

Tracked Bills That Did Not Become Law

BANKING AND FINANCIAL

HB 1572 (Rep. Jon Woods and Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Authorizes the General Assembly to establish a maximum interest rate for consumer loans or contracts of \$5,000 or less. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 1846 (Rep. Jon Woods and Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Creates the Small Loan Act, regulating loans between \$250 and \$5,000 and setting the maximum rate of interest at 17%. Requires Securities Commissioner to prescribe licensing regulations for lenders. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 1879 (Rep. Allen Kerr) Requires persons who are exempt loan officer licensing regulations to make certain filings when employing an individual who is required to obtain a loan officer license. Died in House committee.

HB 1920 (Rep. Josh Johnston) Amends the offenses of forgery and fraudulent use of a credit card to include electronic checks. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1986 (Rep. Mark Biviano) Creates a first-time homebuyer allowance of up to \$2,500 or 10% of the purchase price of the principal residence for qualified buyers. Died on the House floor.

HB 1993 (Rep. David Branscum) Requires counties notify landowners regarding the nature of labor and equipment required, and the amount of time needed to execute actions under current authorization to private property for emergency measures following a natural disaster. Died in House committee.

HB 2021 (Rep. Jim Nickels) To repeal the Check-Cashers Act and to protect consumers from unlawful interest rates. Died in House committee.

HB 2174 (Rep. Fredrick Love) To amend provisions relating to the fee percentage banks and other financial institutions can charge for cashing a state or federally issued check. Died in House committee.

SB 568 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux and Rep. Jon Woods) Amends Section 3 of Amendment 89 of the Arkansas Constitution to give authority to the General Assembly to establish the maximum rate of interest on loans of \$5,000 or less. Died in Senate committee.

SB 773 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Authorizes the Arkansas Securities Commissioner to license small loan installment lenders; prescribes license fee, bond requirements, revocation of license, duties of the licensee, loan term; sets maximum interest rate of 17%. Died in Senate committee.

CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACTING

HB 1013 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Authorizes the Contractors Licensing Board to either suspend or revoke contractor licenses when the contractor is found to knowingly employ workers without legal status. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

HB 1027 (Rep. Denny Altes) Creates the Property Assessed Energy-Efficient Home Improvement District Act, authorizing counties to create districts that may enter into agreements and issue revenue bonds in establishing efficiency improvement programs. Died in Joint committee.

HB 1324 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Defines independent contractors for the building construction industry and creates penalties for employers who improperly classify employees for purposes of the Department of Workforce Services Law. Died in House committee.

HB 1325 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Defines independent contractors for the building construction industry and creates penalties for employers who improperly classify employees for purposes of the Department of Workers Compensation Law. Died in House committee.

HB 1938 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Authorizes the Contractors' Licensing Board to impose civil penalties, suspend or revoke a contractor's license, or impose additional penalties for employing a worker without legal authorization to work in the United States; various other changes. Died in House committee.

HB 1940 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Increases the threshold amount for public construction projects to be exempt from bidding requirements, from minimum \$5,000,000 project to minimum \$20,000,000. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 2210 (Rep. Reginald Murdock) Amends public contracting exemptions, removing the provision that exempts construction management services from bidding requirements. Died in House committee.

SB 7 (Sen. Gene Jeffress and Rep. Linda Tyler) Revises provisions for HVAC Licensees' general liability insurance requirements and increases HVAC licensing fees. Died in Senate committee.

SB 804 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Requires persons awarded state contracts of \$50,000 or more to file an annual report with the Secretary of State itemizing his or her political contributions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 886 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Requires the amount of minority-owned business contracts and subcontracts awarded to be recorded in real numbers and percentages of the total number of contracts and subcontracts, respectively. Died on the House calendar.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 1005 (Rep. David Sanders) Changes the state nickname from "The Natural State" to "The Land of Opportunity." Died in House committee.

HB 1572 (Rep. Jon Woods and Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Authorizes the General Assembly to establish a maximum interest rate for consumer loans or contracts of \$5,000 or less. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 1876 (Rep. Tommy Lee Baker) Repeals provisions authorizing municipalities to levy development impact fees. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 2055 (Rep. Mike Patterson) Increases the rebate under the Digital Product and Motion Picture Industry Development Act from 15% to 20% of all production costs; allows one year from the end of production for rebate application; adds additional eligible expenditures. Died in House committee.

HB 2166 (Rep. Debra Hobbs) To amend provisions relating to the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 568 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux and Rep. Jon Woods) Amends Section 3 of Amendment 89 of the Arkansas Constitution to give authority to the General Assembly

to establish the maximum rate of interest on loans of \$5,000 or less. Died in Senate Committee.

SB 841 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress and Rep. Mike Patterson) Increases the motion picture industry incentive rebate amount from 15% to 20% of qualified production costs in connection with a film project. Died in Senate committee.

SB 981 (Sen. Bruce Holland) Requires consideration of available public property prior to initiating eminent domain to take private property. Died in Senate committee.

SB 896 (Sen. Eddie Joe Williams) Amends eligibility provisions of the Tourism Development act to include refurbishment and renovation of tourism attractions. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture and Economic Development.

SB 986 (Sen. Missy Thomas Irvin) Amends provisions related to the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 992 (Sen. David Johnson) Implements the energy savings bond provisions of Amendment 89. Died in Senate committee.

EDUCATION – K-12

HB 1095 (Rep. Les “Skip” Carnine) To amend provisions relating to charter schools. Recommended for interim study – House Education.

HB 1277 (Rep. Clark Hall) Provides criteria for the State Board of Education's decision to release school districts from academic and fiscal distress statuses, removing language prohibiting districts from carrying any distress status for two years. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1411 (Rep. Johnnie Roebuck and Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Changes provisions for calculating the daily membership of isolated school districts to a prior-year three-quarter average; requires specific findings of the State Board when closing districts and prohibits appeal of the decision. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1562 (Rep. James Ratliff) Prohibits a school district from transporting a student into or out of a school district that has an average of 400 students or less without both districts' approval or a court order. Died in House committee.

HB 1877 (Rep. Bobby Pierce) Adds restrictions on the accounting, reporting and use of excess funds and foundation funding to ensure that school districts below a specific student achievement level use funding to improve student academic achievement. Recommended for interim study – House education.

HB 1900 (Rep. Andrea Lea) Authorizes a person teaching in a public early childhood education program to utilize the prekindergarten teaching credential in lieu of a P-4 teaching license. Recommended for interim study – House Education.

HB 1967 (Rep. Eddie Cheatham) To amend provisions relating to the adequacy of the public school system. Died in House Committee.

HB 1968 (Rep. Eddie Cheatham) To amend provisions relating to public school funding. Died in House committee.

HB 2010 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Prohibits the Department of Education from including schools on the consolidation list that have not been in academic, facilities, or fiscal distress, or been categorized as level 1 or 2 annual improvement or performance ratings for the past two years. Died on the House floor.

HB 2012 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Establishes limits on the usage and disbursement of desegregation expenses to a school district under court-ordered desegregation. Died in House committee.

HB 2140 (Rep. Barry Hyde) To amend provisions relating to the election of school board members from zones. Recommended for interim study – House Education.

SB 267 (Sen. David Johnson) Allows school districts to operate a 200-day school year, with no vacation period exceeding six weeks; provides for 6% increase in foundation funding for districts electing to use the 200-day school year. Recommended for interim study – Senate Education.

SB 438 (Sen. Randy Laverty) Prohibits the Department of Education from recouping net revenues from the uniform rate of tax when a school district's net revenue exceeds the foundation funding amount. Died in Senate committee.

SB 726 (Sen. Bill Sample) Prohibits the Department of Education from recouping net revenues from the uniform rate of tax when a school district's net revenue exceeds the foundation funding amount. Died in Senate committee.

SB 734 (Sen. Ruth Whitaker and Rep. Debra Hobbs) Provides for countywide public school districts. Recommended for interim study – Joint Performance Review.

SB 756 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Limits a school district's year-end categorical fund balance to 15% of the funds distributed, plus all carryover funds, unless authorized by the Education Commissioner; requires the Education Department to create a Carryover Variance Report. Died in Senate committee.

SB 787 (Sen. Gilbert Baker) Revises provisions concerning the Charter Schools Act. Died in Senate committee.

SB 817 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Amends provisions concerning the adequacy of the public school system. Died in Senate committee.

SB 821 (Senate Education Committee and House Education Committee) Increases per-student foundation funding from \$5,905 to \$6,127 for school year 2011-12 and to \$6,254 for 2012-13; increases categorical funding and enhanced transportation funding. Died in House committee.

SB 825 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Amends provisions concerning funding for school districts. Died in Senate committee.

SB 829 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Increases the minimum teacher salary schedule for school year 2011-12. Recommended for interim study – Senate Education.

SB 853 (Sen. Jason Rapert) Immediately suspends reorganizations of school districts and closures of school campuses. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 894 (Sen. Eddie Joe Williams) Requires school elections to be held on the same day as general elections. Recommended for interim study – Senate Education.

SB 914 (Sen. Gilbert Baker) Authorizes school districts, other than those in desegregation status, to approve the enrollment of nonresident students and the transfer of resident students. Died in House committee.

SB 932 (Sen. Bill Pritchard) Amends provisions related to the public school choice. Withdrawn from further consideration

EDUCATION – HIGHER EDUCATION

HB 1008 (Rep. Justin Harris) Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to promulgate rules that prohibit persons who are not U.S. citizens or legal residents from

receiving in-state tuition benefits at state-supported institutions. Died in House committee.

HB 1048 (Rep. Les “Skip” Carnine) Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to implement a statewide common course numbering system for general education courses at public higher education institutions. Died in House committee.

HB 1479 (Rep. Charlie Collins and Sen. Jason Rapert) Allows full-time college, university or community college faculty members with concealed handgun licenses to carry concealed handguns on their campus of employment, unless the college is a private entity that specifically prohibits the practice. Died in House committee.

HB 1727 (Rep. Davy Carter) Adds further detail to the tuition and fee revenues calculation for the higher education funding formula. Died in House committee.

HB 1786 (Rep. Donna Hutchinson) Requires four-year institutions of higher education (non land-grant) to reduce the amount spent on remediation by 5% per academic year until the total amount spent reaches 50% of the 1996-97 amount spent. Creates a Remediation Reduction Advisory Panel. Died in House committee.

HB 1858 (Rep. James Word) To amend provisions relating to accountability in higher education. Died in House committee.

HB 1963 (Rep. Bryan King) To amend provisions relating to postsecondary remediation of students. Recommended for interim committee – House Education.

HB 2053 (Rep. Johnnie Roebuck) To amend provisions relating to higher education funding. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 3 (Sen. Ruth Whitaker) Requires higher education institutions and public hospitals to provide interpreters to assist employees whose oral English skills materially interfere with performing the person's job. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 67 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Reestablishes the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on Higher Education Reform, authorizing it to review policy issues related to cost containment, tuition and fees, program and degree productivity and proposed regulatory changes. Died in Senate committee.

SB 99 (Sen. Sue Madison) Requires state-supported institutions of higher education to reimburse employees for all parking costs in excess of ten dollars for any year. Entitles employees who are not reimbursed by June 30 to \$5,000 and attorneys' fees.

Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 748 (Sen. Gilbert Baker and Rep. Johnnie Roebuck) Revises the funding formula for state-supported institutions of higher education. Died in Senate committee.

SB 844 (Sen. Jason Rapert) Allows full-time college, university or community college faculty members with concealed handgun licenses to carry concealed handguns on their campus of employment, unless the college is a private entity that specifically prohibits the practice. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 869 (Sen. Randy Laverty) Amends provisions concerning the funding of two-year colleges. Died in Senate committee.

EDUCATION – FACILITIES

HB 1957 (Rep. Eddie Cheatham) To amend provisions relating to public school facilities. Died in House committee.

SB 818 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Amends provisions concerning school district facilities. Died in Senate committee.

SB 826 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Amends provisions of the Academic Facilities Partnership Program and the Public School Academic Facilities Program. Died in Senate committee.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

HB 1054 (Rep. Denny Altes) Requires the Department of Workforce Services to conduct bi-weekly interviews with persons making claims for unemployment benefits. Died in House committee.

HB 1057 (Rep. Denny Altes) Requires employees to contribute 0.5% of all wages to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. Died in House committee.

HB 1058 (Rep. Denny Altes) Makes various changes to the calculation of unemployment benefits, the length of time benefits are extended upon employment, and the personal and family-related reasons for which a person may be disqualified for benefits. Died in House committee.

HB 1249 (Rep. Denny Altes) Makes various changes to the calculation of unemployment benefits, the length of time benefits are extended upon employment, and the personal and family-related reasons for which a person may be disqualified for benefits. Died in House committee.

HB 1324 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Defines independent contractors for the building construction industry and creates penalties for employers who improperly classify employees for purposes of the Department of Workforce Services Law. Died in House committee.

HB 1728 (Rep. Davy Carter and Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Makes various changes to the calculation and eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits. Died in House committee.

HB 1839 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Requires an interagency agreement and further cooperation among state agencies to address the misclassification of employees as independent contractors. Died in Senate committee.

HB 2022 (Rep. Jim Nickels) To amend provisions relating to bringing solvency to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, Unemployment Trust Fund, and Employment Security Special Fund and fund unemployment benefit claims. Died in House committee.

HB 2103 (Rep. Bryan King) Creates an unemployment insurance tax credit for businesses that create a job after July 1, 2011 and hire a person who is at the time receiving unemployment benefits; increases the \$250 benefit another \$250 for each quarter of employment. Died in Senate committee.

HB 2129 (Rep. Barry Hyde) To amend provisions relating to unemployment insurance laws . Died in House committee.

HB 2132 (Rep. Anne Clemmer) Extends through 2015 the provision for a thirty-day disqualification period for unemployment benefits after discharge for misconduct. Died in House committee.

SB 87 (Sen. Johnny Key) Prohibits the department from charging an employer for any benefit paid to an individual after his or her discharge for criminal or other misconduct. Died in Senate committee.

SB 157 (Sen. Bill Pritchard and Rep. Denny Altes) Requires a random sampling for drug use of applicants for unemployment benefits and prohibits payment of benefits to

persons who refuse to submit to or test positive to a drug screen. Died in Senate committee.

SB 209 (Sen. Eddie Joe Williams and Rep. Nate Bell) Requires recipients of unemployment benefits to have a high school diploma, to have passed the GED, or to remain enrolled in adult education classes in pursuit of passing the GED while receiving unemployment benefits. Recommended for interim study – Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

SB 964 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Increases the taxable wage base for purposes of employment security law from \$10,000 to \$13,000 for 2011, and to \$14,000 for 2012 and beyond. Died in Senate committee.

SB 971 (Sen. Jason Rapert) Establishes a reasonable time for the last employer to respond to notice of a claim for unemployment by a former employee. Withdrawn from further consideration.

ENERGY

HB 2115 (Rep. Jon Woods) Creates the Emergent Technologies Grant Program under the Science and Technology Authority to provide funds for the development, implementation or acquisition of wireless power, wireless energy transfers, and holography technologies. Died in House committee.

HB 2185 (Rep. Garry Smith) Provides an exemption from the conservation programs and measures that public utility companies bill to large non-residential rater payers, for those rate payers that show completion of or state intent to make investments designed to save energy. Died in Joint committee.

SB 721 (Sen. Sue Madison) Creates the Arkansas Clean Energy Act to promote the use of renewable energy resources to generate electricity; requires electric utilities to buy power from the renewable energy producer and provides for cost recovery. Recommended for interim study – Senate Insurance and Commerce.

SB 792 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Deletes the exemption from the need for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need from the Public Service Commission for wholesale generators or facilities whose costs will not be recovered by PSC approved rates. Died in Senate committee.

ENVIRONMENT

HB 1206 (Rep. Denny Altes) Provides that regional solid waste management boards can collect rents, fees and charges only from districts that the boards "regulate." Died in House committee.

HB 1392 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Requires the Oil and Gas Commission to inspect natural gas wells and hydraulic fracturing treatment on a regular basis to ensure compliance; Requires cooperation of Commission and ADEQ to inspect wells within 48 hours of receiving a complaint. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

HB 1393 (Rep. Kathy Webb) To require gas drilling operators to post bonds sufficient to cover cleanup and well closure. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

HB 1394 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Requires the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to initiate rulemaking regarding hydraulic fracturing procedures, storage ponds, and well casings; requires operators to test all fresh water after evidence of contamination; states ADEQ duties. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

HB 1395 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Requires the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to initiate rulemaking regarding air quality during gas drilling and production, including requiring companies to reduce and monitor emissions and requiring ADEQ to monitor sufficiently. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

HB 1396 (Rep. Kathy Webb) To require natural gas drilling operators to disclose chemical names, the volume of both chemicals and water, the source of the water, and the disposal method for fracking fluids. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development.

HB 1399 (Rep. Bobby Pierce) Requires the Oil and Gas Commission to create rules to reduce the noise arising from natural gas fields to no more than 55 decibels during the day, and 45 decibels during the night, when a habitable dwelling is within 1000 feet. Died in House committee.

HB 1400 (Rep. Bobby Pierce) To create the Landowner's Bill of Rights, regarding natural gas drilling activity disclosure, notification, and compensation for adverse effects. Died in House committee.

HB 1405 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Bans the sale of certain electronic devices and computers by manufacturers that are not registered with ADEQ and in compliance with per-pound component sales fees; bans the disposal of certain electronics in landfills. Died in House committee.

HB 1450 (Rep. Jonathan Barnett and Sen. Steve Harrelson) Provides that the legislature shall empower the proper agencies with authority to provide a coordinated statewide program for carbon dioxide storage after completion of an interim study. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 1711 (Rep. Stephen Meeks) Makes revisions to the Shielded Outdoor Lighting Act, renaming the chapter the Nighttime Environment Protection Act. Addresses and regulates, roadway lighting, signage, energy consumption, mercury devices, overnight lighting of facilities, etc. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 706 (Sen. Bill Pritchard) Requires establishments permitted under law for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to post a specified sign warning that drinking of alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects. Died on the House floor.

SB 735 (Sen. Johnny Key) Amends provisions concerning the Division of Solid Waste Management of the Department of Environmental Quality. Died in Senate committee.

SB 911 (Sen. Johnny Key) Deletes the requirement that environmental disclosure statements include the social security number of the applicant and all affiliated persons. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 960 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Requires an environmental impact statement related to any state action that may impact or harm the environment. Died in Senate committee.

HEALTH CARE

HB 1053 (Rep. David Meeks) Creates the Health Care Freedom Act, providing that no law or rule shall compel, directly or indirectly, an individual, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system. Died in House committee.

HB 1458 (Rep. Debra Hobbs and Sen. Cecile Bledsoe) Creates an Extension Education Program for students with pervasive developmental disorder, cerebral palsy, autism or seizure disorder, disbursing state funding through education providers for individualized education programs. Died in House committee.

HB 1600 (Rep. Barry Hyde) Requires the Insurance Commissioner to establish an annual mandatory open-enrollment period each October for health insurers to offer child-only individual health insurance policies to children under 19 years old. Died in House committee.

HB 1800 (Rep. Bryan King) Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to allow health reimbursement arrangement-only plans; places restrictions on high deductible plans that are eligible for health savings accounts; allows a tax deduction for employers. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 1801 (Rep. Bryan King) Requires the Insurance Department to review mandated health benefits and health insurance offerings in existing or proposed law. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 1939 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Amends provisions regarding the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commission for health care providers. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 1983 (Rep. David Meeks) Creates the Healthcare Freedom of Conscience Act; exempts from liability health care providers, employers, insurers, and others who elect not to provide services related to abortion, sterilization, stem-cell research, cloning, etc. Died in House committee.

HB 2080 (Rep. Debra Hobbs) To amend provisions relating to the health insurance market. Died in House committee.

HB 2083 (Rep. Debra Hobbs) To amend provisions relating to the regulation and future termination of insurance mandates. Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 2104 (Rep. Jon Woods) To authorize the Insurance Commissioner to enforce the federal Affordable Care Act and establish the Arkansas Health Benefit Exchange. Died in House committee.

SB 3 (Sen. Ruth Whitaker) Requires higher education institutions and public hospitals to provide interpreters to assist employees whose oral English skills materially interfere with performing the person's job. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 113 (Sen. Cecile Bledsoe and Rep. Andrea Lea) Requires the purchase of supplemental insurance coverage under the state health insurance exchange for coverage of elective abortions, defined as an abortion performed for any reason other than to prevent death of the mother. Died in House committee.

SB 709 (Sen. Missy Thomas Irvin and Rep. John Burris) Prohibits state agencies and departments from implementing or enforcing any part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act without first reporting to the legislature the specific state laws and rules authorizing them to do so. Died in Senate committee.

SB 747 (Sen. Larry Teague) Revises regulation of health insurance and implements health care reform. Died in Senate committee.

SB 807 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Prescribes organizational requirements for accountable care organizations, groups formed of health care providers to ensure that medical decisions are made in the best interest of patients and not based on commercial interests. Died in House committee.

SB 813 (Sen. Cecile Bledsoe) Prohibits interference with professional judgment and independent practice of health care professionals. Died in Senate committee.

SB 830 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Prohibits the denial of health insurance coverage for preexisting conditions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 880 (Sen. Percy Malone) Implements all state-law aspects of the federal healthcare reform, including creation of the Arkansas Health Benefits Exchange. Died in Senate committee.

SB 904 (Sen. Percy Malone) Creates the Arkansas Health Benefits Exchange. Died in Senate committee.

SB 934 (Sen. Missy Thomas Irvin) Amends provisions to promote competition, increase quality and decrease costs in the health insurance market. Died in Senate committee.

INSURANCE

HB 1044 (Rep. Denny Altes) Requires state, county and local law enforcement to maintain the confidentiality of motor vehicle accident reports for 90 days. Died in House committee.

HB 1053 (Rep. David Meeks) Creates the Health Care Freedom Act, providing that no law or rule shall compel, directly or indirectly, an individual, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system. Died in House committee.

HB 1600 (Rep. Barry Hyde) Requires the Insurance Commissioner to establish an annual mandatory open-enrollment period each October for health insurers to offer child-only individual health insurance policies to children under 19 years old. Died in House committee.

HB 1800 (Rep. Bryan King) Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to allow health reimbursement arrangement-only plans; places restrictions on high deductible plans that are eligible for health savings accounts; allows a tax deduction for employers. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 1801 (Rep. Bryan King) Requires the Insurance Department to review mandated health benefits and health insurance offerings in existing or proposed law. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 1974 (Rep. Jeremy Gillam) To clarify who may have access to information regarding a person's motor vehicle insurance coverage. Recommended for interim study – House Public Transportation.

HB 1987 (Rep. Fred Allen) Prohibits employment decisions from being made based on consumer credit information; authorizes civil action for damages and attorney's fee for an individual injured by a violation of the act. Died in House committee.

HB 2080 (Rep. Debra Hobbs) To amend provisions relating to the health insurance market. Died in House committee.

HB 2083 (Rep. Debra Hobbs) To amend provisions relating to the regulation and future termination of insurance mandates. Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 2104 (Rep. Jon Woods) To authorize the Insurance Commissioner to enforce the federal Affordable Care Act and establish the Arkansas Health Benefit Exchange. Died in House committee.

HB 2138 (Rep. Barry Hyde) Requires the Insurance Commissioner to enforce and implement the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, creates the Arkansas Health Benefits Exchange, other. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

SB 7 (Sen. Gene Jeffress and Rep. Linda Tyler) Revises provisions for HVAC Licensees' general liability insurance requirements and increases HVAC licensing fees. Died in Senate committee.

SB 113 (Sen. Cecile Bledsoe and Rep. Andrea Lea) Requires the purchase of supplemental insurance coverage under the state health insurance exchange for coverage of elective abortions, defined as an abortion performed for any reason other than to prevent death of the mother. Died in Senate committee.

SB 378 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Authorizes the insured to employ the adjuster of his or her choice if the claim arises under an insurance contract that insures the real or personal property of the insured. Recommended for interim committee – Senate Insurance and Commerce.

SB 747 (Sen. Larry Teague) Revises regulation of health insurance and implements health care reform. Died in Senate committee.

SB 830 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Prohibits the denial of health insurance coverage for preexisting conditions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 837 (Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson) Requires property and casualty insurance companies to give 30 days written notice prior to cancellation to policyholders who have held the policy for at least two consecutive years. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 860 (Sen. Steve Harrelson) Regulates shareholder rights and board membership for family-controlled holding companies that are regulated life insurance companies. Died in Senate committee.

SB 880 (Sen. Percy Malone) Implements all state-law aspects of the federal healthcare reform, including creation of the Arkansas Health Benefits Exchange. Died in Senate Committee.

SB 895 (Sen. Eddie Joe Williams) Prohibits insurers from requiring the purchase of life insurance to obtain their health insurance. Died in Senate committee.

SB 904 (Sen. Percy Malone) Creates the Arkansas Health Benefits Exchange. Died in Senate committee.

SB 934 (Sen. Missy Thomas Irvin) Amends provisions to promote competition, increase quality and decrease costs in the health insurance market. Died in Senate committee.

SB 935 (Sen. Missy Thomas Irvin) Requires the review and future termination of certain insurance mandates and provides for regulation of insurance mandates. Withdrawn from further consideration.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

HB 1051 (Rep. Denny Altes) Allows handguns to be carried openly without limitation or permit, and provides that the criminal offense of carrying a weapon applies to handguns only when they are concealed. Died in House committee.

HB 1881 (Rep. Greg Leding) Requires employers to pay all wages owed to someone leaving employment within a certain time frame, and sets \$100 civil penalty. Prohibits withholding any employee's wages unless authorized by law, court order, or the employee. Died on the House floor.

HB 2006 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Provides for a felony violation for the transportation and harboring of illegal aliens; requires a law enforcement officer to determine the immigration status of a person upon any lawful stop, detention, or arrest. Died in House committee.

HB 2009 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Creates the Arkansas Legal Worker's Act, creating a criminal violation for employers of illegal immigrants, requiring participation in the E-verify program, and authorizing the creation of a voluntary employer enhanced compliance program. Died in the House committee.

HB 2086 (Rep. John Burris) To amend and update provisions relating to minimum wage law concerning the allowance for furnishing board, lodging, apparel, etc. Died in House committee.

HB 2144 (Rep. John Walker) To prohibit public employees and officials from receiving private compensation in the furtherance of public duties. Died in House committee.

HB 2145 (Rep. John Walker) Requires state agencies to provide employees written notification of termination that includes the termination date and time, and the primary reason for discharge; provides that noncompliance equates to a presumption of wrongful termination. Died in House committee.

SB 842 (Sen. Joyce Elliott and Rep. Reginald Murdock) Prohibits public employers from inquiring into or considering the criminal history of an in-state applicant for public employment until the applicant has been selected as an interview finalist. Died in Senate committee.

SB 874 (Sen. Jake Files) Exempts services performed by individuals in private homes when referred by a home-care referral service from the definition of employment for purposes of employment security. Died in Senate committee.

SB 886 (Sen. Joyce Elliott) Requires the amount of minority-owned business contracts and subcontracts awarded to be recorded in real numbers and percentages of the total number of contracts and subcontracts, respectively. Died on the House calendar.

LEGAL

HB 1352 (Rep. Linda Tyler) Requires employment-related claims under the Civil Rights Act to be brought only against an employer and not against business agents, employees, board members, or officers; protects employees from rights-related retaliation. Died in House committee.

HB 1445 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Creates a criminal offense for failure to pay an employee wages, final compensation, or wage supplements within a reasonable amount of time. Authorizes employees to claim through the Labor Department the amount of wages, plus damages. Died in House committee.

H 1494 (Rep. Jim Nickels and Sen. Stephanie Flowers) Establishes civil liability for private entities and persons if they provide erroneous background check information that causes injury to a person's reputation, employment status, potential employment status, or civil liberties. Recommended for interim study – House Judiciary.

HB 1526 (Rep. Barry Hyde and Sen. Bill Sample) Authorizes persons with permits to dispense or sell at retail alcoholic beverages to seek up to \$1,000 in civil damages from persons under 21, or the parents of persons under 18, who attempt to purchase alcohol. Died on the House floor.

HB 1632 (Rep. Randy Stewart) To amend provisions relating to possession and use of firearms. Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1634 (Rep. Randy Stewart) To amend provisions relating to possession and use of firearms. Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1723 (Rep. Denny Altes) Makes various revisions to handgun and weapon possession provisions. Died in Senate committee.

HB 2040 (Rep. Johnnie Roebuck) Changes the pool of prospective jurors from registered voters to licensed drivers, persons holding state identification cards, persons paying personal or real property taxes; requires citizenship. Recommended for interim study – House Judiciary.

HB 2057 (Rep. Gary Stubblefield) To require a plaintiff to pay the defendant's fees and costs if the court finds the lawsuit to be frivolous. Died in House committee.

HB 2060 (Rep. Leslee Milam Post and Sen. Steve Harrelson) Allows county employees represented by a professional association to request the professional dues to be withheld from salary; requires counties to transmit all dues to the associations within five days of the end of the pay period. Died on the House floor.

HB 2126 (Rep. Stephanie Malone) To amend provisions relating to immunity from liability in cases involving off-road motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles. Died in House committee.

HB 2195 (Rep. Linda Collins-Smith) Prohibits frivolous lawsuits based on claims arising out of weight gain, obesity or a health condition associated with weight gain from long-term consumption of food. Died in House committee.

SB 97 (Sen. Cecile Bledsoe and Rep. Jane English) Makes unenforceable any ruling of courts, arbitration, tribunals or agencies that is based on any foreign law, legal code or system that is in conflict with rights granted under the U.S. and Arkansas constitutions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 99 (Sen. Sue Madison) Requires state-supported institutions of higher education to reimburse employees for all parking costs in excess of ten dollars for any year. Entitles employees who are not reimbursed by June 30 to \$5,000 and attorneys' fees. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 164 (Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson) Provides that proof of reliance is not a required element of proof of deceptive and unconscionable trade practices. Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 167 (Sen. Johnny Key) Requires that a redetermination of benefits for members of the Local Police and Fire Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) be done annually as prescribed in ACA 24-10-612. Recommended for interim study – Joint Retirement.

SB 173 (Sen. Robert Thompson) Expands the subpoena power of the Attorney General to include investigations conducted in preparation for civil or criminal litigation; provides the subpoena power includes the authority to compel the production of documents. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 216 (Sen. Johnny Key) Creates the Consumer Legal Funding Act, requiring consumer legal funding contracts to be in writing and completely filled in, contain

certain disclosures and statements, have a 5-day opt-out period allowing cancellation, and other. Recommended for interim study – Senate Judiciary.

SB 744 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Refers to the people a ballot question that, upon approval by voters, would authorize the General Assembly to establish a merit selection system for the appointment of judges to the Court of Appeals. Died in Senate committee.

SB 813 (Sen. Cecile Bledose) Prohibits interference with professional judgment and independent practice of health care professionals. Died in Senate committee.

SB 837 (Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson) Requires property and casualty insurance companies to give 30 days written notice prior to cancellation to policyholders who have held the policy for at least two consecutive years. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 854 (Sen. Jason Rapert) Prohibits acquisition of private real property for private commercial use by eminent domain, except privately owned utilities, electric cooperatives and common carriers. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 891 (Sen. Bruce Holland) Requires consideration of available public property prior to initiating eminent domain to take private property. Died in Senate committee.

SB 945 (Sen. Steve Harrelson) Amends provisions related to the Civil Justice Reform Act of 2003. Died in Senate committee.

SB 950 (Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson) Amends provisions related to unlawful product labeling or false advertising. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 970 (Sen. Jason Rapert and Rep. Nate Bell) Provides that other than for public utilities, electric cooperatives or common carriers, acquisition of private property by eminent domain for private commercial enterprises or economic development is prohibited. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 1002 (Sen. Johnny Key) Amends provisions related to judicial salaries. Died in Senate committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HB 1006 (Rep. Eddie Cheatham) Requires any fee paid to a circuit clerk for making a sale of property under judicial decree to be paid to the general fund of the county. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1041 (Rep. Jon Woods) Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to provide local sales and use tax records and reports to authorized personnel designated by city and county governments. Died in House committee.

HB 1042 (Rep. Jon Woods) Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to provide an online list of all sales and use tax permit holders that have reported and paid local sales and use tax for that month. Died in House committee.

HB 1417 (Rep. Andrea Lee) Amends provisions for the conduct of nonpartisan municipal elections and runoff elections. Recommended for interim study – House City, County and Local Affairs.

HN 1432 (Rep. Tommy Lee Baker) Changes workers' compensation coverage policies for cities with populations over 70,000, changing the minimum population threshold to 75,000 for those policies. Died in House committee.

HB 1876 (Rep. Tommy Lee Baker) Repeals provisions authorizing municipalities to levy development impact fees. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1978 (Rep. Bruce Westerman) To amend provisions relating to landowner's private property rights and regulating the authority of a municipality regarding planning and development jurisdiction, policies, and procedures. Died in House committee.

HB 2148 (Rep. John Walker) To repeal any at-large positions and require ward positions for political subdivisions and publicly-funded entities. Died in House committee.

HB 2149 (Rep. John Walker) To amend provisions relating to the Freedom of Information Act. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies.

SB 180 (Sen. Johnny Key) Requires counties and municipalities to seek voter approval of any new gross receipts or hotel and restaurant tax they seek to impose. Died in Senate committee.

SB 212 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Requires cities and counties to reapprove advertising and promotion taxes at general election beginning in 2012 and every four years thereafter. Died in Senate committee.

SB 293 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Creates a presumption of disability for firefighters for purposes of benefits provided under any employee law or plan who suffer death or disability from a type of cancer that meets specified conditions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 551 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Revises duties of county assessors to record accurate descriptions of all land parcels and revises procedures for the Commissioner of State Lands related to sale of tax delinquent parcels and conveying title to new owners. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SJR 5 (Sen. Jake Files) Proposes amendments to the Constitution authorizing issue of local sales tax revenue bonds for financing development districts, to pay unfunded liabilities of closed pension funds; and payment of short-term financing from special revenues. Recommended for voter consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB 1005 (Rep. David Sanders) Changes the state nickname from "The Natural State" to "The Land of Opportunity." Died in House committee.

HB 1013 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Authorizes the Contractors Licensing Board to either suspend or revoke contractor licenses when the contractor is found to knowingly employ workers without legal status. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Government Affairs.

HB 1046 (Rep. Jane English and Sen. Cecile Bledsoe) Provides that cash settlements received by constitutional officers or state agencies are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Government Affairs.

HB 1049 (Rep. Fred Allen) Prohibits the use of a handheld wireless telephone by drivers in school zones during school hours when children are outside the building except for emergency purposes. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1051 (Rep. Denny Altes) Allows handguns to be carried openly without limitation or permit, and provides that the criminal offense of carrying a weapon applies to handguns only when they are concealed. Died in House committee.

HB 1251 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Amends provisions for state employee grievances, appeal and relief; requires the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission to collect a fee to

train, certify, and discipline appeals arbitrators for the state employee grievance procedures. Recommended for interim study – Joint Retirement.

HB 1292 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Denies state benefits to persons who are non-citizens or in the U.S. illegally, including in-state tuition, scholarships or financial assistance at colleges and universities, and public benefits through the Department of Human Services. Died in House committee.

HB 1352 (Rep. Linda Tyler) Requires employment-related claims under the Civil Rights Act to be brought only against an employer and not against business agents, employees, board members, or officers; protects employees from rights-related retaliation. Died in House committee.

HB 1365 (Rep. Henry “Hank” Wilkins, IV) Requires all passengers in a motor vehicle to wear seatbelts (previously front seat passengers only). Died on the House floor.

HB 1391 (Rep. Kim Hammer and Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson) Enhances the penalty for theft by receiving for copper, copper alloy, or copper utility wire to a Class D felony. Died in House committee.

HB 1392 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Requires the Oil and Gas Commission to inspect natural gas wells and hydraulic fracturing treatment on a regular basis to ensure compliance; Requires cooperation of Commission and ADEQ to inspect wells within 48 hours of receiving a complaint. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development.

HB 1393 (Rep. Kathy Web) To require gas drilling operators to post bonds sufficient to cover cleanup and well closure. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development.

HB 1394 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Requires the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to initiate rulemaking regarding hydraulic fracturing procedures, storage ponds, and well casings; requires operators to test all fresh water after evidence of contamination; states ADEQ duties. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development.

HB 1395 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Requires the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to initiate rulemaking regarding air quality during gas drilling and production, including requiring companies to reduce and monitor emissions and requiring ADEQ to monitor sufficiently. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development.

HB 1396 (Rep. Kathy Webb) To require natural gas drilling operators to disclose chemical names, the volume of both chemicals and water, the source of the water, and the disposal method for fracking fluids. Recommended for interim study – House Agriculture, Forestry, Economic Development.

HB 1399 (Rep. Bobby Pierce) Requires the Oil and Gas Commission to create rules to reduce the noise arising from natural gas fields to no more than 55 decibels during the day, and 45 decibels during the night, when a habitable dwelling is within 1000 feet. Died in House committee.

HB 1400 (Rep. Bobby Pierce) To create the Landowner's Bill of Rights, regarding natural gas drilling activity disclosure, notification, and compensation for adverse effects. Died in House committee.

HB 1445 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Creates a criminal offense for failure to pay an employee wages, final compensation, or wage supplements within a reasonable amount of time.

Authorizes employees to claim through the Labor Department the amount of wages, plus damages. Died in House committee.

HB 1494 (Rep. Jim Nickels and Sen. Stephanie Flowers) Establishes civil liability for private entities and persons if they provide erroneous background check information that causes injury to a person's reputation, employment status, potential employment status, or civil liberties. Recommended for interim study – House Judiciary.

HB 1632 (Rep. Randy Stewart) To amend provisions relating to possession and use of firearms. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1634 (Rep. Randy Stewart) To amend provisions relating to possession and use of firearms. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1723 (Rep. Denny Altes) Makes various revisions to handgun and weapon possession provisions. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1793 (Rep. James McLean) Requires nonprofit corporations to distribute any periodic financial reports to members upon request. Died in House committee.

HB 1846 (Rep. Jon Woods and Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Creates the Small Loan Act, regulating loans between \$250 and \$5,000 and setting the maximum rate of interest at 17%. Requires Securities Commissioner to prescribe licensing regulations for lenders. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 1873 (Rep. John Catlett) Prohibits an employer from basing one's employment status on concealed handgun licensure; requires employers to allow employees with handgun licenses to keep a handgun locked inside a vehicle in the employer's parking lot. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1882 (Rep. Greg Leding) Removes eligibility requirements for the Transitional Employment Assistance program that are based on assets or resource tests. Died on the House floor.

HB 1884 (Rep. Mike Patterson) To amend provisions relating to manufacturers. Died in House committee.

HB 1978 (Rep. Bruce Westerman) To amend provisions relating to landowner's private property rights and regulating the authority of a municipality regarding planning and development jurisdiction, policies, and procedures. Died in House committee.

HB 1993 (Rep. David Branscum) Requires counties notify landowners regarding the nature of labor and equipment required, and the amount of time needed to execute actions under current authorization to private property for emergency measures following a natural disaster. Died in House committee.

HB 2009 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Creates the Arkansas Legal Worker's Act, creating a criminal violation for employers of illegal immigrants, requiring participation in the E-verify program, and authorizing the creation of a voluntary employer enhanced compliance program. Died in House committee.

HB 2058 (Rep. Mike Patterson) Creates a special dirt hauling permit under the Highway Commission for agricultural and earthmoving operations, requiring front and rear convoy escorts, limiting the 12-month permit fee set by the Commission to \$2,000. Died in House committee.

HB 2107 (Rep. Jane English) Requires state agencies to review all rules and report to the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Legislative Council any rules impacting business and industry that are in need of update or repeal. Died in House committee.

HB 2117 (Rep. Kim Hammer) Requires publicly-funded employers to register with the E-verify program and use the program to verify the employment eligibility status of new employees. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 2120 (Rep. Kim Hammer) Requires precious metal buyers to obtain identification or fingerprints from a seller; removes the exemption for pawnbrokers regarding regulation of the purchase of precious metals. Died in House committee.

HCR 1009 (Rep. Debbie Hobbs) Requests that the United States Congress address immigration policy and suggests that, in the absence of decisive action, it should grant the states authority to resolve immigration issues. Died in House committee.

SB 5 (Sen. David Johnson) Provides for the organization of a company as a low-profit limited liability company, for charitable or educational purposes. Died in House committee.

SB 7 (Sen. Gene Jeffress and Rep. Linda Tyler) Revises provisions for HVAC Licensees' general liability insurance requirements and increases HVAC licensing fees. Died in Senate committee.

SB 44 (Rep. Sue Madison) Creates a state importer permit allowing persons other than distillers and wholesalers that hold alcohol license to import a limited amount of beer, wine and liquor from out-of-state. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 119 (Sen. Linda Chesterfield) Creates the Commission on the Status of Women to study policies, serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups, and report to the legislature on women's issues and the effect of proposed legislation. Died in the Senate.

SB 203 (Sen. Jerry Taylor) Repeals the exemption from rice certification extended to private entities' research projects. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 298 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Increases the threshold of project cost for building or maintenance construction that requires engaging the services of a licensed professional architect from \$100,000 to \$125,000. Died in Senate committee.

SB 314 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Requires mineral exploration and development firms to give at least 30 days written notice to the surface owner before beginning operations on that property, including a description of the plan and locations of roads, drill pads, more. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

SB 399 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Prohibits towing of vehicles on four-lane highways with devices other than drawbars and other devices of a structural nature, specifically prohibiting the use of chains, chain and pipe, rope or cable. Died in House committee.

SB 408 (Sen. Percy Malone) Requires restaurants selling hamburger meat that has not been heated to Department of Health standards to post notice that the Department does not authorize serving of the undercooked meat. Died in House committee.

SB 430 (Sen. David Wyatt and Rep. James McLean) Increases the assessment on rice from 1.35 cents to 2.7 cents per bushel; requires Rice Board to expend, after expenses, 50% of assessment revenue on research and 50% on promotion; requires first buyer of rice to collect and remit the assessment. Died in Senate committee.

SB 566 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Requires licensure of electrical inspectors; exempts persons holding both master or journeyman electrician and electrical inspector licenses from the license renewal fee and continuing education requirements for electricians. Recommended for interim study – Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

SB 567 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Requires permit and inspection for construction, installation or maintenance of electrical work; requires the Electrical Examiners Board to permit and inspect the jobs if the local municipality or county does not require inspection. Recommended for interim study – Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

SB 706 (Sen. Bill Pritchard) Requires establishments permitted under law for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to post a specified sign warning that drinking of alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects. Died on the House floor.

SB 715 (Sen. Percy Malone) Creates a rebuttable presumption that the vehicle insurance database information is correct when it shows an operator to be uninsured; deletes the requirement a vehicle operator carry a proof of insurance card. Died in House committee.

SB 773 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Authorizes the Arkansas Securities Commissioner to license small loan installment lenders; prescribes license fee, bond requirements, revocation of license, duties of the licensee, loan term; sets maximum interest rate of 17%. Died in Senate committee.

SB 804 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Requires persons awarded state contracts of \$50,000 or more to file an annual report with the Secretary of State itemizing his or her political contributions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 820 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress and Rep. Barry Hyde) Requires produce sold at a produce market to be labeled to show its farm of origin or, if produce is being resold, be labeled to show produce sold as resale. Prescribes requirements for certification as a farmers' market. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

SB 831 (Sen. Gene Jeffress) Revises the rights of surface owners and mineral rights owners relating to nonpayment of royalties. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

SB 859 (Sen. Steve Harrelson) Requires additional data in the annual nonprofit report. Died in Senate committee.

SB 864 (Sen. Steve Harrelson) Allows the surface owner of property to purchase tax-delinquent severed mineral rights to their property. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

SB 870 (Sen. Jason Rapert and Rep. Stephen Meeks) Limits the noise level from a non-wellhead gas compressor to 55 dB(A) Leq at the nearest private residence or nonindustrial building, including schools and hospitals. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development.

SB 891 (Sen. Bruce Holland) Requires consideration of available public property prior to initiating eminent domain to take private property. Died in Senate committee.

REAL ESTATE

HB 1986 (Rep. Mark Biviano) Creates a first-time homebuyer allowance of up to \$2,500 or 10% of the purchase price of the principal residence for qualified buyers. Died on the House floor.

SB 422 (Sen. Bruce Holland) Clarifies that real estate brokers and agents who testify in judicial proceedings regarding the value of real estate are not required to be registered with the Appraiser Licensing Board. Died in House committee.

SB 551 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Revises duties of county assessors to record accurate descriptions of all land parcels and revises procedures for the Commissioner of State Lands related to sale of tax delinquent parcels and conveying title to new owners.

Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SB 809 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Provides that if a mobile home located on property owned by the owner of the home becomes delinquent, the real property and the mobile or manufactured home shall be certified together to the Commissioner of State Lands.

Died in Senate committee.

SB 854 (Sen. Jason Rapert) Prohibits acquisition of private real property for private commercial use by eminent domain, except privately owned utilities, electric cooperatives and common carriers. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 891 (Sen. Bruce Holland) Requires consideration of available public property prior to initiating eminent domain to take private property. Died in Senate committee.

SB 970 (Sen. Jason Rapert and Rep. Nate Bell) Provides that other than for public utilities, electric cooperatives or common carriers, acquisition of private property by eminent domain for private commercial enterprises or economic development is prohibited. Withdrawn from further consideration.

RETAIL / MERCHANTS

HB 1043 (Rep. Denny Altes) Prohibits stores from providing free single-use carryout bags to customers and requires stores to make reusable bags available for purchase.

Died in House committee.

HB 1405 (Rep. Kathy Webb) Bans the sale of certain electronic devices and computers by manufacturers that are not registered with ADEQ and in compliance with per-pound component sales fees; bans the disposal of certain electronics in landfills. Died in House committee.

HB 1444 (Rep. Marshall Wright) Changes ephedrine, pseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine products from controlled substances Schedule V to Schedule III; requires all products containing those substances or derivatives to be dispensed only by prescription. Died in House committee.

HB 1526 (Rep. Barry Hyde and Sen. Bill Sample) Authorizes persons with permits to dispense or sell at retail alcoholic beverages to seek up to \$1,000 in civil damages from persons under 21, or the parents of persons under 18, who attempt to purchase alcohol.

Died on the House floor.

HB 2180 (Rep. David Fielding) Creates the Restocking Fee Act, providing regulation for restocking fees. Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

SB 270 (Sen. Sue Madison) Extends the application of gross receipts tax and compensating use tax to consignment sales; excepts auctions in which the principal is disclosed. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SB 350 (Sen. Sue Madison) Prohibits the sale of products containing bisphenol-A intended for use by children 3 years of age and under. Recommended for interim study – Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

RULES – ETHICS / LOBBYING / VOTING

HB 1022 (Sen. Eddie Cheatham) Requires legislators to wait a minimum of two years after their terms of office to be eligible for registration as lobbyists. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1322 (Rep. Clark Hal and Sen. Sue Madison) Establishes the congressional district boundaries based on the 2010 census. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1417 (Rep. Andrea Lea) Amends provisions for the conduct of nonpartisan municipal elections and runoff elections. Recommended for interim study – House City, County and Local Affairs.

HB 1848 (Rep. Tracy Steele and Sen. Linda Chesterfield) To establish the four congressional districts. Died in House committee.

HB 1880 (Rep. Williams) To establish the four congressional districts. Died in House committee.

HB 1885 (Rep. Andrea Lea) Revises provisions relating to the establishment of congressional districts as a result of reapportionment. Died in House committee.

HB 1890 (Rep. Duncan Baird) To re-establish congressional districts. Died in House committee.

HB 1904 (Rep. Robert Moore, Jr.) To amend provisions relating to terms of office for elected officials. Died in House committee.

HB 1941 (Rep. Jim Nickels) To amend provisions relating to the establishment of Congressional districts. Died in House committee.

HB 1969 (Rep. Eddie Cheatham) To amend provisions relating to the establishment of four congressional districts in the state. Died in House committee.

HB 2013 (Rep. Bobby Pierce) To amend provisions relating to the congressional districts for the state. Died in House committee.

HB 2079 (Rep. Debra Hobbs) To reapportion the four congressional districts. Died in House committee.

HB 2095 (Rep. David “Bubba” Powers) To reapportion the four congressional districts. Died in House committee.

HB 2102 (Rep. Andrea Lea) Requires adjusting county population for reapportionment based on the pre-sentencing residential address of each incarcerated person.

Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

HB 2110 (Rep. Bryan King) To regulate the Board of Apportionment, apportionment, and redistricting. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

HB 2140 (Rep. Barry Hyde) To amend provisions relating to the election of school board members from zones. Recommended for interim study – House Education.

HB 2209 (Rep. Nate Bell) Makes it unlawful for a public servant or governmental body to expend or permit the expenditure of public funds to support or oppose a ballot measure. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

HR 1024 (Rep. Andrea Lea) Urges the United States Census Bureau to provide states with redistricting data that counts incarcerated persons at their residential address rather than the address of the correctional institution where they are temporarily located. Died in House Committee.

SB 746 (Rep. Michael Lamoureux) Amends election law to prohibit persons not affiliated with the political party from voting in that party's preferential primary

elections; creates new procedures for voter to change political party affiliation. Died in Senate committee.

SB 761 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Allows eligible persons to register to vote on election day if providing valid identification in person at the precinct of residence. Died in Senate committee.

SB 781 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Places the burden of determining the constitutionality of a proposed tax on the taxing agency, requiring submission of the proposed tax to the Attorney General for an opinion prior to assessing a new tax. Died in Senate committee.

SB 802 (Sen. Larry Teague) To establish the four congressional districts. Died in Senate committee.

SB 804 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Requires persons awarded state contracts of \$50,000 or more to file an annual report with the Secretary of State itemizing his or her political contributions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 871 (Sen. Robert Thompson) Establishes the congressional districts for the 2011-2020 period. Died in House committee.

SB 894 (Sen. Eddie Joe Williams) Requires school elections to be held on the same day as general elections. Recommended for interim study – Senate Education.

SB 942 (Sen. Bill Pritchard) Creates the congressional districts for 2011-2020. Died in Senate committee.

SB 979 (Sen. Gilbert Baker) Amends provisions related to the reapportionment of state Senate and House of Representatives districts. Died in Senate committee.

SB 981 (Sen. Johnny Key) Creates the four congressional districts for 2011-2020. Died in Senate committee.

STATE GOVERNMENT

HB 1041 (Rep. Jon Woods) Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to provide local sales and use tax records and reports to authorized personnel designated by city and county governments. Died in House committee.

HB 1042 (Rep. Jon Woods) Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to provide an online list of all sales and use tax permit holders that have reported and paid local sales and use tax for that month. Died in House committee.

HB 1046 (Rep. Jane English and Sen. Cecile Bledsoe) Provides that cash settlements received by constitutional officers or state agencies are subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Recommended for interim study – House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

HB 1251 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Amends provisions for state employee grievances, appeal and relief; requires the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission to collect a fee to train, certify, and discipline appeals arbitrators for the state employee grievance procedures. Recommended for interim study – Joint Retirement.

HB 1292 (Rep. Jon Hubbard) Denies state benefits to persons who are non-citizens or in the U.S. illegally, including in-state tuition, scholarships or financial assistance at colleges and universities, and public benefits through the Department of Human Services. Died in House committee.

HB 1322 (Rep. Clark Hall and Sen. Sue Madison) Establishes the congressional district boundaries based on the 2010 census. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1450 (Rep. Jonathan Barnett and Sen. Steve Harrelson) Provides that the legislature shall empower the proper agencies with authority to provide a coordinated statewide program for carbon dioxide storage after completion of an interim study.

Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 1737 (Rep. Keith Ingram) Requires any sales tax collected from sellers that do not have a physical presence in the state to be distributed to the Highway and Transportation Department Fund, up to a maximum derived from the auto-related revenue amounts. Died in House committee.

HB 1940 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Increases the threshold amount for public construction projects to be exempt from bidding requirements, from minimum \$5,000,000 project to minimum \$20,000,000. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 2145 (Rep. John Walker) Requires state agencies to provide employees written notification of termination that includes the termination date and time, and the primary reason for discharge; provides that noncompliance equates to a presumption of wrongful termination. Died in House committee.

SB 119 (Sen. Linda Chesterfield) Creates the Commission on the Status of Women to study policies, serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups, and report to the legislature on women's issues and the effect of proposed legislation. Died in the Senate.

SB 173 (Sen. Robert Thompson) Expands the subpoena power of the Attorney General to include investigations conducted in preparation for civil or criminal litigation; provides the subpoena power includes the authority to compel the production of documents. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 298 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Increases the threshold of project cost for building or maintenance construction that requires engaging the services of a licensed professional architect from \$100,000 to \$125,000. Died in Senate committee.

SB 347 (Rep. Robert Thompson) Provides for the reapportionment of the Court of Appeals districts. Recommended for interim study – Senate Judiciary.

SB 709 (Sen. Missy Thomas Irvin and Rep. John Burris) Prohibits state agencies and departments from implementing or enforcing any part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act without first reporting to the legislature the specific state laws and rules authorizing them to do so. Died in Senate committee.

SB 804 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Requires persons awarded state contracts of \$50,000 or more to file an annual report with the Secretary of State itemizing his or her political contributions. Died in Senate committee.

TAXES – INCOME TAXES

HB 1002 (Rep. Ed Garner) Eliminates the capital gains tax for the sale of "Arkansas property" that is acquired after July 1, 2011 and owned for at least one year. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1016 (Rep. Duncan Baird) Changes the income tax for head of household taxpayers with two or more dependents. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1023 (Rep. Jane English) Increases the income tax exemption for military, national guard, and reserve retirement benefits from the first \$6,000 of income to the first

\$35,000 by 2016 (graduated increase in exemption beginning in 2011). Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1025 (Rep. Denny Altes) Creates an income tax credit of \$1,000 for persons with a child under four years of age and a single income of less than \$32,000. Died in House committee.

HB 1030 (Rep. Denny Altes) Creates an income tax credit for 25% of the amount paid for K-12 tuition, book fees, and laboratory fees. Died in House committee.

HB 1037 (Rep. Denny Altes) Provides an income tax credit for purchases of renewable resource equipment and systems. Died in House committee.

HB 1038 (Rep. Denny Altes) Provides a year-by-year reduction of tax on incomes of \$25,000 and above from 7% to 4%; Provides an additional sales tax levy of 1% in 2012, increasing yearly to 3% in 2014. Died in House committee.

HB 1387 (Rep. Charlie Collins) Lowers the upper income tax bracket (over \$25,000 income) to 6.8% beginning in tax year 2011. Died in House committee.

HB 1495 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Creates the Small Business Tax Fairness Act, requiring corporations to use combined reporting for income tax purposes. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1771 (Rep. Denny Altes) Allows 100% of donations to eligible K-12 scholarship-funding nonprofits to be deducted as an income tax credit. Would provide scholarships to private schools for K-12 students with household incomes less than 200% of the poverty level. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1794 (Rep. Davy Carter and Sen. Jonathan Dismang) To amend the individual income tax rates and brackets. Died in House committee.

HB 2105 (Rep. Jeremy Gillam and Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Creates an income tax credit of \$250 for volunteer firefighters who have served for a minimum of one year and who complete 16 hours of training. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 2220 (Rep. Mark Biviano) Creates an income tax credit for first-time home buyers. Died in House committee.

SB 159 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Increases the income tax exemption for armed services members from the first \$9,000 to the first \$12,000 of service pay or allowance. Died in Senate committee.

SB 162 (Sen. Johnny Key) Increases from \$6,000 to the first \$7,500 of retirement or disability benefit income that is exempt from state income tax and requires annual cost-of-living adjustment of the exemption amount. Died in Senate committee.

SB 163 (Sen. Johnny Key) Requires annual cost-of-living adjustment of the tax exemption amount for retirement or disability benefit income. Died in Senate committee.

SB 402 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Removes the exemption from garnishment for refunds due the debtor for overpayment of state income tax. Died in Senate committee.

SB 758 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux and Rep. Kim Hammer) Repeals income tax exemptions, credits, incentives and other tax reductions, requiring income tax brackets to be adjusted down to cause the total income tax receipt reduction to match the five-year total increase in tax revenue. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SB 771 (Sen. Jack Crumbly) Extends an exemption from income tax to entities that for at least 18 months expand their workforce by 25% in counties where the poverty and

unemployment rates are above the state average; sets conditions. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SB 796 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Davy Carter) Exempts from income tax for individuals, trusts and estates the first \$3,899 of net income; raises the other five income brackets, increases the threshold for the top tax rate from \$25,000 to \$32,700. Died in Senate committee.

SB 797 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Davy Carter) Increases the 1% income tax bracket for individuals, trusts and estates from \$2,999 to the first \$7,799 of net income; deletes the 2.5% bracket and raises the other four brackets, increasing the top rate threshold from \$25,000 to \$32,700. Died in Senate committee.

SB 798 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Davy Carter) Increases the 1% income tax bracket for individuals, trusts and estates from \$2,999 to the first \$3,899 of net income; deletes the 4.5% bracket and raises the other four brackets, increasing the top rate threshold from \$25,000 to \$32,700. Died in Senate committee.

SB 799 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Davy Carter) Increases the 1% income tax bracket for individuals, trusts and estates from \$2,999 to the first \$3,899 of net income; deletes the 6% bracket and raises the other four brackets, increasing the top rate threshold from \$25,000 to \$32,700. Died in Senate committee.

SB 800 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Davy Carter) Increases the 1% income tax bracket for individuals, trusts and estates from \$2,999 to the first \$3,899 of net income; raises the next four brackets, and deletes the top bracket, leaving a top rate of 6% on net income over \$19,600. Died in Senate committee.

SB 801 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Davy Carter) Increases the 1% income tax bracket for individuals, trusts and estates from \$2,999 to the first \$3,899 of net income; deletes the 3.5% bracket, and raises the other four brackets, increasing the top rate threshold from \$25,000 to \$32,700. Died in Senate committee.

SB 857 (Rep. Jason Rapert) Exempts the net capital gain derived from the sale of cattle from the state income tax. Sets effective date for tax years beginning on and after Jan. 1, 2011. Died in House committee.

SB 885 (Sen. Jason Rapert and Rep. David Sanders) Provides for reduction of income tax rates in counties identified as poverty areas. Recommended for interim committee – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

TAXES – MISCELLANEOUS TAX ISSUES

HB 1906 (Rep. Jon Woods) To repeal provisions relating to the annual business franchise tax. Died in House committee.

HB 1919 (Rep. Josh Johnston) To amend provisions relating to the distribution of severance tax revenues. Died in House committee.

HB 1922 (Rep. Josh Johnston) To amend provisions relating to reduction of the severance tax on natural gas. Died in House committee.

HB 1964 (Rep. Bryan King) To amend provisions relating to the tax on dyed distillate special fuels used for off-road purposes. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1986 (Rep. Mark Biviano) Creates a first-time homebuyer allowance of up to \$2,500 or 10% of the purchase price of the principal residence for qualified buyers. Died on the House floor.

HB 1992 (Rep. Tommy Lee Baker and Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Removes the 36-month severance tax rate reduction for high cost natural gas wells and the provision that a well must pay its drilling and completion costs before regular severance tax is levied.

Recommended for interim study – House Insurance and Commerce.

HB 2051 (Rep. Mark Biviano) Increases the Equity Investment tax credit for businesses that pay wages over 200% of the state average wage. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 2055 (Rep. Mike Patterson) Increases the rebate under the Digital Product and Motion Picture Industry Development Act from 15% to 20% of all production costs; allows one year from the end of production for rebate application; adds additional eligible expenditures. Died in House committee.

HB 2081 (Rep. Josh Johnston) Creates the Highway Severance Tax Distribution Fund, moving the 95% portion of the natural gas severance tax from highway revenues to the Fund and requiring the Highway Department to use those funds exclusively for exploration-related damage repair. Died in House committee.

HB 2153 (Rep. Josh Johnston) Creates an eight percent excise tax on motor vehicle towing and storage services in lieu of sales tax. Died in House committee.

HB 2230 (Rep. Larry Cowling) Adds authority for the name of each member of the corporation to be disclosed from corporate franchise tax reports. Died in Senate committee.

HB 2231 (Rep. Larry) Reduces the sales and use taxes on utilities purchased for agricultural businesses and levying a special excise tax on the volume of the utilities sold. Died in House committee.

SB 180 (Sen. Johnny Key) Requires counties and municipalities to seek voter approval of any new gross receipts or hotel and restaurant tax they seek to impose. Died in Senate committee.

SB 212 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang) Requires cities and counties to reapprove advertising and promotion taxes at general election beginning in 2012 and every four years thereafter. Died in Senate committee.

SB 781 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Places the burden of determining the constitutionality of a proposed tax on the taxing agency, requiring submission of the proposed tax to the Attorney General for an opinion prior to assessing a new tax. Died in Senate committee.

SB 915 (Sen. Gilbert Baker) Provides for a study of the impact of tax exemptions relating to natural resources. Died in Senate committee.

SB 961 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Amends provisions related to the hotel and restaurant tax. Died in Senate committee.

SB 998 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Amends provisions related to the hotel and restaurant tax. Died in Senate committee.

TAXES – PROPERTY TAXES

HB 1208 (Rep. Buddy Lovell) Extends the deadline for assessment of tangible personal property from April 10 to May 31. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1221 (Rep. Buddy Lovell and Sen. David Burnett) Extends the deadline for assessment of tangible personal property from April 10 to May 31. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1314 (Rep. James McLean) Authorizes the surviving spouse of military members and veterans to continue to be exempt from state property taxes during subsequent marriages. Died in House committee.

HB 1680 (Rep. Gary Stubblefield) Requires motor vehicles to be valued for property tax purposes according to the most current valuation listed by the National Automobile Dealers Association Guides. Withdrawn from further consideration.

HB 1681 (Rep. John Catlett) Requires a motor vehicle to be valued according to the most current valuation listed by the National Automobile Dealers Association Guides. Died on the House floor.

HB 1977 (Rep. Bruce Westerman) To amend provisions relating to local school district taxes. Died in House committee.

SB 516 (Sen. David Johnson) Authorizes energy improvement districts that can finance loans to owners of residential, commercial, industrial and other properties for energy efficiency improvements, with revenue bonds of the district repaid through real property tax assessments. Died on the House floor.

SB 551 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Revises duties of county assessors to record accurate descriptions of all land parcels and revises procedures for the Commissioner of State Lands related to sale of tax delinquent parcels and conveying title to new owners. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

TAXES – SALES AND USE TAXES

HB 1012 (Rep. Garry Smith) Exempts motor vehicle rebates offered by a manufacturer or dealer from the sales and use tax. Died in House committee.

HB 1031 (Rep. Denny Altes) Provides an exemption from gross receipts taxes for the sales of natural gas and electricity to manufacturers for use in a manufacturing process. Died in the House committee.

HB 1033 (Rep. Denny Altes) Creates a sales tax-free Saturday in August for purchases of back to school clothing. Died in House committee.

HB 1034 (Rep. Denny Altes) Adds dietary supplements to the definition of "food" for purposes of the lower sales tax rate. Died in House committee.

HB 1035 (Rep. Denny Altes) Exempts repair and replacement parts for farm equipment and machinery from the gross receipts tax. Died in House committee.

HB 1036 (Rep. Denny Altes) Exempts renewable resource equipment and systems from gross receipts taxes. Died in House committee.

HB 1038 (Rep. Denny Altes) Provides a year-by-year reduction of tax on incomes of \$25,000 and above from 7% to 4%; Provides an additional sales tax levy of 1% in 2012, increasing yearly to 3% in 2014. Died in House committee.

HB 1041 (Rep. Jon Woods) Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to provide local sales and use tax records and reports to authorized personnel designated by city and county governments. Died in House committee.

HB 1042 (Rep. Jon Woods) Requires the Department of Finance and Administration to provide an online list of all sales and use tax permit holders that have reported and paid local sales and use tax for that month. Died in House committee.

HB 1052 (Rep. Lane Jean) Decreases the sales and use tax on natural gas and electricity used by manufacturers from 3.125% to 2.625% beginning July 1, 2011. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1134 (Rep. Andrea Lea) Creates a sales tax exemption that lasts two weeks every September for purchases of batteries, rope, duct tape, and other disaster-preparedness items. Died in House committee.

HB 1137 (Rep. Tracy Pennartz) Creates a sales tax exemption for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Regional Education and Promotion Association, Inc. Died in House committee.

HB 1233 (Rep. Bruce Westerman) Creates an exemption from sales tax for the purchase price of construction materials used for public construction projects. Died in House committee.

HB 1257 (Rep. Keith Ingram and Sen. David Johnson) Allows a sales tax credit for out-of-state sales tax paid on the purchase of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers that are first registered by the purchaser in Arkansas. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1389 (Rep. Andy Mayberry) Reduces the sales tax on food and food ingredients from 1.875% to 7/8% beginning on the first calendar quarter following the effective date of the act. Died in House committee.

HB 1397 (Rep. Keith Ingram and Sen. Jake Files) Exempts from sales tax all types of energy consumed by manufacturers in the manufacturing process, and any energy required to prevent or reduce pollution. Died in House committee.

HB 1552 (Rep. Bruce Westerman) Exempts from sales tax road construction materials used in public road construction projects undertaken by the state, a political subdivision of the state, or the federal government. Died in House committee.

HB 1553 (Rep. Bruce Westerman) Exempts from sales tax road construction materials used in public road construction projects undertaken by the state or a political subdivision of the state. Died in House committee.

HB 1684 (Rep. Gary Stubblefield) Creates a tax exemption from the gross receipts tax and compensating use tax for all gross receipts derived from the sale of specific twines and wraps used for handling animal feed products. Died in House committee.

HB 1720 (Rep. Denny Altes) Exempts the Disabled American veterans organization from sales tax. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1724 (Rep. Denny Altes) Exempts the Disabled American veterans organization from sales tax. Died in House committee.

HB 1737 (Rep. Keith Ingram) Requires any sales tax collected from sellers that do not have a physical presence in the state to be distributed to the Highway and Transportation Department Fund, up to a maximum derived from the auto-related revenue amounts. Died in House committee.

HB 1757 (Rep. Kelley Linck) Creates a sales tax exemption for utilities, including water and communication services, used by a volunteer fire department. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1761 (Rep. Tim Summers) Creates a sales tax exemption for the sale of a hearing instrument that is recommended by an audiologist, physician or licensed hearing instrument dispenser. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1792 (Rep. Homer Lenderman) Creates a sales tax exemption for cotton bale wrap and module covers used for baling, packaging, wrapping, storing, and transporting cotton. Died in House committee.

HB 1804 (Rep. Lori Benedict) Creates a sales tax exemption for nonprofit organizations that primarily provide hunger relief services. Died in House committee.

HB 1809 (Rep. Barry Hyde) Creates a sales tax exemption for up to \$500 of the purchase of a plug-in electric car by a taxpayer, or a purchase of up to ten electric cars by a business, before December 31, 2013; caps the total state obligation at \$25,000.

Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 1857 (Rep. James McLean) Creates a sales tax exemption for orthotic devices and services. Died in House committee.

HB 1891 (Rep. Duncan Baird) Dedicates sales tax revenue from the sales of new and used motor vehicles to highway, road, street and bridge construction, using a scale of annually increasing special revenues to the Highway Department, cities and counties. Died in House committee.

HB 2042 (Rep. Effrem Elliott) Creates a sales tax exemption for community centers that are 501(c) nonprofits. Died in House committee.

HB 2064 (Rep. Larry Cowling) Reduces the sales tax for utility costs of qualifying agricultural structures and distributes 23.4% of the remaining revenue to property tax relief and educational adequacy. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 2065 (Rep. Larry Cowling) To exempt agricultural parts and supplies from sales tax. Died in House committee.

HB 2069 (Rep. Larry Cowling) Creates a sales tax exemption for fencing materials and products used to package animal feed products; removes all-terrain vehicles from the definition of farm equipment and machinery. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 2101 (Rep. John Burris) To create a sales tax exemption for the repair and sale of dental appliances. Died in House committee.

HB 2172 (Rep. Larry Cowling) To create a sales tax exemption for agricultural equipment. Died in House committee.

HB 2208 (Rep. John Burris) Amends provisions related to clarifying the property and services subject to sales and use tax. Died in House committee.

HB 2224 (Rep. Nate Steel) Creates an exemption from gross receipts tax for sales of material used in agriculture to bale hay, including baling twine, wire, net wrap and silage and haylage rapping materials. Died in House committee.

HB 2228 (Rep. Ken Cowling) Provides a gradual reduction of the sales and use tax on natural gas and electricity used by manufacturers, dropping to 2.625% beginning July 1, 2012. Recommended for interim study – House Revenue and Taxation.

HB 2231 (Rep. Larry Cowling) Reduces the sales and use taxes on utilities purchased for agricultural businesses and levying a special excise tax on the volume of the utilities sold. Died in House committee.

SB 137 (Sen. Jerry Taylor) Revises the exemption for sales tax for purchases of timber harvesting equipment from the first \$50,000 of each purchase to the total price of the equipment. Withdrawn from further consideration.

SB 152 (Sen. Jonathan Dismang and Rep. Jeremy Gillam) Creates an income tax credit of \$250 for volunteer fire fighters who complete certification and have served at least one year. Died in Senate committee.

SB 269 (Sen. Jake Files and Rep. Keith Ingram) Exempts from sales and use tax the sale of fuel used directly in manufacturing. Died in Senate committee.

SB 270 (Sen. Sue Madison) Extends the application of gross receipts tax and compensating use tax to consignment sales; excepts auctions in which the principal is disclosed. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SB 331 (Sen. Jake Files) Provides that the income tax exemption for replacement manufacturing machinery includes partial replacements, additions, and enhancements that improve or modernize machinery and equipment. Recommended for interim study – Senate Revenue and Taxation.

SB 343 (Sen. Bruce Holland) Exempts the sale of materials used for baling or packaging animal feed products from sales and use tax. Died in House committee.

SB 431 (Sen. Johnny Key) Allows a credit for sales tax paid in another state on motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers that are first registered by the purchaser in Arkansas. Died in Senate committee.

SB 820 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress and Rep. Barry Hyde) Requires produce sold at a produce market to be labeled to show its farm of origin or, if produce is being resold, be labeled to show produce sold as resale. Prescribes requirements for certification as a farmers' market. Recommended for interim study – Senate Agriculture and Economic Development.

SB 963 (Sen. Kim Hendren) Reduces the rate of the special excise tax on sale of natural gas to electric power generators from 4.37% to 2.625%; creates a declining excise tax on gas sales to poultry growers in lieu of sales tax. Died in Senate committee.

SB 977 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Exempts from sales tax the sale price of new vehicles operating on compressed natural gas and newly acquired vehicles that have been converted to compressed natural gas within 30 days of purchase. Died in Senate committee.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1163 (Rep. Donna Hutchinson) Requires the Highway Commission to provide additional information in reports to the legislature prior to each legislative session, including congestion statistics, discretionary funds, per-capita expenditures, and highway system mileages. Died in House committee.

HB 1480 (Rep. Donna Hutchinson) Provides that each of the four state highway commissioners appointed from a specific congressional district represent that district and no other designated portion of the state. Died in House committee.

HB 1891 (Rep. Duncan Baird) Dedicates sales tax revenue from the sales of new and used motor vehicles to highway, road, street and bridge construction, using a scale of annually increasing special revenues to the Highway Department, cities and counties. Died in House committee.

HB 1921 (Rep. Josh Johnston) To amend provisions relating to the Highway Revenue Distribution Law. Died in House committee.

HB 2066 (Rep. Mike Patterson) Amends escort procedures for earthmoving equipment operating on highways under special cargo permits. Died in House committee.

HB 2081 (Rep. Josh Johnston) Creates the Highway Severance Tax Distribution Fund, moving the 95% portion of the natural gas severance tax from highway revenues to the Fund and requiring the Highway Department to use those funds exclusively for exploration-related damage repair. Died in House committee.

SB 715 (Sen. Percy Malone) Creates a rebuttable presumption that the vehicle insurance database information is correct when it shows an operator to be uninsured; deletes the requirement a vehicle operator carry a proof of insurance card. Died in House committee.

UTILITIES

SB 516 (Sen. David Johnson) Authorizes energy improvement districts that can finance loans to owners of residential, commercial, industrial and other properties for energy efficiency improvements, with revenue bonds of the district repaid through real property tax assessments. Died on the House floor.

SB 721 (Sen. Sue Madison) Creates the Arkansas Clean Energy Act to promote the use of renewable energy resources to generate electricity; requires electric utilities to buy power from the renewable energy producer and provides for cost recovery. Recommended for interim study – Senate Insurance and Commerce.

SB 792 (Sen. Mary Anne Salmon) Deletes the exemption from the need for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need from the Public Service Commission for wholesale generators or facilities whose costs will not be recovered by PSC approved rates. Died in Senate committee.

SB 923 (Sen. Michael Lamoureux) Creates the Task Force on Recruiting and Hosting Nuclear Facilities; specifies membership as four Senators, four House members, four citizens appointed by the Governor and the Director of the Economic Development Commission. Died on the House floor.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

HB 1325 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Defines independent contractors for the building construction industry and creates penalties for employers who improperly classify employees for purposes of the Department of Workers Compensation Law. Died in House committee.

HB 1432 (Rep. Tommy Lee Baker) Changes workers' compensation coverage policies for cities with populations over 70,000, changing the minimum population threshold to 75,000 for those policies. Died in House committee.

HB 1823 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Authorizes the Worker's Compensation Commission to award attorney's fees of 20% of the amounts payable for medical benefits awarded, up to a maximum amount of \$2,500, to be paid by the employer or carrier. Recommended for interim study – House Judiciary.

HB 1830 (Rep. James McLean) To amend the worker's compensation concession for chiropractic. Died in House committee.

HB 1839 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Requires an interagency agreement and further cooperation among state agencies to address the misclassification of employees as independent contractors. Died in Senate committee.

HB 1840 (Rep. Terry Rice and Sen. Bill Pritchard) Amends various provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 2123 (Rep. Tracy Steele) Requires state agencies with 25 or more employees to establish an internship program for students enrolled in institutions of higher education. Died in House committee.

HB 2133 (Rep. David “Bubba” Powers) To amend provisions relating to independent trucking contractors' lease agreements and access to workers' compensation coverage. Died in House committee.

HB 2152 (Rep. Jim Nickels) Removes authorization for employers to make nonprevailing employees pay attorney's fees or deduct the fees from the employee's future worker's compensation benefits. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

HB 2212 (Rep. David “Bubba” Powers) Provides that that owner-operators performing driver services to a motor carrier are not employees of the carrier and the carrier is not liable for any compensation related to workers' compensation. Recommended for interim study – House Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

SB 293 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Creates a presumption of disability for firefighters for purposes of benefits provided under any employee law or plan who suffer death or disability from a type of cancer that meets specified conditions. Died in Senate committee.

SB 727 (Sen. Sue Madison) Provides workers' compensation coverage for mental injury or illness to emergency responders. Recommended for interim study – Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

SB 778 (Sen. Bill Pritchard and Rep. Terry Rice) Amends various provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law. Died in Senate committee.

SB 824 (Sen. Jimmy Jeffress) Requires municipalities and other employers of firefighters to provide health insurance that covers certain forms of cancer developed through their work as firefighters. Died in Senate committee.