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The legislature adjourned earlier than expected last week, and will reconvene April 28. The reason for the early adjournment was the chaotic condition of state finances. There is an updated state revenue estimate due in mid-April, and the legislature wants to see those newest and most current numbers before moving forward on a budget for the next fiscal year. Also hanging in the balance is the next state comprehensive transportation plan.

There was late action on the next transportation plan as the Senate Transportation Committee passed HB 2650 with a favorable recommendation. There was significant debate amongst committee members, and it was not a unanimous vote. Several legislators felt the committee should wait for the new revenue numbers and a better idea of what the budget for the next fiscal year looks like before formally endorsing a plan. HB 2650 would issue “Build American Bonds” to the tune of \$300 million, which would finance the program through FY 2012. Starting in FY 2013, car registration fees would increase by \$10 in FY 2013 and another \$10 in FY 2014. Truck registrations would increase by \$50 per year over a two year period for a total increase of \$100. State sales tax would be increased three tenths of a percent starting in FY 2013 and would be deposited directly into the transportation fund. The bill also allows KDOT to issue bonds up to 18% of the Adjusted Total Agency Revenues (ATAR), which is projected to raise \$1.7 billion. The new enhancements total \$2.733 billion, and total funding would be \$8.2 billion over the life of the program. KDOT divides the state into six geographic areas, and the bill would prohibit more than 45% of total funds from being spent in any one of those districts over the course of the program. Each county in the state is guaranteed at least \$6 million in funding.

We will send out a “call to arms” e-mail soon asking members to contact their state elected officials to urge their support of an aggressive transportation plan. It will contain suggested talking points and a way to identify your state legislator if you’re not sure who represents you. Please keep your eyes open for this important message.

Sub for SB 513 has been passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor for signature. This bill would allow hospitals to use alternative delivery processes in construction.

There was also late action on one of the most convoluted policy discussions of the session. Early in the session, the House considered HB 2515, which would have prohibited municipalities from adopting a fire code that requires sprinkler systems in residential construction of less than four units. The House debated this in committee and on the House floor and eventually rejected the bill. The same language was then introduced again in SB 573 on the Senate side. It also failed to pass. In the unique procedural world of the state legislature, this was not enough to settle the debate. The language was added to yet another bill, HB 2472, that was in conference committee. It ended up passing each chamber and is now on its way to the Governor’s desk.

The legislature will come back April 28, and budget committees will be working in the interim to try to get a handle on the FY 2011 budget. There is a stalemate at the Capitol between those who want to fill the nearly \$400 million dollar gap with more cuts and those that want to raise new revenue. There is much debate yet to be had. Stay tuned....

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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
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 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 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 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 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 SB 301 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Land surveys; relating to monumentation of corners and recording of surveys	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/08/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Review and Possible Action: Thursday, 3/11/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
H Sub for SB 302 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	On General Orders in House	03/19/2010 - House Committee Report: Substitute be passed by 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
SB 385 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Fire safety and fire prevention; relating to school buildings	In House Insurance	03/22/2010 - House Referred to Insurance

SB 469 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Civil procedure; relating to remote claim liens on commercial property; establishing the state construction registry	In Senate Judiciary	02/25/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/3/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S; Final Action: Thursday, 3/4/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 498 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Action: Tuesday, 3/30/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 510 Senate Agriculture Committee	Water; relating to the beneficial use of water	In Senate Natural Resources	02/15/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Natural Resources
Sub for SB 513 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Alternative project delivery building construction	Approved by Governor	03/31/2010 Approved by Governor Mark Parkinson
H Sub for Sub for SB 514 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing the Community Defense Act	In Conference Committee	03/30/2010 - Senate Motion to concur; Substitute motion to postpone to day certain, Wednesday, April 28, 2010; Yeas 22, Nays 18
SB 515 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Committee Action: Tuesday, 3/30/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 526 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Department of Administration; concerning competitive bids; preferring bids from within the state	In Senate Ways and Means	02/04/2010 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 530 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to exemptions; repealing all sales tax exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/08/2010 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 537 Senate Judiciary Committee	Liens and claims against real or personal property	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/30/2010 - Senate Adopted Conference Committee Report on Senate bill; Yeas 40, Nays 0
SB 573 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Cities and counties; relating to residential fire protection sprinkler systems	In Senate Local Government	03/12/2010 - Senate Referred to Local Government; Scheduled Hearing, Possible Discussion and Action: Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 144-S

Sub for HB 2029 Special Committee on Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights	Cities; relating to annexation	In Senate Local Government	03/15/2010 - Senate Scheduled Continued Hearing: Tuesday, 3/16/2010, 9:30 AM, Rm 144-S
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
Sub for HB 2238 House Commerce and Labor Committee	Construction contracts; relating to retention in public and private construction contracts	In Senate Judiciary	02/25/2010 - Senate Referred to Judiciary
HB 2272 House Appropriations Committee	Intensive groundwater use control areas	On General Orders in House	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 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 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

Committee			
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
Sub for HB 2403 House Appropriations Committee	Creating the council on efficient government	In House Appropriations	02/16/2010 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; be amended; motion to refer to committee, adopted; rereferred to Appropriations
HB 2442 House Appropriations Committee	Establishing the Kansas Streamlining Government Commission; providing for an independent review of state agencies of the executive branch of state government; prescribing powers, duties and functions for the commission and certain other state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/2/2010, 10:30 AM, Rm 548- S
HB 2444 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Transfer of the Office of State Fire Marshal to the Insurance Department	On General Orders in House	03/18/2010 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Federal and State Affairs
HB 2472 House Local Government Committee	Housing	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/30/2010 - House Adopted Conference Committee Report on House bill; Yeas 112, Nays 7
HB 2493 House Appropriations	Classifications of dams and water obstructions	In House Agriculture and	02/19/2010 - House Designate Subcommittee:

Committee		Natural Resources	Wednesday, 2/24/2010, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2510 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amending the Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Act; relating to temporary vehicle registration	In Senate Transportation	02/24/2010 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/3/2010, 8:30 AM, Rm 152-S
HB 2617 House Transportation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In House Transportation In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Referred separately to Transportation and Taxation
HB 2618 House Transportation Committee	Transportation; providing for a transportation works for Kansas program; relating to the financing thereof	In House Transportation In House Taxation	02/03/2010 - House Referred separately to Transportation and Taxation
S Sub for HB 2650 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Transportation; providing for a Transportation Works for Kansas Program; relating to the financing thereof	On General Orders in Senate	03/30/2010 - Senate Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Transportation
HB 2681 House Appropriations Committee	Establishing the passenger rail service program; providing for powers and duties of the Secretary of Transportation; establishing the passenger rail service revolving fund	In House Transportation	02/10/2010 - House Referred to Transportation
HB 2690 House Appropriations Committee	Department of Administration; concerning competitive bids; preferring bids from within the state	In House General Government Budget	02/12/2010 - House Referred to General Government Budget
HB 2729 House Appropriations Committee	Cities and counties; creating energy management districts	In Senate Utilities	03/19/2010 - Senate Referred to Utilities
HB 2746 House Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to imposition of tax on certain services; exemptions, repealed; rate of taxation; establishing the special sales tax exemption revenue fund	In House Taxation	03/29/2010 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2746 House Taxation Committee	Sales taxation; relating to imposition of tax on certain services; exemptions, repealed; rate of taxation; establishing the special sales tax exemption revenue fund	In House Taxation	03/29/2010 - House Referred to Taxation