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Legislative BIO BUZZ

Week of March 30th – April 3rd, 2009

Jennifer and I are off to DC to advocate on behalf of the industry. Coincidentally, Gov. Sebelius will also be in DC for her confirmation hearings which we will attend as our schedule allows.

Jen will be on break from Topeka until Veto Session where the Omnibus bill will be debated. The House Appropriations Committee has not yet released their omnibus schedule, but it will probably be very similar to the Senate schedule:

Week of April 20 - 24

Ways and Means

10:30 a.m. Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant–296-3775 545-N

Wednesday, April 22 - **NOTICE - 9:00 a.m.**

Omnibus bill

Thursday, April 23 - **NOTICE - 8:30 a.m.**

Omnibus bill

Friday, April 24

Meeting on call of the Chair

From our lobbyist, Ron Seeber:

3/23-3/27

Week In Review

All bills not exempt from bill deadlines had until end of business Wednesday to be approved by the second chamber. In order to complete its workload, both the House and Senate churned through hundreds of bills and worked late hours. Thursday was reserved for conference committees to meet and negotiate difference in bills approved by both chambers. With a snow storm pending, no conference committees were scheduled for Friday.

2010 Budget

The House and Senate Conferees agreed to a budget conference committee report for [House Bill 2354](#), the 2010 fiscal year's budget. The Senate accepted the House's position to reduce funding for KTEC by an additional 10%, but to keep the agency intact and not transfer duties to the Department of Commerce. The agreement requires that both the House and Senate budget committees review the agency's budget again during the veto session "omnibus" budget. The conference committee also agreed to cut about \$9 million from the Department of Commerce's budget. The final numbers are being crunched by legislative staff and the report should be voted on by the House and Senate early next week.

Energy Bill Conference Committee

The House and Senate conferees agreed on provisions in [House Bill 2014](#), the comprehensive energy bill that provides for an expansion of the Holcomb power plant and provides regulatory reform within certain state agencies. It was delayed due to conferee Representative [Annie Kuether](#)'s refusal to sign the conference committee reports. Kuether is a strong supporter of the Governor and a staunch opponent of the Holcomb expansion. The bill will be approved this week. The Governor has announced she will veto the bill.

Ethanol Resolution

The House will debate this week [Senate Concurrent Resolution 1610](#), which encourages EPA to look at higher blends of ethanol. Due to time limitations, the House leadership decided to only debate bills that were not exempt from bill deadlines. SCR 1610 is exempt from deadlines and eligible for debate. We anticipate it being approved and sent to the Governor by week's end.

Promoting Employment in Kansas Act

The House did not debate [House Bill 2365](#). This bill allows a qualified company to retain their employees withholding if a company relocates employees to Kansas from outside Kansas, an existing business can qualify if it hires new employees and the expansion is not to an existing facility or other business operation, or if a qualified business contracts with a third party to perform services on the companies behalf or the third party serves as the legal employer of the new employees providing services to the qualified company. The bill was amended in committee scaling back the scope of the bill by excluding all bioscience and agriculture related businesses among others. When the bill weakened, several interest groups drafted amendment to re-include deleted provisions. In order to avoid a lengthy debate and several un answered questions, the bill was passed over on the House General Orders calendar. The future of HB 2365 remains uncertain, but it is exempt of bill deadlines.

Coming Next Week

Next week entails reports being approved by both chambers and the possibility of legislation exempt from deadlines making it through the process. The final day of the regular session is Saturday, April 4.

Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 13 Anthony Hensley, D-19th	Kansas Bioscience authority; regarding membership on the board	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	01/13/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 16 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations	Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas; declaring certain acts not to be in violation of said act	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/20/2009 - House Final Action: Passed; Yeas 119, Nays 0

H Sub for Sub for SB 23 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	Approved by Governor	03/05/2009 - Senate No motion to reconsider; veto sustained
SB 120 Senate Commerce Committee	Kansas Investments in Major Projects and Comprehensive Training; relating to the Secretary of Commerce; authorizing the funding of certain economic development projects	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/25/2009 - House Final Action: Passed; Yeas 125, Nays 0
SB 121 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Health care; relating to reform in funding and structure of the federal and state programs	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/11/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/17/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 136-N
SB 202 Mark Taddiken, R-21st	Abortion	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/05/2009 - Senate Referred to Federal and State Affairs
SB 223 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Emergency medical services board; subpoena authority	In House Judiciary	03/13/2009 - House Referred to Judiciary
H Sub for SB 238 Senate Judiciary Committee	Abortion; regarding the Woman's Right-to-Know Act	Enrolled and presented to Governor	03/20/2009 - Senate Enrolled and presented to the Governor
SB 244 Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee	Economic Revitalization and Reinvestment Act; relating to eligible businesses	In Senate Assessment and Taxation	03/04/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/12/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 535-N

SB 248	Controlled substances; creating a statewide electronic logging system for sale of methamphetamine precursor	On General Orders in House	03/19/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 249	Pharmacists; relating to substitution of drug product	In House Health and Human Services	02/20/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 250	Workers compensation; relating to benefits	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2009 - Senate Referred to Commerce
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 295	Blind and visually impaired persons; establishing the Motor Vehicle and Safe Mobility Committee; powers and duties thereof	In Senate Transportation	03/03/2009 - Senate Referred to Transportation
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 296	State finance; establishing a process to evaluate and implement federal funding available for state agencies under the federal American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	In Senate Ways and Means	03/06/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 3/11/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 303	Abolishing the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and Kansas, Inc. and transferring the powers and duties thereof to the Department of Commerce	In Senate Ways and Means	03/06/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 304	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In Senate Ways and Means	03/16/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/19/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
SB 308	State agencies; relating to the administrative	On General	03/24/2009 - Senate

Senate Ways and Means Committee	fee charged to agencies	Orders in Senate	Committee Report: Be passed by Ways and Means
SB 309 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In Senate Ways and Means	03/16/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 3/19/2009, 10:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 311 Senate Ways and Means Committee	State budget; state general fund and special revenue fund expenditures, transfers and ending balance requirements; reduction and allotment procedures; economic impact statements and fiscal note updates for legislation	In Senate Ways and Means	03/12/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SB 317 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Abolishing the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation and transferring the powers and duties thereof to the Department of Commerce and the Board of Regents	In Senate Ways and Means	03/17/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
SCR 1610 Mark Taddiken, R-21st	Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize use of higher blends of ethanol in non-flex fuel vehicles	On General Orders in House	03/23/2009 - House Committee Report: Be adopted by Agriculture and Natural Resources
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HB 2011 Arlen H. Siegfried, R-15th	Abortion	On General Orders in House	02/27/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed by Federal and State Affairs

HB 2022 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	01/21/2009 - House Scheduled Hearings: Monday, 1/26/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Tuesday, 1/27/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Wednesday, 1/28/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Thursday, 1/29/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Friday, 1/30/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N
HB 2076 Lance Kinzer, R-14th	Abortion; regarding the Woman's Right-to-know Act	In Senate Federal and State Affairs	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 143-N
Sub for HB 2081 House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee	Milk and dairy products; relating to certain fees fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture	Stricken from Calendar	02/24/2009 - House Stricken from Calendar, House Rule 1507
HB 2093 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	01/28/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
HB 2094 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for the Department on Aging, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Health and Environment – Division of Health; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Aging and Long-Term Care	02/18/2009 - House Scheduled Hearings: Tuesday, 3/3/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB; Thursday, 3/5/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB

HB 2166 Steve Huebert, R-90th	Abortion; relating to late-term and partial birth abortion	On General Orders in House	02/27/2009 - House Committee Report: Be passed by Federal and State Affairs
HB 2236 House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee	Crimes, criminal procedure and punishments; concerning drug crimes; recodification of certain statutes	Pending enrollment and presentation to Governor	03/19/2009 - Senate Committee of the Whole: Be passed; Emergenced to Final Action: Passed; Yeas 40, Nays 0
HB 2295 House Taxation Committee	Milk and dairy products; relating to labels for such products	In Senate Agriculture	03/24/2009 - Senate Referred to Agriculture
HB 2317 House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee	State government; requiring certain agencies to submit a budget	In House General Government Budget	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 3/10/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 531-N
HB 2358 House Taxation Committee	Enacting the Investment in Kansas Employment Act	In House Economic Development and Tourism	03/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 3/9/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB
HB 2360 House Appropriations Committee	State budget; relating to preparation and submission of budget estimates and recommendations by the Governor to the Legislature	In Senate Ways and Means	03/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
HB 2361 House Appropriations Committee	State finance; establishing a process to evaluate and implement federal funding available for state agencies under the federal American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	In House Appropriations	03/04/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
Sub for HB 2365 House Taxation Committee	Creating the Promoting Employment Across Kansas Act	On General Orders in House	03/25/2009 - House Committee of the Whole: Be passed over and retain a place on the Calendar

HB 2369 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In Senate Ways and Means	03/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
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HB 2373 House Appropriations Committee	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In Senate Ways and Means	03/30/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
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