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Committee action was all but done this week in the legislature. Each chamber spent almost the entire week on the floor debating bills, with some conference committees sprinkled in between. They have adjourned for the weekend, and will come back next week with plans to finish up by Friday and go on first adjournment. They are then scheduled to come back April 29 for the veto session.

SB 9, allowing for faster project delivery for state educational institutions, passed the House this week. SB 29, the Board of Technical Professions bill to incorporate the model land surveyor's law in Kansas, is awaiting final vote in the House and looks like it will pass comfortably.

SB 119, the Community Improvement District Act, was scheduled for floor debate in the House but was suddenly pulled from the calendar. The rumor is that the bill has become a political chip in a larger negotiation. The Senate got wind of this, however, and amended the language from SB 119 into a House bill they were voting on, which passed. This will ensure that the contents of SB 119 wind up in a conference committee.

HB 2348 (sales tax on professional services) and HB 2372 (requiring professional services be bid instead of using QBS) both remain dormant and are almost certainly dead for the session.

As we reported last week, SB 323 (a new comprehensive transportation plan *with* new funding) seems destined to sit in committee for the 2009 session. HB 2382 (a new comprehensive transportation program *without* new funding), however, looked like it might race to a vote on the floor of the House. This has not happened yet. It sits at the very end of the debate calendar, far below the bills they intend to take up first upon their return. This could change in a heartbeat, but the bill doesn't have the speedy trajectory some thought it would.

The FY 10 budget and the coal fired power plants in Holcomb remain the two largest unresolved issues this session and will certainly dominate the legislature's time when they return next week. Stay tuned.....

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 9 Legislative Educational Planning Committee	State educational institutions; relating to construction improvement projects	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	03/25/2009 - House Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 123, Nays 2
SB 29 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	State Board of Technical Professions; relating to licensure	On Final Action in House	03/25/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended

SB 36 Senate Commerce Committee	Cities and counties; relating to the Transportation Development District Act; special assessments	In Senate Commerce	01/21/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 1/28/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 52 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; relating to special benefit districts therein; relating to costs of improvements	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/22/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 64 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Kansas Water Appropriation Act	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/25/2009 - Senate Concurred; Yeas 40, Nays 0
SB 65 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Eminent domain; relating to water rights	In Senate Natural Resources	01/23/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/29/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 446-N
SB 78 Senate Commerce Committee	Transportation development districts	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/25/2009 - House Final Action: Passed; Yeas 123, Nays 2
H Sub for SB 91 Senate Local Government Committee	Community planning; relating to placement of sexually violent predators; zoning; dealing with vesting of development rights	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	03/25/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be further amended; be passed as amended; Emergenced to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 125, Nays 0
SB 112 Senate Judiciary Committee	Kansas Act Against Discrimination; relating to disability	In Senate Judiciary	02/18/2009 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Judiciary
SB 119 Senate Commerce Committee	Enacting the Community Improvement District Act	Stricken from Calendar	03/24/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar
SB 142 Senate Transportation Committee	Transportation; relating to designation of certain highway segments as safety corridors by the Secretary of Transportation; establishing the traffic safety corridor fund	Killed in Senate	02/19/2009 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be further amended; be passed as amended; Emergenced to Final Action: Not Passed; Yeas 18, Nays 22
SB 165	State water plan fund; relating to	In Senate Ways	02/18/2009 - Senate

Senate Ways and Means Committee	increasing fees that contribute to the fund	and Means	Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/24/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 187 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Enacting the State Fire Marshal Commissioned Inspector Act	Approved by Governor	03/24/2009 Approved by Governor Kathleen Sebelius
SB 229 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Employment; relating to misclassification of employees	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/06/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
H Sub for SB 257 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities; relating to public improvements outside the city limits; relating to annexation	On General Orders in House	03/24/2009 - House Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Local Government
SB 271 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Counties; relating to bidding requirements on certain contracts	In Senate Local Government	02/25/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/3/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 446-N
SB 301 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Land surveys	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/05/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 302 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; relating to intermodal transportation projects, and providing for the financing thereof	In House Transportation	03/24/2009 - House Referred to Transportation
SB 315 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Water; relating to tax exemptions; notification to water rights holders; review of water development projects	In Senate Natural Resources	03/17/2009 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
SB 323 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation program; concerning the financing thereof; creating the Joint Committee on Multimodal Transportation	In Senate Transportation	03/18/2009 - Senate Referred to Transportation
S Sub for Sub for HB 2014 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy; relating to conservation and electric generation, transmission and efficiency and air emissions	In Conference Committee	03/25/2009 - House Adopted Conference Committee Report, agreed to disagree; 2nd Conference Committee appointed: C. Holmes, Knox and Kuether
HB 2015 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy efficiency; relating to standards for certain owned or leased property, equipment or	In House Energy and Utilities	01/15/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/22/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783

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HB 2016 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Utilities; relating to emissions	In House Energy and Utilities	01/15/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/22/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 Docking
Sub for HB 2029 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In Senate Local Government	03/13/2009 - Senate Referred to Local Government
HB 2030 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In House Local Government	01/28/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/5/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 446-N
Sub for HB 2050 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Water; relating to certain fees and disbursement thereof; concerning certain water permits	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/23/2009 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Be passed; Emergencied to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 38, Nays 2
HB 2065 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations	Intensive Groundwater Control Areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/23/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2083 House Local Government Committee	Historic preservation; pertaining to environs review	In House Local Government	02/24/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Local Government
HB 2084 Vincent Wetta, D-80th	Cities; relating to annexation of territory	In Senate Judiciary	03/17/2009 - Senate Referred to Judiciary
HB 2178 House Appropriations Committee	Abolishing the Kansas Turnpike Authority; transferring powers, duties and functions to the Kansas Department of Transportation	In House Transportation	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/12/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2182 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Department of Health and Environment; requiring the Kansas Air Quality Act be consistent and uniform with the Federal Clean Air Act	In House Energy and Utilities	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/5/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2216 House Elections Committee	Contracts with state agencies	In House Elections	02/04/2009 - House Referred to Elections

HB 2222 House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee	State agencies; relating to the collection of licenses, fees, charges, taxes and exactions	In Senate Ways and Means	03/13/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/17/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
HB 2238 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Construction contracts; relating to retention in public and private construction contracts	In House Commerce and Labor	03/11/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Commerce and Labor
HB 2272 House Appropriations Committee	Intensive groundwater use control areas	Stricken from Calendar	03/24/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Be amended; motion to recommend for passage, failed
HB 2273 House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee	State agencies; providing for the development and implementation of a zero-based budget process	In House General Government Budget	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 531-N
HB 2277 House Appropriations Committee	Public works projects for state agencies; prescribing payment of minimum wages for work thereon and preferences for certain employees to work thereon	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
HB 2281 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Employment; relating to misclassification of employees	In House Taxation	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2282 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Water districts; relating to lands annexed by cities	In House Local Government	02/18/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Local Government
HB 2283 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Rural water districts; relating to procedures for release of lands from a district	In Senate Natural Resources	03/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
HB 2284 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Water; relating to rural water districts; concerning transfer of certain property funds and records of such districts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2294 House Appropriations Committee	Minimum wage and maximum hours law	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
HB 2309 House Federal and State Affairs	Appropriation of water	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/09/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources

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HB 2318 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Rural water districts	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/09/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2326 House Taxation Committee	Transportation Development District Act; relating to creation of district; requirements	In House Taxation	02/12/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2348 House Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to the imposition of tax on rendering or furnishing of services; rate of tax	In House Taxation	02/18/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2372 House Appropriations Committee	Contracts with state agencies for certain professional services; relating to competitive bidding procedures	In House Appropriations	03/10/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2382 House Taxation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation program	On General Orders in House	03/20/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Transportation
HB 2392 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Contracts; relating to requests for proposals issued by state agencies	In House Judiciary	03/23/2009 - House Referred to Judiciary