cases.

HB 3263 by Moore prohibits employers from requiring employees to participate in employer-sponsored meeting or in mandatory communication with an employer if the purpose is to communicate the employer's religious political opinion

HJR 0765 by Turner M urges Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act. -

Bills Taken Off Notice:

HB 3783 by Hackworth
HB 3180 by DeBerry
HB 3006 by Turner M

Employee Affairs Subcommittee

This committee is closed subject to the call of the chair.

Consumer Affairs Subcommittee

This committee is closed subject to the call of the chair.

The House Education Committee met on Wednesday and considered its calendar. Action follows.

Referred to Calendar & Rules:



Chairman Winningham

HB 2176 – (Winningham) requires that extension of a school director’s contract be the first item on the agenda of a school board meeting and changes the notification period required from ten (10) days to fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting.

Referred to Calendar & Rules, if amended:

HB 2971 – (Montgomery) as amended, rewrites the bill to read that an LEA may develop, adopt, and implement a differentiated pay plan to aid in staffing hard to staff subject areas and schools and in hiring and retaining highly qualified teachers. Any such plan is to be reviewed and evaluated annually to determine any necessary revision or restructuring of the plan. No plan may be adopted prior to approval by the department of education. Each LEA may adopt such a plan prior to the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

HB 3280 – (Maddox) as amended, rewrites the bill that no school board may terminate without cause, enter into a contract with, or amend an existing contract of a director of schools during a period extending forty-five (45) days prior to the general school board election until thirty (30) days following said election.

Referred to Finance, Ways & Means, if amended:

HB 2859 – (Winningham) as amended, rewrites the bill that beginning with fiscal year 2008-2009 no county or municipality shall use any increase in state funds to reduce local operating funds, excluding capital outlay and debt service, allocated or appropriated for the fiscal year. The bill further states that no county or municipality shall use an increase in state funds to reduce the tax rate set for LEA funding for the fiscal

year from whatever source such rate is calculated and derived.

HB 3251 – (Coley) creates the “Archival Protection Act of 2008. As amended, when an LEA closes a public school, the county public records commission is urged to review personal property of that school for historic significance. An LEA is encouraged to preserve such material and may elect to place on public display.

HB 2651 – (Hackworth) as amended, rewrites the bill to encourage each LEA to conduct an investigation to determine if any special hazard zones are present within all walking routes children use to and from schools. If a special hazard zone is present the LEA shall present this finding to the entity responsible for the road. That entity is encouraged to work with the LEA in minimizing any hazard.

Referred to Government Operations:

HB 4095 – (Coley) directs the department of education to establish, administer, and monitor a one-time grant for non-profit organizations that provide civic education programs.

Referred to Government Operations, if amended:

HB 3123 – (Cooper) as amended, rewrites



Rep. Coley



Rep. Cooper

the bill to direct the state board of regents, with the commissioner of labor and workforce development, to develop a pilot project to provide evening classes for adult students in career and technical education. The pilot shall be in one (1) location and is to operate during the evening. The board of regents shall provide an interim report on the project by January 15, 2009, and a final report by January 15, 2010, to the education committees of both houses.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 4039 – (Winningham)
HB 4212 – (Winningham)
HB 2418 – (Moore)
HB 9 – (Hawk)
HB 4179 – (Maddox)
HB 2065 – (Maddox)
HB 4130 – (Winningham)
HB 3120 – (Overbey)
HB 653 – (Winningham)
HB 4210 – (Winningham)
HB 3488 – (Winningham)
HB 3478 – (Hawk)
HB 3742 – (Winningham)
HB 4029 – (Harwell)
HB 3278 – (Maddox)
HB 4003 – (Jones, U.)
HB 4004 – (Jones, U.)
HB 3857 – (Odom)

Deferred to last calendar:

HB 4088 – (Maddox)
HB 3780 – (Winningham)

Taken off Notice:

HB 2524 – (Turner, M.)
HB 3057 – (Winningham)
HB 3319 – (Brown)
HB 4016 – (Armstrong)

Higher Education Subcommittee

The Higher Education Subcommittee had one bill on its calendar. Action follows.

Taken off Notice:

HB 1652 – (Mumpower)

The Higher Ed Subcommittee is closed, subject to the call of the chair.

K-12 Subcommittee

The K-12 Subcommittee met on Tuesday. Action of the committee follows.

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 4148 – (Odom) makes technical changes in the teacher accountability bill of 2007.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 344 – (Winningham)
HB 3935 – (Montgomery)
HB 4002 – (Jones, U.)
HB 4059 – (Jones, U.)
HB 3189 – (Hardaway)
HB 2956 – (Harwell)
HB 1872 – (Hawk)
HB 4089 – (Maddox)
HB 3076 – (McCord)
HB 4052 – (Towns)
HB 3074 – (McCord)

Taken off Notice:

HB 3073 – (McCord)
HB 1050 – (Rowland)

The subcommittee heard a presentation from representatives of Memphis City Schools on charter schools. Areas of possible change in the current law were addressed. All charter bills on the K-12 calendar were rolled one week.

Special Initiatives Subcommittee

The Special Initiatives Subcommittee is closed, subject to the call of the chair.

finance, ways & means

Julie Travis & Patrick Boggs



Chairman Fitzhugh

On Tuesday, April 15th, the full Finance Committee met. After a revenue update from the Treasurer, Dale Sims, the committee considered fifteen bills, and the actions are as follows:

Bills Referred to Calendar & Rules:

HB 2750 (Dunn) – This bill authorizes a pilot project in Knox County whereby members of a governing body are allowed to, with

ample notice, use an internet chat room to conduct communications regarding official business.

HB 2855 (S. Jones) – This bill revises various fees charged by county clerks.

HB 3098 (Curtiss) – This bill, as amended by the committee, requires each agency within state government that is authorized to offer fee-for-service contracts to report on such contracts to the Fiscal Review Committee of the legislature.

HB 3233 (Shepard) – This bill increases penalties for certain violations related to the “move-over law.”

HB 3285 (Maddox) – This bill requires applicants to a qualified teacher training program to submit to a TBI and FBI background check; if the results of the check indicate a criminal conviction, then an automatic revocation of a teacher’s license would occur.

HB 3405 (Watson) – This bill allows a utility district to offer service to customers in adjoining areas under certain circumstances.

HB 3610 (L. Turner) – This legislation authorizes the issuance of disabled driver placards to rental customers who need one. Placards are only to be issued for vehicles permanently equipped with a wheelchair ramp

or lift. The number of placards issued to a driver may not exceed the number of vehicles owned or operated for the purpose of providing such motor vehicle rentals to disabled clients.

HB 3633 (Favors)

– This bill defines “Level II office based surgery.” It establishes licensure requirements and adverse event reporting requirements for performers of Level II office based surgery.

HB 3638

(Coleman) – This bill rewrites the jury duty provisions in state law. An amendment was adopted by the committee to exempt Knox County from the provisions of the bill pertaining to jury commissioners.

HJR 1014 (Coley) – This resolution urges the U.S. Congress to alter the federal tax code so as to make all unreimbursed medical expenses tax deductible.

HB 3147 (J. DeBerry) – This bill expands courts’ authority when appointing attorneys for juveniles and authorizes courts to assess a fee when appointing counsel for indigent adults accused of certain crimes involving the supervision or abuse of minors.

HB 3867 (Hood) – As rewritten by the committee, this bill specifies that counties may employ fire marshals if they so desire. Fire marshals will serve at the pleasure of the county mayor, and must have at least five years of experience to serve in this capacity.

Bills Rolled One Week:

HB 3743 (McCormick)

HB 2740 (Hardaway)

HB 3940 (Lynn)



Rep. Favors



Chairman Tindell

Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee met on Wednesday, April 16th, and considered seventy-six bills on its calendar and addendum. The results are as follows:

Bills Referred to the Full Committee:

HB 4011 (Armstrong) – This bill, as amended by the subcommittee, creates a pilot project at a FQHC to issue

drugs to patients via a telepharmacy. The subcommittee’s amendment clarified that the pilot project is a single FQHC in East Tennessee.

HB 3973 (Armstrong) – This bill authorizes additional allocations of property tax revenue, and under certain circumstances additional sales tax revenue (above base sales tax revenue), to industrial development corporations (IDCs) within certain municipalities for the purpose of paying debt service on bonds or other obligations of the IDC incurred as a result of financing infrastructure improvements or other economic development.

HB 3321 (Brown) – This bill, as amended by the subcommittee, requires the Department of Education to report, on an annual basis, to the General Assembly, the number of disciplined students in each school in Tennessee, broken down by demographic factors.

HB 2679 (Casada) – This bill authorizes the operation of medium-speed vehicles on public highways. It authorizes municipalities and the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to prohibit the use of medium-speed vehicles on public highways if it is determined that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety; and it creates a registration fee for medium-speed vehicles of \$9.50 per year.

HB 3270 (C. Cobb) – This bill authorizes development district boards to construct a building for their own use.

HB 3362 (Fitzhugh) – This bill, as rewritten by the Council on Pensions & Insurance requires the State Treasurer to report to the members of the Council on

Pensions and Insurance any holdings of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) in securities issued by companies that have substantial current operations in nations determined by the U.S. Department of State to be state-sponsors of terrorism. It requires the State Treasurer to obtain the names of such companies from a publicly available list at no cost to the Retirement System and formulated by an authoritative entity, which may include another public pension system, a non-profit or a private company.

HB 3197 (S. Jones) – This bill, with an amendment that rewrites it, requires the Department of Health and any other state agency that expends funds related to in-home visitation to spend such funding on evidence based methods, if at all possible. The department shall continue to investigate research-based methods, and may engage in and fund pilot programs based on findings of its investigations. In any contract that the department enters into, it shall require the contract provider to include a means to measure the outcomes of the services.

HB 2906 (S. Jones) – This bill prohibits a petitioner for an order of protection from paying filing fees, litigation taxes, or other costs associated with the petition if the petition is dismissed because the respondent could not be served and the petitioner accurately provided any known information to the clerk.

HB 3846 (Mumpower) – This bill authorizes a litigation tax for Sullivan County. As amended by the subcommittee, Lauderdale County will also be authorized to implement a litigation tax.

HB 2723 (Richardson) – This bill increases the penalty for improperly parking in any parking space designated with the wheelchair disabled sign from \$150 to \$200, which may not be suspended or waived. The



Rep. Jones

amendment also authorizes a court to order an offender to perform up to five hours of community service.

HB 3441 (Rinks) – This bill makes various changes to the election laws, which includes extending voter registration when the 30th day before the election falls on a Sunday, Saturday, or legal holiday; increasing the criminal penalty for making a false certification to acquire a voter registration list; and it increases the required minimum compensation paid to election officials on election day from \$15 to \$50.

HB 3449 (Rinks) – This bill designates S.R. 421 in its entirety as the “SMSgt. Franklin R. Bledsoe Memorial Highway.” It requires Hardin County to pay for the erection of the signs.

HJR 1027 (Rinks) – This resolution designates a bridge on S.R. 225 the “Commissioner Glenn Maness Memorial Bridge.” McNairy County must pay for the signs to be erected.

HJR 946 (Tidwell) – This bill names a bridge on S.R. 243 the “Marshall P. Ledbetter, Sr. Memorial Bridge.” Maury County must pay for the erection of the signs.

HB 2735 (Tidwell) – This bill names a bridge on S.R. 438 in Perry County as the “Johnson E. Doyle Memorial Bridge.” As amended by the subcommittee, Perry County must pay for the signage.

HB 3169 (Tidwell) – This bill names a bridge on S.R. 128 the Esquire Fred Ashley Howell and Tilda Hildren Culp Memorial Bridge.” The subcommittee amended the legislation to require Perry County to pay for the signs.

HB 3692 (K. Brooks) – This legislation authorizes members of the Civil Air Patrol who are state employees to receive up to 15 days of paid leave while participating in authorized training or emergency and disaster services if such leave of absence is at the request of the employee’s Wing Commander.

HB 2657 (Hackworth) – This bill authorizes the county commissions of Anderson, Greene, Rutherford, and Cocke counties to enact legislation taxing the privilege of filing litigation in their respective counties.

HB 2655 (Hackworth) – This bill requires Anderson County to collect a \$1 filing fee in addition to general filing fees, to be used for the security of court facilities.

HB 2949 (Lynn) – This bill requires state government regulating entities to notify the holder of a professional license, certification, or registration of any changes to applicable statutes, rules, policies and guidelines.

HB 3069 (McCord) – This legislation creates a procedure for issuing citations based on evidence from a traffic light signal monitoring system. It requires an employee of the applicable law enforcement agency to review video evidence from a traffic light signal monitoring system and make a determination as to whether a violation occurred. Notice of violation or citation must be sent by first class mail to the registered owner of the vehicle. The notice or citation must allow for payment within 30 days of mailing the notice or citation. No additional penalty or costs would be assessed for nonpayment unless a second notice is sent by first class mail to the registered owner of the vehicle and the second notice provides for an additional 30 days for payment.

HB 3854 (McCord) – This legislation requires that no state agency or any political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains a traffic control signal light in an intersection that employs a surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations shall reduce the time exposure of the yellow light at such intersection with the intended purpose of increasing the number of traffic violations.

HB 1421 (McDaniel) – This legislation enacts the “Competitive Cable and Video Services Act” and enumerates provisions whereby new entrants and existing participants can gain a statewide franchise for the provision of cable service to households. The subcommittee attached an amendment to the Commerce Committee amendment that rewrote the bill in an attempt to fix typographical and drafting errors.

HB 4194 (Odom) – This bill makes various changes related to the Department of Revenue’s oversight of motor vehicle titling and registration.



Rep. McDaniel

SJR 675 (Jackson, Shepard) – This resolution names a bridge on S.R. 48 in Hickman County the “Ben Hooper Petty Bridge.” Hickman County must pay for the erection of the signage.



Rep. Shepard

HB 4200 (Shepard) – This legislation creates the Tennessee Medical Examiner Advisory Council; grants rulemaking authority to the Commissioner of Health to establish fees for autopsies, guidelines for death investigations and forensic autopsies, and other costs and services; expands the duties of the Chief Medical Examiner to include developing and supplying training

to county medical examiners and investigators, establishes his or her term in office, and grants investigative authority; expands the reporting of deaths to include additional types of deaths; requires all facilities that perform autopsies to be accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners by June 30, 2009; authorizes the removal and retention of samples for investigation and autopsy; and establishes a uniform method of selecting a county medical examiner.

HB 831 (Swafford) – This bill requires a judge to impose on a DUI offender the following conditions: (1) participation in an alcohol and drug safety DUI school and/or a drug offender school program if available; and (2) a drug and alcohol assessment or treatment; or both; or (3) in lieu of or in addition, order an offender to attend a victim’s impact panel program if such a program is offered in the county where the offense occurs.

HJR 1065 (Windle) – This resolution names a segment of S.R. 111 in Overton County the “Corporal Brad McCormick Memorial Parkway.” Such funding for the signage will come out of the highway fund as Cpl. McCormick died in the line of duty in Iraq.

HJR 1066 (Windle) – This resolution names a segment of S.R. 111 in Overton County the “Lance Corporal Jeremiah Savage Memorial Parkway.” The funding for the signs will come out of the highway fund as Lance Corporal Savage died in the line of duty in Iraq.

Bills Rolled One Week:

HB 2801 (Buck)
HB 3406 (Buck)
HB 4213 (Coleman)
HB 3727 (Fitzhugh)
HB 2970 (Hardaway)
HB 2937 (Harmon)
HB 3059 (Lundberg)
HB 4099 (Richardson)
HB 4048 (Towns)
HB 4046 (Towns)
HB 4128 (Towns)
HB 649 (M. Turner)
HB 2572 (M. Turner)
HB 2989 (Bone)
HB 4066 (Curtiss)
HB 3091 (Hill)
HB 3509 (U. Jones)
HB 2865 (Pinion)
HB 1543 (Pinion)
HB 3802 (Pitts)
HB 2646 (Pitts)
HB 2633 (Todd)

Bills Rolled Two Weeks:

HB 3810 (Fitzhugh)
HB 1897 (Rinks)
HB 3064 (P. Johnson)

Bills Rolled to the Last Calendar:

HB 2587 (Overbey)
HB 2118 (Tidwell)

Bills Rolled to the Study Committee Subcommittee:

HB 2960 (Richardson) as amended by Budget Sub Amdt. #1
HB 3297 (Vaughn) as amended by Budget Sub Amdt. #1
HJR 1089 (Gilmore)

Bills Placed Behind the Budget:

HB 3725 (Fitzhugh)
HB 2742 (Hardaway)
HJR 793 (S. Jones) on the Behind the Budget constitutional amendment calendar
HB 2761 (Tidwell)
HB 2601 (Bass)
HB 3109 (Dunn)
HB 3111 (Hood)
HB 2916 (West)
HJR 1090 (Windle) on the Behind the Budget sign calendar

Bills Taken Off-Notice:

HB 2909 (S. Jones)
HB 3159 (S. Jones)





Chairman Kernell

The House Government Operations Committee met on Wednesday morning to deliberate its calendar.

Bills taken off notice:

HB 1420 (Harwell)
HB 1623 (Overbey)

The committee reviewed and referred **HB 2481** by Rep. McDonald to the Finance, Ways and Means

Committee. After successfully passing the Health and Human Resources Committee, this legislation was before the committee for review purposes only. As amended in the Health Committee, this legislation requires that each child care agency implement a drug testing policy for all supervisors and employees of a child care agency. The drug testing must be implemented based on reasonable suspicion that an employee or supervisor is using illegal drugs. The Department of Human Services is delegated rulemaking authority in order to enforce the provisions of this legislation.

Sunset Hearings

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee of the joint Government Operations Committee will be holding a sunset hearing on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 1:30pm in LP 30 to hear the following entities:

- **Beech River Watershed Development Authority**
- **Chickasaw Basin Authority**
- **Sequatchie Valley Planning and Development Agency**
- **Tellico Reservoir Development Agency**
- **Tennessee Duck River Development Agency**
- **West Tennessee River Basin Authority**



Chairman Armstrong

The **Health & Human Resources Committee** met Tuesday morning, April 15, 2008, to consider 19 bills and five joint resolutions on the calendar and addendum. **HJR 0975 (Hill)** was taken off notice at the request of the sponsor. **SJR 0754 (Mumpower)** that designates June 15, 2008, as *World Elder Abuse Day* was referred to

C&R. **SJR 0793 (Mumpower)** that designates April 20-26, 2008, as *Medical Laboratory Professionals Week* was referred to C&R. **HB 3903 (Fitzhugh)** as amended that enacts the “Tennessee Stroke Registry Act of 2008,” requires East Tennessee State University College of Public Health to maintain a statewide stroke database that compiles information and statistics on stroke care, and encourages hospitals to annually report specified information to the College of Public Health was referred to FW&M. **HB 3267 (Maddox)** was taken off notice at the request of the sponsor. **HB 1231 (Kelsey)** was rolled one week at the request of the sponsor. **HB 3805 (Kernell)** was rolled one week at the request of the sponsor. **HB 4120 (Harmon)** was rolled one week at the request of the sponsor. **HB 2637 (Armstrong)** as amended that rewrites the bill to delete TCA Section 68-14-327 regarding leisure pools used for corporate or group functions or events was referred to FW&M. **HB 4012 (Armstrong)** that authorizes the Department of Health to contract with the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped (NFDH), or other qualified non-profit, to establish and administer a donated dental services program to provide dental care for needy, disabled, elderly and medically compromised individuals that do not have dental insurance and are not eligible for dental coverage through any other state or federal assistance programs

was referred to Government Operations. **HB 4009 (Armstrong)** as amended that authorizes the Tennessee Center for Diabetes Prevention and Health Improvement to make grants to for-profit health-related providers and removes the eligibility requirement for receipt of a grant from the Center that the recipient have been in existence for three years was referred to C&R.

HJR 1025 (Armstrong) that designates May 12, 2008, as *Fibromyalgia Awareness Day* was referred to C&R.

HB 0941 (Maggart) as amended that requires the Commission on Aging and Disability to develop, pursuant to funding in the general

appropriations act, a three year pilot

project through an Area Agency on Aging that would offer individuals and their families who require long-term supports and services the opportunities to direct their own services, and requires the Commission to report annually on the pilot project to the House and Senate health committees was referred to FW&M. **HB 4151 (Odom)** that creates a Class D felony offense for anyone who knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or omits a material fact, makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or makes or uses any materially false writing or document related to the TennCare program was referred to FW&M. **HB 1883 (Overbey)** as amended that authorizes a mandatory outpatient mental health treatment pilot program in Knox, Blount, and Anderson counties for adults with serious and persistent mental illness and adults with co-occurring alcohol and drug addiction was referred to FW&M. The pilot project authorized by HB 1883 as amended will commence on July 1, 2008, and be in effect for two years and may be



Rep. Maggart

extended; there will be a maximum 100 adults treated through the pilot project at any given time; the pilot project will include a safety center in Knox County; and, a report on the pilot project will be submitted to the House and Senate health committees on January 1, 2011. **HB 2502 (Jones, S.)** as amended that rewrites the bill to create a Council on Children's Mental Health Care organized by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth was referred to FW&M. The Council created pursuant to HB 2502 as amended will develop a plan for a statewide system of care where children's mental health care is child-centered, family-driven, and culturally and linguistically competent and that provides a coordinated system of care for children's mental health needs and will also develop a financial resource map and cost analysis of all federal and state funded programs that support and serve children's mental health needs. By July 1, 2010, the Council will submit the plan and budget for implementing such plan to the Governor, legislative committees, and select committees. The Council will sunset on June 30, 2010. Amendment 2 to HB 2502 as amended deletes rulemaking authority of the Council and purports to require the Department of Health to assist the Council in developing a plan. **HB 3146 (DeBerry, L.)** as amended that rewrites the bill to require the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive state plan to reduce the incidence of asthma in schools was referred to FW&M. The amendment to HB 3146 requires the plan to be completed before the 2009-2010 school year; requires the Department of Education to report on the design and implementation of the plan to the House and Senate education committees by September 1, 2010; requires the Bureau of TennCare to collect, examine, and study asthma-related claims data; requires the Department of Health to analyze the TennCare study to determine if a pilot project in an area with a high incidence of asthma should be developed; and, requires the Governor's e-health council to establish a statewide asthma registry, containing a database of patients with asthma, that will be a source of data for asthma management at the patient, provider, clinic, and community level. **HB 3161 (DeBerry, J.)** as amended that requires the Department of Human Services to provide to licensed child care providers a curriculum guideline in any suitable format addressing personal safety containing a component related to the prevention of child sexual abuse; requires the personal safety curriculum that will be implemented by the child care provider be made

available for parents and legal guardians for review; and, that requires the Department to develop a standard notification form of the personal safety curriculum to be provided to parents and legal guardians by the child care agency was referred to Government Operations. **HB 3206 (DeBerry, J.)** as amended that requires the Board of Pharmacy to regularly notify licensed pharmacies and pharmacists of changes to be implemented or enforced by the Board that affect the licensee, to establish links on the Board's website to the statutes, rules, policies, and guidelines that affect the licensees, and to mandate that licensees maintain at their practice sites a copy of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy statutes, rules, policies, and guidelines was referred to Government Operations. **HB 3838 (Turner, M.)** as amended that permits any licensed and operating nursing home to relocate less than all of its beds to a new location within the original facility's service area under certain circumstances, including the original facility was licensed for more than 290 beds and was certified within the preceding 12 months for Medicaid and Medicare participation, and removes the existing statute prohibition against transferring nursing home beds other than through a replacement facility application was referred to FW&M. **HB 3644 (Turner, M.)** that delays until July 1, 2008, the requirement for a person seeking to become a radiology assistant to complete an advanced academic program and extends the period in which a person who practiced as a radiology practitioner assistant in Tennessee prior to December 31, 2007, can be certified by the Board of Medical Examiners to December 31, 2009 was referred to C&R. **HB 3907 (Richardson)** was taken off notice at the request of the sponsor. **HJR 1091 (Richardson)** as amended that creates a six-member special joint committee to study the structure and location of services to persons with developmental disabilities, mental retardation, and other disabilities was referred to FW&M. The committee created by HJR



Rep. Richardson

1091 as amended will report its findings and recommendations to the 106th General Assembly no later than February 1, 2009, at which time the committee will cease to exist. **Rep. Ferguson** presented **HB 4144 (Ferguson, Odom, DeBerry, L.)**; representatives from the Bureau of TennCare and Commissioner Goetz were available to respond to members' questions. Amendment 1 that rewrites the bill to enact the "Long-Term Care Community Choices Act of 2008" was adopted. Amendment 2 offered by Rep. Ferguson that rewrites Section 26 of Amendment 1 to create a 10-member Select Oversight Committee on Long Term Care that will review proposed expenditures and program proposals for long term care, review certain long term care services-related programs, functions, and activities of the Department of Health, Commission on Aging and Disabilities, Department of Human Services, and TennCare program, and assume authority for oversight of long term care in the TennCare program from the Select Committee on TennCare was pending as committee time expired.

Health Care Facilities Subcommittee

The **Health Care Facilities Subcommittee** reopened and met immediately prior to full committee on April 15th to consider HB 4014. **HB 4014 (DeBerry, L.)** as amended that revises the Tennessee Nurse Home Visitor Program Act that was enacted through Public Chapter 530 of the Public Acts of 2007 was referred to full committee. As amended, HB 4014 establishes that the Tennessee Nurse Home Visitor Program be administered as a pilot program, authorizes the Commissioner of Health to use grants without competitive bidding to implement the pilot program, and authorizes the Department of Health to promulgate and adopt rules.

The **Professional Occupations Subcommittee** and the **Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee** are closed subject to the call of the chairs.



Chairman Coleman

The Full Judiciary Committee had its last meeting to consider forty-two bills on the calendar. The committee is now closed subject to the call of the chair.

The following is a list of bills approved for passage to Calendar & Rules:

HB 955 by Rep. Maggart requires the TBI sexual offender and violent

sexual offender registration form to include the number of different victims involved in the offender's convictions.

HB 1684 by Rep. Briley, as amended, deals with the establishment of an advisory committee under the Drug Treatment Act, which review all program criteria established by office of criminal justice programs and advise the commissioner on the allocation of funds. It changes the membership of the committee from five to seven members and provides some requirements for a few of its members. Two members shall be judges who have presided over a drug court for at least two years and two of which shall be drug coordinators who've functioned as such for at least two years.

HB 2412 by Rep. Buck, as amended, authorizes the court to grant a petitioner's request for land an additional fifteen feet wider than what is permitted by statute for the purpose of extending utility lines. The court has the power to grant an amount not to exceed twenty-five feet wide, and only fifteen feet in counties with a metropolitan form of government. It requires such a person who possesses an ingress and egress easement or who already has been granted a petition for a private road and determines the need for additional land to file a petition requesting the additional land.

HB 2469 by Rep. S. Jones, as amended, requires the Department of Children's Services to release records of

a child in the following circumstances: to any child abuse review teams or child fatality review teams authorized or created by state law; any grand jury or court with a court order; any federal, state or local government entity or agent of such entity that has a need for info to carry out responsibilities to protect children from abuse; and upon written request, to any member of the general assembly; any person or entity who provides system or program evaluation at the request of the department; records request by the Tennessee commission on children and youth for records it believes necessary to perform its duties under the law. Any person or entity, including any state or local governmental entity or agent of such entity provided records shall be required to maintain records in accordance with the state and federal laws regarding confidentiality. The department is not required to disclose the identification of the person making a report of harm.

HB 2509 by Rep. Mumpower, as amended, clarifies certain requirements relative to setting aside an easement or right of way for ingress and egress to landlocked land. It provides that a petitioner is not required to make the federal government a party defendant when the portion of land or property desired isn't owned by the federal government. The amendment authorizes the court to grant an order to open such road, not exceeding twenty-five feet wide if no subdivision regulations apply to the area where such land is located and not exceeding the width of the roads or streets required by the subdivision regulations in effect.

HB 2662 by Rep. Hackworth, as amended, establishes a confidentiality requirement for critical incident stress management team member, team leader or group participant providing or participating in a crisis intervention with a firefighter, EMT, law enforcement or rescue squad from divulging any information resulting from such crisis intervention. This confidentiality will not apply if the following occurs: the recipient of services expresses consent to divulge; an individual who received services testifies in which case the team member may testify; communication pertains to or is related to a criminal act or in response to a court order.

HB 3650 by Rep. M. Turner, as amended, requires a scrap metal processor who purchases a motor vehicle for parts to maintain records for three (3) years of every



Rep. Turner

vehicle bought or sold, dismantled or exchanged. The purchasing processor must require the seller of the vehicle to show proof of ownership by showing the title.

HB 4010 by Rep. Armstrong requires a professional bondsman or surety agent to maintain a permanent business office, business telephone, and appropriate signage

indicating that such office is a professional bail bond business.

HB 4076 by Rep. Hardaway, as amended, adds additional members to the judicial selection commission from seventeen members to nineteen members to include one member from a list of nominees submitted by the National Bar Association and one member from a list of nominees submitted by the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women.

List of bills approved for passage to the Finance Committee:

HB 2153 by Rep. Fincher, as amended, makes the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act more accessible to victims of hit and run.

HB 2461 by Rep. Litz, as amended, when determining service credits for criminal investigators for district attorneys general, prior law enforcement experience shall include full time employment with a law enforcement agency during which the employee performed duties typical of law enforcement personnel.

HB 2465 by Rep. S. Jones, as amended, defines the statement adversely affects the child's health and welfare to include, but not limited to, the natural effects of starvation or dehydration under the child abuse and child neglect or endangerment statute.

HB 2492 by Rep. Fincher, as amended, requires a plaintiff's attorney to contact the bureau of TennCare before the entry of a judgment or settlement in a

personal injury case in order to determine if the state or managed care organization or organizations have a subrogation interest. The plaintiff's attorney is required to provide the client's full name, client's date of birth, social security number of the client, TennCare or managed care identification number, and the date the claim arose. Within sixty days of receipt of the request, TennCare is responsible for determining any subrogation interest the state may have and is required to respond in writing with either the amount owed or must advise the attorney more time is necessary to determine such interest, but no response shall exceed one hundred and twenty days. If no specific amount is provided within that time frame, the subrogation interest shall be extinguished.

HB 2585 by Rep. Overbey, as amended, requires sex offenders to provide internet account information, any instant message, chat or other internet communication name or identity information on the sex offender registry and to notify their registering agency within three (3) days of any changes to such information.

HB 2609 by Rep. Hardaway provides that a court or parole board may impose as a condition of release for an offense against a minor subject to sex offender registry requirements restrictions on the offender's computer use by either prohibiting certain activity or requiring the offender to register certain information such as email addresses and other identifying information.

HB 2746 by Rep. Lundberg, as amended, expands the application of the Uniform Residential Landlord Tenant Act to all counties with a population of more than 68,000 according to the 1970 federal census or any subsequent census.

HB 2918 by Rep. Maggart, as amended, requires the TBI to obtain a copy of a sex offender's death certificate prior to removing such offender from the sexual offender registry. Also, it requires sex offenders convicted prior to January 1, 1995 to remain on the registry for five (5) years from August 1, 2007, or the date the person first registered with the registry, whichever is later, before petitioning for removal.

HB 3038 by Rep. Dunn authorizes the use of the district attorney generals' fraud and economic crime fund to provide compensation to victims of cemetery plot fraud.

HB 3134 by Rep. Fincher transfers the duties of the juvenile court clerk from the county clerk to the General Sessions Clerk in Putnam County.

HB 3661 by Rep. Niceley, as amended, creates within the department of safety a DUI offender registry of persons whose driver's license is revoked or suspended and who have been convicted of two (2) or more violations of DUI or any offense in which T.C.A. §55-10-401 is an essential element such as reckless endangerment or vehicular homicide. An offender's name shall be removed within forty-five days of the date the offender's license is no longer revoked or suspended. Also, a fee of fifteen dollars is assessed upon the conviction of a second or subsequent DUI or those convicted of any offense with an essential element of T.C.A. §55-10-401 to be provided to the state general fund for appropriation to the department of safety to administer the registry.

HB 3666 by Rep. Bass, as amended, makes it a mandatory minimum 10 year sentence if a person possessed a firearm with the intent to go armed during the commission of or attempt to commit aggravated robbery. It becomes a minimum 20 year sentence if the person discharged a firearm during the commission of, attempt to commit or flight or escape from the commission of an aggravated robbery. If serious bodily injury to another occurs or death due to the possession or discharge of a firearm during the commission or attempt to commit, or flight or escape from the commission of aggravated robbery occurs, it becomes a Class A felony punishable by a minimum 25 year sentence. Such offenders must serve one-hundred percent of the minimum mandatory sentence minus any service credits earned with such service credits not to reduce the sentence by more than fifteen percent.



Rep. Gresham

HB 3718 by Rep. Gresham, as amended, creates a Class E felony offense for a person to knowingly manufacture, produce, sell or otherwise traffic false identification for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining employment.

HB 3719 by Rep. Gresham, as amended, makes it a Class E felony for a

person to knowingly provide, transfer or submit to any other person false identification for the purpose of obtaining employment.

HB 4053 by Rep. Rinks, as amended, creates a funded study commission to look into the effects of litigation on the nursing home industry. The committee will be made up of five members each from the house and the senate. The committee shall report its finding to the speaker of the house and the speaker of the senate no later than December 1, 2009.

HB 4197 by Rep. Fincher, as amended, is the administration's comprehensive bill regarding sexual offenders/ registry requirements.

Off Notice:

HB 50 by Rep. M. Turner
HB 2473 by Rep. S. Jones
HB 2596 by Rep. Coleman
HB 2834 by Rep. Shepard
HB 3763 by Rep. Overbey
HB 3765 by rep. Overbey
HJR 809 by Rep. Coleman

Failed Bills:

HB 3628 by Rep. Fincher

Summer Study Bills:

HB 721 by Rep. DuBois
HB 1523 by Rep. Campfield
HB 2539 by Rep. Fincher
HB 2967 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 3099 by Rep. Curtiss
HB 3203 by Rep. Coleman
HB 3244 by Rep. Kernell
HB 3305 by Rep. Lynn
HB 4043 by Rep. Towns

Criminal Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Criminal Practice and Procedure Subcommittee is closed subject to the call of the chair.

Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Civil Practice and Procedure Subcommittee is closed subject to the call of the chair.

state & local government

Lawrence Hall, Jr.

This week in State and Local Government full committee there were thirty-six bills on the calendar. Nine bills were passed to Calendar and Rules and seven were passed to Finance, Ways and Means. **HB 3804 by Rep. Miller** and **HB 3753 by Rep. Todd** were both moved to the last calendar. All other bills were rolled to later calendars or taken off notice.

Calendar and Rules:

-HB 3871 by Fitzhugh - Revises various provisions under the Agricultural, Forest and Open Space Land Act; specifies that for purposes of the maximum acreage limit, a parcel will be aggregated with other parcels having any degree of common ownership; revises other provisions.

-HB 4145 by Miller L – This bill authorizes the commissioner of general services to dispose of confiscated intoxicating beverages, confiscated motor vehicles, and any other lawfully confiscated property by means of advertising on the Internet and selling by Internet auction.



Rep. Miller

appropriate TDOC inmates to confinement in a local facility to participate in local pre-release programs.

-HB 3437 by Rinks - Removes obsolete provisions regarding municipal growth plans and annexation.

-HB 2759 by Bibb – This bill lowers number of days within which regional planning commission must approve or disapprove plat before plat is deemed approved from 60 days to 35 days.

-HB 3788 by Moore - Provides that taxpayer who fails or refuses to sign reporting schedule regarding certain intangible personal property with assessor of property is deemed to have waived objections to the forced assessment.

-HB 3265 by Moore – This bill removes sunset provision on requiring presenting a photo identification prior to purchasing beer for off-premise consumption.

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-HB 3128 by Yokley - Directs the code commission to change all references of “tax assessors” to “assessors of property” as sections are amended or volumes are replaced.

Finance, Ways and Means:

-HB 3926 by Sontany – This bill places a limitation on the additional \$2.00 privilege tax authorized for Davidson County that the tax may only be collected for a maximum of 30 consecutive nights of occupancy.

-HB 2514 by Jones U - Allows sample ballot to be mailed to active registered voters and if more than one registered voter is at same address permits one sample ballot to be sent to the address.

-HB 2760 by Bibb – This bill revises regional and municipal planning provisions concerning the avoidance of scattered and premature development in areas where there are inadequate or nonexistent publicly owned and maintained services and facilities.



Rep. Moore

-HB 2873 by Moore – This bill requires coordinator of elections to create minimum standards for educating election officials; increases compensation for election officials during regular state and federal elections.

-HB 2874 by Moore - Allows career service state employees to serve as election officials; requires state colleges and universities to create program giving credit hours to students who serve as election officials.

-HB 3952 by Yokley - Revises firefighter pay supplement to not more than 5 percent of a qualified firefighter’s annual salary.

State Government Subcommittee is closed.

Local Government Subcommittee

This week in Local Government subcommittee the committee held its final meeting and passed eight bills to full committee.

-HB 3994 by DeBerry L – This bill authorizes local government employees to receive other retirement benefits such as life, dental, and vision insurance; bonds may be issued to fund such additional benefits.

-HB 3249 by Coley – This bill allows license holder to appeal decision of adult-oriented establishment board to court of record within 10 days of affirmation of suspension, revocation, or annulment of license.

-HB 3899 by Jones S – This bill exempts Davidson County from certain provisions regulating the land use or expansion of industrial, commercial, or business establishments located where zoning did not previously exist or where zoning regulations changed.

-HB 3354 by Bone – This bill distributes funds from counties to regional development authorities to subsidize shortfalls of impact funds in certain circumstances.

-HB 2772 by Jones U - Authorizes sale of alcohol for on-premises consumption at a commercially operated premier type tourist resort that is located on at least 500 acres, has at least 50 rooms used for overnight accommodations, and serves at least two meals a day in a dining room that seats a minimum of 50 persons.

-HB 1997 by Jones U – This bill creates a Class A misdemeanor offense of knowingly misleading voter or potential voter from voting or registering by spreading false or misleading information by any form of

communication concerning qualifications or ability to vote or register.

-HB 3444 by Rinks - Authorizes any county or municipality that has elected Tennessee River resort district status to repeal such election by adopting a resolution or ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body of the jurisdiction.

-HB 3302 by Vaughn – This bill requires certain procedures preceding annexation of any state park.

Elections Subcommittee is closed.

The **House Transportation Committee** convened April 15, 2008 to consider six bills.

Before taking up the calendar, the committee noted with proclamations, speeches and ovations the last Transportation Committee meeting to be chaired by retiring **Chairman Pinion**.

HB3996 (Ferguson), **HB4080** (Ferguson) and **HJR1055** (Pinion) were taken off notice.

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

HJR1100 (Hackworth) – “Richard Noe Bridge” highway signs on a segment of I-75 in Anderson County.

HB2768 (Hardaway) – As amended, urges TDOT to consider a bridge crossing the Mississippi River at Memphis for the major bridge pilot toll project.

HB3259 (Pinion) – As amended, defines “digital display” and “non-conforming” for billboard regulation, and establishes a permitting process for digital billboards.

The Transportation Committee closed subject to the call of the chair.

Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee

The Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee is closed subject to the call of the chair.

Public Transportation & Highways Subcommittee

The Public Transportation & Highways Subcommittee is closed subject to the call of the chair.

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