

**2008
REGULAR SESSION
FINAL EDITION**

**Scorecard @ Apl 15
(60/60 days)**

	Senate	House
# bills filed	256	775
# resolutions filed	284	290
# bills passed 1 chamber	103	280
# bills passed both chambers	42	163
# bills into law	61	118
# bills vetoed	0	2*

(* line item veto only)

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Key Session Dates

Jan 8	Session convenes
Feb 26	Last day to have a new bill drafted
Mar 4	Last day to file House bills
Mar 6	Last day to file Senate bills
Mar 31-Apr 1	Concurrence days
Apr 2-12	Veto days (GA not in session)
Apr 15	Session adjourns

The gavels finally came down to close the session early in the morning on April 16. Both the House and Senate had “stopped the clock” the night before which allowed all action taken after midnight to still be recorded on April 15. The state constitution requires a session to end after 60 days, or April 15 this year.

The GA came back on April 14 after a 10 day recess to consider any vetoes by Gov. Steve Beshear and work on more bills. It turned out that the Governor only vetoed parts of 2 bills and the GA decided they could live with the rest. The Governor used the line item veto on **HB 406** (executive branch budget) and **HB 408** (judicial branch budget). He allowed the legislative branch budget bill, **HB 407**, to go into law without his signature, some say in protest to the budget process this session and failure to pass his casino amendment.

Since no action was taken to override the vetoes, the GA was left to pass bills that could salvage something out of the session that many called dysfunctional or worse. The session ended, however, with the 2 remaining major bills still on the table and quick passage of \$75 million in new local water and sewer projects in **HB 608**. No agreement was ever reached on **HB 250**, executive branch ethics, and a purported agreement on **HB 600**, state employee pension reform, was not approved in both chambers in time.

Compromises were reached on 2 bills that were originally stopped due to partisan politics. **HB 2**, an energy efficiency bill, was amended in the Senate to add money for government building retrofitting and small business loans and passed on the last day. The bill already provided tax credits for increased energy efficiency, or “green” projects. **SB 2**, an education bill, was amended to create incentives and promote students to take math, science and technology advanced placement classes but provided no money for the plan. *Look for bills to put more teeth in these programs in future sessions.*

Overall, Gov. Beshear’s bills fared poorly in the session. His budget passed but in a form even he opposed. His late support for additional revenues in the form of casino license fees or higher cigarette taxes failed without a floor vote. His casino amendment, ethics reform, and state employee pension reform bills failed, while prison reform moved only in a resolution for more study. Some of his other initiatives were never filed due to the budget situation.

It took only 1 day after the session ended before members were calling for a Special Session. Senate President David Williams (R-Burkesville) said the Governor should call a special session to address the crisis in the state pension system which faces a \$27 billion shortfall. House Speaker Jody Richards (D-Bowling Green) gave limited support but indicated other issues such as ethics and more road projects should also be considered.

Gov. Beshear has not responded to the call for a Special Session but had indicated earlier that one may be needed to address additional revenue if state receipts continue to fall. A Special Session would be expected to last at least 5 days and cost up to \$60,000/day.

Telecom Issues

One of the Governor's vetoes in **HB 406** was \$1.2 million each fiscal year in grants for *ConnectKentucky* programs. He directed the Cabinet for Economic Development to structure a more reasonable funding plan while claiming continued support for *ConnectKentucky*. The budget had called for a 26% increase in funding to *ConnectKentucky*.

Telecom-related bills that passed:

- ▶ **HB 106**, the *copper theft* bill, was signed into law 4/11.
- ▶ **HB 649**, the *811 or call-before-you dig* bill, passed the GA and is awaiting action by the Governor. The GA did not send it to the Governor until April 15. He is expected to sign it into law this week.
- ▶ **HB 704** was amended in the Senate on the last day to prevent school tax refunds to utilities if the tax is collected as a line-item on customer bills. The House concurred and it is now with the Governor. The bill was originally filed on behalf of the state Revenue Department to clarify sections of the current tax laws.

Telecom-related bills that did not pass:

- ▶ **SB 116** would *prohibit texting* while driving. Not called in Senate Judiciary.
- ▶ **HB 56** would *restrict use of hand-held cellular phones while driving*. Hearing w/o vote in House Transportation.
- ▶ **HB 125** would *prohibit use of personal communications devices while driving* for

certain classes of drivers. Passed House; not called in Senate Transportation.

- ▶ **HB 257** would *replace the local utility gross receipts tax (school tax) with a similar state tax*. Not called in House A&R.
- ▶ **HB 279** would amend the *copper theft* laws. A more detailed version passed in HB 649. Not called in House Judiciary.
- ▶ **HB 337** would *increase PSC penalty provisions* for safety and other violations of law or regulations. Not called in House Tourism Development & Energy.
- ▶ **HB 464** would *exempt sales for resale* (to other providers such as CLECs) from communications taxes. Not called in House A&R.
- ▶ **HB 502** would *allow public notices for cell tower hearings by 1st class mail*. Not called in House Local Government.
- ▶ **HB 527** would *increase the state hold harmless fund* to \$44 million, as part of the communications tax formulas. Not called in House A&R.
- ▶ **HB 553** would *increase identify theft protection laws*, including new notice requirements by companies. Passed House; hearing w/o vote in Senate Judiciary.
- ▶ **HB 725** would amend the state *911* fee collection processes, limit uses of landline fees and revise CMRS provisions. Hearing w/o vote in House Seniors, Military Affairs and Public Safety.
- ▶ **HJR 88** would have required a *study of 911 center funding*, including combining the wireline and wireless fee systems. Passed

House; no final vote in Senate A&R. *Look for this issue to be considered during the interim with legislation possible next session.*

Ins & Outs

Several members have announced their retirement and served in their final GA.

Senate:

- ▶ Richie Sanders (R-9th, Franklin)
- ▶ Dick Roeding (R-11th, Lakeside Park)

House of Representatives:

- ▶ Sheldon Baugh (R-16th, Russellville)
- ▶ Russ Mobley (R-51st, Campbellsville)
- ▶ John Vincent (R-100th, Ashland)

The blame game! House and Senate leadership blamed each other for failures to

pass significant legislation this session. Regardless of fault, House leadership was clearly divided on many more issues than the Senate and failed to work effectively with a newly elected Governor from the same majority party.

PSC Chair resigns! While the GA was wrangling on its last day, PSC Chairman Mark David Goss announced his early resignation, effective May 2, from a term ending in 2011. Gov. Beshear's office said the resignation was not sought or expected.

Same time next year? The next regular session of the General Assembly begins Jan 6, 2009. It is considered a short session since it lasts for only 30 days. Look for many of the same issues to come up again.

Senate Bills & Resolutions

SB 1 STUDENT CURRICULUM AND TESTING

(Williams et al) – Would replace the state student achievement testing system with a national system and make other curriculum changes. The current system (called CATS) was developed as part of the KERA reforms. *Senate passed the bill on party line vote; not likely to be considered in the House. [Filed 2/19. Senate Education Committee passed 3/6. Senate passed 22-15, 3/7. Now in House Appropriations & Revenue (A&R).]*

SB 7 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITIES

(Williams & Roeding) – Would allow local governments to establish public infrastructure authorities to build roads and bridges, issue bonds and set tolls. The local authority would be similar to a mini DOH. HB 689 provides similar state authority. *The sponsor has indicated he would not call bill. [Filed 1/8. Now in Senate Transportation. 4 floor amendments filed.]*

SB 106 PSAP EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS

(Kerr & Buford) – Would clarify law that "dispatch communications personnel" is an employee classifications subject to same rights as other local government employee classifications. *[Filed 1/23. Reassigned to Senate Judiciary from State & Local Gov't (S&LG), 3/6. Senate Judiciary passed 3/13. Senate passed 31-4, 3/19. Now posted in House Local Government (LG).]*

SB 116 PROHIBIT TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

(Harper Angel) – Would prohibit operator from texting while driving and make enforcement a secondary offense. *[Filed 1/28. Now in Senate Judiciary.]*

SB 162 CDL DRUG TESTING AND REPORTING

(Jensen) – Would establish new CDL drug and alcohol test results reporting requirements for employers and medical review officers, including penalties for non-compliance. *[Filed 2/14. Now in Senate Transportation.]*

SB 230 PSC – GAS COMPANY COMPETITION

(Thayer) – Would require PSC to mandate retail gas competition under certain conditions. *[Filed 3/4. Now in Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources (Ag&NR).]*

SR 33 PSC APPOINTMENT

(Williams) – Confirm the appointment of Mark David Goss as PSC commissioner and chairman for term ending July 1, 2011. *[Filed 1/16. Senate State & Local Gov't (S&LG) passed 1/23. Senate adopted 36-0, 1/24.]*

CONFIRMED

SR 36 PSC APPOINTMENT

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(Williams) – Confirm the appointment of Carolyn Clark as PSC commissioner for term ending July 1, 2008. *[Filed 1/16. Senate S&LG passed 1/30. Senate adopted 32-1-1, 2/6.]*

SJR 76 ELECTRONIC WASTE STUDY

LAW

(Harper Angel) – Directs the EPPC Cabinet to recommend a statewide electronic waste disposal and recycling system by 12/15/08. *[Filed 1/28. Senate Ag&NR passed 2/14. Senate adopted 38-0, 2/20. House Natural Resources & Environment passed 3/6. House adopted 95-0, 3/13. Governor signed 4/9.]*

SJR 80 PRISON REFORM STUDY

LAW

(Neal et al) – Would create a commission to study prison reform; report by July 2011. Proposed by Gov. Beshear. *[Filed 1/29. Senate Judiciary passed committee substitute (cmte sub) to reduce the study timeframe, 2/21. Senate adopted w/2 floor amendments 38-0, 3/4. House Judiciary passed 3/26. House adopted 90-4, 4/1. Governor signed 4/10.]*

House Bills & Resolutions

HB 56 MOBILE PHONE RESTRICTIONS

(Burch & Meeks) – Would restrict use of hand-held wireless communications devices with limited exceptions. *Cmte tabled the bill after testimony. [Filed 1/8. Posting waived in House Transportation.]*

HB 69 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(Cherry) – Would expand the Executive Branch Ethics law to include the PSC and its orders, and *extend lobbying restrictions to the PSC. [Filed 1/8. Now posted in House State Government (SG).]*

HB 90 PROHIBIT AUTOMATED CALLING IN ELECTIONS

(Higdon et al) – Would prohibit use of automated or recorded messages by political parties and create penalties. *[Filed 1/8. Now in House Labor & Industry (L&I).]*

HB 95 HIRING OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS

(Nelson et al) – Would prohibit, among other things, the hiring of unauthorized aliens and create penalties. *[Filed 1/8. Now in House Judiciary.]*

HB 106 COPPER WIRE THEFT

LAW

(Denham et al) – Would expand the reporting requirements of junk dealers for purchases/sales of copper and other “ferrous or nonferrous” metals & materials, transfer of the sale records to local law enforcement, and penalties for non-reporting sales. *The cmte sub removes ferrous materials from reporting requirements. [Filed 1/8. House Judiciary passed cmte sub 3/5. House passed w/floor amendment 91-0, 3/14. Senate Judiciary passed cmte sub 3/27. House concurred 93-0, 4/2. Governor signed 4/11.]*

HB 125 MOBILE PHONE AND TEXTING RESTRICTIONS

(Stacy) – Would prohibit certain classes of drivers from using “personal telecommunications devices” to cover voice, data & texting. *[Filed 1/8. House Transportation passed cmte sub 2/26. House passed w/2 floor amendments 95-0, 3/4. Now in Senate Transportation.]*

HB 209 UTILITIES SALES TAX EXEMPTION

(Owens) – Would expand the sales tax exemption to sewer, water, & fuel service billed to a multi-unit residential facility or mobile home park owner. *[Filed 1/8. Now in House A&R.]*

HB 212 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ETHICS

(Cherry) – Would revise and expand the legislative branch code of ethics by restricting acceptable legislators’ and lobbyists activities, restrict campaign donations during elections and expand investigative powers. *[Filed 1/8. Now in House SG.]*

HB 247 UNAUTHORIZED FAX TRANSMISSIONS

(Glenn et al) – Would prohibit unauthorized fax transmissions, establish procedures and opt-out requirements and create penalties. *[Filed 1/10. House L&I passed 1/31. House Banking & Insurance passed a cmte sub 2/13. House passed 93-1, 2/19. Now in Senate Ag&NR.]*

HB 250 EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS

(Cherry et al) – Would overhaul the executive branch code of ethics laws, including definition of public service, appointments to and operation of the EBEC. *[Filed 1/10. House SG passed 1/17. House passed w/2 floor amendments 94-0, 1/30. Senate S&LG passed cmte sub 3/19. Senate passed 29-7 w/floor amendment. House refused to concur. Conference cmte could not agree 4/2. Now in a Free Conference Cmte.]*

HB 257 UTILITY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX FOR SCHOOLS

(Moberly) – Would replace the local utility gross receipts license tax to fund public schools with a new statewide 3% tax, effective 1/1/09. The tax would apply to telecom, cable & satellite, electric, gas & water services. *The cmte chair indicated he would not call the bill. [Filed 1/10. Now posted in House A&R.]*

HB 262 HOUSE TAX BILL

(Wayne et al) – The House revenue enhancement, or tax, bill to fund the budget proposal in HB 406. This bill was originally filed as a tax bill to replace the current income tax system, and then changed to provide a sales tax exemption to camels. The chair of the House A&R changed the bill to support the budget bill. *Senate cmte stripped bill and inserted tax breaks for military and movies; cmte amendment included to define multi-channel video service. [Filed 1/10. House A&R passed cmte sub 3/11. House passed w/1 floor amendment 50-45, 3/12. Senate A&R passed cmte sub w/2 cmte amendments 3/26. Senate passed 33-0, 3/27. Now in House for concurrence.]*

HB 277 BROADCAST TOWERS & ANTENNA PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

LAW

(Webb et al) – Would clarify that television, radio, telephonic and broadcast equipment, including towers and antenna are exempt from local property local taxes, and add weather equipment to the exemption list. *The House cmte sub excludes telecom towers. [Filed 1/10. House A&R passed cmte sub, 2/19. House passed 95-0 2/26. Senate A&R passed 3/11. Senate passed 36-0, 3/26. Governor signed 4/11.]*

HB 279 COPPER WIRE THEFTS

(Harmon & Simpson) – Would expand the reporting requirements of junk dealers for purchases/sales of copper to “ferrous or nonferrous” metals & materials. See HB 106 for more detailed bill. *[Filed 1/11. Now posted in House Judiciary.]*

HB 281 HARRASSING COMMUNICATIONS OVER THE INTERENT

(Hoffman & Riner) – Would expand “harassing communications” to include actions via the internet or electronic communications, and penalties for multiple offenses. *[Filed 1/11. Now in House Judiciary.]*

HB 304 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Damron et al) – Would enact several measures to identify and reduce illegal immigrates, including identify theft measures, employment verification measures and expand local law enforcement authority. *Cmte mtgs seeking public comments are being held but no vote is scheduled. Cmte chair refused to call for vote. [Filed 1/16. Now in House Judiciary.]*

HB 323 OMIBUS BILL FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES

(Brinkman & Crimm) – A general revision to Kentucky business law to reenact and clarify HB 334 passed in 2007; reflect current provisions of the Model Business Corporation Act, and clarity bidding & contracting provisions. *[Filed 1/17. House Judiciary passed 3/7. House passed 96-0 w/floor amendment 3/21. Now in Senate Judiciary.]*

HB 326 LICENSE TAXES

(Webb) – Would limit license fees imposed by 2nd-5th class cities to 1.5%, and a flat amount in 6th class cities and establishes new tax bases, but exempts any higher local tax already in effect. *The communications providers’ exemptions remain. [Filed 1/17. Now in House Local Government (LG).]*

HB 337 PSC PENALTIES

(Wilkey) – Would increase the range of penalties for violations of PSC law and regulations, and create a new penalty of up to \$25,000 for violations resulting in serious bodily injury or death. *PSC sponsored cmte sub expected after mtg with utilities. [Filed 1/22. Now in House Tourism Development & Energy (TD&E).]*

HB 361 LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(Stein) – Would provide for a constitutional amendment in the Nov elections to authorize the GA to impose a local sales or use tax and restrictions. *[Filed 1/24. Posting waived in House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs (E,CA&IA).]*

HB 382 COMPARABLE WORTH PAY

(Marzian) – Would prohibit sex-based wage discrimination on jobs of “comparable worth”, and sets out the definition of comparable worth. *[Filed 1/28. House L&I passed 2/14. House passed w/1 floor amendment 81-14, 3/11. Now in Senate S&LG.]*

HB 406 EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET

LAW

(Moberly et al) – Gov. Beshear’s budget seeks \$18.2 billion to fund state government for FY 2008-10. The PSC budget proposal is \$16 million, including returning \$4.75M in surplus funds to the state general fund. *The Governor and House leadership are split on revenue measures in the budget bill. [Filed 1/29. House A&R passed cmte sub 3/11. House passed w/2 floor amendments 84-14, 3/12. Senate A&R passed cmte sub & cmte amendment 3/24. Senate passed 36-2, 3/24. House refused to concur & Senate refused to recede 3/24. Conference cmte could not agree 3/25. Free Conference Cmte report w/new budget adopted in Senate 35-3 & in House 74-21, 4/2. Governor accepted w/10 line-item vetoes. GA did not act on vetoes.]*

HB 407 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH B U DGET

LAW

(Moberly et al) – Legislative branch seeks \$111.5 million to fund the LRC and GA operations for FY 2008-10. *[Filed 1/29. House A&R passed 3/11. House passed 89-7, 3/12. Senate A&R passed 3/24. Senate passed 37-0, 3/24. Governor allowed bill to become law without signature.]*

HB 408 JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET

LAW

(Moberly et al) – Judicial branch seeks \$791.5 million to fund the state courts system in FY 2008-10. *[Filed 1/29. House A&R passed cmtte sub 3/11. House passed 95-3, 3/12. Senate A&R passed cmtte sub 3/24. Senate passed 37-0, 3/24. House refused to concur & Senate refused to recede 3/24. Conference cmtte could not agree 3/25. Free Conference Cmtte report w/new budget adopted by Senate 38-0 & House 81-14, 4/2. Governor accepted w/1 line-item veto. GA did not act on veto.]*

HB 443 CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE

(Watkins et al) – Would increase the cigarette tax by 70 cents to \$1.00/pack and increase the tax rates on other tobacco products too. *[Filed 2/1. Now in House A&R.]*

HB 464 COMMUNICATIONS TAX EXEMPTION

(Wilkey) – Would exempt from gross revenues sales for resale to other providers (CLECs). *[Filed 2/5. Now in House A&R.]*

HB 502 PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

(Weston) – Would allow for notice of local planning commission actions, including cell tower matters, to be made by first class mail. *[Filed 2/11. Now posted in House LG.]*

HB 506 LOCAL ANNEXATION OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

(Wilkey) – Would require cities proposing to annex any area with utility infrastructure of another city to notify that city of its proposal. Utility infrastructure is defined as electric, gas water or sewage property. *[Filed 2/11. House LG passed 3/4. House passed 93-0, 3/11. Senate S&LG passed 4/2. Senate passed 38-0, 4/2. Now with Governor.]*

HB 527 COMMUNICATION TAX

(Crimm et al) – Would require state to increase the hold-harmless amount of the communication tax earmarked to replace local franchise taxes by about \$8 million to \$44 million. Supported by Kentucky League of Cities. *[Filed 2/13. Now in House A&R.]*

HB 537 CASINO GAMING

(Hoffman et al) – Governor's bill to establish the parameters for casino gaming, including locations, fees and allocations for use of tax revenues. Companion bill to HB 550. *[Filed 2/14. Now in House Licensing & Occupations]*

HB 542 PSC - DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE

(Rudy & Nesler) – Would require nuclear waste disposal plans be in accordance with federal law and regulations. *PSC would continue to be required to monitor plans. [Filed 1/28. Now in House TD&E.]*

HB 550 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR CASINO GAMING

(Owens et al) – Governor's bill for a constitutional amendment to allow casino gaming be submitted to voters in the fall election; requires 2/3 votes for passage. *House leadership is split on cmtte sub; w/o agreement, enough votes for passage is unlikely. [Filed 2/14. House E,CA&IA passed cmtte sub 2/28. 10 floor amendments filed. Now on House floor.]*

HB 553 IDENTIFY THEFT

(Webb et al) – Would increase consumer protection laws for identify theft, security breaches and *phishing*, including requirements for all business entities to provide notice and penalties for non-compliance. *[Filed 2/15. Reassigned to House Judiciary from L&I 2/28. House Judiciary passed cmtte sub 3/12. 4 floor amendments filed. House passed 96-0 w/floor amendment, 3/18. Now in Senate Judiciary.]*

HB 563 CDL DRUG TESTING AND REPORTING

(Combs) – Would establish new CDL drug and alcohol test results reporting requirements and require immediate license suspension for positive tests. Also see SB 162. *[Filed 2/19. Now in House Transportation w/ posting waived.]*

HB 599 JUDICIAL ELECTION REFORM

(Koenig) – Would change the election process for judges beginning in 2014. *[Filed 2/21. Now in House E,CA&IA.]*

HB 600 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT REFORM

(Cherry et al) – Governor's bill to amend the public employee pension system by increasing fees and reducing benefits, primarily to future hires. House passed floor amendments to add similar provisions of the retirement plans for judicial and legislative branch. *[Filed 2/21. House SG passed cmtte sub 2/26. House passed w/4 floor amendments 96-0, 2/28. Senate S&LG passed cmtte sub 3/12. Senate passed 33-3 3/12. House refused to concur w/Senate cmtte sub 3/19. Senate refused to recede 3/20. Conference Cmtte would not agree 3/26. Now in a Free Conference Cmtte.]*

HB 649 UNDERGROUND FACILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION - 811

(Webb-Edgington et al) – Would amend the current 811 law to recognize a state one-call center, tighten requirements for both facility owners and excavators, and expand penalty provisions. *[Filed 2/27. House S,MA&PS passed cmtc sub 3/5. House passed 93-2 w/floor amendment, 3/19. Senate Ag&NR passed 3/27. Senate passed 38-0, 4/2. Now w/Governor.]*

HB 689 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITIES

(Pasley et al) – Would establish a new state Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority to manage mega projects, including authority to contract, issue bonds and finance (tolls). SB 7 provides local authority some similar projects. *[Filed 2/29. House A&R passed 3/5. House passed w/1 floor amendment 84-13, 3/13. Now in Senate Transportation.]*

HB 704 TAX CLARIFICATIONS & NEW UTILITY SCHOOL TAX PENALY

(Moberly) – Would clarify and amend various sections of tax laws; *establish new penalty procedures on utilities for school tax billing errors.* *[Filed 3/3. House A&R passed 3/7. House passed w/2 floor amendments 94-2, 3/13. Senate A&R passed cmtc sub 4/15. Senate passed 32-6, 4/15. House concurred 59-32, 4/15. Now w/Governor.]*

HB 716 PSC – ELECTRIC UTILITY PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

(Pasley & Moberly) – Would require the PSC to study electric utility emissions reduction plans, including demonstration projects, cost recovery procedures and issue biennial reports. *[Filed 3/3. Now in House TD&E.]*

HB 725 911 REFORM

(Bell et al) – Would amend 911 law to allow other entities collect the landline 911 fee, limit uses of 911 funds and reform CMRS Board & operations, including wireless fee authority. *Cmtc heard testimony 3/19. [Filed 3/4. Now posted in House S,MA&PS.]*

HB 763 TV BROADCASTS

(Rasche) – Would require television & cable providers to offer all non-HD TV programming on channels 2-99 in analog format until 2017. *[Filed 3/4. Now in House TD&E.]*

HJR 88 PSAP (911 CENTER) FUNDING STUDY

(Glenn & Webb-Edgington) – Would require LRC to study funding of local 911 emergency call centers (PSAPs) and report by 12/1/08. CMRS Board has endorsed. *Senate leadership generally opposes "studies" and bill may not be called in cmtc; may need to pursue in interim cmtc process.* *[Filed 1/31. House LG passed 2/19. Telecom supported a floor amendment to require study of a combined 911 fee. House adopted w/floor amendment 87-1, 2/29. Now in Senate A&R.]*

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