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The pace is quickening at the Capitol as they approach several deadlines. The vast majority of committee activity concluded this week. Wednesday is the deadline by which most bills must have passed their chamber of origin in order to be “alive” in the 2011 session. The legislature plans to go on first adjournment by the first of the month, at which point they usually have everything but conference committees and the budget concluded.

The biggest showdown of the week was “tax day” in the House yesterday. They worked several tax bills on General Orders (the last step before the final action vote), but two of those bills were of significant impact. One bill would have eliminated the one cent sales tax increase passed by the 2010 legislature. This would have caused massive harm to the funding of the new ten year transportation plan. That bill was defeated by a wide margin. A much closer vote was held on another proposed tax policy change, which would have basically resulted in future increases in state revenue (at least through some revenue streams) being immediately used to reduce certain tax rates. That bill failed, but the margin was close. First thing this morning, a motion to reconsider the issue was made, and the “second” vote was to pass the bill. The final action vote will be Monday, but it is now likely to pass.

ACEC of Kansas testified in support of a new bill, SB 235. SB 235 is the “Engineering Initiative Act”, and would apply state gaming revenue towards engineering colleges in Kansas. Funding would start at one million dollars and increase in future years. All conferees at the hearing were in support of the measure, and the bill passed the Senate Ways & Means committee with a unanimous vote.

The issue of code requirements for sprinklers in residential units showed another of its nine lives this week. Those of you that have followed the issue will remember it was considered last year, then appeared again this year in HB 2088. That bill had flown through the House but stalled in the Senate Local Government Committee. The contents of HB 2088 have now been amended into House Substitute for SB 101. This is a bill that has already passed the Senate, so if it is now passed by the House, the issue will go to conference committee.

Next week should be almost entirely devoted to action on the floor and a few conference committees. Stay tuned....

Displaying records 1 through 59 of the 59 bills in your tracking list			
Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 3 Legislative Post Audit Committee	Concerning water; establishing the Kansas natural resources subcabinet	In Senate Ways and Means	01/11/2011 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means

SB 70 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Limitation on entitlement to capital improvement state aid	In Senate Education	03/02/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Education: Monday, 3/7/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S; Possible Action: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S
SB 86 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	5 year phase out of capital gains tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/02/2011 - Senate Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
Sub for SB 95 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/09/2011 - Senate Committee Report: Substitute bill reported without recommendation by Assessment and Taxation; Withdrawn from Calendar; referred to Assessment and Taxation; Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
SB 98 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Elimination of certain sales tax exemptions, imposition of sales tax on certain services, provision of sales tax exemption for certain purchases of food, and reduction of sales tax and certain income tax rates	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/04/2011 - Senate Scheduled Staff briefing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S; (cont'd) Wednesday, 3/9/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
H Sub for SB 101 Senate Ethics and Elections Committee	Municipalities; sprinkler systems, residential housing; changes	On General Orders in House	03/16/2011 - House Committee Report recommending substitute bill be passed by Local Government
SB 112 Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Amendments to statutes pertaining to land surveyors	In House Local Government	03/08/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
SB 115 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the highway advisory commission	In House Government Efficiency	03/16/2011 - House Scheduled Possible Action in Government Efficiency: Thursday, 3/17/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 546-S
SB 119 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Rail service improvement program loans and grants	In House Local Government	03/02/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
SB 124 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Concerning the Kansas Water Office; relating to water supply storage access and creating the Lower smoky hill water supply access program	On General Orders in House	03/11/2011 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Agriculture and Natural Resources

SB 140 Senate Commerce Committee	Kansas small and disadvantaged business development program act	In Senate Commerce	02/14/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 8:30 AM, Rm 548-S
SB 171 Anthony Hensley, D- 19th	Reinstatement of prevailing wage for state construction projects	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2011 - Senate Referred to Commerce
SB 180 Senate Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In Senate Local Government	02/16/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/21/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
SB 191 Senate Natural Resources Committee	Amending the water rights conservation program	Introduced in House	03/18/2011 - House Received and introduced
SB 208 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Long-term capital improvement program and facilities plans by public safety state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	02/17/2011 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 220 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the office of the state fire marshal and transferring the duties and functions thereof to the division of facilities management, the Kansas bureau of investigation and the division of emergency management	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/09/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
SB 223 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Public facilities; accessibility standards, disabled persons	On General Orders in Senate	03/16/2011 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Federal and State Affairs
SB 229 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Fee agencies; implementing a 10% transfer for FY2012 then repealing the 20% transfer requirement	On General Orders in Senate	03/16/2011 - Senate Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Ways and Means
SB 232 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Reduction to state income tax rates based on selected actual state general fund receipts computations, and sales tax rates and distribution	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/10/2011 - Senate Referred to Assessment and Taxation
SB 235 Senate Ways and Means Committee	University engineering initiative act	In Senate Ways and Means	03/16/2011 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means; Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Ways and Means: Friday, 3/18/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S

HB 2026 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Kansas immigration accountability act	In House Federal and State Affairs	01/19/2011 - House Referred to Federal and State Affairs
HB 2036 Bill Otto, R-9th	Interpretation of federal statutes; regulations and national codes	In House Judiciary	01/26/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/3/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2065 House Local Government Committee	Cities annexation; deannexation; changes	In House Local Government	02/03/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2072 House Judiciary Committee	Civil procedure, commercial property liens; state construction registry, notice of commencement and notice of furnishings	In House Judiciary	02/03/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 346-S
HB 2084 House Local Government Committee	Consolidation of cities and counties by dual majority vote	In House Local Government	02/03/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2088 House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Municipalities; sprinkler systems, residential housing; changes	In Senate Local Government	02/16/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/22/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2091 Lance Kinzer, R-14th	Decreasing rate of sales and compensating use tax	On General Orders in House	03/17/2011 - House Committee of the Whole: Motion to recommend favorably for passage failed
HB 2096 House Vision 2020 Committee	Providing for a coordinated water data repository system; granting preservation easements; drinking water costs in water plan storage rates	In House Vision 2020 In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	01/27/2011 - House Referred separately to Vision 2020 and Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2109 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating the Kansas dam rehabilitation program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/23/2011 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
HB 2116 House Vision 2020 Committee	Establishing state property tax levy for state water infrastructure maintenance, construction, renovation and acquisition	In House Taxation	01/28/2011 - House Referred to Taxation

HB 2120 House Government Efficiency Committee	Kansas government effectiveness and efficiency commission act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	03/03/2011 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs; Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
HB 2127 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Municipalities; demand coordination by federal government and state government; regulations, policies	In House Local Government	02/09/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
HB 2140 Special Committee on Legislative Streamlining	Repealing certain expired committees, task forces and requests for reports to the legislators	In Senate Ways and Means	02/22/2011 - Senate Referred to Way and Means
HB 2156 Gene Suellentrop, R- 105th	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In House Taxation	02/07/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2160 House Taxation Committee	Establishing the simplified state tax structure committee	In House Taxation	02/23/2011 - House Scheduled Discussion and Possible action: Thursday, 3/3/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2165 House Taxation Committee	Elimination of certain sales tax exemptions, imposition of sales tax on certain services, provision of sales tax exemption for certain purchases of food, and reduction of sales tax and certain income tax rates	In House Taxation	02/07/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2170 House Transportation Committee	Rail service improvement program loans and grants	In House Transportation	02/08/2011 - House Referred to Transportation
HB 2175 House Transportation Committee	Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission	In Conference Committee	03/18/2011 - Senate Acceded; appointed Umbarger, Marshall and Kultala
HB 2183 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	An act concerning environmental protection; relating to the interstate environmental freedom compact	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/10/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2194 House Appropriations Committee	Creating the council on efficient government; requirements concerning state contractors	In Senate KPERS Select	03/17/2011 - Senate Withdrawn from Federal and State Affairs; referred to KPERS Select
HB 2198	School districts; capital	In House	02/09/2011 - House

House Appropriations Committee	improvements fund; limitation on state aid entitlement	Education Budget	Referred to Education Budget
HB 2200 House Education Committee	Concerning school districts; relating to state aid for capital improvements and capital outlay	In Senate Education	03/09/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Education: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 1:30 PM, Rm 152-S
HB 2211 House Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee	Creating a preference for contracts for the performance of any job or service by a disabled veteran business	In House Commerce and Economic Development	02/09/2011 - House Referred to Commerce and Economic Development
HB 2225 House Transportation Committee	Rail service improvement loans and grants	In House Transportation	02/09/2011 - House Referred to Transportation
HB 2239 House Local Government Committee	Providing the district court with the authority to assess damage claims for vacating roads for counties less than 30,000	In House Judiciary	02/10/2011 - House Referred to Judiciary
HB 2256 House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Contracts with small minority businesses	In House Commerce and Economic Development	02/10/2011 - House Referred to Commerce and Economic Development
HB 2272 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Exempting certain minor construction projects from state and federal water regulations	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	02/11/2011 - House Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/17/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
HB 2294 House Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In Senate Local Government	03/09/2011 - Senate Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
HB 2358 House Appropriations Committee	Decreasing sales tax rate and earned income tax credit and food sales tax refund amounts	In House Taxation	02/21/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2368 House Appropriations Committee	Concerning appropriations; deleting the 20% credit to the state general fund	On General Orders in House	03/09/2011 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Appropriations
HB 2369	Implementation of state fire	In House	03/07/2011 - House

House Appropriations Committee	marshal orders by a board of education	Education	Scheduled Hearing in Education: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
HB 2370 House Appropriations Committee	Abolishing the office of the state fire marshal and transferring the duties and functions thereof to the division of facilities management, the Kansas bureau of investigation and the division of emergency management	In House Transportation and Public Safety Budget	03/07/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing in Transportation and Public Safety Budget: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 142-S
HB 2379 House Taxation Committee	Reallocation of assessments after exemption of property and issuance of bonds in community improvement districts	In House Taxation	03/11/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2381 House Taxation Committee	Reduction to state income tax rates based on selected actual state general fund receipts computations, and sales tax rates and distribution	On General Orders in House	03/15/2011 - House Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Taxation
HCR 5005 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Establishing targets for energy development, consumption and costs	In House Energy and Utilities	01/21/2011 - House Referred to Energy and Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/27/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
HCR 5009 Joint Committee on Energy and Environmental Policy	Urging the EPA to develop regulations that minimize adverse impacts	Adopted	03/17/2011 - Senate Final Action: Adopted; Yeas 38, Nays 0
HCR 5013 House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Constitutional amendment to provide revenue, expenditure and taxation limitations on state government	In House Taxation	02/11/2011 - House Referred to Taxation
HR 6008 House Energy and Utilities Committee	Opposing the Environmental Protection Agency's regulatory train wreck	In House Energy and Utilities	03/04/2011 - House Scheduled Hearing (cont'd) in Energy and Utilities: Tuesday, 3/8/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
Sub for HR 6009 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	A resolution to change the language of conservation easement assignments from "perpetuity" to "life of the project."	Adopted	03/10/2011 - House Committee of the Whole: Committee Report recommending substitute bill be adopted; substitute be adopted; Emergenced to Final Action: Adopted; Yeas 117, Nays 0