



Daily Legislative Update

92nd General Assembly

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate will convene at 10 a.m., followed by a Joint Session of the House and Senate in the House Chamber at 10:30 a.m. Gov. Asa Hutchinson will make his State of the State address to the Joint Session. You may watch the Joint Session through this link on the House webpage:

<https://www.arkansashouse.org/>

At noon on the front steps of the Capitol, Gov. Hutchinson will make his Inaugural Address during the Inauguration Ceremony. You may watch the Inauguration Ceremony at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GovernorAsaHutchinson/live>

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

The House formally elected Rep. Matthew Shepherd-R, El Dorado as Speaker of the House. Speaker Shepherd announced the leadership and rosters of the House Committees. See the following links.

House Standing Committees

https://arkansasstatechamber-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/khall/EdOG4ASOsDpAkZEcX_7kwnYB-5lyoPAZFo99_hNRjxvkwQ?e=ghqOBC

House Select Committees

<https://arkansasstatechamber-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/khall/EZBFiZuN1K1AglLqg59URMBH0-SyMPzG9I7qu0Zr2AInNQ?e=dPFQjb>

STATE CHAMBER/AIA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION 4:30 P.M. JANUARY 22

Please make plans to join us on January 22 for our State Chamber/AIA Legislative Reception, presented by Cox Communications, Southland Gaming and Racing, Stephens Inc., Walmart and XTO Energy. The reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. under the big tent in the State Chamber/AIA's north parking lot at 1200 W. Capitol Ave. in Little Rock. This event will be attended by many state legislators, constitutional officers, state officials, State Chamber/AIA member representatives, Leadership Arkansas alumni and others.

LEGISLATIVE RULE CHANGE

SCR 1 and **HR 1001** contain the proposed rules for each Chamber. Both contain language that strikes the historic language requiring all bills to be filed on or before the 55th session day. SCR 1 has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Eliminating the bill filing deadline will hopefully prevent a massive filing of bills on one day. It is common for 400, 500 or more bills to be filed on the deadline day, which causes a major challenge to review and track that many new bills filed at one time. To make things even more challenging, many of the bills filed on the deadline

date are “shell” bills that contain no language. The shell bills can be amended later, but keeping up with the amendments is huge challenge.

STATE CHAMBER/AIA TRACKED BILLS

The House has filed 160 bills and the Senate 98 bills. We added 8 bills to our tracking list for a total of 47 bills and resolutions.

Here’s a link to the bills we added to our tracking today:

https://arkansasstatechamber-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/p/khall/EUgK4q7Qj0VOsATW_12k5kBF8PNJX26z-9RjplXINI2zq?e=WL8GSv

Our complete tracking list is available, by category, on our website. Click this link to see the tracking page:

<https://www.arkansasstatechamber.com/governmental-affairs/legislative-tracking/>

STATE CHAMBER/AIA 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

You can review our 2019 Legislative Agenda by clicking this link:

<https://arkansasstatechamber-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/khall/EaL12Jp74INJs5oLpIGDXw8BMAKxeaisr7hcr0VSIEIFRg?e=afChNW>

Senate Seniority Roster:

<https://arkansasstatechamber-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/khall/EfGo4GtvIodMrklwPfEEvkkBnCf9pX8IZb3DpTmjpfnSpA?e=wZBMpq>

House Seniority Roster:

https://arkansasstatechamber-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/p/khall/EStWliKJ3K1GI8SFUoWEKu4B8Z9hdOmHWpzTRPpPj_JSSw?e=cTyden

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 8-10 | 60TH WASHINGTON FLY-IN

Our 60th Annual Washington Fly-in and Congressional Dinner is set for May 8 – 10. Please make plans to join us. The Congressional Dinner will be at 101 Constitutional Rooftop Terrace the evening of Thursday, May 9. More details will be forthcoming as they are finalized.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

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If your company or organization would like to help sponsor the Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner, please contact Bill Watson at bwatson@arkansasstatechamber.com or 501-802-1740.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

To view schedules, calendars, bill information and legislator information, visit: www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

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