

Bills of Interest to Municipalities Introduced This Session

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House

Workers Comp - Firefighters - HB1 by Rep. Laird: To amend Section 25-5-50 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to volunteer fire departments and volunteer rescue squads, or combination departments; to provide for the regulation by the Commissioner of Insurance of the maximum annual payroll per fire fighter or rescue squad member for the purpose of workers' compensation rates. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Texting Ban – HB2 by Rep. McClendon: This bill would prohibit a person from operating a motor vehicle while text messaging; would provide penalties; and would provide exceptions. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Background Checks – HB3 by Rep. Wren: This bill provides for the members of the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission and the operation of the commission and center, including the providing of information relating to homeland security. The bill would authorize the commission to charge fees for information related to noncriminal background checks, establish the crime of misuse of ACJIC information, authorize the commission to establish the Alabama Statistical Analysis Center and authorize research and development. The bill would also ratify and provide for the implementation of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Act relating to the authorized interstate exchange of criminal information for noncriminal purposes and would authorize any licensing agency or board to require a criminal background check as a part of its licensing requirements. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Occupational Diseases - HB5 by Rep. Jones: To provide death and disability benefits due to certain occupational diseases for firefighters employed by the state; and to provide that the state must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the condition was caused by some means other than the occupation to disqualify the firefighter from benefits. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Mandatory School Attendance Age - HB6 by Rep. Merrill: To amend Section 16-28-3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to mandatory school attendance, to decrease the minimum age of children required to attend public school from seven to six years of age. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

E911 – HB7 by Rep. Millican: This bill would create a statewide E-911 Board to replace the existing Commercial Mobile Radio Service Board. This bill would provide that the board would establish and collect a single statewide emergency telephone service charge to be paid into an E-911 Fund replacing all other existing wireline and wireless E-911 charges. This bill would provide new procedures for the collection of the emergency service charge from prepaid wireless consumers at the point of sale. This bill would provide for distribution to local communications districts and commercial mobile radio service providers. This bill would provide guidelines for commercial mobile radio service providers to receive reimbursement for the costs associated with implementing Phase II enhanced E-911 compliance and for other expenses related to providing E-911 service. This bill would create a Permanent Oversight Commission on 911 and would provide for the duties of the commission. COMMITTEE ON BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

Cigarette Tax Increase – HB9 by Rep. Hubbard: This bill would increase the tax on cigarettes from \$.42.5 a pack to \$1.42.5 a pack. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Line of Duty Deaths - HB11 by Representative Wallace: Providing a surviving spouse of a peace officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter who is killed in the line of duty or dies as a result of an injury received in the line of duty to continue to be covered under the State Employees' Health Insurance Board plan and the cost shall be paid from the State Treasury. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

False Information – HB17 by Sen. Galliher: This bill allows a public servant to request the removal of a false instrument

that has been filed against the public servant and to have the request expedited by a circuit court. This bill also establishes the crime of falsely removing a recording and would provide penalties. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Metal Recyclers - HB18 By Representative Vance: Relating to secondary metals recyclers; to amend Sections 13A-8-31, 13A-8-35, and 13A-8-37, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide further for the information that must be maintained by the secondary metals recycler; to require notification to law enforcement of the business location and to authorize inspection by law enforcement; to limit certain purchases by a secondary metals recycler; to require purchases of metal be paid by check; to prohibit purchases from persons under a certain age; to provide criminal penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Classes 1 to 5 – Entertainment Districts – HB20 by Rep. Buskey: To create a new category for existing alcoholic beverage retail licenses, to be designated as entertainment district. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Increase in Cigarette Tax – HB27 by Rep. Todd: This bill would increase the tax on cigarettes from \$.42.5 a pack to \$.75 a pack and provide for its distribution. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Prisoner Escapes – HB31 by Rep. Beckman: Existing law provides for notification of the Governor when an inmate escapes from the custody of the Department of Corrections. This bill would require the notification of other state and local agencies and the news media when an inmate escapes. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Immigration – Additional ID – HB38 by Rep. Clouse: To amend Section 30 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 31-13-29, Code of Alabama 1975, to add a United States Uniformed Services Privilege and Identification Card to the list of acceptable documentation in order to be eligible to enter into a business transaction with the state or a political subdivision. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Sales Tax Exemption – Aircraft – HB39 by Rep. Lee: To amend Section 40-23-4, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to sales tax exemptions, to exempt any parts, components, and systems used in the conversion, reconfiguration, or maintenance of an aircraft certified as a transport category airplane; and providing that the exemption shall not apply to a local sales tax unless exempted by local law or the adoption of a resolution by the local governing body. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Mandatory School Attendance Age - HB42 by Rep. Merrill: To amend Sections 16-28-3 and 16-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to mandatory school attendance, to decrease the minimum age of children required to attend public school from seven to six years of age; to change the date on which age is calculated for school attendance from September 1 to August 1; to delete certain expired temporary provisions. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

Elections – Voting Proximity – HB44 by Rep. Williams (J): To amend Sections 11-46-28 and 17-9-50, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to proximity of persons other than voters and election officials to polling places, to increase the prohibited distance to 150 feet. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

CA - Sales Tax Food Exemption - HB45By Rep. Knight: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal Amendment 225 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 211.04 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; and to exempt sales of food and over-the-counter drugs from state sales tax. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Class 1 - Mayor Term Limits - HB49 By Rep. Givan: Relating to any Class 1 municipality; to amend Section 11-46-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide a term limit for the mayor. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

FEDERAL FOOD STAMPS – HB53 by Rep. England: Relating to eligibility for assistance under the federal temporary assistance for needy families program and the federal food stamp program for persons convicted of a drug related felony; to provide eligibility under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Ad Valorem Reappraisals – HB55 by Rep. Greeson: To amend Section 40-7-60, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the reappraisal of property in Alabama, to provide Class II and Class III real property in Alabama would not be subject to reappraisal less than every four years. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Elections – Voter Registration – HB56 by Rep. Long: To amend Section 17-3-50, Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the time period during which a board of registrars is prohibited from registering any person as a qualified elector from 10 to 17 days before an election. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Tobacco Filing Fee - HB61 by Rep. Harper: To amend Section 28-11-7 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to tobacco permits; to require a one-time nonrefundable filing fee for each permit; and an annual license fee. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Alcohol License Fees - HB62 by Rep. Hill: To amend Section 28-3A-19.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the international motor speedway license fee; to increase the fee; and to amend Section 28-3A-21 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to fees for licenses issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; to increase the fees. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Alcohol License Fee Increase - HB63 By Representative Vance: Relating to alcoholic beverages; to amend Section 28-3A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the fee to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Alcohol License Renewals - HB64 by Rep. Vance: Relating to alcoholic beverages, to amend Section 28-3A-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for annual license renewal date and increased penalty for failure to renew. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Execution of Public Works Contracts – HB71 by Rep. Roberts: To amend Section 39-2-12 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to timely execution of public works contracts; to prohibit an awarding authority from contractually increasing the time for payment for completing work beyond 30 days; to provide for interest of one percent per month to be added on any dollar amount approved and unpaid for each month; to require certification and proof of certification of the availability of funds by the awarding authority to pay contractors for the work under the contract; to provide that a contractor that is not paid should be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and reasonable expenses in connection with the nonpayment; to amend Section 41-16-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to timely execution and payment of state contractors; to prohibit the state from contractually increasing the time for payment for completing work beyond 30 days; to provide for interest of one percent per month to be added on any dollar amount approved and unpaid for each month; to require certification and proof of certification of the availability of funds by the state to pay contractors for the work under the contract; and to provide that a contractor, subcontractor, or sub-subcontractor that is not paid should be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and reasonable expenses in connection with the nonpayment. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Unemployment Compensation – Fraud – HB72 By Rep. DeMarco: To amend Section 25-4-145 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to penalties on fraudulent misrepresentation claims for unemployment compensation; to further provide for penalties; and to assess interest on unpaid fraudulent overpayment balances. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Extraterritorial Subdivision Control – HB74 by Rep. McMillan: To amend Sections 11-52-1, 11-52-30, 11-52-31, 11-52-32, and 11-52-33, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the county commission to be responsible for the development of subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipal planning commission if the county has adopted subdivision regulations unless an agreement is executed between the county, the municipal planning commission, and the municipality to provide for the municipal planning commission to be responsible for subdivision development or unless the municipality and the municipal planning commission under certain conditions specifically vote to override the county's exercise of jurisdiction; to provide that when the municipal planning commission is responsible for the development of subdivisions, the county engineer would certify the plats and maps for filing once approved by the municipal planning commission; and to repeal Sections 11-24-5 and 11-52-36, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Roadside Utility Vehicles – HB76 by Rep. McCutcheon: Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 32-5A-58.2 of the

Code of Alabama 1975, the Alabama Move Over Act, to include utility services vehicles in the type of vehicles on the roadside which the driver of another motor vehicle is required to move over or slow down when approaching.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Records Expungement – HB77 by Rep. England: To authorize a person to petition a court to have the record of certain felony or misdemeanor offenses, a violation, or traffic violations expunged in certain instances. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Private Investigator Board Created – HB80 by Rep. McClendon: Relating to the regulation and the licensure of private investigators unless licensed by this act; to create the Alabama Private Investigation Board to regulate and license private investigators; to provide for the membership, terms, filling of vacancies, powers, including discipline powers, and duties of the commission; to provide for application and licensure of private investigators; and to provide penalties. COMMITTEE ON BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

FEDERAL FOOD STAMPS – HB85 by Rep. England: Relating to eligibility for assistance under the federal temporary assistance for needy families program and the federal food stamp program for persons convicted of a drug related felony; to provide eligibility under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Court Filing Tax – HB86 by Rep. Beckman: To amend Section 12-19-49 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to impose a tax on court filing fees as costs. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Abandoned Motor Vehicles – HB87 by Rep. McClendon: To amend Sections 32-13-1 and 32-13-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to abandoned motor vehicles, to further define an abandoned motor vehicle and to specify when a law enforcement officer may have a motor vehicle towed if the driver has been arrested or is injured or the motor vehicle otherwise needs to be removed from a public street or highway. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

E911 – HB89 by Rep. Millican: Relating to E-911 services, to amend Sections 11-98-1, 11-98-2, 11-98-4, 11-98-5, 11-98-6, 11-98-7, and 11-98-9, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Sections 11-98-4.1, 11-98-5.2, 11-98-5.3, 11-98-13, 11-98-13.1, and 11-98-14 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to create a single, statewide emergency service charge applicable to all voice services provided within the state; to create a statewide 911 Board, which shall replace and supersede the existing Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Board and which would be responsible for establishing and collecting an emergency telephone service charge; to distribute the funds collected from the service charge to communications districts and CMRS providers; to establish a Permanent Oversight Commission and to provide for the membership and duties of the commission; and to repeal Sections 11-98-5.1, 11-98-7.1, and 11-98-8, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

Metal Recyclers - HB90 by Rep. Greer: Relating to secondary metals recyclers; to add Section 13A-8-30.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize a permitting process for secondary metals recyclers and sellers of nonferrous metals; to provide for criminal penalties for transporting, selling, or purchasing nonferrous metals without a permit; to restrict business hours of secondary metals recyclers and to require certain notification; to amend Section 13A-8-31, Code of Alabama 1975, to require secondary metals recyclers to maintain additional records relating to the purchase of ferrous and nonferrous metals; to limit cash payments for metal property to certain time frames; to amend Section 13A-8-37, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for criminal penalties for transporting, selling, or purchasing nonferrous metals without a permit; to provide criminal penalties for obtaining a permit for the purpose of transporting or selling stolen nonferrous metals; to provide criminal penalties for cutting, mutilating, defacing, or otherwise injuring real or personal property for the purpose of obtaining nonferrous metals. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Alcohol Employment Prohibition Deleted - HB101 by Rep. Jones: To amend Section 28-3A-25, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to unlawful acts and offenses under the alcoholic beverage licensing code, to delete the prohibition against any licensee of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, or the servant, agent, or employee of a licensee, from being employed by any other licensee engaged in the manufacture, storage, transportation, or sale of alcoholic beverages. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

One Call – HB93 by Rep. Johnson (R): To amend Section 37-15-5 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the "One-Call Notification System" established for the purpose of receiving notifications by persons conducting excavations or

demolitions on or near certain property where underground facilities may be located, to provide that underground facility operators who elect to conduct an in-house program to receive notifications in lieu of participating in the one-call notification system would be responsible under certain conditions for damages to its underground facilities.
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Impersonation of a Public Servant – HB99 by Rep. Wood: Relating to crimes and offenses; to add Section 13A-10-132 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to make it a crime to impersonate a public servant or a peace officer in connection with sham legal process; to make it a crime to falsely assert the authority of state law in connection with sham legal process; to make it a crime to act, without authority, as a judge, magistrate, hearing officer, or any other authority with the authority to adjudicate the rights or interests of another, or to sign a document in this capacity as if it were authorized by state law; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Worker Compensation - Alcohol Usage - HB104 by Rep. DeMarco: To amend Section 25-5-51, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to workers' compensation, to provide that neither compensation nor medical benefits would be awarded to an employee or his or her estate if the employee's injury or death was the result of an impairment or intoxication caused by alcoholic consumption or drug use by an employee. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Alabama Tax Appeals Commission Creation – HB105 by Rep. DeMarco: To add Chapter 2B to Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the creation and operation of the Alabama Tax Appeals Commission, to state that the intent of this act is to adopt in large part the American Bar Association Model State Administrative Tax Tribunal Act; to hear appeals of tax and other matters administered by the Department of Revenue, and certain taxes levied by or on behalf of self-administered counties or municipalities that do not opt-out; to provide the necessary funding for the first year of operations of the Tax Appeals Commission; to amend Sections 40-2A-3, 40-2A-4, 40-2A-5, 40-2A-7, 40-2A-8, 40-2A-11, and 40-18-27, Code of Alabama 1975, for purposes of conformity to the federal Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, including broader "innocent spouse" type relief and increased penalties for negligence, fraud, and frivolous appeals or returns; to make technical corrections; to require amended state income tax returns as a result of IRS audit changes; to increase the amount of time a taxpayer has to file an appeal of a preliminary or final assessment; and to abolish the Administrative Law Division of the Department of Revenue, including repealing Section 40-2A-9, Code of Alabama 1975.
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Immigration – Repeal – HB106 by Rep. Todd: To repeal Act 2011-535, HB56, of the 2011 Regular Session, the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, providing for the enforcement of immigration law in this state and providing criminal penalties for violations. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Cigarette Tax Increase – HB107 by Rep. Todd: This bill would increase the tax on cigarettes from \$.42.5 a pack to \$1.42.5 a pack. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Increase – HB109 by Rep. Todd: To amend Sections 40-23-101, 40-23-102, and 40-23-108 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide further for sales and use taxes on automobiles, motorboats, truck trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers; and to provide for the distribution of the revenue from the taxes. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Alabama Affordable Housing Act – HB110 by Rep. Todd: To establish the Alabama Affordable Housing Act, the Alabama Housing Trust Fund, and the Alabama Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee to increase availability of housing opportunities for individuals and families with incomes at or below 60 percent of the median family income; and to provide for advisory committee members and their duties. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Road Contractor Liability – HB115 by Rep. Long: To provide that the responsibility and liability of any contractor or subcontractor, including its officers, directors, agents, and employees, who performs highway, road, or street repairs, construction or maintenance work for any injuries resulting from the condition of any highways, roads, or streets, which are constructed, repaired, or maintained for or on behalf of the state, county, or local government shall cease and be immediately terminated upon the acceptance by the Alabama Department of Transportation, such county, or such local government of such highway, road, or street project as being in substantial compliance with the contract documents,

plans, and specifications governing the project. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Assault on School Property - HB119 by Rep. Coleman: To amend Section 13A-6-22 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to assault in the third degree; to further provide for assault in the third degree if the assault is committed by a person 21 years of age or older against a person who is less than 18 years of age on school property; to provide penalties. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

Unemployment Benefits for Military Spouses – HB121 by Rep. Wren: To amend Section 25-4-78, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to unemployment benefits, to allow spouses of active duty members of the military who receive change of station orders, activation orders, or unit deployment orders to receive unemployment benefits if they voluntarily quit working in order to relocate. COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Carrying Firearms - HB132 by Rep. Greeson: To amend Sections 13A-11-7, 13A-11-73, 13A-11-74, and 13A-11-75, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that lawfully carrying a firearm does not, in and of itself, constitute disorderly conduct; to authorize a person to carry a pistol in his or her vehicle without a concealed pistol permit; and to revise certain procedures related to the licensing process; to repeal Sections 13A-11-52 and 13A-11-59, Code of Alabama 1975, to repeal prohibitions against carrying a concealed pistol on another's property and at a public demonstration. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Concealed Weapons - HB138 by Rep. McCutcheon: To amend Section 13A-11-50, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to concealed weapons; to increase the penalties for carrying a concealed weapon. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Religious Instruction – HB133 by Rep. Galliher: Relating to courses of study in public schools; to provide legislative intent; and to authorize local boards of education to include released time religious instruction as an elective course for purposes of satisfying certain curriculum requirements for high school students. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

Ethics – Filing Threshold – HB136 by Rep. McCutcheon: To amend Section 36-25-1, as amended by Act 2010-764 of the 2010 First Special Session and Section 36-25-14, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to ethics; to increase the threshold for filing a statement of economic interests and allow the commission to adjust the amount pursuant to the cost-of-living index and exempt employees who do not have the authority to expend public funds; and to provide that a public employee who is not required to file a statement of economic interests would be exempt from the gift exception in the ethics law. COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Mandatory School Attendance Age – HB141 by Rep. Coleman: To amend Section 16-28-3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to mandatory school attendance age; to increase the maximum age of children required to attend public school from 17 to 18 years or graduation from high school, whichever is earlier, or the equivalent; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

Class 1 to 5 – Cultural District Sales Tax Exemption – HB142 by Rep. Collins: Relating to Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, and Class 5 municipalities; to provide a sales tax exemption in a cultural district and to authorize the Alabama State Council on the Arts to develop criterion for the establishment of the district. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Gun Show Licenses - HB143 by Rep. Collins: To amend Section 40-12-143 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the levy of business license taxes on persons participating in gun shows; to provide that the business license tax would be levied on the organizer of the show and not on each participant as long as the organizer has obtained all of the required licenses; to require the organizer to purchase the license for each show and no half year license would be issued; to require that the show could not last for more than one week; and to require that the organizer and participants would remain subject to all federal, state, and local regulations. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Tax Abatements to Coal Industries – HB144 by Rep. Roberts: To amend Sections 40-9B-3 and 40-18-190, Code of Alabama 1975; to expand existing tax incentives to investments by companies primarily engaged in the coal mining industry. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Alabama Sales, Use, and Lease Tax Simplification Task Force – HB153 by Rep. Williams (J): To create the Alabama Sales, Use, and Lease Tax Simplification Task Force, to study the issue of streamlining and simplifying the administration and remittance of sales, use, and lease taxes; and to provide for its membership and purposes. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Tax Abatement for Data Processing Centers – HB154 by Rep. Williams (D): To amend Sections 40-9B-3, 40-9B-4, 40-18-190, and 40-18-193, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow the governing body of a municipality, county, or a public industrial authority to grant abatements of certain ad valorem taxes and construction related transaction taxes to private users of data processing centers for a period of up to thirty years and reduce the corresponding employment thresholds, provided that certain minimum capital investment requirements are met. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

CA - Job incentives - HB159 by Rep. Mask: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to authorize an incentive program which the state may use for the purpose of creating and retaining jobs and promoting economic and industrial development in the state. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Income Tax Retainage - HB160 by Rep. Mask: To provide legislative findings; to provide definitions; to allow Alabama companies which undertake certain qualifying projects to retain a percentage of state income taxes withheld from eligible employees. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Class 3 – Housing Authority Eminent Domain – HB168 by Rep. Ball: To amend Section 24-1-28, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to municipal public housing authorities; to restrict public housing authorities in certain Class 3 municipalities from exercising the power of eminent domain except with approval of the governing body of the municipality; to authorize a municipal public housing authority in certain Class 3 municipalities to purchase property only for public housing purposes and after notice to certain property owners; and to provide for the manner in which notice shall be given. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Ad Valorem Homestead Exemption Increase - HB179 by Rep. Clouse: To amend Section 6-10-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to homestead exemption, to increase the homestead exemption for protection against confiscation of a homestead for debts to \$20,000 for a married couple and \$10,000 for an individual. COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

Jefferson County Occupation Tax - HB184 by Representative Newton (D): Relating to Jefferson County; to authorize the levy of occupational taxes in Jefferson County except upon those natural persons otherwise required by law to pay tax pursuant to certain provisions of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975 and to permit the levy of such occupational tax on natural persons required to pay a tax pursuant to certain professional licensing sections of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975, if certain conditions are met; to provide for the manner and method of levy and the maximum rates at which such taxes may be levied on the gross receipts of natural persons subject to the tax so authorized; to provide for the payment of penalties, interest and costs of collection in respect of delinquent or late payments of the taxes; to provide for the distribution to the general fund of the County of the revenues received from the taxes; to provide that if any provision of the act shall be finally determined invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction the remainder thereof shall remain effective; and to provide for an effective date. COMMITTEE ON JEFFERSON COUNTY LEGISLATION

Fire Department Tax Exemption - HB185 by Rep. Laird: To exempt the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, county volunteer fire associations, the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Incorporated, all volunteer rescue squads that are members of the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, all county volunteer rescue associations, all local fire districts that are not under the auspices of their county commission from any state, county, and local sales and use taxes and ad valorem taxes; provided no tax which has proceeds dedicated to K-12 public education may be exempted. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

DROP Reestablished – HB180 by Rep. Ford: To amend Sections 16-25-150 and 36-27-170, as last amended by Act 2011-27, 2011 Regular Session, of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, to allow new participation in the plan and remove limits on interests paid on the accounts. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Fire Department Tax Exemption – HB185 by Rep. Laird: To exempt the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, county volunteer fire associations, the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Incorporated, all volunteer rescue squads that are members of the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, all county volunteer rescue associations, all local fire districts that are not under the auspices of their county commission from any state, county, and local sales and use taxes and ad valorem taxes; provided no tax which has proceeds dedicated to K-12 public education may be exempted. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Fire Department Donations – HB186 by Rep. Laird: To amend Section 9-3-18 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing the state, a county, a municipality, or other governmental entity to donate money and property to volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, to further provide for the disposal of property donated under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Improvement Districts – HB191 by Rep. Hill: To amend Sections 11-99A-2, 11-99A-3, 11-99A-4, 11-99A-6, 11-99A-8, 11-99A-9, 11-99A-11, 11-99A-12, 11-99A-13, 11-99A-15, 11-99A-19, 11-99A-21, 11-99A-36, 11-99A-42, and 11-99A-43, Code of Alabama 1975, and to add Section 11-99A-52 to the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Improvement District Act; to provide further for the types of improvements which a district may acquire and finance; to provide further for public notice of a hearing; to clarify and provide further for the powers of a district; to provide further for the appointment, terms of office, and operation of the board of directors of a district; to clarify and provide further for the assessment of lands within a district by a county or municipality; to provide for the levy of service and user fees and rates by the district with respect to its facilities; to clarify and provide further for remedies in the event of failure to pay assessments; to provide further for the issuance of revenue bonds and temporary revenue bonds by a district and the security and source of payment therefor; to provide for reassessments of land and amendments of existing assessments; to provide that certain amendments to the Alabama Improvement District Act are declarative of existing law and shall have both a prospective and retroactive operation; and to repeal Sections 11-99A-17 and 11-99A-30, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

ID Cards - HB194 by Rep. Hubbard (J): To require the Department of Human Resources to issue social services photo identification cards to certain welfare recipients. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Improvement Districts – HB195 by Rep. Hill: To amend Sections 11-99A-2, 11-99A-3, 11-99A-4, 11-99A-6, 11-99A-8, 11-99A-9, 11-99A-11, 11-99A-12, 11-99A-13, 11-99A-15, 11-99A-19, 11-99A-21, 11-99A-36, 11-99A-42, and 11-99A-43, Code of Alabama 1975, and to add Section 11-99A-52 to the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Improvement District Act; to provide further for the types of improvements which a district may acquire and finance; to provide further for public notice of a hearing; to clarify and provide further for the powers of a district; to provide further for the appointment, terms of office, and operation of the board of directors of a district; to clarify and provide further for the assessment of lands within a district by a county or municipality; to provide for the levy of service and user fees and rates by the district with respect to its facilities; to clarify and provide further for remedies in the event of failure to pay assessments; to provide further for the issuance of revenue bonds and temporary revenue bonds by a district and the security and source of payment therefor; to provide for reassessments of land and amendments of existing assessments; to provide that certain amendments to the Alabama Improvement District Act are declarative of existing law and shall have both a prospective and retroactive operation; and to repeal Sections 11-99A-17 and 11-99A-30, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Drug Test for Public Assistance - HB197 by Rep. Rich: Relating to public assistance, to require the Department of Human Resources to implement and administer a drug screening program based upon reasonable suspicion for any adult applying for temporary cash payments under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program; to require the department to provide notice of the drug screening to applicants; to specify who is responsible for costs associated with the drug tests; to provide that an adult testing positive for a drug under this screening program is ineligible to receive certain public assistance; to require substance abuse assessments for applicants who test positive under the program; to allow a parent of a minor child who tests positive for an illegal controlled substance to designate a protective payee on behalf of a minor child or other cash benefit unit member; to specify the use of positive test results under the program; and to authorize the department to promulgate rules to implement this act. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Initiative - HB206 by Rep. Jackson: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for a process to petition for initiative to propose new general law and amend the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 or referendum to repeal existing general law. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Campaign Contributions Limited – HB207 by Rep. Coleman: This bill would limit contributions made to candidates for office from individuals, corporations, business groups, unions, political parties, or other legally recognized entity to \$500 per election that the candidate's name is on the ballot. COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Class Size Limits - HB208 by Rep. Coleman: Relating to public education; to establish class size limits in grades kindergarten to 12, inclusive, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, to be phased in beginning with the 2013-2014 fiscal year; and to provide that any costs associated with satisfying the limits be the responsibility of the state. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Firearms and Employment – HB209 by Rep. Ford: Relating to firearms and ammunition; to prohibit public or private employers from requiring an applicant for employment or an employee to disclose information about whether the applicant or employee owns, possesses, uses, or transports a firearm or ammunition; to prohibit public or private employers from conditioning employment upon an agreement that the applicant forego any rights related to the lawful ownership, possession, storage, transportation, or use of a firearm or ammunition under certain conditions; to authorize a civil action for an applicant or employee adversely affected by violations of the act and would specify those damages the applicant or employee would be entitled to recover; to waive any immunity from suit by public employers or public officials; and to provide exceptions. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Ethics – Employment Threshold – HB210 by Rep. Ford: To amend Section 36-25-1, as amended by Act 2010-764 of the 2010 First Special Session and Section 36-25-14, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to ethics; to allow public employees who earn less than \$75,000 to accept a thing of value; and to provide that public employees occupying a position earning less than \$75,000 per year shall not be required to file a statement of economic interests. COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Charter School Expenditures Prohibited – HB214 by Rep. Boyd: To prohibit the expenditure of state or local public funds for the benefit of charter or private schools. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

CA – Small Business and Job Creation Fund – HB215 by Rep. Hubbard (J): To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish a Small Business and Job Creation Fund, to provide for the transfer of funds from the Alabama Trust Fund; to provide for administration of loans from the fund by the Alabama Development Office; and to provide for further administration and implementation of the loans by further act of the Legislature. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

In-State Bidder Preference – HB216 by Rep. Hubbard (J): Relating to the awarding of public contracts; to require each awarding authority of certain public works contracts to give preference to a bidder who has a workforce that consists of at least 50 percent of all workers to be employed on the public works project who hold an Alabama driver's license or an identification card issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety, has a valid Alabama business license, and uses vehicles which are used primarily for the public works projects that are registered and partially apportioned in Alabama; to provide that at least 50 percent of design professionals shall have a valid Alabama driver's license or an identification card issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety; to provide that the service of at least 25 percent of the suppliers of materials used for the public work be located in the State of Alabama; to require each bidder who is awarded a public works contract to maintain and make available for inspection records concerning payroll related to the public works project; and to allow the Governor, in times of emergencies, to waive the provisions of this act. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Red Light Camera Prohibition - HB221 by Rep. Greer: Relating to municipalities; to prohibit a municipality from adopting an ordinance which would provide for the establishment of an automated red light traffic control photographic system within the municipality; and to require each municipality that has enacted an ordinance providing for the establishment of an automated red light traffic control photographic system within the municipality to repeal the ordinance within six months after the effective date of this act. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Retirement – Forfeiture of Benefits - HB224 by Rep. Hubbard (J): To require that any person who is a member of the Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System, or the Judicial Retirement Fund, either an active or inactive member who has an accrued retirement benefit or a retired member, to forfeit to the employer the employer-paid portion and the interest or gains on the employer-paid portion of his or her retirement benefits upon a guilty plea, a plea of no contest, or a final conviction of a felony offense related to the person's performance of his or her official duties in a court of this state or any other state of the United States or in a United States federal court; and to provide that forfeited benefit amounts be used to reimburse damages covered by the employee's illicit action, with any amounts exceeding actual damages to be applied by the employer as determined by the employer. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Immigration - HB226 By Rep. Hubbard (J): To amend Sections 8, 9, 13, 15, 19, 20, 27, 29, and 30 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-8, 31-13-9, 31-13-13, 31-13-15, 31-13-18, 31-13-19, 31-13-26, 31-13-28, and 31-13-29, Code of Alabama 1975, and Section 32-6-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to: clarify the provision prohibiting illegal aliens from attending a public postsecondary institution; to repeal the provisions making the rental of a dwelling to an illegal alien criminal harboring; exempt certain religious activities from the criminal harboring and transporting provisions; allow businesses and employers in this state, as well as subcontractors on projects paid for by state contract, grant, or incentive, to use the federal E-Verify program or a valid Alabama driver's license or identification card to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee; repeal the provisions making it a crime to encourage or induce an alien to reside in this state; repeal the provisions making it a crime to conspire to transport an unauthorized alien; require the harboring provisions to be interpreted in the same manner that federal courts interpret parallel harboring provision; allow an unlawfully present alien to make bail if detained after a stop for failure to demonstrate lawful presence or citizenship; clarify that the provision governing the transfer of unlawfully present aliens to federal custody applies only to unauthorized aliens already in custody; specify that the provision barring the state from contracting with unauthorized aliens applies prospectively to contracts entered into after the effective date of the provision; delete provisions relating to voter eligibility requirements; require the Secretary of State's office to educate and provide information to the district attorneys regarding attempts to vote by noncitizens; require district attorneys to notify the Secretary of State of prosecutions brought against noncitizens who attempt to register to vote; require the Secretary of State to report to the Legislature regarding voting and immigration issues; modify the definition of "business transaction"; and repeal Sections 5 and 6, relating to the authorization of private lawsuits against public officials to compel enforcement of immigration laws, 10, relating to failure to complete or carry alien registration documents, and 28, relating to alien public education enrollment data, of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-5, 31-13-6, 31-13-10, and 31-13-27, Code of Alabama 1975; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Cell Phone Ban - School Buses - HB229 by Rep. Hubbard (J): To prohibit the use of a cell phone while operating a school bus; to provide penalties; to provide exceptions. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Domestic Violence -Voter Addresses Omitted - HB230 by Rep. Hill: To amend Sections 11-46-36, 11-46-107, 17-4-33, 17-9-15, and 17-11-5, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the computerized statewide voter registration list, to provide for the omission of the residential and mailing address of any registered voter who is a victim of domestic violence or who is the custodian of a minor victim of domestic violence upon written affidavit of the registered voter. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Beer Tax Distribution - Pell City - HB237 by Rep. Wood: To amend Section 28-3-190, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to tax on beer; to provide that the portion of the beer tax revenues collected from the Sunday sales of beer within the corporate limits of the City of Pell City, if authorized by the Legislature and approved by the voters of St. Clair County, shall be distributed to the public library located in the City of Pell City. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

House and Senate Publications – HB241 by Rep. Love: Relating to compiling, reproducing, and publishing the journals of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the official acts and resolutions; to designate Division 1 and Division 2 of Article 1, Chapter 1 of Title 29, Code of Alabama 1975; to renumber Sections 29-1-12 and 29-1-13, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide a procedure for reproducing the acts and journals; to provide certification of the acts by the Secretary of State; to provide for the preparation of an index; to provide for the paper, type, and size of the acts and journals; and

to provide a fine for failure to complete certain compiling, reproducing, or publishing duties within the specified time period. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

CA- Additional Cigarette Tax – HB244 by Rep. Todd: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide an additional tax on cigarettes; to provide for its distribution; and to provide an implementation date. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Sales Tax Exemption – HB249 by Rep. Gaston: To exempt the Alabama Marine Corps League from the payment of all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Ethics – Educators Gifts – HB250 by Rep. Love: To amend Section 36-25-1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2010-764 of the 2010 First Special Session, relating to ethics; to allow each person employed by a local school system to receive up to two seasonal gifts whose individual value does not exceed \$25. COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Retirement – State Police – HB255 by Rep. Love: To amend Sections 36-21-4 and 36-27-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to retirement benefits for state policemen; to clarify that earnable compensation shall include amounts paid as overtime payments to those officers; to provide that the act is declaratory of existing law; to provide an effective date of September 1, 2011, and to allow contributions to be made not later than September 30, 2012, for any amounts not contributed after September 1, 2011. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Class 2 – Election Date – HB256 by Rep. Ison: Relating to Class 2 municipalities; to amend Section 11-44C-22, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide further for the setting of the date for special elections to fill certain vacancies on the council. COMMITTEE ON MOBILE COUNTY LEGISLATION

Class 1 to 3 – Income Tax Credits – HB257 by Rep. Ison: Relating to Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 municipalities; to establish a state income tax credit for investments in businesses in impoverished and low income communities within a downtown core area or central business district. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

FCPA – Employer’s Name – HB259 by Rep. Ball: To amend Section 17-5-8 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2011-697, 2011 Regular Session, relating to reports of contributions and expenditures of candidates and political action committees; to require that the reports also include the occupation and name of the employer of the contributor. COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Mandatory School Age – HB260 by Rep. McClammy: To amend Section 16-28-3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to mandatory school attendance age; to increase the maximum age of children required to attend public school from 17 to 18 years. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

CA Initiative – HB263 by Rep. Ball: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the people may initiate the enactment of certain general laws or constitutional amendments by an initiative and that the Legislature may offer an alternate proposal. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Beer Containers – HB264 by Rep. Barton: To amend Section 28-3A-23, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the size of containers of beer sold at retail; to allow beer to be sold in containers not to exceed 25.4 ounces. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Sales Tax Holiday – HB267 by Rep. Wren: To amend Section 40-23-210, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the annual sales tax holiday, to include certain energy efficient products within the exemption from the sales and use tax during the annual sales tax holiday. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Theft of Services - HB269 by Representative Ball: Relating to crimes and offenses; to prohibit certain conduct in obtaining public assistance under any state or federally funded public assistance program; to provide penalties; to amend Section 13A-8-10 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to theft of services, to remove the requirement that the person committing the crime knew the services were available only for compensation. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Historic District Tax Credit - HB271 by Representative Gaston: Relating to a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 municipality; to

provide an income tax credit in any downtown core area or central business district or any registered historic districts against the tax liability of the taxpayer for the rehabilitation, preservation, and development of historic structures. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Social Security Numbers - HB272 by Representative Sanderford: To amend Section 30-3-194 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to providing the Social Security number for issuance or renewal of licenses; to repeal the requirement for providing the Social Security number for license renewal. COMMITTEE ON BOARDS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

Commercial Solid Waste Prohibition - HB274 by Representative Greer: Relating to management of solid waste; to prohibit a county, municipality, or solid waste authority from providing commercial front-end loader, roll-off, or commercial recycling collection services within the county or the municipality if there are two or more private solid waste providers offering those services in the county; to exempt a governmental entity that provides residential solid waste and recycling collection within its own jurisdiction and allow a governmental entity to collect residential solid waste and recycling collection within its own jurisdiction; and to require each county, municipality, or solid waste authority in violation of this act, within six months from the date of its approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law, to cease its operations that are in conflict with this act. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

CA – Ad Valorem Tax Increase for Firefighter and Peace Officer Funds - HB275 by Representative Laird (Constitutional Amendment): To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to levy an additional one-half mill of state ad valorem tax; and to provide that the first 20 percent of the net proceeds shall be distributed equally between the Alabama Firefighters' Annuity and Benefit Fund and the Alabama Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and to provide that the remaining proceeds be distributed to the State General Fund. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

CA – Legislative Salaries - HB276 by Representative Ball (Constitutional Amendment): Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to repeal existing laws regarding the compensation and expense reimbursement of the members of the Legislature; to provide for the basic compensation of members of the Legislature; and to provide for the reimbursement of expenses for legislators on the submission of signed vouchers in the same manner as state employees. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Cigar Tax - HB277 by Representative Barton: Relating to taxation of tobacco products; to add new Chapter 25B to Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to levy a tax on cigar wrappers; to require a business license; to require monthly reports; to provide penalties; to provide for distribution of proceeds; to provide for operation expenses. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

Metal Recyclers - HB278 by Representative Poole: To amend Sections 13A-8-30, 13A-8-31, 13A-8-32, 13A-8-33, 13A-8-34, 13A-8-35, 13A-8-36, 13A-8-37, and 13A-8-39, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to secondary metals recyclers, to require a secondary metals recycler to maintain additional records relating to the purchase of ferrous and nonferrous metals; to further provide for the limits on purchases by secondary metals recyclers for certain metal; to require secondary metals recyclers to register with the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) or other responsible agency; ACJIC or another responsible agency to maintain a database of certain information collected by secondary metals recyclers relating to the purchase of metal products; provide certain civil immunity for public or private owners of metal property for certain injuries related to metal property; to provide criminal penalties for damaging or destroying certain metal property and would provide further criminal penalties for the possession of certain stolen metal property; to place restrictions on secondary metals recyclers relating to the purchase of specified metal property; to add Sections 13A-8-31.1, 13A-8-31.2, 13A-8-35.1, 13A-8-37.1, and 13A-8-37.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Penny Trust Fund - HB279 by Representative Clouse: To amend Sections 41-15A-2 and 41-15A-6, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Penny Trust Fund; to authorize the Comptroller to transmit funds from the Penny Trust Fund to the Department of Public Health upon the application of the State Health Officer and to the State Board of Education upon the application of the State Superintendent of Education; to clarify uses of the funds; to appropriate earnings from the Penny Trust Fund for the purposes authorized by Amendment 512 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; and to define

earnings and to modify the duties of the Board of Control of the Penny Trust Fund. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS GENERAL FUND

CA - Alabama Lottery - HB282 by Representative Rogers (Constitutional Amendment): Proposing an amendment to Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama Lottery; to establish an Alabama Lottery Corporation; to establish the Lottery Trust Fund, provide for its allocation for education and general fund programs; to authorize the Legislature to implement the amendment through enabling legislation; and to terminate the lottery and the Alabama Lottery Corporation after a specified period of time. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Unemployment Comp Benefits - HB285 by Representative Williams (J): To amend Section 25-4-73 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to individual weekly unemployment benefit payments, to further define compensable week. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Electronic Publication of Legal Notices - HB290 by Representative Hill: Relating to the publication of legal notices; to amend Sections 6-8-60, 6-8-62, 6-8-64, and 6-8-65, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the electronic publication of legal notices; to require newspapers maintaining Internet websites to publish legal notices on the website in addition to publication in print in a newspaper; to require the publication of legal notices on a statewide Internet website; to specify that legal notices shall remain valid if the failure to publish was attributed to the fault of the newspaper, Internet provider, or entity hosting the statewide website; to prohibit newspapers from charging additional fees for the electronic publication of legal notices; and to further provide for the rate charged for publication of a public notice. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Education Budget - HB294 by Representative Love: To make appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education in Alabama, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

City Clerk Nepotism Prohibition - HB296 by Representative Mask: To prohibit the spouse of the mayor of a municipality from serving as the city clerk, city treasurer, or finance officer of the municipality. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Drug Forfeitures for Child Support - HB301 by Representative Hall: To amend Section 20-2-93 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to forfeitures and seizures of property relating to controlled substances; to provide that money or proceeds from property forfeited for violation of the controlled or counterfeit substances laws of this state would be applied to the delinquent child support obligation of the defendant from whom the money or the property was seized. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

CA - County Home Rule - HB302 by Representative Newton (D) (Constitutional Amendment): Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, that would provide for limited optional home rule for those counties in the state, the qualified electors of which approve the same in a referendum held as provided therein, in respect of the areas of economic development, public safety and health, taxation, and land use regulation and control, subject to the provision of such general laws as the Legislature may enact providing for the exercise of the optional supplemental county governmental powers. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Public Employee Communication - HB305 by Representative Laird: Relating to public employees; to provide that a public employee shall not be prohibited from communicating with an elected public official. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

County Sewer Fee Limitation - HB306 by Representative Drake: To prohibit any county from levying or collecting a fee or charge for sewer service on any person, entity, or property not directly connected to any sewer system owned or operated by the county. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Prescription Drug Sales Tax Exemption - HB307 by Representative Johnson (R): To specify that the sale of insulin, insulin syringes, and related items to treat diabetes purchased pursuant to a valid prescription would be exempt from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes; and to provide for retroactive applications under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

CA - Elected Official Recall - HB311 by Representative Melton (Constitutional Amendment): Relating to elections; to

propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide a procedure for qualified electors to petition for the recall of incumbent elected officers. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Contract Outsourcing Prohibition - HB312 by Representative Melton: Prohibiting the outsourcing of work to be performed on certain public contracts. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

SAFE Program Amendment - HB315 by Representative Ball: To amend Section 41-14A-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE) Act, to amend certain definitions. COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

Home Sprinkler Systems - HB316 by Representative: Relating to fire protection and fire protection sprinkler systems; to allow the State Fire Marshal to issue permits to certified potable water single family dwelling fire protection sprinkler contractors; and for such purposes, to amend Sections 34- 33-1, 34-33-2, 34-33-3, 34-33-4, and 34-33-5, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Blue Alert System - HB317 by Representative Wood: To create the Blue Alert system; to give the Director of the Department of Public Safety the authority to oversee the alert system and adopt rules to implement the alert system; to give the department certain authority; to require a law enforcement agency participating in the alert system to meet certain conditions; and to limit the liability of an entity or individual involved in the dissemination of an alert generated through the alert system. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Sales Tax Exemption - Health Care Products - HB321 by Representative Williams (J): To amend Section 40-9-27 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the sales tax exemption for vitamins, minerals, and dietary supplements, to specify that the exemption applies when the health care items are used, sold, furnished, dispensed, or prescribed by certain licensed health care providers. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Wine Resealing - HB325 by Representative Collins: To add Section 28-3A-20.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize a bottle of wine that has been purchased and opened on the premises of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Board licensee to be removed from the premises by the purchaser provided the bottle of wine is resealed. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

CA - Board of Education Appointment - HB326 by Representative Oden (Constitutional Amendment): Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, requiring all county and city superintendents of education to be appointed by their boards of education; and repealing conflicting laws. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

Immunity for ADEM Compliance - HB330 by Representative Sessions: Relating to suppliers of water; to add a new section to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide civil immunity to suppliers of water who have complied with or obtained an exemption from the regulations established by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Davis-Bacon Prohibition - HB333 by Representative Williams (J): Relating to state contracts; to prevent the state or any political subdivision of the state from using the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions in contracts. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act - HB334 by Representative Williams (J): Relating to public buildings and public works; to create the Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act; to prohibit public agencies from entering into certain contracts; to prohibit certain terms in certain documents; to prohibit public agencies from making certain awards; to prohibit certain persons from placing certain terms in certain documents; and to provide exemptions. COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Looting Prohibited - HB340 by Representative Merrill: To create the crime of looting; to provide penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Storage Tanks Exempt from Alabama Uniform Environmental Covenants Act - HB341 by Representative Carns: To amend Section 35-19-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt underground and aboveground storage tanks storing motor fuel from the requirements of the Alabama Uniform Environmental Covenants Act. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND

SMALL BUSINESS

Sales and Ad Valorem Tax Exemption - Still Serving Veterans, Incorporated - HB351 by Representative Patterson:

Relating to taxation, to exempt the Still Serving Veterans, Incorporated, from the payment of all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes and from any state, county, and local ad valorem taxation on all property owned by Still Serving Veterans, Incorporated, and used by that organization. COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION

Class 3 - Quiet Title Actions - HB352 by Representative Hubbard (J): Relating to Class 3 municipalities; to authorize Class 3 municipalities to file an expedited quiet title and foreclosure action in circuit court to establish clear title to abandoned tax sale properties within the corporate limits that are acquired from the State Land Commissioner pursuant to Chapter 10, Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975; and to provide for the procedure and due process for the action in circuit court. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Metal Recyclers - HB353 by Representative Greer: Relating to secondary metals recyclers; to add Section 13A-8-30.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require certain secondary metals recyclers and sellers of metal property to obtain a permit from the sheriff; to amend Sections 13A-8-31, 13A-8-35, and 13A-8-37, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide further for the information that must be maintained by the secondary metals recycler; to require notification to law enforcement of the business location and to authorize inspection by law enforcement; to limit certain purchases by a secondary metals recycler; to require purchases of metal be paid by check; to prohibit purchases from persons under a certain age; to provide criminal penalties for cutting, mutilating, defacing, or otherwise injuring real or personal property for the purpose of obtaining nonferrous metals; and to provide criminal penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS

Homebrewed Beer - HB354 by Representative McCutcheon: To permit adult persons to produce a limited homebrewed beer, mead, cider, and wine for personal use; to prohibit a convicted felon from homebrewing such beverages; to provide penalties for violations; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Physical Exam of Bus Drivers - HB356 by Representative Boyd: Relating to public K-12 education; to establish the Lieutenant Dexter Holcomb Act; and to add Section 16-27-4.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require any person employed as a school bus driver to successfully complete a physical examination by a licensed physician. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

CA - Legislative Regulation of Corporations and Telephone Companies - HB357 by Representative DeMarco (Constitutional Amendment): Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1, 2014, relating to corporations; to amend Section 229, as amended by Amendment 27 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 229 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to the authority of the Legislature to pass general laws pertaining to corporations and other entities; to amend Section 239 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 239 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to telephone and telegraph companies; to amend Section 240 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 240 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to the ability of corporations to sue and be sued like natural persons; and to repeal Sections 230, 231, 232 as amended by Amendment 473, 233, 234, 236, 237, 243, 244, 245, and 246 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 243, 244, 245, and 246, respectively, of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to private corporations and railroads and canals. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

CA - Legislative Regulation of Banks - HB358 by Representative DeMarco (Constitutional Amendment): Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Section 247 now appearing as Section 247 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to the general power of the Legislature regarding banks and banking, effective January 1, 2014, to include in that section existing provisions concerning unlimited duration, prohibitions on political subdivisions being stockholders or lending credit, and bank examination

requirements; and to repeal the following Sections of Article XIII, relating to banks and banking: Section 248 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 248 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; Section 249 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 249 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; Section 251 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended by Amendment 51 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 251 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; Section 252 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 252 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to maximum rate of interest; Section 253 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 253 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to state and political subdivisions not to be stockholders in banks or lend credit thereto; and Section 254 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 254 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to examinations of banks by public officers and semiannual reports by banks; to repeal Amendment 154 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 255.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, on the contingency that a new Article XII is adopted as a part of the Alabama Constitution which repeals existing Section 232 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and on the contingency that Sections 10A-2-15.01 and 10A-2-15.02, Code of Alabama 1975, are repealed. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

Flexible School Calendar Act - HB360 by Representative Davis: To establish the Flexible School Calendar Act of 2012; to amend Section 16-13-231, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2011-235, 2011 Regular Session (Acts 2011, p. **), relating to the public education Foundation Program Fund; to require each local board of education to establish a local calendar providing 180 full instructional days, or the hourly equivalent thereof, per school year for the computation of Foundation Program Fund benefits; to establish parameters for when academic instruction for students may begin and end in the public elementary and secondary schools of the state; and in connection therewith to have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

Senate

Religious Rights - SB7 by Sen. Dial: This constitutional amendment would provide that property belonging to the state may be used to display the Ten Commandments and that the right to display the Ten Commandments on property owned or administrated by a public school or public body is not restrained or abridged. This bill would also provide that every person would be at liberty to worship according to his or her own conscience; and that no person would be compelled to attend or support a place of worship or a minister. This bill would also provide that the civil and political rights, privileges, and capacities of no person may be diminished or enlarged on account of his or her religious beliefs. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Speed Limit Enforcement - SB8 by Sen. Dial: This bill would delete provisions that prohibit law enforcement officers of incorporated municipalities with less than 19,000 inhabitants from enforcing any speed limit set by general law on any interstate highway and that prevent all municipal law enforcement officers from enforcing speed limits within the police jurisdiction of the municipality. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Workers Compensation - Volunteer Fire Departments - SB9 by Sen. Dial: To amend Section 25-5-50 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to volunteer fire departments and volunteer rescue squads, or combination departments; to provide for the regulation by the Commissioner of Insurance of the maximum annual payroll per fire fighter or rescue squad member for the purpose of workers' compensation rates. COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

Campaign Misrepresentation - SB11 by Sen. Reed - This bill would make it unlawful for a representative of a phone bank or other automated dialing service to fraudulently misrepresent himself or herself on behalf of a political candidate, principal campaign committee, political action committee, or political party; require that communication initiated by phone bank or other automated dialing service be preceded and followed by notice that the communication is a paid political advertisement and identification of the person or group paying for the communication; and provide penalties for violations. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Coal Excise Tax - SB18 by Senator Bedford: To amend Sections 40-13-6 and 40-13-8, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that the excise and privilege tax on coal shall terminate on October 1, 2016, unless extended by the Legislature; and to provide further for the distribution of tax receipts. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Class 3 - Housing Authorities - SB21 by Sen. Scofield - This bill would authorize a municipal public housing authority in certain Class 3 municipalities to purchase property for public housing purposes after notice by first class mail to certain surrounding property owners. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Background Checks - SB24 by Sen. Dial - This bill provides for the members of the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission and the operation of the commission and center, including the providing of information relating to homeland security. The bill would authorize the commission to charge fees for information related to noncriminal background checks, establish the crime of misuse of ACJIC information, authorize the commission to establish the Alabama Statistical Analysis Center and authorize research and development. The bill would also ratify and provide for the implementation of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Act relating to the authorized interstate exchange of criminal information for noncriminal purposes and would authorize any licensing agency or board to require a criminal background check as a part of its licensing requirements. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mandatory School Age - SB28 by Sen. Dunn: To amend Section 16-28-3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to mandatory school attendance, to decrease the minimum age of children required to attend public school from seven to six years of age. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Housing Authority Eminent Domain - SB29 by Sen. Orr: This bill would authorize a municipal housing authority to exercise the power of eminent domain only with the approval of the municipal council. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bid Database - SB30 by Sen. Orr: This bill would require the State Purchasing Division of the Department of Finance to maintain a statewide database for each request for a bid or proposal by the State of Alabama, a political subdivision, an agency, board, commission, or department of the state, the State Board of Education, a public college or trade school, or a public university for public contracts. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Metal Recyclers - SB35 by Sen. Brooks: Relating to secondary metals recyclers; to amend Sections 13A-8-31, 13A-8-35, and 13A-8-37, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide further for the information that must be maintained by the secondary metals recycler; to require notification to law enforcement of the business location and to authorize inspection by law enforcement; to limit certain purchases by a secondary metals recycler; to require purchases of metal be paid by check; to prohibit purchases from persons under a certain age; to provide criminal penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Immigration - "Business Transactions" - SB37 by Sen. Sanford: Under existing law, an individual conducting a business transaction with the state must demonstrate his or her United States citizenship or that he or she is lawfully present in the United States. A "business transaction" is defined under existing law to include applying for or renewing a motor vehicle license plate, applying for or renewing a driver's license or nondriver identification card, or applying for or renewing a business license. This bill would substitute "license transaction" for "business transaction" and would specify that a license transaction would not include renewing a motor vehicle license plate, a driver's license or nondriver identification card, or a business or other license. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Immigration - Repeal - SB41 by Sen. Beasley: This bill would repeal Act 2011-535, HB56, of the 2011 Regular Session, the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, providing for the enforcement of immigration law in this state and providing criminal penalties for violations. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Immigration - E-Verify - SB37 by Sen. Sanford: This bill would provide business entities and employers in this state with an option to use federal E-Verify, the ALVerify program developed by the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama, or the E-Verify employer agent service established by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND

ACCOUNTABILITY

Chemical Cannabis - SB54 by Sen. Keahey: To amend Section 13A-12-214.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further prohibit subject to existing penalties certain named chemical compounds of synthetic cannabinoid and to specify that any other chemical compound capable of exhibiting cannabinoid like psychoactivity would be prohibited. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Immigration - Military ID - SB62 by Sen. Sanford: This bill would add valid United States military identification to the list of acceptable documentation to prove United States citizenship. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

False Information - SB64 by Sen. Ward; SB225 by Sen. Waggoner: This bill allows a public servant to request the removal of a false instrument that has been filed against the public servant and to have the request expedited by a circuit court. This bill also establishes the crime of falsely removing a recording and would provide penalties. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

CA - Sales Tax Food Exemption - SB66 by Sen. Sanford: This Constitutional Amendment would exempt sales of food and over-the-counter drugs from state sales tax and prohibit local governments from levying separate sales taxes on the sale of food or over-the-counter drugs. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Mandatory School Age - SB71 by Sen. Dunn: To amend Sections 16-28-3 and 16-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to mandatory school attendance, to decrease the minimum age of children required to attend public school from seven to six years of age; to change the date on which age is calculated for school attendance from September 1 to August 1; to delete certain expired temporary provisions. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Legal Notice Publication - SB73 by Sen. Ward: This bill would require newspapers accepting legal notices, in addition to publishing the legal notice in print, to publish the legal notice on an Internet website if the newspaper maintains an Internet website, as well as on a statewide website maintained by an entity having the access and ability to upload notices from newspapers in this state. The publication on the Internet websites would be at no charge to the government or the party requesting the publication of the legal notice. This bill would protect the validity of legal notices if the failure for the notice to be posted on the website is attributed to the fault of the newspaper, Internet provider, or the Secretary of State. This bill would also provide that the rate charged for publication of a public notice shall not exceed the lowest classified rate paid by commercial customers for comparable advertisements in the same newspaper in which the notice appears. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Immigration - Military ID - SB74 by Sen. Sanford: Under existing law, a person may not engage in a business transaction, as defined, with the state or a political subdivision of the state unless he or she presents certain documentation of United States citizenship or, if not a citizen, lawful presence in the United States. This bill would add an unexpired United States military identification card to the list of acceptable documentation to establish eligibility to enter into a business transaction with the state or a political subdivision. COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Immigration - E-Verify - SB75 by Sen. Sanford: This bill would provide business entities and employers in this state with an option to use federal E-Verify, the ALVerify program developed by the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama, or the E-Verify employer agent service established by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Workers Comp - Pain Evidence Limited - SB77 By Senator Orr: To amend Sections 25-5-57, 25-5-68, 25-5-77, and 25-5-81, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to workers' compensation; to limit the use of evidence of pain complaints by a trial court; to limit an employer's liability for permanent total disability benefits after an employee reaches the age of 65; to increase the maximum weekly compensation payable for permanent partial disability from \$220 to \$240; to limit the obligation of an employer to pay the medical benefits of an employee who does not promptly seek medical attention for a claimed work injury; and to provide further for the weighing of evidence before pure findings of fact of the circuit court may be reversed. COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Ethics - Educators - SB79 by Sen. Whatley: This bill would define the term "thing of value" by providing that seasonal gifts from a pupil or his or her immediate family member to a principal, teacher, or other person employed by a local school system of an insignificant economic value of less than \$100 if the aggregate value of the gifts is less than \$250 during any one calendar year under circumstances which make it clear that no quid pro quo was understood or implied. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Roadside Utility Vehicles – SB80 by Sen. Brewbaker: This bill would require the driver of a motor vehicle to slow down or move over when approaching a utility service vehicle displaying any rotating or flashing lights and parked on the roadside performing utility services. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES

Ethics – Educators Exempt – SB82 by Sen. Brewbaker: This bill would define the term "public employee" to provide that a person employed by a local school board at a school within the board's jurisdiction in a capacity other than as a principal or administrator at the school shall not be considered a public employee under the Alabama Code of Ethics. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Sales Tax Exemption – Aircraft – SB 83 by Sen. Brooks: This bill would provide for a sales tax exemption for any parts, components, and systems used in the conversion, reconfiguration, or maintenance of an aircraft certified as a transport category airplane. The exemption would not apply to a local sales tax unless an exemption is provided by local law or by the adoption of a resolution of the local governing body. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Contractor Licenses – SB85 by Sen. Coleman: This bill would allow an electrical contractor who holds a license or permit issued by a county or municipal government to perform the tasks and functions that can only be performed by a licensed electrical contractor in any county or municipality in the State. COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Disarming Officers – SB91 by Sen. Irons: This bill would establish the crime of disarming a law enforcement or corrections officer. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Overtaking Bicycles - SB95 by Sen. Allen: To amend Section 32-5A-82, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide a definition for safe distance for purposes of a vehicle overtaking and passing a bicycle. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES

Absentee Ballots – Penalty – SB97 by Sen. Allen: This bill would increase the penalty for willfully changing an absentee voter's ballot or promoting illegal absentee voting to a Class C felony. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Class 1 - Election Commission – SB103 by Sen. Coleman: This bill would relate to any Class 1 municipality and would reenact the law establishing an election commission to conduct municipal elections in the municipality with a provision to provide for alternate members when the mayor and all members of the city council are candidates for election in a municipal election. COMMITTEE ON LOCAL LEGISLATION NO. 2

Class 1 – Mayor-Council – SB104 by Sen. Coleman: This bill would relate to any Class municipality and would further provide for the Mayor-Council form of government. COMMITTEE ON LOCAL LEGISLATION NO. 2

Unemployment Compensation – Fraud – SB137 by Sen. Bussman: Under existing law, penalties for fraudulent misrepresentation to receive unemployment compensation do not include disqualification to receive benefits. This bill would require a 3-year disqualification and would require that fraud overpayment would be paid in cash; would provide that federal and state income intercepts used to satisfy overpayments will be considered cash payments; and would provide for interest at a rate of two percent per month to be assessed on all unpaid fraudulent overpayment balances. COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Road Contractor Liability – SB139 by Sen. Scofield: This bill would provide that the liability and responsibility of a contractor or subcontractor and its officers, directors, agents, and employees performing highway, road, or street repairs, construction or maintenance on behalf of the state, any county, or any local government for damages arising from the construction project or roadway conditions shall cease upon the acceptance by the Alabama Department of Transportation, such county, or such local government of such highway, road, or street project as being in substantial compliance with the contract documents, plans, and specifications governing the project. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES

Immigration – SB140 by Sen. Dial: This bill would clarify the provision of the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act barring aliens who are unlawfully present from attending a public postsecondary institution. This bill would repeal the provision making the rental of a dwelling to an alien who is unlawfully present criminal harboring, create an exemption for certain religious activities from the criminal harboring and transporting provisions, repeal the provision making it a crime to encourage or induce an illegal alien to reside in this state, and require the harboring and transportation provisions to be interpreted in the same manner that the federal courts interpret the parallel federal provision. This bill would clarify the admissibility of a determination by the federal government of alien status for the purposes of criminal proceedings. This bill would repeal provisions that deny bail based on a person's status as an illegal alien. This bill would clarify that the provision governing the transfer of aliens who are unlawfully present to federal custody only applies to illegal aliens already in custody. This bill would specify that the provision concerning contracting with illegal aliens applies prospectively to contracts entered into after the effective date of the provision. This bill would delete the provisions relating to voter eligibility requirements and require the Secretary of State's office to educate and provide information to the district attorneys regarding state and federal laws and requirements, including criminal penalties, associated with attempts to register to vote by noncitizens. This bill would require district attorneys to notify the Secretary of State of prosecutions brought against noncitizens who attempt to register to vote and would require the Secretary of State to compile an annual report regarding issues related to this issue, including the information provided by the district attorneys. This bill would clarify which "business transactions" unlawfully present aliens are prohibited from entering into with the state or a political subdivision of the state. This bill also would repeal sections of the act relating to authorization of private lawsuits against public officials to compel enforcement of immigration laws and alien public education enrollment data. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

CA Occupational Taxes Prohibited - SB142 by Sen. Orr: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit the collection of an occupational tax by a county or a municipality unless the tax was imposed before January 1, 2012. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Texting Ban - SB144 by Sen. Waggoner: Relating to the operation of motor vehicles; to prohibit any person from operating a motor vehicle on a public street, road, or highway while also text messaging on a handheld cell phone or other handheld wireless telecommunication device; to provide penalties; to provide exceptions. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Naming Structures – SB145 by Sen. Orr: This bill would provide that a state, county, municipal building, road, bridge, project, or program may not be named for an individual who is currently serving in an elected office. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES

Trust Fund Calculations – SB147 by Sen. Orr: Under existing law, the Alabama Trust Fund Board may transfer up to 75 percent of the realized and unrealized capital gains from the Alabama Trust Fund each fiscal year. The current definition of unrealized capital gains allows oil and gas capital payments received during the fiscal year to be included in the calculation of the unrealized gains. Also, the current definition of realized capital gains does not address the method of calculating the realized capital gains from a public exchange traded equity asset both purchased and sold in the same fiscal year. This bill would propose an amendment to The Alabama Trust Fund, Section II of Amendment 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section II of Section 219.04 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to clarify that oil and gas capital payments received during the fiscal year are excluded from the calculation of unrealized capital gains and establish the manner in which the realized gains from a public exchange traded equity asset both purchased and sold in the same fiscal year are calculated. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

FCPA – Employer's Name – SB149 by Sen. Orr: This bill would require that campaign finance reports include the occupation and name of the employer of any person making a contribution in excess of \$100. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Transportation Bank - Gas Fund Redistribution - SB150 by Sen. Orr: To establish the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank; to specify the membership, powers, duties, terms, sources for capitalization, and liability of the bank; to provide for the redistribution of a portion of gasoline tax revenues and motor vehicle registration fee revenues; to provide procedures for the issuance of loans and other financial assistance to certain government entities for certain

qualified projects; to provide authority for the bank to issue certain bonds under certain conditions; to require the bank to report annually to the Governor and the Legislature. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES

DUI Penalties Increased – SB151 by Sen. Orr: This bill would increase the minimum mandatory sentence for a fourth or subsequent DUI violation from 10 days to 90 days; remove the requirement that a prior conviction considered by a court when imposing a sentence would only be a prior conviction within a five-year period; would provide that any prior conviction for driving while impaired from this state, a municipality within this state, or another state or territory or a municipality of another state or territory, with or without the jurisdiction having adopted the law of Alabama, so long as the offense was in violation of the law in the respective jurisdiction, would be considered by a court for imposing a sentence; would provide that a person convicted for a third or subsequent time for operating a motor vehicle while his or her license or driving privilege is cancelled, denied, suspended, or revoked when his or her license or driving privilege was cancelled, denied, suspended, or revoked as a consequence of a DUI-related offense would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum mandatory sentence of 30 days in jail. This bill would also delete a redundant subsection providing additional penalties when a child under 14 years of age was in the vehicle at the time of a DUI offense. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Campaign Finance – SB155 by Sen. Ross: This bill would prohibit a corporation from making a contribution to a political action committee. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

In-State Bidder Preference – SB156 by Sen. Ross: This bill would require each awarding authority of certain public works contracts to give preference to a bidder who has a workforce that consists of at least 50 percent of all workers to be employed on the public works project who hold an Alabama driver's license or an identification card issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety, has a valid Alabama business license, and uses vehicles which are used primarily for the public works projects that are registered and partially apportioned in Alabama. If employing design professionals for the public work, at least 50 percent of the design professionals shall have a valid Alabama driver's license or an identification card issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety, and at least 25 percent of the suppliers of materials used for the public work shall be located in the State of Alabama. This bill would require each bidder who is awarded a public works contract pursuant to this section to maintain and make available for inspection records concerning payrolls related to the public works project. This bill would allow the Governor, in times of emergencies, to waive the provisions of this act. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Campaign Contributions Limited – SB157 by Sen. Ross: This bill would limit contributions made to candidates for office from individuals, corporations, business groups, unions, political parties, or other legally recognized entity to \$500 per election that the candidate's name is on the ballot. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

CA - Small Business and Job Creation Fund - SB158 by Sen. Ross: To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish a Small Business and Job Creation Fund, to provide for the transfer of funds from the Alabama Trust Fund; to provide for administration of loans from the fund by the Alabama Development Office; and to provide for further administration and implementation of the loans by further act of the Legislature. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Coal Severance Tax Distribution - SB166 by Senator Bedford: To re-establish the state \$.135 per ton coal severance tax which expired October 1, 2011; and to provide for the distribution of proceeds. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Tax Abatement for Data Processing Centers – SB167 by Sen. Blackwell: This bill would extend the period of time that granting authorities can abate certain ad valorem taxes and construction related transaction taxes for data processing centers located in the State of Alabama in order to encourage data processing centers to locate in the State of Alabama to up to 30 years. The bill would also include taxes paid on computer software used in a data processing center in the taxes that would be abated. This bill would lower certain employment thresholds so that more data processing centers may qualify. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Immigration – Additional ID – SB171 by Sen. Holley: This bill would add a United States Uniformed Services Privilege and Identification to the list of acceptable documentation to prove United States citizenship. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Ad Valorem Tax Excess Payments – SB177 by Sen. Ward: Under existing law, if property is sold for delinquent ad valorem taxes, the tax sale purchaser may pay an excess amount which can be paid over to the delinquent taxpayer under certain circumstances. This bill would more clearly define who is entitled to be paid the excess amount and the circumstances under which the excess can be paid. This bill would also require that the excess amount be held in escrow in the county treasury until such time as proper application for payment of the excess is made, and that if not paid within 10 years, the excess would be paid into the county general fund for use by the county. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

ADEM – Civil Immunity – SB178 By. Sen. Whatley: This bill would provide civil immunity to suppliers of water who have complied with or obtained an exemption from the regulations established by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Blue Light Alert System – SB180 by Sen. Scofield: This bill would create the Blue Alert to notify certain participants in the system when a suspect of a crime involving the death or serious injury of a peace officer has not been apprehended and law enforcement personnel have determined that the suspect may be a serious threat to the public or when a peace officer becomes missing while in the line of duty under circumstances warranting concern for the safety of the peace officer. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ethics - Educators - SB183 by Sen. Keahey: This bill would define the term "thing of value" by providing that seasonal gifts from a pupil or his or her immediate family member to a principal, teacher, or other person employed by a local school system of an insignificant economic value of less than \$100 if the aggregate value of the gifts is less than \$250 during any one calendar year under circumstances which make it clear that no quid pro quo was understood or implied. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Gasoline Tax Usage – SB185 by Sen. Bedford: This bill would allow the proceeds of the four-cent excise tax on gasoline and lubricating oil distributed to counties to be used for vegetation management on the rights-of-way of county roads. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Ethics - Educators - SB186 by Sen. Whatley: This bill would define the term "thing of value" by providing that seasonal gifts from a pupil or his or her immediate family member to a principal, teacher, or other person employed by a local school system of an insignificant economic value of less than \$100 if the aggregate value of the gifts is less than \$250 during any one calendar year under circumstances which make it clear that no quid pro quo was understood or implied. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Physical Exam of Bus Drivers - SB191 by Sen. Marsh: Relating to public K-12 education; to establish the Lieutenant Dexter Holcomb Act; and to add Section 16-27-4.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require any person employed as a school bus driver to successfully complete a physical examination by a licensed physician. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Racial Profiling Prohibited – SB192 by Sen. Smitherman: This bill would define racial profiling and prohibit a law enforcement officer from engaging in racial profiling. This bill would require the adoption of written policies to prohibit racial profiling; would require the adoption of the forms to be used for statistics of traffic stops; would provide for complaints; and would require reports to be filed in the Office of the Attorney General. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Immigration – E-Verify – SB195 by Sen. Sanford: This bill would provide business entities and employers in this state and subcontractors on a project paid for by state contract, grant, or incentive with an option to use federal E-Verify, the ALVerify program developed by the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama, the E-Verify employer agent service established by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, or a valid Alabama driver's license or identification card to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee. This bill would substitute "license transaction" for "business transaction" and would specify that a license transaction would not include renewing a motor vehicle license plate, a driver's license or nondriver identification card, or a business or other license. This bill would add an unexpired United States military identification card to the list of acceptable documentation to establish eligibility to enter into a business transaction with the state or a political subdivision. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

CA – Smoking Ban – SB197 by Sen. Figures: This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal the Alabama Clean Indoor Air Act and establish the Alabama Smoke-free Air Amendment of 2012, prohibiting smoking in places of employment and public places, including certain outdoor areas, and would specifically

exempt private clubs and private residences not used for child care or adult care, or as a health care facility.
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

CA – Smoking Ban – SB198 by Sen. Figures: This bill would allow political subdivisions to adopt stricter requirements regarding smoking and to provide for the responsibilities of the Department of Public Health and the State Board of Health. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Ethics – Lobbyist Reporting – SB200 by Sen. Taylor: Under existing law, each registered lobbyist and principal employing a lobbyist is required to file a quarterly report containing, but not limited to, the cost of items excluded from the definition of a "thing of value" if the actual cost expended during a 24-hour period is greater than \$250. Also, under existing law, any person who expends more than \$250 in a calendar day on a public official or public employee in negotiating a contract or other financial transaction is required to file a quarterly report detailing the expenditure. This bill would delete the 24-hour time period and the \$250 minimum requirement. This bill would require additional information relating to each expenditure made by a lobbyist. This bill would include within the reporting requirements expenditures made by lobbyists to public employees and their family members. This bill would also delete the calendar day limitation and \$250 minimum requirement for reports of expenditures made by non-lobbyists. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Elections – Voter Registration – SB201 by Sen. Taylor: To amend Sections 17-3-50 and 17-4-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the time period during which a board of registrars is prohibited from registering any person as a qualified elector from 10 to 14 days before an election; and to require the voter registration list to be printed within the 10-day period before an election. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Class 3 – Housing Authority Eminent Domain – SB205 by Sen. Orr: This bill would also provide that a public housing authority in certain Class 3 municipalities may exercise the power of eminent domain only with the approval of the governing body of the municipality. This bill would authorize a municipal public housing authority in certain Class 3 municipalities to purchase property for public housing purposes after notice to certain surrounding property owners. This bill would provide that notice would be given by first class mail. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chemical Cannabis - SB207 by Sen. Orr: To amend Section 13A-12-214.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to further prohibit subject to existing possession and distribution penalties certain named chemical compounds of synthetic cannabinoid and to specify that any other chemical compound capable of exhibiting cannabinoid-like psychoactivity would be prohibited. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Prisoner Litigation Reform Act – SB209 by Sen. Orr: This bill establishes the Alabama Prisoner Litigation Reform Act, makes Montgomery County Circuit Court exclusive jurisdiction for all prisoners action, and creates court guidelines. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Immigration – Military ID – SB211 by Sen. Taylor: This bill would add a United States Uniformed Services Privilege and Identification Card to the list of acceptable documentation to establish eligibility to enter into a business transaction with the state or a political subdivision. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Retirement – Forfeiture of Benefits – SB213 by Sen. Orr: This bill would provide that persons would forfeit the employer-paid portion and the interest or gains on the employer-paid portion of his or her retirement benefits upon a guilty plea, a plea of no contest, or a final conviction of a felony offense related to the performance of his or her duties of office in Alabama. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Retirement – Forfeiture of Benefits – SB214 by Sen. Orr: This bill would provide that persons would forfeit the employer-paid portion and the interest or gains on the employer-paid portion of his or her retirement benefits upon a guilty plea, a plea of no contest, or a final conviction of a felony offense related to the performance of his or her duties of office in Alabama. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

DROP Reestablished – SB215 by Sen. Ross: This bill reestablishes the DROP program for employees earning \$100,000 or less and creates limitations and exceptions. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Ad Valorem - Reporting Purchase Price - SB216 by Sen. Irons: To amend Section 40-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to require that a person presenting a deed, bill of sale, or other instrument conveying any real or personal property within this state or any interest in any such property to the judge of probate for recording shall present proof of the actual purchase price of property or actual value of the property, and that if such proof is not presented, the privilege or license tax will be based upon the assessed value of the property and the person failing to submit the required proof shall be subject to monetary penalties for failure to comply with the law. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

FCPA – Filing Municipal Forms – SB224 by Sen. Holtzclaw: This bill would provide that in the case of candidates for a municipal office where the municipality is located in more than one county, the statements and reports shall be filed in the county where the city hall of the municipality is located and provide that the judge of probate of the county where the report is filed, if the municipality is located in more than one county, shall provide a copy of the report to the judge of probate of the other county where the municipality is also located. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Local Authorities – Powers – SB234 by Sen. Orr: This bill amends Section 11-101A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the powers of county and municipal corporations whose corporate purpose is to provide buildings, facilities, and other property for lease and use by the United States of America to expand the powers of those corporations to include expending funds in support of federal facilities located in the state. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Extraterritorial Subdivision Control – SB236 by Sen. Sanford: To amend Sections 11-52-1, 11-52-30, 11-52-31, 11-52-32, and 11-52-33, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the county commission to be responsible for the development of subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipal planning commission if the county has adopted subdivision regulations unless an agreement is executed between the county, the municipal planning commission, and the municipality to provide for the municipal planning commission to be responsible for subdivision development or unless the municipality and the municipal planning commission under certain conditions specifically vote to override the county's exercise of jurisdiction; to provide that when the municipal planning commission is responsible for the development of subdivisions, the county engineer would certify the plats and maps for filing once approved by the municipal planning commission; and to repeal Sections 11-24-5 and 11-52-36, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Waiver of Requirements by ADO - SB238 by Sen. Sanford: To amend Section 40-14B-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the Director of the Alabama Development Office to waive certain requirements to be certified as a certified capital company for applicants that received a Small Business Innovative Research grant within a certain time of filing the application. COMMITTEE ON JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sales Tax Exemption – Alabama Rural Ministry – SB241 by Sen. Whatley: To exempt the Alabama Rural Ministry from the payment of all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

BRAC Closures - SB245 by Senator Holtzclaw: To amend Sections 16-16A-2, 16-16A-7, and 16-16A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to change the baseline date to January 1, 2006; to provide that the average salary or equivalent wage can be attributed to 2005 BRAC that is equal to or exceeding \$80,000; to remove the provision that a school district may not receive the proceeds of the bonds issued by the Public School and College Authority unless the district or political subdivision has experienced an increase in the sales tax rate; and to remove the provision that in order to qualify for bond proceeds, a local school system may redirect an existing tax not currently dedicated to schools to qualify for bonds. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Tax Credit for Research – SB247 by Sen. Blackwell: This bill would provide a tax credit against state income taxes or financial institution excise taxes for qualified research expenses incurred by businesses, including owners of pass-through businesses, and financial institutions within the state parallel to the federal research and development tax credit. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

CA - Judges – Age – SB256 by Sen. Whatley: To amend Section 6.16, as added by Amendment 328 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 155 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, providing that no person over the age of 70 years shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office; to increase the age to 75 years. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Sales Tax Estimations – SB259 by Sen. Taylor: To amend Section 40-23-7, Code of Alabama 1975, regarding the collection of state sales taxes, to increase the average monthly tax liability for a taxpayer to be required to make estimated state sales tax payments from \$1,000 or greater to \$2,500 or greater. COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Immigration – E-Verify – SB260 by Sen. Sanford: To amend Sections 9, 15, and 30 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-9, 31-13-15, and 31-13-29, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow businesses and employers in this state, as well as subcontractors on projects paid for by state contract, grant, or incentive, to use the federal E-Verify program, the ALVerify program developed by the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama, the E-Verify employer agent service established by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, or a valid Alabama driver's license or identification card to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee; to specify that a person renewing a motor vehicle license plate, a driver's license or nondriver identification card, or a business or other license is not required to demonstrate his or her United States citizenship; and to add an unexpired United States military identification card to the list of acceptable documentation in order to be eligible to enter into a business transaction with the state or a political subdivision. COMMITTEE ON JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Retirement – State Police – SB265 by Sen. Waggoner: To amend Sections 36-21-4 and 36-27-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to retirement benefits for state policemen; to clarify that earnable compensation shall include amounts paid as overtime payments to those officers; to provide that the act is declaratory of existing law; to provide an effective date of September 1, 2011, and to allow contributions to be made not later than September 30, 2012, for any amounts not contributed after September 1, 2011. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Deferred Compensation Plan - SB272 by Sen. Williams: To amend Section 36-26-14, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the tax deferred annuity and deferred compensation programs for the salaried employees of the State of Alabama to authorize the State of Alabama Personnel Board to adopt a plan providing for tax deferred annuity and deferred compensation programs for state, city, and county employees or public organizations of the state or any political subdivision thereof; to arrange for efficient administrative investments and professional services; and to allow participants to have their monthly insurance premiums deducted from their deferred compensation distribution. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Ad Valorem - Exemption Reminder - SB277 by Sen. McGill: Relating to taxation; to require each tax assessor or revenue commissioner to mail a reminder to each taxpayer before the 64th birthday, but not before the 63rd birthday of the taxpayer reminding him or her that on or after his or her 65th birthday he or she is eligible to claim an exemption from certain state or county property taxes on his or her homestead. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Retirement – State Police – SB285 by Sen. Waggoner: To amend Sections 36-21-4 and 36-27-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to retirement benefits for state policemen; to clarify that earnable compensation shall include amounts paid as overtime payments to those officers; to provide that the act is declaratory of existing law; to provide an effective date of September 1, 2011, and to allow contributions to be made not later than September 30, 2012, for any amounts not contributed after September 1, 2011. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Licenses - Data Collection - SB286 by Sen. Irons: To require a municipality or county that issues a business license to collect certain information from the person licensed; to require each municipality or county to transmit the information electronically to the Alabama Department of Revenue; to require the department to cross-check the information with its sales tax records to determine whether the business is collecting and paying the required sales tax. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Entertainment Incentives - SB290 by Sen. Dial: Relating to the entertainment Industry Incentives Act of 2009; to amend Sections 41-7A-43, as amended by Act 2011-695 of the 2011 Regular Session, and 41-7A-48 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the maximum expended amounts beyond which rebates would not be allowed and increase the annual cap for incentives allowed during any fiscal year. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Sales, Use, and Lease Tax Simplification Task Force - SB291 by Sen. Reed: To create the Alabama Sales, Use, and Lease Tax Simplification Task Force, to study the issue of streamlining and simplifying the administration and remittance of sales, use, and lease taxes; and to provide for its membership and purposes. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Beer Containers – SB294 by Sen. Sanford: To amend Section 28-3A-23, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the size of containers of beer sold at retail; to allow beer to be sold in containers not to exceed 25.4 ounces. COMMITTEE ON JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INCORPORATION VALIDATION - SB297 by Senator Waggoner: To amend Section 11-41-8 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the validation of any prior incorporations of municipalities. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Abandoned Vehicles - SB298 by Senator Holley: To amend Sections 32-13-1 and 32-13-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to abandoned motor vehicles, to further define an abandoned motor vehicle and to specify when a law enforcement officer may have a motor vehicle towed if the driver has been arrested or is injured or the motor vehicle otherwise needs to be removed from a public street or highway. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES

SAFE Program Amendment - SB299 by Senator Holtzclaw: To amend Section 41-14A-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE) Act, to amend certain definitions. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Unemployment Comp Benefits - SB300 by Senator Pittman: To amend Section 25-4-73 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to individual weekly unemployment benefit payments, to further define compensable week. COMMITTEE ON JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Looting Prohibited - SB302 by Senator Allen: To create the crime of looting; to provide penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Sales Tax Holiday - SB304 by Senator Ward: To amend Section 40-23-210, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the annual sales tax holiday, to include certain energy efficient products within the exemption from the sales and use tax during the annual sales tax holiday. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Ethics - "De Minimis" Defined - SB305 by Senator Ward: To amend Section 36-25-1, as last amended by Act 2010-764, 2010 First Special Session, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to ethics; to define the term "de minimis" as a gift of less than \$25. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, ETHICS, AND ELECTIONS

Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act - SB307 by Senator Blackwell: Relating to public buildings and public works; to create the Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act; to prohibit public agencies from entering into certain contracts; to prohibit certain terms in certain documents; to prohibit public agencies from making certain awards; to prohibit certain persons from placing certain terms in certain documents; and to provide exemptions. COMMITTEE ON JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prescription Drug Sales Tax Exemption - SB309 by Senator Dial: To specify that the sale of insulin, insulin syringes, and related items to treat diabetes purchased pursuant to a valid prescription would be exempt from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes; and to provide for retroactive applications under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Home Invasion Prohibited - SB310 by Senator Brooks: To establish the crime of home invasion; to provide criminal penalties; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Ad Valorem - ADOR Agents - SB312 by Senator Irons: To amend Sections 40-2-11 and 40-3-16, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the powers and duties of the Alabama Department of Revenue and the duties of agents or representatives of the Department of Revenue assigned by the department to any county for the purpose of advising boards of equalization generally; to provide that agents or representatives assigned by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of advising boards of equalization with respect to valuing real and personal property for assessment for

taxation may not fix values for assessment for property. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Sales Tax Exemption - Health Care Products - SB316 by Senator Blackwell: To amend Section 40-9-27 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the sales tax exemption for vitamins, minerals, and dietary supplements, to specify that the exemption applies when the health care items are used, sold, furnished, dispensed, or prescribed by certain licensed health care providers. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Education Budget - SB318 by Senator Marsh: To make appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education in Alabama, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION

Severance Tax Information Sharing - SB322 by Senator Allen: To amend Sections 40-13-53, 40-13-55, 40-13-56, 40-13-57, 40-13-58, and 40-13-61, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the severance tax on certain materials; to require the Department of Revenue to provide the county commission of a county with certain tax records and information related to severance tax collections and payments from operators in the county and to require the information to be treated as confidential by the county commission; to authorize the county commission to request that the department conduct audits of certain operators subject to the severance tax and to provide for the county commission to pay the costs of the audit in the event the audit results in a finding that all taxes have been properly paid; and to require interest and penalties to be imposed on delinquent taxes and to provide for civil penalties. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Social Security Numbers - SB323 by Senator Bussman: To amend Section 30-3-194 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to providing the Social Security number for issuance or renewal of licenses; to repeal the requirement for providing the Social Security number for license renewal. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Civil Immunity for SWAT Team Physicians - SB325 by Senator Bussman: Relating to immunity from civil liability; to provide immunity from civil liability for any physician licensed to practice medicine who volunteers services with a local Strategic Weapon and Assault Team. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Fire Department Donations - SB326 by Senator Orr: To amend Section 9-3-18 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing the state, a county, a municipality, or other governmental entity to donate money and property to volunteer fire departments and rescue squads, to further provide for the disposal of property donated under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND FORESTRY

Davis-Bacon Prohibition - SB327 by Senator Blackwell: Relating to state contracts; to prevent the state or any political subdivision of the state from using the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions in contracts. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MAYOR VACANCIES - SB328 by Senator Brewbaker: Relating to municipalities; to amend Section 11-44G-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the filling of a vacancy in the office of mayor in Class 7 and 8 municipalities; to provide that this section would not apply to vacancies in the office of mayor in municipalities having a population of 12,000 or more inhabitants according to the most recent federal decennial census, which would fill vacancies in the office of mayor pursuant to Section 11-43-42(a), Code of Alabama 1975, providing that the council president shall succeed the mayor in the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

FEDERAL FOOD STAMPS - SB329 by Senator Coleman: Relating to eligibility for assistance under the federal temporary assistance for needy families program and the federal food stamp program for persons convicted of a drug related felony; to provide eligibility under certain conditions. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Retirement - Overtime - SB330 by Senator Beasley: To amend Sections 16-25-1 and 36-27-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to retirement benefits under the Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System; to clarify that earnable compensation shall include amounts paid as overtime payments and subsistence allowance payments. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Firearms in Motor Vehicles - SB331 by Senator Sanford: Relating to firearms or ammunition in motor vehicles; to prohibit a business entity, property owner or legal possessor, or public or private employer from establishing policies against persons transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition when the person is otherwise in compliance with all other applicable laws under certain conditions; to authorize civil actions for persons who are injured or incur damages

as a result of a violation of the act; to authorize a civil action to enjoin any business entity, property owner or legal possessor, or public or private employer from violating the act; to provide for reinstatement of employment and compensation of benefits and restoration of seniority rights for persons discharged for transporting or storing a firearm when in compliance with all applicable laws; and to provide limited immunity to a business entity, property owner or legal possessor, or public or private employer for damages, injuries, or death resulting from another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition transported or stored pursuant to the act. COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Retirement - Earnings Cap - SB332 by Senator Orr: To amend Sections 12-18-10, 16-25-26, 29-4-5, 29-4-6, and 36-27-8.2, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to post-retirement employment, to establish an earnings cap for employees who have retired under the Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System, or the Judicial Retirement Fund. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION GENERAL FUND

Home Sprinkler Systems - SB336 by Senator Taylor: Relating to fire protection and fire protection sprinkler systems; to allow the State Fire Marshal to issue permits to certified potable water single family dwelling fire protection sprinkler contractors; and for such purposes, to amend Sections 34-33-1, 34-33-2, 34-33-3, 34-33-4, and 34-33-5, Code of Alabama 1975. COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Carrying Weapons - SB337 by Senator Beason: To amend Sections 13A-11-7, 13A-11-73, 13A-11-74, and 13A-11-75, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that lawfully carrying a firearm does not, in and of itself, constitute disorderly conduct; to authorize a person to carry a pistol in his or her vehicle without a concealed pistol permit; and to revise certain procedures related to the licensing process; to repeal Sections 13A-11-52 and 13A-11-59, Code of Alabama 1975, to repeal prohibitions against carrying a concealed pistol on another's property and at a public demonstration; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Road and Bridge Bonds - SB339 by Senator Bussman: To make further provision for the financing and construction of public roads and bridges in the state by the issuance of bonds by the Alabama Highway Authority; to authorize the authority to sell and issue from time to time not exceeding, in the case of bonds other than refunding bonds, six hundred fifty million dollars (\$650,000,000) aggregate principal amount of bonds; to authorize the authority, subject to certain findings and determinations, to issue and sell refunding bonds to refund bonds issued by the authority under this act; to provide for the details and the method of execution of the bonds; to provide that the bonds shall be sold at public sale and that the authority shall determine the manner, terms, and conditions of the sale, and to make other provisions respecting the sale and the permitted uses, applications, and investments of proceeds from the sale of the bonds including refunding bonds; to provide for the establishment, from the proceeds, of certain funds and for the use of the funds and any investment earnings thereon; to create the Public Road and Bridge Construction Council to review proposals and authorize funding for projects; to allocate proceeds of bonds to pay construction costs for projects authorized by the Council; to permit the authority and the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements respecting the disbursement of proceeds of bonds; to provide that bonds issued under this act shall not create an obligation or debt of the state but shall be limited obligations payable solely out of the revenues of the authority appropriated and pledged therefor; to provide that the bonds may be used to secure deposits of funds of the state and its instrumentalities and agencies and shall be lawful for the investment of trust funds; to provide a mechanism for defeasance of the bonds; to appropriate and pledge funds identified in this act to the extent necessary to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds; to authorize the authority to pledge for payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds the moneys appropriated and pledged in this act for such purpose; to preserve prior pledges and covenants by the state; to adopt certain provisions of the act of the Legislature creating the authority; to provide for a covenant of the Legislature not to reduce below certain levels appropriated and pledged taxes while any of the bonds are outstanding and unpaid; to authorize the disbursement of moneys pledged for payment of the bonds; to provide that if any portion of this act is held invalid the holding shall not affect the validity of any other portion hereof; and to specify the effective date of this act. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND FORESTRY