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In a flashback to the 2008 session, coal was the dominant issue this week in the legislature. HB 2014 was debated and passed by the House, 79-44. This bill, in effect, would allow construction of the coal fired power plants in Holcomb that were the subject of so much debate last year. The bill also has a variety of efficiency provisions and requirements. While the bill passed by a wide margin, the million dollar question is whether or not enough “yes” votes can be obtained to override the Governor’s eminent veto. At this point, they are a little short, but House leaders sound confident that the votes will be there. The next step is the Senate, where the bill will be read in and assigned to committee next week.

SB 9 (state construction project delivery) and SB 29 (amendments to land surveying statutes) both continue to cruise through the legislature. SB 29 will have amendments offered at a hearing next week that will remove all of KDOT’s potential concerns. Both bills are gaining momentum.

SB 119, which would allow the creation of “community improvement districts”, has a hearing in House Economic Development next week. This bill passed the Senate 30-10, and it remains to be seen if more conservative House members may have an issue with creating another possible taxation district.

The best news of the week is what did *not* happen. HB 2348 would impose (among other things) taxes on professional services. We have been assured by everyone from the Governor’s office to the leadership of both chambers that this bill is not welcome and will not pass. All the same, we have been working diligently to ensure the bill does not receive a hearing in committee. House Tax Chairman Richard Carlson is no fan of the bill, and has no hearings scheduled at this time.

Committee action over the next three weeks will accelerate aggressively as each chamber tries to get bills to the floor for consideration during the final two weeks of the session. 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	In House Education Budget	02/24/2009 - House Referred to Education Budget
SB 29 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	State Board of Technical Professions; relating to licensure	In House Commerce and Labor	02/26/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/4/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB

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
Provides for the use of the transportation development district tax and allows for the termination of the tax when the project is paid off.			
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	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/20/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
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	In House Taxation	02/10/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
Allows the use of transportation development district tax for projects instead of bonds.			
SB 91 Senate Local Government Committee	Planning and zoning; dealing with vesting of development rights	In House Commerce and Labor	02/13/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
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	In House Economic Development and Tourism	02/25/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/2/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB

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; Emergencied to Final Action: Not Passed; Yeas 18, Nays 22
SB 165 Senate Ways and Means Committee	State water plan fund; relating to increasing fees that contribute to the fund	In Senate Ways and Means	02/18/2009 - Senate 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	In House Federal and State Affairs	02/25/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/4/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 143-N
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
SB 257 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities; relating to public improvements outside the city limits	In Senate Local Government	02/18/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/24/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 446-N
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
Sub for HB 2014 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy; relating to conservation and efficiency; electric generation and transmission and air emissions	On Final Action in House	02/26/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; substitute be passed as amended

HB 2015 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Energy efficiency; relating to standards for certain owned or leased property, equipment or vehicles	In House Energy and Utilities	01/15/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/22/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 Docking
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	On General Orders in House	02/24/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; referred to Committee of the Whole
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	In Senate Natural Resources	02/20/2009 - Senate Referred to Natural Resources
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	On General Orders in House	02/24/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; referred to Committee of the Whole

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	02/25/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
HB 2238 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Construction contracts; relating to retention in public and private construction contracts	In House Appropriations	02/20/2009 - House Withdrawn from Commerce and Labor; referred to Appropriations
HB 2272 House Appropriations Committee	Intensive groundwater use control areas	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/06/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/11/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
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 Appropriations	02/05/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2277 House Appropriations Committee	Public works projects for state agencies; prescribing payment of minimum wages for work thereon and preferences for certain	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor

	employees to work thereon		
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 House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/18/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Agriculture and 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 Committee	Appropriation of water	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/09/2009 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
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	02/25/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/4/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 535-N

<p>HB 2348 House Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Sales taxation; relating to the imposition of tax on rendering or furnishing of services; rate of tax</p>	<p>In House Taxation</p>	<p>02/18/2009 - House Referred to Taxation</p>