

MEMORANDUM

TO: St. Joseph Area Legislative Partnership

FROM: Mark Rhoads and Trent Watson

RE: Legislative Report

DATE: August 26, 2011

SPECIAL SESSION UPDATE: As you are aware, Governor Nixon has issued a call for a Special Session to address certain specific issues which had great support from both Chambers during the Regular Session but on which the Chambers ultimately ran out of time in which to reach a compromise final position. You can find the full text of the Governor's call at this link: <http://governor.mo.gov/orders/2011/2011specialsession.html>. The Governor issued the call on Monday, August 22nd. At this time, I am aware of four (4) bills that will be filed during the Special Session pursuant to the Governor's call. The first three are House Bills: 1) St. Louis City Police Department Local Control, 2) Election Law issues (to address the issues in the Election Law bill that the Governor vetoed), and 3) Tax Amnesty. The fourth bill will be the omnibus Tax Credit Reform/Economic Development/Job Creation bill that we understand will be filed in the Senate. At this time, the anticipated schedule, based upon discussions and agreements between House and Senate Leadership for the Special Session is as follows:

SPECIAL SESSION SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5th-9th

House

Monday, September 5th, 2011 – Labor Day – Holiday, NO SESSION

Tuesday, September 6th, 2011 – Technical Session Only – (No Committee or Floor Activity)

The House will convene at noon for introduction of House Bill. The three aforementioned bills will be filed and First Read in the House.

Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 – Technical Session Only – (No Committee or Floor Activity)

The three afore-mentioned House Bills will be Second Read and referred to the following committees: 1) Local Control to Urban Affairs, 2) Election Law Issues to Elections and 3) Tax Amnesty to Ways & Means.

Thursday, September 8th, 2011 – Committee Hearings

All three bills are expected to be heard and voted Do Pass from their committees. If the bills are voted Do Pass from committee the Rules Committee shall meet Wednesday afternoon in executive session.

Friday, September 9th, 2011 – Floor Debate –

Perfection and Third Reading of the three afore-mentioned bills is scheduled for this day. Session will begin at 10:00 a.m. All members of the House should make plans to be at the Capitol. The House is expecting to have the Senate's Tax Credit Reform/Economic Development/Job Creation bill by the close of the House Journal on Friday, September 9th.

Senate

Monday, September 5th, 2011 – Labor Day – Holiday, NO SESSION

Tuesday, September 6th, 2011 – Full Senate Convenes

The Senate will file fourth bill, the omnibus Tax Credit Reform/Economic Development/Job Creation.

Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 – Full Senate Convenes

The omnibus Tax Credit Reform/Economic Development/Job Creation bill will be referred to the Senate Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government. The Jobs committee intends to hear and vote this bill Do Pass. The Senate will then convene in afternoon session to take in the report from the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee.

Thursday, September 8th, 2011 – Full Senate – Floor Debate

The full Senate will convene at 9 am to Perfect the omnibus Tax Credit Reform/Economic Development/Job Creation bill

Friday, September 9th, 2011 – Full Senate - Floor Debate

The full senate will convene at 9 am to Third Read and Finally pass The omnibus Tax Credit Reform/Economic Development/Job Creation bill and send this bill to the House for approval

SPECIAL SESSION SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12th-16th

The Schedule for this week is still to be determined.

This is the link to the full article regarding the Governor's Call:

http://governor.mo.gov/newsroom/2011/Gov_Nixon_calls_special_session_of_General_Assembly_to_create_jobs_ensure_continued_fiscal_discipline

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