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It was a busy week at the Capitol, but not too busy for ACEC issues. The headlines were once again reserved for the debate over the coal fired power plants. S Sub for HB 2014 has a large variety of energy and efficiency components, but it's main punch is to put the framework in place to allow for construction of the coal fired power plants in Holcomb. It passed the Senate this week 31-9. That margin is more than enough to override a veto by the Governor. It now goes to the House, where there is some speculation that the House will simply concur with changes made by the Senate rather than send it to a conference committee for negotiation. If that happened, the bill would go straight to the Governor's desk, where it almost certainly would be vetoed.

SB 9 (methods to accelerate project delivery for the regents) and SB 29 (making state land surveyor laws match the model law), as we have previously reported, seem to have been amended to a point where the objections of all parties have been met. They will be heard Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, in committee and are not expected to draw much concern.

We are very pleased to report that there is still no movement at all on HB 2348, which would impose sales taxes on professional services. ACEC, along with many other stakeholder groups, organized a swift and strong response to this bill when it was introduced, and it looks like it's headed nowhere fast.

There were two new bills of interest this week. SB 301 removes the requirement for counties to have a land surveyor review subdivision plats when they are submitted, and SB 302 creates a revolving fund for intermodal projects. SB 302 will have its first hearing Thursday in Senate Transportation.

The next two weeks will see increasingly frenetic action on the committee level. Committees are being asked to have their work wrapped up by March 20. 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	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/10/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 531-N
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
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	02/27/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/3/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
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	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/12/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 535-N
SB 91 Senate Local Government Committee	Planning and zoning; dealing with vesting of development rights	In House Commerce and Labor	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/10/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
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	On Consent Calendar in House (1st day)	03/05/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed and placed on Consent Calendar by Federal and State Affairs
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	On General Orders in Senate	03/03/2009 - Senate Committee Report: Be passed as amended 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 Senate Transportation	03/05/2009 - Senate Referred to Transportation; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/12/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 136-N
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	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	03/05/2009 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be further amended; substitute be passed as amended; Emergenced to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 31, Nays 9
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	Water; relating to certain fees and disbursement thereof; concerning certain water permits	In Senate Natural Resources	03/05/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/12/2009, 8:30 AM, Rm 446-N

Committee			
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 General Government Budget	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 531-N
HB 2277 House Appropriations	Public works projects for state agencies; prescribing payment of	In House Commerce and	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor

Committee	minimum wages for work thereon and preferences for certain employees to work thereon	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 House Agriculture and Natural Resources	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/9/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
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	02/12/2009 - 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