**STATUS OF LEGISLATION OF IMPORTANCE TO THE   
TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION BEFORE   
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Final Report

**Note:** The General Assembly has adjourned, and no damage was done to planning legislation. But remember, all bills that were taken off notice can be placed back on an agenda next January, and of course, new ones can be filed.

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| **NEW BILLS INTRODUCED THIS YEAR** | |
| **PLANNING** | |
| [**SB 1101**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1101.pdf) **by** [**\*Dickerson**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S20.html) **/** [**HB 0074**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0074.pdf) **by** [**\*Jernigan**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H60.html)  Planning, Public - As introduced, creates an appeal process for decisions of a housing authority regarding a transit-oriented redevelopment project to a legislative appeal board; requires votes on amendments to transit-oriented redevelopment plans within 60 days of submission; reduces the amount of administrative expenses that can be set aside from certain incremental tax revenues, from 5 percent to 3 percent. - Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 23 and Title 13, Chapter 20.  **Analysis:** This bill is directed at the Metropolitan Housing & Development Agency, although it applies statewide, to establish an appeal process and to require additional transparency for actions of the agency. A proposed transit-oriented development in a section of the county, for which there was much support in addition to neighborhood opposition, failed to get off the ground. The bill was amended in subcommittee to remove language of the legislative appeal board meeting once per quarter, language of time requirements when the appeal board is voting on amendments, and language of specification of incremental tax revenues set aside for administrative expenses if there is a tax increment financing of $1,000,000 or more.  This amendment also revises the membership to be as follows:  (A) The members of the general assembly, as nonvoting, ex officio members, who represent the districts, in whole or in part, within the area where the transit-oriented redevelopment project is located; (B) The members of the local legislative bodies, as voting, ex officio members, who represent the districts, in whole or in part, within the area where the transit-oriented redevelopment project is located; and (C) Two members appointed by the members of the general assembly who are ex officio members of the board. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Comm.; on calendar for 4-9; deferred to 4-10; passed committee; referred to Calendar Comm.; on Senate floor on 4-22; passed Senate.House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm; on calendar for 2-27; passed with amendment; on Local Committee for 3-6; deferred to 3-13; passed to Calendar Comm.; on House floor for 3-25; passed House. |
| [**SB 0530**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0530.pdf) **by** [**\*Briggs**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S7.html) **/** [**HB 0717**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0717.pdf) **by** [**\*Lafferty**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H89.html)  Growth and Development - As introduced, requires comprehensive growth plans be filed with the local government planning advisory committee by July 1, 2021. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 58.  **Analysis:** This is a caption bill. It comes from some local issues in Knox County regarding growth boundaries. The sponsors are not moving the bill. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; |
| **ZONING** | |
| [**SB 0521**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0521.pdf) **by** [**\*Niceley**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S8.html) **/** [**HB 0418**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0418.pdf) **by** [**\*Marsh**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H62.html)  Zoning - As introduced, requires property owner consent to any amendments to a county or city zoning ordinance that affects the property owner's property; requires notice to be provided to each property owner when the owner's property is subject to an amendment to the county or city zoning ordinance. - Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 7.  **Analysis:** This bill is similar to other bills that have been filed in recent years on amending a zoning ordinance. Again, it will require a property owner’s consent for any amendment that affects the property. This means, of course, text as well as map amendments, which would completely disrupt the amendment process. The bill has been brought up by the Homebuilders Association of Tennessee over complaints that downzoning of property regarding density occurs without the owner being notified. It also requires that notice be by registered mail with a return receipt. An amendment was drafted but not filed that would have required just compensation for any value lost because of a downzoning. This will be back next year in some form. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-20; deferred; on calendar for 3-27; taken off notice. |
| [**SB 0390**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB0390&GA=111) **by** [**\*Briggs**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S7.html) **/** [**HB 0155**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0155.pdf) **by** [**\*Wright**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H19.html)  Planning, Public - As introduced, requires the chief legislative body of a municipality to file the notice of intent required prior to adopting zoning ordinances for territory outside of the municipality with the county mayor by certified mail, return receipt requested. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51; Title 6, Chapter 58; Title 13, Chapter 7; Title 13, Chapter 3 and Title 13, Chapter 4.  **Analysis:** This is a caption bill. It comes from some local issues in Knox County regarding growth boundaries. The sponsors are not moving the bill. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; **House:** Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; |
| **ANNEXATION** | |
| [SB 0557](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0557.pdf) by [\*Johnson](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S23.html) / [HB 1089](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1089&GA=111) by [\*Whitson](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H65.html)Annexation - As introduced, specifies that all property owners, rather than just residents, of a territory proposed for annexation may vote in the referendum on the question of annexation. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51, Part 1.Analysis: Last year, the process for a referendum for annexation was an issue before the committees. There was general agreement that only property owners could vote. However, an amendment was passed In the Senate committee to allow all residents of the area proposed for annexation to vote. This bill will revise that part to limit the voting to just property owners. House amendment: The bill now contains this language, "who own property or reside in the territory proposed for annexation" for clarification purposes.Something interesting happened this week. Two versions of this bill have passed. The Senate passed the bill first. The House passed the bill and added the amendment as described. The amendment was rejected by the Senate 4-22. The House then refused to remove the amendment on 4-23. So, the bill goes back to the Senate for an unknown fate. Now Public Chapter 408. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 3-12; passed; on Senate floor for 3-20; passed; held on desk; back on the calendar for 4-25; after much back and forth and a conference committee, the bill passed the Senate of 5-2 with the House amendment. House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on Subcomm. calendar for 3-13; deferred to 3-20; passed; on Local Comm. for 3-27; passed; referred to Calendar Comm. ; on House floor on 4-10; passed. |
| by [\*Haile](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S18.html) [HB 0362](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0362&GA=111) by [\*Cochran](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H23.html)Annexation - As introduced, requires municipalities to record annexation resolutions and deannexation ordinances with the register of deeds in the county or counties affected by the boundary changes. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51.Analysis: This bill amends again some sections of TCA that deal with annexation. An annexing municipality or a municipality deannexing territory shall record the resolution or ordinance with the register of deeds in the county. The resolution for annexation or the ordinance for deannexation must include a detailed description of the annexed or deannexed territory, including, but not limited to, map and parcel numbers of all real property within the annexed territory. A copy of the resolution, map, and detailed description must be sent to the comptroller of the treasury and the assessor of property for each county affected by the annexation. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Comm.; on calendar for 2-19; passed to Calendar Comm.; on floor calendar for 2-25; passed; held on desk; House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-6; passed; on Comm. cal for 3-13; passed; on floor for 3-25; passed.  **Now Public Chapter 120.** |
| [SB 0715](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0715.pdf) by [\*Watson](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S11.html) / [HB 0853](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0853&GA=111) by [\*Carter](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H29.html)Annexation - As introduced, requires consent of a county before a municipality may annex territory that is not contiguous to the municipality's boundary. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51 and Title 6, Chapter 58.Analysis: Last year, the section of the annexation law relating to non-contiguous annexation of property was amended to add additional provisions. A resolution for annexation under this subsection (d) must be ratified only with the written consent of the property owner or owners. This bill adds that the consent of the county in which the territory lies is required. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Comm.; assigned to General Subcomm.House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-27; taken off notice; |
| **TRANSPORTATION** | |
| [**HJR 0048**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HJR0048.pdf) **by** [**\*Clemmons**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H55.html)  General Assembly, Studies - Creates special joint committee to study Tennessee's long-term transportation infrastructure needs and funding. - | Senate:House: Introduced; assigned to Infrastructure Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-19; failed. |
| [**HB 0401**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0401.pdf) **by** [**\*Dunn**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H16.html)  Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, authorizes the creation of transit improvement districts by municipalities for self-financing transit improvements. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 67. | Senate: No sponsor.House: Introduced; withdrawn. |
| **Other** |  |
| [**SB 1053**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1053.pdf) **by** [**\*Watson**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S11.html) /[**HB 1063**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1063&GA=111) **by** [**\*Vaughan**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H95.html)  Historical Sites and Preservation - As introduced, enacts the "Main Street Historic Tourism and Revitalization Act." - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 11, Part 1; Title 56, Chapter 4 and Title 67.  **Analysis:** This bill creates a tax credit system to facilitate the restoration and preservation of the State's historic buildings and structures and to redevelop the State's most important historic assets. Those communities who have a great interest in historic preservation should dig into the details of the bill to determine how the process would work, and there is a lot of detail. The bill is slanted toward smaller and Main Street communities. For example, Davidson and Williamson Counties are limited to a 10 % credit. Knox, Hamilton, and Shelby Counties are limited to a 20% credit. Other counties are limited to a 30% credit. The bill sets a maximum tax credit of $4M per certified historic structure. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Commerce & Labor Comm.; on calendar for 4-9; deferred to 4-16; assigned to General Subcomm. stopping action.House: Introduced; assigned to Finance Subcomm.; on calendar for 4-10; placed behind the budget; |
| [**SB 1071**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB1071&GA=111) **by** [**\*Dickerson**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S20.html) **/** [**HB 0275**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0275.pdf) **by** [**\*Freeman**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H56.html)  Tennessee Housing Development Agency - As introduced, requires the agency, by no later than March 1 each year, to submit a report relative to the implementation of any amended policies designed to improve the agency's blight elimination program to the state and local government committee of the senate and the local government committee of the house of representatives. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 68.  **Analysis:** May be a caption bill. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Comm.; **House:** Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; sub-committee has closed. |
| [**SB 1363**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1363.pdf) **by** [**\*Yager**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S12.html) **/** [**HB 1357**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1357&GA=111) **by** [**\*Calfee**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H32.html)  Metropolitan Government - As introduced, defines the county seat, if the county seat is an incorporated municipality, as the principal city for purposes of county and city consolidation, if the largest city by population in the county fails to adopt a consolidation resolution within 90 days of the county's adoption of a consolidation resolution. - Amends TCA Title 7.  **Analysis:** There is apparently some movement in a county in east Tennessee to examine a metropolitan form of government. This bill would change the principal city from a larger city to the county seat that is smaller in size. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 3-12; deferred to 3-19; deferred to 3-26; deferred to 4-9; passed committee; referred to calendar comm.; on Senate floor on 4-15; passed.House: Introduced: assigned to Cities & Counties Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-19; passed; on full committee for 3-27; passed; referred to Finance Comm.; on Subcomm. calendar for 4-10; passed; on full committee for 4-16; passed; on House floor on 4-22; passed House. |
| [**SB 0291**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB0291&GA=111) **by** [**\*White**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S13.html) **/** [**HB 0244**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB0244.pdf) **by** [**\*Terry**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H48.html)  Solid Waste Disposal - As introduced, extends from 30 days to 35 days the minimum period of time that must be allotted for written public comments on a proposed new solid waste landfill. - Amends TCA Title 68.  **Analysis:** Likely a caption bill. May be a Rutherford County issue. | Senate: referred to Energy, Ag & NR Comm.;House: Introduced; caption bill; held on desk pending amendment; |
| [**SB 0355**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0355.pdf) **by** [**\*Gardenhire**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S10.html) **/** [**HB 0327**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0327&GA=111) **by** [**\*Howell**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H22.html)  Industrial Development - As introduced, requires brownfield redevelopment projects to be sites located in mid-size and small counties; clarifies square footage qualifications for a project to include all facilities taken together; prohibits allocations to the corporation engaged in the project continuing past maturity of the original bond or obligation, which can be no longer than 30 years. - Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 53.  **Analysis:** Present law requires that brownfield redevelopment projects must be located in a county with a population of 80,000, or more. This bill will remove large counties (population larger than 336,400) from participating in the brownfield redevelopment program to authorize smaller counties to participate in the program. **Amended in the Senate:** Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes (1) remove the required designation of county size; (2) remove minimum acreage requirements, (3) expands the definition of a qualified cost for which certain tax revenues may be utilized, and (4) expands the designation which must be obtained in order to qualify as a redevelopment zone. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Comm.; on calendar for 2-19; deferred to 3-5; deferred, on calendar for 3-12; deferred to 3-19; deferred to 3-26; on calendar for 3-26; deferred to 4-10; passed; referred to Calendar comm. on Senate floor on 4-15; passed; signed by governor.House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-20; passed with amendment; on full committee 3-27; passed; referred to Finance Subcomm.; on calendar for 4-9; passed; on House floor on 4-17; passed. |
| [**SB 0417**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0417.pdf) **by** [**\*Kyle**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S30.html) **/ (**[**HB 0361**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0361&GA=111)**) by** [**\*Cooper**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H86.html)  Solid Waste Disposal - As introduced, prohibits issuance of a permit, waiver, or variance to construct or expand a landfill within five miles of a residence; requires department of environment and conservation to organize meetings between violators and affected citizens upon the filing of a petition by such citizens to review violations and remedial actions. - Amends TCA Title 68 and Chapter 169 of the Private Acts of 1990.  **Analysis:** A five mile distance between a residence and a landfill (existing or proposed) could have the effect of prohibiting a landfill in most locations. Maybe that is the intent. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Energy, Ag & NR Comm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Ag & Natural Res. Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-26; deferred to 3-12; taken off notice. |
| [**SB 0178**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0178.pdf) **by** [**\*Gardenhire**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S10.html) **/** [**HB 0165**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0165&GA=111) **by** [**\*Hazlewood**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H27.html)  Environment and Conservation, Department of - As introduced, requires department or local governments that place moratoriums on connections to public sewer systems to grant permits for the installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems; requires permit holders to discontinue service to subsurface sewage disposal systems and connect to public sewer systems within 90 days of the moratorium being lifted. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 4.  **Analysis:** This bill comes from a situation in Hamilton County where a moratorium was imposed as a result of large discharges of sewage into surface water. The Homebuilders Association of the county supports this bill as a way to allow houses to continue to be built.  The bill was amended in the Senate committee. The bill prohibits the commissioner of TDEC from denying a permit for subsurface disposal if (A) a moratorium is in place or (B) if the applicant submits documentation that the applicant cannot connect, or has been delayed from connecting, to the public sewer system because of the moratorium. For property consisting of one to four residential units, the potential future obligation to connect to the public sewer system must be disclosed by the seller to the purchaser. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Energy, Ag & NR Comm.; on calendar for 2/13; deferred for 2 weeks; on calendar for 2-27; passed with amendment; on Senate floor on 3-4; passed.House: Introduced; assigned to Ag & Nat. Resources Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-12; taken off notice. Back on calendar for 3-5; passed; on full Comm. calendar for 3-13; passed; on House floor 3-25; passed House.Now Public Chapter 116. |
| [**SB 0446**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0446.pdf) **by** [**\*Bell**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S9.html) **/** [**HB 0187**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0187&GA=111) **by** [**\*Reedy**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H74.html)  Firearms and Ammunition - As introduced, enacts the "Second Amendment Civil Rights Act of 2019"; confers private rights of action upon a person to challenge government regulation of gun or sport shooting ranges. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17.  **Analysis:** The bill was passed in House committee with an amendment that rewrote the bill. It now authorizes cities and counties to regulate the location of shooting ranges; however, the government shall not impose greater restrictions or requirements on privately owned or operated ranges than are applicable to any range located within the same unit of local government and owned or operated by a government entity. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Judiciary Comm.; on calendar for 2-26; passed with amendment; on floor for 3-4; reset for 3-7; re-referred to Calendar Comm.; pm Senate floor on 4-15; passed Senate.Signed by governor.House: Introduced: assigned to Constitutional Protections & Sentencing Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-27; passed; on Judiciary Comm. for 3-6; passed with amendment; assigned to Finance Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-13; passed; on calendar for 3-19; passed; on floor 3-25; passed House. |
| [**SB 1429**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1429.pdf) **by** [**\*Bailey**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S15.html) /[**HB 1290**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1290&GA=111) **by** [**\*Farmer**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H17.html)  Real Property - As introduced, requires the department of environment and conservation to make available on its website for public viewing a sample solar easement instrument prepared by the department's office of energy programs. - Amends TCA Title 45; Title 47 and Title 66.  **Analysis:** This is a caption bill. An amendment has been filed that changes the bill to affect Homeowners Associations(HOA). This amendment restricts the ability of homeowner associations to decide whether to allow rental of homes in the governed neighborhood. The amendment not only requires 100% vote of ALL property owners in an HOA to prohibit leasing, but also requires an accounting of any vote regarding rental, including the language of the ballot issue. If the rental is prohibited by a 100% vote, any property already rented would be able to continue to rent as long as the property is conveyed to a legal entity. It appears that the bill as amended would benefit out of state house rental companies. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Commerce Comm.; on calendar for 4-16; deferred to summer study stopping action.House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-20; deferred to 3-27; passed; on Local Comm. for 4-3; passed committee; referred to Calendar Committee. |
| [**SB 0196**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB0196.pdf) **by** [**\*Kelsey**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S31.html) **/** [**HB 0261**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0261&GA=111) **by** [**\*Daniel**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H18.html)  State Government - As introduced, makes various changes to the Right to Earn a Living Act, including requiring entry regulations, public service restrictions, and statutes to be demonstrably necessary and carefully tailored to fulfill a legitimate public health or safety objective, and allowing persons to petition applicable licensing authorities and bring civil actions when such standard is not met. - Amends TCA Title 1; Title 4; Title 7; Title 38; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 67.  **Analysis:** This bill has just been discovered, and it is moving rapidly. It has the potential to affect local zoning regulations. A section of the bill preempts all inconsistent rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, licenses, fees, or permits, and other laws adopted by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state regarding or burdening the right of individuals to pursue a chosen business or profession. **Amendment:** The bill was amended in the House to authorize an affected person to petition a licensing authority to repeal or modify an entry regulation within its jurisdiction. The bill also exempts any state agency, regulatory board, commission, etc. that regulates a person. The amendment removed references to cities, counties and other political subdivisions. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 3-26; deferred to 4-9; deferred to 4-16; assigned to General Subcomm. stopping action.House: Introduced; assigned to Commerce Comm.; on Business Subcomm. calendar for 3-12; passed; on full Comm. for 3-26; passed; referred to Gov. Operations Comm.; on calendar for 4-1; referred to House Finance Subcomm.; on calendar for 4-10; passed; on full comm. calendar for 4-16; taken off notice. |

Key to Terms:

Caption Bill – All bills filed must have a caption, and the body of the bill must be related to the caption. It is common practice now for legislators to file bills with broad captions that open up several sections of TCA and then file an amendment that changes the body of the bill but falls under the broad caption.

Taken Off Notice – The terminology used in the House to remove a bill from consideration in committee. This action is generally taken when the sponsor detects that the votes are not there to pass the bill. Bills can be put back on notice at the request of the sponsor.

Placed in General Subcommittee – The terminology used in the Senate to accomplish the same thing.

Held on Desk – An action to hold a bill for another consideration. Bills can be left on the desk or taken off to take an action. One house may pass a bill and then hold it on the desk until the other body passes it.