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In the Alabama Legislature

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

The House and Senate convened this afternoon for the 25th legislative meeting day. Both chambers are still in session, and are expected to work later into the evening.

It was a productive day for counties at the Statehouse! The House concurred with Senate amendments to two ACCA priority bills today. HB 264 by Rep. Steve McMillan (Local Preference) and HB 193 by Rep. Randy Davis (County Decision-Making) have passed in both Houses, and are now ready for the Governor's signature! Thank you to all the county officials and employees who called legislators about this bill.

The Illegal Drag-Racing bill is also on today's House calendar. While the bill has yet to be debated, it might be considered before the House adjourns for the day. Please be on the lookout for an update on this bill in tomorrow's legislative report.

In the meantime, county officials and employees are encouraged to contact legislators TONIGHT and TOMORROW MORNING about the two ACCA priority bills listed below that will be considered in committee tomorrow:

[HB 194 by Rep. Adline Clarke](#) (Amending Local Laws) will be considered by the Senate Constitution, Ethics and Elections committee tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in Room 727. This bill would allow for meaningful discussion and negotiation of local bills. HB 194 would shorten the advertising period for local bills from 4 weeks to 3 weeks, and would also establish a process for amending local bills. *County officials and employees are encouraged to contact SENATE committee members before tomorrow afternoon and ask them to support this important bill.*

Senate Constitution Ethics and Elections committee: Sen. Hightower, Chair; Sens. Hightower, Albritton, Brewbaker, Coleman, Melson, Pittman, Smitherman, Ward, Williams.

[SB 437 by Sen. Trip Pittman](#) (Voluntary Non-Nexus Tax) will be considered by the House Ways and Means General Fund committee tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in Room 617. This bill would establish an easily accessible method for sellers without nexus in Alabama to voluntarily remit an 8% use tax--on behalf of their customers--on any items delivered into Alabama. *County officials and employees are encouraged to contact HOUSE committee members before tomorrow afternoon and ask them to support this important bill.*

House Ways & Means General Fund committee: Rep. Clouse, Chair; Reps. Johnson K., Hall, Beech, Bracy, Gaston, Greer, Holmes M., Knight, Lee, Millican, Mooney, Sells, Warren, Wingo.

REMINDERS:

Commissioner Merceria Ludgood will be hosting a conference call for the NACo South Region members on **TOMORROW, Wednesday, May 27th at 1:30 p.m.** All county officials and employees are invited to participate. To join the call, please dial **1-888-626-9463**, and when prompted for the participant access code enter **434743428**.

Thank you for all that you do to promote county government. Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Association staff if you have any questions about this report.

Thanks,

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