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The House and Senate wrapped up major floor work this week on Wednesday. They decided to take Thursday and Friday off, and will come back Monday to begin a solid week of conference committees and floor votes. Next week is the last week of the regular session. They will then take several weeks off and come back the last Wednesday in April for “veto session,” which is where final budget and tax decisions are almost always made.

The House passed their version of the budget Monday by a vote of 87-36. The Senate passed their version 39-1 on Wednesday. Those competing versions will go to conference committee to be worked out.

The Senate also passed its tax bill this week, 29-11. It included many aspects of Governor Brownback’s original proposal. The House, late last Friday, passed its tax plan (SB 177, which we have reported on previously) 68-56. The Senate plan fully funds T-Works, while the House plan ended up taking \$29 million from T-Works to fund K-12 education. The tax bills will also head to conference committee.

We were very disappointed to see the amendment in the House cutting \$29 million from T-Works pass, and even more disappointed to see it pass with only one “no” vote. Rest assured, *this is not the last* effort that will be made to take money away from T-Works. Please continue to communicate with your state legislators about the importance of this program and how critical it is not to tamper with the amount *or the timing and structure* of the plan.

Next week will see a large volume of conference committees, but it is doubtful that budget and tax issues will be finalized until they come back for the veto session. Overhanging the entire discussion is redistricting, which has turned into a very hot potato that will impact all other issues.

Stay tuned.....

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
<a href="#">SB 3</a> Legislative Post Audit Committee	Concerning water; establishing the Kansas natural resources subcabinet	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>01/11/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 70</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Limitation on entitlement to capital improvement state aid	In Senate Education	<b>03/02/2011 - Senate</b> 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

<a href="#">SB 86</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	5 year phase out of capital gains tax	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/02/2011 - Senate</b> Withdrawn from Ways and Means; rereferred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">Sub for SB 95</a> Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/09/2011 - Senate</b> 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
<a href="#">SB 98</a> 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	<b>03/04/2011 - Senate</b> 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
<a href="#">H Sub for SB 177</a> Senate Utilities Committee	Taxation; income and privilege tax rates; income tax deductions and credits and income determination; distribution of sales and use tax revenue; and severance tax exemptions	Nonconcurrent in Senate	<b>03/21/2012 - Senate</b> Nonconcurrent; Conference Committee requested; appointed Donovan, Apple and Holland
<a href="#">SB 208</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Long-term capital improvement program and facilities plans by public safety state agencies	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/17/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SB 220</a> 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	<b>03/09/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">SB 223</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Public facilities; accessibility standards, disabled persons	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/19/2012 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Monday, 1/23/2012, 1:30 PM, Rm 346-S

<a href="#">SB 232</a> 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	<b>03/10/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Assessment and Taxation
<a href="#">SB 235</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	University engineering initiative act	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/16/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means; Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Ways and Means: Friday, 3/18/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 301</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Board of Technical Professions; terms of members	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	<b>03/21/2012 - House</b> Committee of the Whole: Committee Report be adopted; be passed as amended; Emergenced to Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 118, Nays 4
<a href="#">SB 310</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Establishing local enhanced management areas	Pending enrollment	<b>03/20/2012 - Senate</b> Concurred; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">SB 312</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Sales and compensating use tax; rate of taxation and distribution of revenues	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>02/15/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Thursday, 2/16/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
<a href="#">SB 342</a> Senate Transportation Committee	Establishing a safety corridor program	In House Transportation	<b>03/01/2012 - House</b> Referred to Transportation
<a href="#">SB 375</a> Senate Natural Resources Committee	Adding a new exemption for solid waste permit	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>03/06/2012 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Agriculture and Natural Resources: Thursday, 3/8/2012, 9:00 AM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">SB 387</a> Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee	Qualifications of the state fire marshal	On General Orders in House	<b>03/16/2012 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Federal and State Affairs

<a href="#">SB 396</a> Senate Judiciary Committee	Lateral support of land and buildings; protections for party walls	In Senate Judiciary	<b>03/07/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing and Possible Action in Judiciary: Wednesday, 3/14/2012, 9:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 405</a> Ralph Ostmeyer, R-40th	Existing private wastewater systems	On General Orders in Senate	<b>03/19/2012 - Senate</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Natural Resources
<a href="#">SB 430</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Income tax rates, adjustments, procedure and requirements; eliminate refund ability of income tax credits; presumptions relating to nexus for sales tax purposes; and severance tax exemptions	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	<b>03/07/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Assessment and Taxation: Tuesday, 3/13/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 152-S
<a href="#">SB 435</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Establishing a conservation reserve enhancement program (CREP)	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/02/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Possible Final Action in Ways and Means: Tuesday, 3/6/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">SB 456</a> Senate Ways and Means Committee	Creating the municipality infrastructure improvement program	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/08/2012 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">SCR 1611</a> Vicki Schmidt, R-20th	Constitutional amendment; creating a contingency reserve fund in the state treasury; annual transfers; withdrawals only under certain circumstances	On General Orders in Senate	<b>02/21/2012 - Senate</b> Committee Report recommending resolution be adopted by Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 2026</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Kansas immigration accountability act	In House Federal and State Affairs	<b>01/19/2011 - House</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2084</a> House Local Government Committee	Consolidation of cities and counties by dual majority vote	In House Local Government	<b>03/08/2012 - House</b> Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Local Government

<a href="#">HB 2088</a> House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Municipalities; sprinkler systems, residential housing; changes	In Senate Local Government	<b>02/16/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/22/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2109</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Creating the Kansas dam rehabilitation program	In House Agriculture and Natural Resources	<b>02/23/2011 - House</b> Withdrawn from Appropriations; rereferred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
<a href="#">HB 2116</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Establishing state property tax levy for state water infrastructure maintenance, construction, renovation and acquisition	In House Taxation	<b>01/28/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2120</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	Kansas government effectiveness and efficiency commission act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	<b>03/03/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Federal and State Affairs; Scheduled Hearing in Federal and State Affairs: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 10:30 AM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HB 2127</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Municipalities; demand coordination by federal government and state government; regulations, policies	In House Local Government	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/15/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HB 2140</a> Special Committee on Legislative Streamlining	Repealing certain expired committees, task forces and requests for reports to the legislators	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>02/22/2011 - Senate</b> Referred to Way and Means
<a href="#">S Sub for HB 2149</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	University Engineering Initiative Act	In House Appropriations	<b>04/27/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing (cont'd) and Possible Action in Appropriations: Thursday, 4/28/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 346-S
<a href="#">HB 2156</a> Gene Suellentrop, R-105th	Five-year phase out of income tax on corporations	In House Taxation	<b>02/07/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2160</a> House Taxation	Establishing the simplified state tax structure committee	In House Taxation	<b>02/23/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Discussion and Possible

Committee			action: Thursday, 3/3/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2165</a> 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	<b>02/07/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2175</a> House Transportation Committee	Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission	In Conference Committee	<b>05/12/2011</b> Scheduled Meeting in Conference Committee: Thursday, 5/12/2011, 1st recess of 2nd chamber, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2198</a> House Appropriations Committee	School districts; capital improvements fund; limitation on state aid entitlement	In House Education Budget	<b>02/09/2011 - House</b> Referred to Education Budget
<a href="#">S Sub for HB 2200</a> House Education Committee	School finance; amendment to base state aid per pupil; increasing state prescribed percentage for local option budget	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	<b>03/21/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 31, Nays 9
<a href="#">HB 2294</a> House Local Government Committee	Annexation procedures; deannexation; board of county commissioners duties; election required, when; homestead exemption; appeal process	In Senate Local Government	<b>03/09/2011 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 3/15/2011, 9:30 AM, Rm 159-S
<a href="#">HB 2358</a> House Appropriations Committee	Decreasing sales tax rate and earned income tax credit and food sales tax refund amounts	In House Taxation	<b>02/21/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2369</a> House Appropriations Committee	Implementation of state fire marshal orders by a board of education	In House Education	<b>03/07/2011 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Education: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 784 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2370</a>	Abolishing the office of the state fire	In House Transportation	<b>03/07/2011 - House</b>

House Appropriations Committee	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	and Public Safety Budget	Scheduled Hearing in Transportation and Public Safety Budget: Thursday, 3/10/2011, 3:30 PM, Rm 142-S
<a href="#">HB 2379</a> House Taxation Committee	Reallocation of assessments after exemption of property and issuance of bonds in community improvement districts	In House Taxation	<b>03/11/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2381</a> 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	<b>03/15/2011 - House</b> Committee Report recommending bill be passed by Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2429</a> Legislative Educational Planning Committee	Removal of expiration date for the State Educational Institution Project Delivery Construction Procurement Act	Pending enrollment	<b>03/15/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2442</a> House Social Services Budget Committee	Relating to employment of disabled individuals and competitive bids for state contracts	On General Orders in House	<b>03/19/2012 - House</b> Withdrawn from Calendar; rereferred to Appropriations; Committee Report recommending bill be passed as amended by Appropriations
<a href="#">Sub for HB 2455</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Motor fuel tax; long-term feasibility study	Pending enrollment	<b>03/21/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 34, Nays 6
<a href="#">HB 2472</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Rural water districts; definitions	Pending enrollment	<b>03/15/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2515</a> House Commerce and Economic Development Committee	Competitive Bid Protection Act	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/07/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Ways and Means: Tuesday, 3/13/2012, 10:30 AM, Rm 548-S

<a href="#">HB 2516</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Allowing a water bank charter to become permanent	Nonconcurrent in House	<b>03/21/2012 - House</b> Nonconcurrent; Conference Committee requested; appointed Powell, Kerschen and Williams
<a href="#">HB 2517</a> House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Making the water transition assistance program permanent	Nonconcurrent in House	<b>03/21/2012 - House</b> Nonconcurrent; Conference Committee requested; appointed Powell, Kerschen and Williams
<a href="#">HB 2628</a> House Taxation Committee	Reducing sales tax rate to 5.3% commencing July 1, 2012	In House Taxation	<b>02/06/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2649</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	Repeal of certain water statutes	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	<b>03/20/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2667</a> House Taxation Committee	Comprehensive plan for reduction of sales tax rate and income tax rates, elimination of certain sales tax exemptions, imposition of sales tax on certain services and provision of sales tax exemption for certain purchases of food	In House Taxation	<b>02/09/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2685</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Allowing eligible water right holders to create reservoir improvement districts	Pending motion to concur or nonconcur	<b>03/20/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed as amended; Yeas 36, Nays 3
<a href="#">HB 2687</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	State Building Advisory Commission, reports and recommendations on state capital improvement budget estimates	Pending enrollment	<b>03/20/2012 - Senate</b> Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
<a href="#">HB 2692</a> House Vision 2020 Committee	Distribution of sales and use tax revenue; funding streams to the state water plan fund	In House Taxation	<b>02/09/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation
<a href="#">HB 2705</a> House Government Efficiency Committee	State building construction, monthly progress reports on capital improvement projects by secretary of administration	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/01/2012 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means



<a href="#">HB 2708</a> House Appropriations Committee	Renewable energy resources	In Senate Utilities	<b>02/29/2012 - Senate</b> Scheduled Hearing in Utilities: Wednesday, 3/7/2012, 1:30 PM, Rm 548-S
<a href="#">HB 2747</a> House Taxation Committee	Taxation, rate reduction for income and privilege tax based state general fund receipts computations; income tax, deductions, credits and income determination; distribution of sales and use tax revenue; severance tax exemption; and rural opportunity zones	In House Taxation	<b>02/15/2012 - House</b> Referred to Taxation; Scheduled Hearing in Taxation: Wednesday, 2/15/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB; Continued - Thursday, 2/16/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2755</a> House Appropriations Committee	Allowing the Kansas fairgrounds foundation to construct a building on the state fairgrounds, using private moneys; requires state fair board approval	In Senate Ways and Means	<b>03/16/2012 - Senate</b> Referred to Ways and Means
<a href="#">HB 2763</a> House Taxation Committee	Enacting the Kansas Economic Freedom Act of 2014	In House Taxation	<b>03/07/2012 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing (Pro) in Taxation: Wednesday, 3/14/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB; Scheduled Hearing (Opp) in Taxation: Thursday, 3/15/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 783 DSOB
<a href="#">HB 2776</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	State Fire Marshal; prohibit adoption of certain fire codes	In House Local Government	<b>03/12/2012 - House</b> Scheduled Hearing in Local Government: Tuesday, 3/13/2012, 3:30 PM, Rm 144-S
<a href="#">HCR 5005</a> House Energy and Utilities Committee	Establishing targets for energy development, consumption and costs	In House Energy and Utilities	<b>01/21/2011 - House</b> Referred to Energy and Utilities; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/27/2011, 9:00 AM, Rm 785 DSOB
<a href="#">HCR 5013</a> House Federal and State Affairs Committee	Constitutional amendment to provide revenue, expenditure and taxation limitations on state government	In House Taxation	<b>02/11/2011 - House</b> Referred to Taxation