**STATUS OF LEGISLATION OF IMPORTANCE TO THE
TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION BEFORE
THE 2nd SESSION OF THE 111th TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Latest Action Highlighted in Yellow

NOTE: Another bill that is not moving, SB2855/HB2871, has a broad caption but an amendment reflects the preemption movement. It would limit the ability of local governments to apply design standards to building materials approved by the state fire marshal. It has been deferred in the Senate committee and taken off notice in the House. These type bills must be watched closely.

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| **NEW BILLS INTRODUCED THIS YEAR** |
| **Agriculture** |
| [**SB 1856**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB1856&GA=111) **by** [**\*Akbari**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S29.html) **/** [**HB 1613**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB1613.pdf) **by** [**\*Staples**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H15.html)**Municipal Government -** As introduced, enacts the "Urban Agriculture Zone Act." – Amends TCA Title 7; Title 43 and Title 67**Analysis:** This bill authorizes a qualified farmer or nonprofit partner organization to apply to the municipal clerk for the establishment of an urban agricultural area, which this bill defines as an area within which one or more qualifying farmers are processing, growing, raising, or otherwise producing locally grown agricultural products. This bill sets out in detail the requirements for the application; requires the legislative body of a municipality that seeks to establish an urban agricultural area to first establish an urban agricultural area committee (discussed below); and requires the committee to conduct a public hearing prior to the adoption of an ordinance designating an urban agricultural area.It also prohibits a municipality from exercising any of its power to enact ordinances within an urban agricultural area in a manner that would unreasonably restrict or regulate farming practices in contravention of the purposes of this bill unless the restrictions or regulations have a direct relationship to public health and safety. It ignores any reference to local zoning.  | Senate: Introduced; assigned to Government Operations Comm.; **House:** Introduced; assigned to Cities and Counties Subcomm.;  |
| [**SB 2378**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2378.pdf) **by** [**\*Reeves**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S14.html) **/** [**HB 2366**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2366&GA=111) **by** [**\*Marsh**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H62.html)**Local Government, General** - As introduced, prohibits local governing bodies from adopting or continuing in effect any ordinance regarding the exhibition of livestock; declares that any such ordinance presently or later enacted is void and of no legal effect. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 44.**Analysis**: This bill will affect how every local government regulates livestock exhibition. The definitions include this: “Exhibition of livestock" means a show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere that is sponsored by or under the control of a county or independent agricultural society, school, university, breed association, fair association, or similar organization. The was amended in committee:AMENDMENT #1 removes this bill's provision whereby any ordinance presently or later enacted to regulate exhibitions of livestock would be void and of no legal effect. This amendment adds this bill's prohibition on local governments regulating the exhibition of livestock will not apply to any ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, or other enactments regarding the exhibition of livestock in this state, which such enactment is otherwise authorized by state law or is related to reasonable restriction regarding, time, place, and manner consistent with other similar events or the protection of public health, safety, or welfare. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Energy, Ag & Nat. Resources Comm.; on calendar for 2-26; deferred and on calendar for 3-4; passed to Calendar Comm.; on Senate calendar for 3-12; passed Senate.House: Introduced; assigned to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-25; passed; on full committee 3-3; meeting cancelled and reset for 3-10; deferred to 3-17; meeting cancelled. On calendar for 6-2; passed; on House floor 6-8; |
| **PLANNING** |
| [**SB 1857**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1857.pdf) **by** [**\*Swann**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S2.html) **/**[**HB 2048**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2048&GA=111) **by** [**\*Williams**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H42.html) **Real Property** - As introduced, prohibits governmental entities from requiring right-of-way dedications from landowners with property located along an existing public right-of-way; authorizes governmental entities to require a right-of-way reservation as a condition of approving any proposed subdivision of property; clarifies that a real estate licensee has no duty to inform any party to a real estate transaction concerning a right-of-way reservation. - Amends TCA Title 13; Title 62 and Title 66.**Analysis:** The bill provides that a governmental entity shall not require a right-of-way dedication that requires a landowner to transfer ownership of any portion of the landowner's property located along an existing public right-of-way to the governmental entity as a condition of approving any application made to the governmental entity. | Senate: Introduced; assigned to Commerce Comm.; on calendar for 2-18; placed in General Subcomm.; House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-18; on calendar for 2-25; deferred to the TACIR calendar;  |
| [**SB 1825**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1825.pdf) **by** [**\*Kelsey**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S31.html) **/** [**HB 1969**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1969&GA=111) **by** [**\*Helton**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H30.html)**Planning, Public** - As introduced, allows an owner or agent of the owner of land to sell, agree to sell, or negotiate to sell the land by reference to a subdivision plat before the final subdivision plat is approved by the planning commission. - Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 3; Title 13, Chapter 4 and Title 66.**Analysis:** This bill revises the above-described provisions to remove the prohibition on selling, agreeing to sell, and negotiating to sell the property prior to the above-described conditions having been met. The transfer of the property will still be prohibited. Here is the amendment: | Senate: Introduced; assigned to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 2-18; deferred to 2-25; deferred to 3-3; deferred to 3-10; on calendar to 3-17; action deferred;**House:** Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; passed; on full comm. for 3-18; Meeting cancelled. On calendar for 6-3; taken off notice.  |
| [**SB 2221**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2221.pdf) **by** [**\*Southerland**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S1.html) **/** [**HB 2306**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2306&GA=111)**) by** [**\*Eldridge**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H10.html)Growth and Development - As introduced, deletes requirements for cities and counties to develop comprehensive growth plans. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 10; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13 and Title 65, Chapter 4.**Analysis:** This bill not only repeals TCA § 6-58, the growth planning act of 2001 it also attacks the establishment of planning regions and the creation of municipal regional planning commission.**Note:** Before placing in General Subcommittee there was a motion and vote to send the bill to TACIR for a report. Therefore, there is some question on the action. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Comm.; on calendar for 2-25; placed in General Subcomm;House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; |
| [**SB 2759**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2759.pdf) **by** [**\*Bell**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S9.html) **/** [**HB 2607**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2607&GA=111) **by** [**\*Cochran**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H23.html)**Growth and Development** - As introduced, requires TACIR to report to the chairs of the state and local government committee of the senate and the local government committee of the house of representatives on the effects of Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 and recommendations as to whether local governments should be required to develop new growth plans. - Amends TCA Title 6; Title 7; Title 13 and Chapter 1101 of the Public Acts of 1998. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 3-17; action deferred;House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; taken off notice; |
| [**SB 2522**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2522.pdf) **by** [**\*Briggs**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S7.html) **/** [**HB 2336**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2336&GA=111) **by** [**\*Staples**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H15.html)**Planning, Public** - As introduced, extends, from three years to five years, the period of time that planning commissions must retain the documentation related to the commission members' attendance at training and continuing education. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 13.**Analysis:** Looks like a caption bill. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; placed in General Subcomm; placed back on calendar for 3-17; action deferred;House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; taken off notice; |
| **ZONING**  |
| [**SB 1868**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1868.pdf) **by** [**\*Lundberg**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S4.html) **/** [**HB 1986**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1986&GA=111) **by** [**\*Crawford**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H1.html)**Planning, Public** - As introduced, requires that the recommendations submitted by a regional historic zoning commission to a county or municipal legislative body regarding the creation of a historic district or zone identify the statutory criteria or criterion met by the proposed historic zone or district. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 13; Title 66 and Title 67.**Analysis:** Looks like a caption bill.  | Senate: Introduced; assigned to State & Local Gov. Comm.; House: Introduced; held on desk as a caption bill;  |
| [**SB 2181**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2181.pdf) **by** [**\*Niceley**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S8.html) **/** [**HB 1950**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1950&GA=111) **by** [**\*Daniel**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H18.html)**Zoning** - As introduced, requires municipalities and counties to provide notice of proposed zoning ordinances and proposed zoning amendments to property owners within the boundaries of the zone; requires documentation by the local government of provision of notice; creates a cause of action to void the adoption of the ordinance or amendment if procedural requirements are not met by the local government. - Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 7.**Analysis:** This bill is a repeat of similar bills that have been filed for several years. It again will require a first class mail notice to all property owners affected by a zoning change or amendment. Depending on the amendment, it could require a letter to every property owner in the entire jurisdiction. Every local jurisdiction should evaluate the impact on local zoning ordinances and potential changes. It can always be amended to make more broad. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 3-17; action deferred;House: Introduced; assigned to Property and Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; failed in Subcomm. |
| [**SB 2204**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2204.pdf) **by** [**\*Niceley**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S8.html) **/** [**HB 2149**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2149&GA=111) **by** [**\*Lafferty**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H89.html)**Zoning -** As introduced, increases the public's notice, from at least 15 days to at least 30 days, before a municipal legislative body may hold a public hearing regarding a zoning ordinance. - Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 7.**Analysis:** This one looks like a caption bill and bears watching for an amendment. It opens up TCA Title 13, Chapter 7, the chapter on zoning.  | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; House: Introduced; assigned to Property and Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; failed in Subcomm. |
| [**SB 2582**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2582.pdf) **by** [**\*Yarbro**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S21.html) /[**HB 2142**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2142&GA=111) **by** [**\*Love**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H58.html)**Zoning** - As introduced, exempts Nashville-Davidson County from the prohibition on enacting laws that require existing or newly constructed private residential or commercial units to be sold or rented at below market rates. - Amends TCA Section 66-35-102.**Analysis:** A few years ago the legislature passed a law that prohibited local government from adopting any ordinance to controls rents or provided for a level of affordable housing. It applied state-wide but was directed at Nashville. This bill will remove Nashville from the law. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; on calendar for 6-2; deferred to 12-1-2020.House: Introduced; assigned to Property and Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; passed; on full committee for 3-18; Meeting cancelled. On calendar for 6-3; taken off notice. |
| **ANNEXATION** |
| [SB 1891](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1891.pdf) by [\*Watson](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S11.html) / ([HB 1916](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1916&GA=111)) by [\*Carter](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H29.html) Annexation - As introduced, requires the written consent needed for the annexation of property primarily used for agricultural purposes to be notarized. - Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 51 and Title 6, Chapter 58.Analysis: The bill adds a requirement that written consent must be notarized.  | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Property & Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 3-10; failed in Subcomm. |
| **TRANSPORTATION** |
|  [**SB 1734**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1734.pdf) **by** [**\*Hensley**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S28.html) **/** [**HB 1682**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB1682.pdf) **by** [**\*Haston**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H72.html)Highways, Roads and Bridges - As introduced, authorizes county legislative bodies to adopt alternative procedures for the opening and changing of public roads in the county, in addition to the closing of such roads; authorizes formation of a committee of the county legislative body to perform certain functions for the opening, changing, or closing of such roads if no regional planning commission exists. - Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 10, Part 2.**Analysis:** Current law requires the recommendation of a regional planning commission to open or close a public road. A number of counties do not have a planning commission. This bill provides an alternative procedure for those counties. Now Public Chapter 585. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Transportation Comm.; on calendar for2-19; passed with amendment; referred to Calendar Comm. passed Senate. House: Introduced; assigned to Transportation Comm.; on Subcomm. calendar for 2-5; passed; on Comm.; on calendar for 2-19; passed with amendment; referred to Finance Comm.; on calendar for 3-3; passed; on House floor for 3-9; passed House.  |
| **Other** |  |
| **SB2224 by Southerland / HB2206 by Zachary**  **Water Pollution** - As introduced, reduces from five to three days the amount of time within which final orders concerning water quality permitting must be published on the department of environment and conservation website. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 7, Chapter 35; Title 65 and Title 69. **Analysis:** Caption bill. An amendment relates it to sewage to be spread on land by use of drip or spray fields and weakens the regulatory authority of TDEC.  | Senate: Introduced; referred to Energy, Ag., and Nat. Resources Committee; on calendar for 3-4; passed and on Senate floor for 3-12; re-referred to Calendar Comm. House: Introduced; assigned to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; assigned to Subcomm.; passed through Subcomm. and full comm. On House floor for 6-8;  |
| [**SB 1607**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1607.pdf) **by** [**\*Massey**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S6.html) **/** [**HB 1654**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1654&GA=111) **by** [**\*Dunn**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H16.html)**Housing** - As introduced, specifies that a housing authority may assist in the development of projects that promote affordable rental housing, including mixed-income rental housing developed primarily for persons of low and moderate income as part of its authority to further the goals and local objectives established in redevelopment and urban renewal plans; authorizes the exercise of such powers in the same manner as mixed finance projects for persons of low income. - Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 20.**Analysis:** This bill does just what the caption covers.Now Public Chapter 609. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.; passed committee on 2-11; passed; referred to Calendar Comm.; placed on consent calendar for 2-20; passed Senate.House: Introduced; assigned to Property and Planning Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-25; passed; on full committee 3-4; passed to Calendar Comm.; on calendar for 3-16; passed House. |
| [**SB 2302**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB2302.pdf) **by** [**\*Watson**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S11.html) **/** [**HB 2724**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2724&GA=111) **by** [**\*Sexton C**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H25.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 establishes a process to facilitate the restoration and preservation of the State's historic buildings and structures and to redevelop the State's most important historic assets, being primarily in the State's smaller and main street communities. It creates a system of tax credits for restoration of the buildings. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Commerce Comm.; on calendar for 3-17; action deferred;**House:** Introduced; held on desk as caption bill; |
| [**SB 1778**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1778.pdf) **by** [**\*Stevens**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S24.html) **/ (**[**HB 1830**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1830&GA=111)**) by** [**\*Boyd**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H46.html)**Real Property** - As introduced, clarifies that a "bed and breakfast homestay" may be operated in a private condominium, as well as a private home, for purposes of the Bed and Breakfast Establishment Inspection Act of 1990, which requires inspection of a bed and breakfast homestay. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 56; Title 62; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68.**Analysis:** This apparently opens up condominium developments to bed and breakfast home stays. Well nope. That was just the caption. An amendment has been adopted that addresses the short-term rental law. It is a complicated amendment that appears to affect taxation procedures and the protection currently afforded by the non-conforming use aspects of current law. | Senate: Introduced; referred to Commerce & Labor Comm.; on calendar for 2-25; passed with amendment; on floor for 3-9; re-referred to Calendar Comm.; re-referred to Calendar Comm.; **House:** Introduced; caption bill, held on desk; assigned to Property & Planning Subcom.; on calendar for 3-10; passed; on full committee for 3-18; Meeting cancelled. On calendar for 6-3; passed; referred to Finance Subcomm; on calendar for 6-10; |
| [**SB 1914**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1914.pdf) **by** [**\*Bowling**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S16.html) [**HB 1945**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1945&GA=111) **by** [**\*Daniel**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H18.html)**Professions and Occupations** - As introduced, authorizes a person to perform, without a license, work for which a license is normally required if the recipient of the work acknowledges the person's lack of licensure and waives claims against the person. - Amends TCA Title 62 and Title 63**Analysis:** This bill authorizes a person to perform, without a license, work for which a license, registration, or certification is normally required when the person enters into a written agreement for work with a customer that waives: (1) The license, registration, or certificate normally required by law to do the desired work; and(2) Any liability action the customer may acquire against the person performing work that is governed by a licensure, except for an action brought for intentional, willful, or malicious conduct. This bill applies to licenses, certifications, or registrations for 27 different professions that now require a license to practice, including engineers, architects, landscape architects, and land surveyors.One has to ask: why would anyone hire any of these that don’t have a license? The bill may have run into some difficulty in the Senate committee and has been assigned to the General Subcommittee; the place where they send bills to die. But it can always be brought back.  | Senate: Introduced; referred to Commerce & Labor Comm.; assigned to General Subcomm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Business Subcomm. of Commerce;  |
| [**SB 2431**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2431&GA=111) **by** [**\*Gilmore**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S19.html) / [**HB 1963**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/HB1963.pdf) **by** [**\*Dixie**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H54.html)**Codes** - As introduced, requires that all citations issued for violations of ordinances referenced in the municipality's administrative hearing ordinance be served via certified mail to the actual address of the person in violation of such ordinances. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 10.**Analysis:** The caption is descriptive of the bill.  | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Cities & Counties Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-12; passed on 2-19; on full committee fo26; deferred to 3-11; returned to clerk’s desk; |
| [**SB 1993**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/111/Bill/SB1993.pdf) **by** [**\*Stevens**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/S24.html) **/** [**HB 1978**](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB1978&GA=111) **by** [**\*Marsh**](http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/members/H62.html)**Local Government, General** - As introduced, enacts the "Permit Freedom Act," which requires local governmental entities to make final determinations and provide certain information with regard to forms of permission required to engage in constitutionally protected activities within certain time frames; creates cause of action for applicants. - Amends TCA Title 1; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 38; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 67.**Analysis:** This one needs to be watched. It affects the issuance of all sorts of permits that required government approval and places time frames on them. Under this bill, if governmental approval is required from a local governmental entity prior to an applicant engaging in a constitutionally protected activity, then the local governmental entity must provide the applicant, in clear and unambiguous language, the criteria the local governmental entity uses to grant or deny an application for that governmental approval. This bill specifies that the determination of what constitutes clear and unambiguous language is a judicial question, without deference to the party defending the governmental approval. | Senate: Introduced; referred to State & Local Gov. Comm.;House: Introduced; assigned to Cities and Counties Subcomm.; on calendar for 2-26; deferred to 3-11; 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.