

HB2784 Electric utility restructuring; capped rates; default service rates. Provides that effective January 1, 2008, the rates for customers receiving default service will be determined by the State Corporation Commission based on the cost of service under the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 56. The measure also clarifies that the Electric Utility Restructuring Act's provisions do not modify or impair the terms of orders approving the divestiture of an electric utility's generation assets. Currently the Act provides that through December 31, 2010, default service rates are a utility's capped rates, and that thereafter default service rates for utilities (other than distribution cooperatives) will be based on prices in competitive regional markets.

Patron - Morgan

HB2870 Programming cell phones with ICE numbers. Requires providers of commercial mobile telecommunications service to implement a program, in accordance with criteria developed by the Wireless E-911 Services Board, of encouraging its subscribers to program one or more ICE numbers into their mobile telephones. An ICE number is a telephone number that is programmed into a mobile telephone, and labeled ICE, which when called by a firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, rescue worker, or ambulance when the subscriber is nonresponsive or impaired, will connect to the person who the subscriber desires to be contacted in case of an emergency.

Patron - McEachin

HB3029 Underground electric transmission lines. Authorizes a locality in or adjacent to the Eighth Planning District to enter into an agreement with an electric utility that has proposed an overhead transmission line of 450 kV or more whereby the utility will construct the line underground and the additional cost of underground installation will be paid by the locality. The locality is authorized to create a special rate district and assess its customers in the special rate district a tax to recover its payments to the electric utility. The measure also authorizes the locality to create a stock corporation and provides that the electric utility will distribute to the corporation shares of its capital stock with a value equal to the additional cost of the underground installation that was paid by the locality.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB3030 Electrical transmission facilities; regional transmission organizations. Repeals provisions relating to the current requirement that Virginia's electric utilities join a regional transmission organization. The measure directs the State Corporation Commission and Office of the Attorney General to institute proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to obtain all necessary federal approvals to accomplish the withdrawal of Virginia's electric utilities from membership in any regional transmission organization. The measure also authorizes a locality in or adjacent to the Eighth Planning District to enter into an agreement with an electric utility that has proposed an overhead transmission line of 450 kV or more whereby the utility will construct the line underground and the additional cost of underground installation will be paid by the locality. The locality is authorized to create a special rate district and assess its customers in the special rate district a tax to recover its payments to the electric utility. The locality is further authorized to create a stock corporation to which the electric utility is required to distribute shares of its capital stock with a value equal to the additional cost of the underground installation.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB3050 Electric utilities. Repeals provisions of the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act effective January 1, 2008. The measure authorizes the State Corporation Commission to provide for recovery of the costs of new generation facilities through the utility's rate base or through rate surcharges, adders, or other recovery mechanisms as are in the public interest. The Commission is also authorized to approve a performance-based rate-making methodology for electric utilities, which tracks the current provision for gas utilities. Provisions of the Restructuring Act that are not repealed by this measure include those that address the construction of a coal-fired plant in Southwest Virginia, net energy metering, electric energy emergencies, and permitting for electrical generating facilities.

Patron - Morgan

HB3155 Divestiture of generation assets. Provides that nothing in Title 56 shall modify or impair the terms of a State Corporation Commission order that approved the divestiture of generation assets of an electric utility.

Patron - Lewis

SB1143 Utility Transfers Act; telephone companies. Eliminates the requirement that the State Corporation Commission approve the acquisition or disposal of the assets or of control of a telephone company. The measure will not apply to transactions for which applications seeking Commission approval were filed prior to July 1, 2007.

Patron - Wagner

SB1150 Electric utilities; collection of FERC fines. Authorizes any electric utility that is assessed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with fines, penalties, or similar charges as a result of brownouts or blackouts in its service territory that are attributable to the utility's failure to have adequate transmission infrastructure, to recover its payments of fines, penalties, or similar charges from those customers receiving service within the planning district or districts where construction of transmission facilities was delayed or thwarted as the result of opposition from the utility's customers.

Patron - Wagner

SB1191 Electric utility restructuring. Extends the period during which rates for electric service are capped from December 31, 2010, until July 1, 2013. The measure also provides that, upon the end of the capped rate period, rates for default service provided by distributors will be based on prudently incurred costs, rather than on prices in competitive regional electricity markets. Other provisions clarify that the capped rates and default service rates for utilities that have divested their generation assets will be determined in a manner consistent with the terms of the orders of the State Corporation Commission approving the transfer of such assets. The measure also revises the criteria for adjustments to capped rates to provide that, rather than being allowed to recover increases in transmission and distribution reliability and environmental costs through single-issue proceedings, after July 1, 2007, certain utilities may seek to recover increased costs through annual full rate cases.

Patron - Reynolds

SB1245 State Corporation Commission; public hearings. Requires the State Corporation Commission to conduct a public hearing in any case involving approval of the construction of an overhead electrical transmission line of 150 kV or more or an increase in toll rates under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988. The measure also requires at least one Commissioner of the State Corporation Commis-

sion be physically present at any hearing in such cases at which public comment is allowed or required.

Patron - Herring

[F]SB1275 Renewable energy and energy efficiency program requirements. Requires that by the period June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021, and in subsequent years, 12% of the electric energy sold by each supplier to retail customers in the Commonwealth be generated from renewable generation energy sources, and that each supplier achieve reductions in the consumption of electric energy by its retail customers, through the supplier's implementation of energy efficiency programs, in an amount equal to 5% of the amount of electric energy consumed by its retail customers in 2006. The requirements are phased in over a period commencing June 1, 2008. The 12% requirement for renewable generation energy sources is comprised of three categories of renewable energy sources, each of which has separate percentage requirements. Generators of renewable energy receive renewable energy credits for power generated through eligible renewable sources or conserved through energy efficiency programs. Suppliers who do not comply with the minimum percentage requirements are required to make alternative compliance payments into a new Virginia Sustainable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Energy Conservation Fund. Distributors are authorized to recover incremental costs of compliance incurred during the capped rate period under the procedure for recovery of the costs of purchased power. Electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities are exempted from the measure.

Patron - Whipple

[F]SB1361 Suspension of construction of new electrical utility facilities; pilot projects in Loudoun County, Fauquier, and Prince William Counties. Suspends the approval of all applications for the construction of new electrical utility facilities pending before the State Corporation Commission and the commencement of all facility construction until July 1, 2008. The bill also establishes pilot projects in Loudoun County, Fauquier County, and Prince William County for the installation of underground transmission lines. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Colgan

[F]SB1377 Water and sewer rates of certain towns. Prohibits towns from charging rates for water and sewer service provided to residents of an adjacent county that unreasonably discriminate between customers on the basis of whether services are provided to customers located within or outside the limits of the town, or that provide a cross-subsidy for in-town customers. Upon receipt of a petition from five percent of the customers who receive service in the county, the Commission on Local Government is authorized to conduct an investigation and analyze the rates, fees and charges. If the Commission determines that the rates, fees and charges assessed by a town do not comply with these requirements, it will notify the county and the city. The county may then petition for the appointment of a special court to set rates for such services.

Patron - Herring

Religious and Charitable Matters; Cemeteries

Passed

[P]HB3082 Religious freedom. Reiterates an individual's freedom of religion and prohibits a government entity from unduly burdening such right. The bill provides a cause of action for declaratory or injunctive relief for violation. A person prevailing in such an action may recover reasonable costs and attorney fees, but not monetary damages. A petition for appeal to the Court of Appeals may be made from any decision to grant or deny declaratory and injunctive relief. The provisions of the bill do not apply to persons incarcerated in correctional facilities or sexually violent predators who have been civilly committed.

Patron - Lingamfelter

State Corporation Commission

Passed

[P]SB1005 State Corporation Commission; fees. Provides that the fee for providing copies of a Uniform Commercial Code record is \$0.50 per page regardless of the number of pages, and increases the fee for providing a certified copy of a Uniform Commercial Code record from \$1 to \$3.

Patron - Miller

Taxation

Passed

[P]HB1628 Severance tax; extends sunset date. Extends the sunset date from December 31, 2007, to December 31, 2012, for the local coal and gas road improvement tax.

Patron - Johnson

[P]HB1640 Sales and use tax; exemption for alternative fuel-burning stoves. Provides an exemption from the retail sales and use tax beginning July 1, 2007, and ending July 1, 2012, for multifuel heating stoves used by the individual purchaser for heating his residence. Such stoves are capable of burning a variety of alternative fuels, including, but not limited to, shelled corn, wood pellets, cherry pits, and olive pits.

Patron - Wright

[P]HB1674 Sales and use tax exemption; free distribution of educational materials. Extends the sunset date from July 1, 2008, to July 1, 2012, on the exemption for textbooks and other educational materials that are distributed by publishers from distribution centers for free to professors and others having an educational focus. This bill is identical to SB 999.

Patron - Scott, E.T.

[P]HB1678 Sales tax exemption; energy-efficient products. Provides a sales tax exemption for purchases of certain energy-efficient products with a sales price of \$2,500 or less made during the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in October of each year. The bill also authorizes dealers to absorb the sales and use tax on all other items sold during the same

time period and thereby relieve the purchasers of the obligation to pay such tax. Dealers who absorb such taxes are liable for payment of the same to the Tax Commissioner. The provisions of this bill will expire on July 1, 2012.

Patron - Cosgrove

HB1695 Business, professional, occupational license tax; motor fuels tax exemption. Clarifies that the motor fuels tax is exempt from gross receipts for purposes of the BPOL tax.

Patron - Purkey

HB1696 Taxation; conformity with Internal Revenue Code. Conforms the Commonwealth's system of taxation with the Internal Revenue Code, when applicable, as of December 31, 2006. This bill contains an emergency clause. and is identical to SB 1105.

Patron - Purkey

HB1714 Transient occupancy tax; Northampton County. Permits Northampton County to impose an additional 3% transient occupancy tax (for a total of 5%) provided that the portion of the tax over 2% be dedicated for tourism purposes. This bill is identical to SB 904.

Patron - Lewis

HB1744 Real property tax exemptions; elderly and disabled. Increases the income limit for elderly and disabled taxpayers in certain Northern Virginia localities from \$72,000 to \$75,000 for real property tax exemptions.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB1880 Personal Property Tax Relief Act definitions. Adds to the definition of "qualifying vehicle" those vehicles that are held in a private trust for nonbusiness purposes by an individual beneficiary.

Patron - Caputo

HB2013 Tangible personal property; classifications. Establishes a separate class of tangible personal property for aircraft that are (i) Warbirds, manufactured or intended for military use, excluding those manufactured after 1954, and (ii) used only for (a) exhibit or display to the general public or (b) air show and flight demonstrations. Aircraft used for commercial or private general transportation would not be included in this new class of property. This bill is identical to SB 1171.

Patron - Suit

HB2022 Reporting to the Department of Taxation; nonprofit hospitals. Requires nonprofit hospitals to provide to the Department of Taxation a copy of any federal 990 or 990-EZ tax form filed with the Internal Revenue Service. The bill would require nonprofit hospitals to also provide to the Department a copy of any interim tax forms, reports, or returns filed with or provided to the Internal Revenue Service. The bill would require all such returns and information to be provided within 30 days of the same being filed with or provided to the Internal Revenue Service.

Patron - Purkey

HB2059 Recordation tax. Clarifies that the tax rate is applied to the greater of the consideration paid or the value of the interest conveyed. This bill is identical to SB 822.

Patron - McQuigg

HB2135 Collection of taxes by the Department of Taxation. Prohibits the Department of Taxation from engaging debt collectors outside the Department to collect taxes that are less than 90 days delinquent, and requires the Department to provide on the initial assessment notice to the taxpayer of the

taxpayer's rights to apply to the Tax Commissioner for a correction in the assessment and the right to have the Tax Commissioner refrain from actions to collect the tax after receipt from the taxpayer of notice of intent to file for such correction. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Hugo

HB2148 Sales and use tax; commercial and industrial exemptions; railroad rolling stock. Provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for railroad rolling stock when sold or leased by the manufacturer.

Patron - Fralin

HB2181 Machinery and tools tax; idle machinery and tools; emergency clause. Provides a uniform statewide statutory classification and taxation for idle machinery and tools on a prospective basis by allowing such machinery and tools to be taxed as capital as long as they have not been used for at least one year prior to tax day or they have been identified in writing by the taxpayer to the commissioner of the revenue as machinery and tools that the taxpayer intends to withdraw from service prior to the next tax day. This bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to SB 1151.

Patron - Saxman

HB2220 Income tax; deduction for unreimbursed organ donation expenses. Provides an income tax deduction for unreimbursed expenses that are paid by an organ and tissue donor and that have not been taken as a medical deduction on the taxpayer's federal income tax return, effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. The amount of the deduction is the lesser of \$5,000 or the actual amount paid by the taxpayer.

Patron - Amundson

HB2284 Withholding tax; filing returns. Allows employers to submit their withholding tax returns on the 25th day of the following month rather than the 20th day, effective January 1, 2008.

Patron - Watts

HB2385 Tangible personal property; separate classification for wireless broadband service providers. Creates a separate classification for local taxation purposes for tangible personal property owned and used by certain providers of wireless broadband Internet service in providing such service.

Patron - May

HB2390 Duties of treasurers. Requires treasurers to make out a list of uncollected balances of previously billed tangible personal property taxes on vehicles that (i) were owned by taxpayers, now deceased, upon whose estates no qualification has been made, or (ii) were transferred to bona fide purchasers for value without knowledge, on the part of the persons so transferring, of the unpaid taxes.

Patron - Ingram

HB2498 Residential tax credit; increased accessibility and visitability for the disabled. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop guidelines establishing the eligibility requirements for the tax credit in § 58.1-339.7. Changes the name of the disabled tax credit to the "Livable Home Tax Credit" and extends it to any taxpayer who purchases a new residence. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission. This bill is identical to SB 791.

Patron - Orrock

HB2525 Voluntary contributions of refunds; Spay and Neuter Fund. Distributes a contribution made to the Spay and Neuter Fund through the voluntary contribution of tax refunds to the locality in which the filer resides. The locality must use the contribution for the provision of low-cost spay and neuter surgeries or it may make the funds available to any private, nonprofit sterilization program for dogs and cats in the locality. All contributions to the Spay and Neuter Fund are currently distributed to the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies.

Patron - Iaquinto

HB2545 Sales and use tax exemption; nonprofit entities. Requires nonprofit entities seeking sales and use tax exempt status that have annual gross receipts of at least \$1 million to provide the Department of Taxation with a financial audit performed by an independent certified public accountant and those with annual gross receipts between \$750,000 and \$1 million to provide the Department with a financial audit or a financial review by an independent certified public accountant. This bill is identical to HB 3062 and SB 743.

Patron - Hogan

HB2602 Voluntary contributions of tax refunds; new organizations. Adds public library foundations and Celebrating Special Children, Inc. to the list of organizations that may receive contributions for taxpayer refunds. The organizations will be added to the bottom of the list of other organizations waiting to appear on the income tax return.

Patron - Plum

HB2618 Classification of real property; energy-efficient buildings. Permits localities to tax certain energy-efficient buildings, not including the land on which they are located, at a lower tax rate than that imposed on the general class of real property by creating a separate classification for taxation purposes. An energy-efficient building is any building that exceeds the energy efficiency standards prescribed in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code by 30%. Energy-efficient building certification shall be determined by any qualified licensed engineer or contractor who is not related to the taxpayer and who shall certify to the taxpayer that he has qualifications to provide the certification. This bill is identical to SB 1051.

Patron - Fralin

HB2723 Communications sales and use tax exemption for military base customers; emergency. Provides an exemption from the communications sales and use tax for customers on any federal military bases or installations when a franchise fee is payable to the federal government. The bill is effective retroactive to January 1, 2007, and there is an emergency clause.

Patron - Nixon

HB2724 Sales and use tax exemption; churches. Expands the sales and use tax exemption for property purchased by churches to (i) property used in caring for or maintaining property owned by the church including, but not limited to, mowing equipment, and (ii) building materials installed by the church and for which the church does not contract with a person or entity to have installed.

Patron - Nixon

HB2920 Abusive income tax avoidance transactions; statute of limitations. Extends from three years to six years the period in which the Department of Taxation may assess income tax for any tax return filed based in whole or in part on an abusive tax avoidance transaction. An "abusive tax

avoidance transaction" means a transaction that has been identified by the Tax Commissioner as such a transaction and that has been published by the Tax Commissioner.

Patron - Shannon

HB2975 Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998. Requires the commissioner of the revenue to rely upon the information at the Department of Motor Vehicles in determining whether a vehicle qualifies for tax relief, unless he has information that the Department's registration information is incorrect or incomplete.

Patron - Bell

HB3022 Individual income tax; filing threshold amounts. Increases the filing thresholds for the state income tax for individuals to \$11,250 in 2008, \$11,650 in 2010, \$11,950 in 2012; and for married persons to \$22,500 in 2008, \$23,300 in 2010, and \$23,900 in 2012. The bill also increases the personal exemption amount to \$930 in 2008. This bill is identical to SB 778.

Patron - Cline

HB3044 Income tax credit for machinery and equipment for processing recyclable materials; extend sunset. Extends the sunset for the income tax credit for purchase of machinery and equipment for processing recyclable materials from January 1, 2007, to January 1, 2015. The bill also makes the credit available to individual income tax filers. Credits earned by a pass-through entity are to be allocated in proportion to each individual's ownership in the pass-through entity. This bill is identical to SB 870.

Patron - Bowling

HB3062 Sales and use tax; tax exemption for nonprofit entities. Requires nonprofit entities seeking sales and use tax exempt status that have annual gross receipts of at least \$750,000 but less than \$1 million to provide the Department of Taxation with a financial audit or review performed by an independent certified public accountant. Entities with gross annual receipts of \$1 million or greater must file an audit. This bill is identical to HB 2545 and SB 743.

Patron - Scott, E.T.

HB3093 Real property tax; change in assessment notice. Provides that a notice of the change in the assessment of real estate does not have to include certain information for changes due to construction of or additions to improvements on real estate.

Patron - Johnson

SB734 Severance tax; extends sunset date. Extends the sunset date from December 31, 2007, to December 31, 2012, for the local coal and gas road improvement tax.

Patron - Wampler

SB743 Sales and use tax; tax exemption for nonprofit entities. Requires nonprofit entities seeking sales and use tax exempt status that have annual gross receipts of at least \$750,000 but less than \$1 million to provide the Department of Taxation with a financial audit or review performed by an independent certified public accountant. Entities with gross annual receipts of \$1 million or greater must file an audit. This bill is identical to HB 3062 and SB 743.

Patron - Cuccinelli

SB772 Business, professional, occupational license tax; motor fuels tax exemption. Clarifies that the motor fuels tax is exempt from gross receipts for purposes of the BPOL tax. The bill would be retroactively effective January 1, 2001.

Patron - Watkins

SB778 Individual income tax; filing threshold amounts. Increases the filing thresholds for the state income tax for individuals to \$11,250 in 2008, \$11,650 in 2010, \$11,950 in 2012; and for married persons to \$22,500 in 2008, \$23,300 in 2010, and \$23,900 in 2012. The bill also increases the personal exemption amount to \$930 in 2008. This bill is identical to HB 3022.

Patron - Stosch

SB785 Income tax deduction; Virginia College Savings Plan. Increases from \$2,000 to \$4,000 the annual income tax deduction allowed for purchases and contributions for prepaid tuition contracts or savings trust accounts entered into with the Virginia College Savings Plan. The increase would become effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

Patron - Bell

SB788 Real estate tax relief; elderly and permanently and totally disabled. Increases from \$52,000 to \$62,000 the income limit in certain cities and counties for eligibility for elderly and permanently and totally disabled real estate tax relief programs.

Patron - Stosch

SB791 Residential tax credit; increased accessibility and visitability for the disabled. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop guidelines establishing the eligibility requirements for the tax credit in § 58.1-339.7. Changes the name of the disabled tax credit to the "Livable Home Tax Credit" and extends it to any taxpayer who purchases a new residence. The bill would cap the tax credit at \$500 for the purchase of a new residence or for the retrofitting of an existing residence. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Disability Commission. This bill is identical to HB 2498.

Patron - Puller

SB811 Transient occupancy tax; Amherst County. Authorizes Amherst County to impose the local transient occupancy tax at a rate of five percent with the revenues in excess of two percent designated for tourism and marketing of tourism initiatives.

Patron - Ruff

SB822 Recordation tax. Clarifies that the tax rate is applied to the greater of the consideration paid or the value of the interest conveyed. This bill is identical to HB 2059.

Patron - Devolites Davis

SB848 Notice of change in assessment. Provides that if a change in assessment arises solely from the construction or addition of new improvements, then notice of such change in assessment need not set out the new tax rate or the percentage change in the new tax levy from the immediately prior one. It also provides that such notice may omit reference to districts for those localities that have elected by ordinance to prepare land and personal property books in alphabetical order.

Patron - Lambert

SB862 Withholding taxes; information furnished. Provides that no person filing a withholding tax return for an organization, through use of an electronic medium, would be required to provide his social security number for such purposes. However, such person would be required to provide his name, social security number, wages, and taxes withheld in any file or batch report that includes the same information for all employees of the organization.

Patron - Reynolds

SB867 Sales tax exemption; energy-efficient products. Provides a sales tax exemption for purchases of certain Energy Star qualified products with a sales price of \$2,500 or less made during a four-day period each year in mid-October. The bill also authorizes dealers to absorb the sales and use tax on all other items sold during the same time period and thereby relieve the purchasers of the obligation to pay such tax. Dealers who absorb such taxes are liable for payment of the same to the Tax Commissioner. The sales tax holiday would expire in July of 2012.

Patron - Watkins

SB870 Income tax credit for machinery and equipment for processing recyclable materials; extend sunset. Extends the sunset for the income tax credit for purchase of machinery and equipment for processing recyclable materials from January 1, 2007, to January 1, 2015. The bill also makes the credit available to individual income tax filers. Credits earned by a pass-through entity are to be allocated in proportion to each individual's ownership in the pass-through entity. This bill is identical to HB 3044.

Patron - Watkins

SB904 Transient occupancy tax; Northampton County. Authorizes Northampton County to impose a transient occupancy tax at a rate up to five percent, with any revenues collected in excess of two percent to be used for tourism and marketing of tourism initiatives. This bill is identical to HB 1714.

Patron - Rerras

SB954 Income tax; checkoff for Department for the Aging. Establishes an income tax check off for income tax refund contributions to the Department for the Aging to be used for Medicare Part D counseling. This would be in addition to the current check off for income tax refund contributions to the Department for the Aging for providing transportation services to the elderly.

Patron - Quayle

SB999 Sales and use tax exemption; textbooks withdrawn from inventory. Extends from July 1, 2008, to July 1, 2012, the sunset date of the current sales and use tax exemption for textbooks and educational materials distributed by publishers to professors at no cost. This bill is identical to HB 1674.

Patron - Houck

SB1051 Classification of real property; energy-efficient buildings. Permits localities to tax certain energy-efficient buildings, not including the land on which they are located, at a lower tax rate than that imposed on the general class of real property by creating a separate classification for taxation purposes. An energy-efficient building is any building that exceeds the energy efficiency standards prescribed in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code by 30% Energy-efficient building certification shall be determined by any qualified licensed engineer or contractor who is not related to the taxpayer and who shall certify to the taxpayer that he has qualifications to provide the certification. This bill is identical to HB 2618.

Patron - Edwards

SB1054 Low-income housing credit; consolidation of Code sections. Consolidates provisions of the low-income housing tax credit currently appearing in Titles 36 (Housing) and 58.1 (Taxation). The bill would consolidate the tax credit

provisions into § 58.1-435 and provide a cross-reference to the tax credit in § 36-55.63.

Patron - Edwards

SB1063 Real estate tax; limitation on tax rate. Increases from seven to 30 days the minimum notice that a locality must give the public of a public hearing in which the locality proposes to increase its total real estate tax levies more than 101% of the prior year's tax levies, and requires that such notice be posted in the building where the governing body of the locality ordinarily meets, as well as in a newspaper.

Patron - Rerras

SB1105 Taxation; conformity with Internal Revenue Code. Conforms the Commonwealth's system of taxation with the Internal Revenue Code, when applicable, as of December 31, 2006. This bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to HB 1696.

Patron - Chichester

SB1151 Machinery and tools tax; idle machinery and tools; emergency clause. Provides a uniform statewide statutory classification and taxation for idle machinery and tools on a prospective basis by allowing such machinery and tools to be taxed as capital as long as they have not been used for at least one year prior to tax day or they have been identified in writing by the taxpayer to the commissioner of the revenue as machinery and tools that the taxpayer intends to withdraw from service prior to the next tax day. This bill contains an emergency clause and is identical to HB 2181.

Patron - Wagner

SB1167 Sales and use tax exemption; hurricane preparedness equipment. Provides a sales and use tax exemption, beginning in 2008, for certain hurricane preparedness equipment purchased during a seven-day period each year beginning on May 25. The sales and use tax holiday will sunset on July 1, 2012.

Patron - Stolle

SB1171 Tangible personal property; classifications. Establishes a separate class of tangible personal property for aircraft that are (i) considered Warbirds, manufactured and intended for military use, excluding those manufactured after 1954, and (ii) used only for (a) exhibit or display to the general public and otherwise used for educational purposes (including such flights as are necessary for testing, maintaining, or preparing such aircraft for safe operation), or (b) airshow and flight demonstrations (including such flights necessary for testing, maintaining, or preparing such aircraft for safe operation). This bill is identical to HB 2013.

Patron - Stolle

SB1172 Aircraft sales and use tax; deferral/exemption. Provides an exemption from the aircraft sales and use tax for aircraft that are (i) considered Warbirds, manufactured and intended for military use, excluding those manufactured after 1954, and (ii) used only for (a) exhibit or display to the general public and otherwise used for educational purposes (including such flights as are necessary for testing, maintaining, or preparing such aircraft for safe operation), or (b) airshow and flight demonstrations (including such flights necessary for testing, maintaining, or preparing such aircraft for safe operation).

Patron - Stolle

SB1238 Withholding tax; pass-through entities. Requires pass-through entities to withhold and remit to the Tax Commissioner an amount equal to five percent of the allocable Virginia taxable income of all nonresident owners of the pass-

through entity. A nonresident owner may take as a credit against Virginia income tax due his or its allocable Virginia income tax withheld and remitted to the Tax Commissioner by the pass-through entity.

Patron - Obenshain

SB1265 Real estate tax relief for the elderly and permanently and totally disabled. Authorizes local governments to extend real estate tax relief to dwellings jointly held between individuals not all of whom are at least age 65 or permanently and totally disabled. The tax relief would be prorated based upon the percentage of ownership interest in the dwelling held by all joint owners who are at least age 65 or permanently and totally disabled. As a condition of the property qualifying for real estate tax relief, the bill establishes additional net worth thresholds that cannot be exceeded. The additional net worth thresholds would not allow any exclusion for the dwelling in question.

Patron - Herring

SB1283 Individual income taxes. Provides that income and loss of an electing small business corporation (S corporation) subject to Virginia's bank franchise tax shall be excluded by the shareholders of such S corporation in computing individual income taxes. However, such shareholders would be subject to the individual income tax on any distributions received from such S corporation.

Patron - Stosch

Failed

HB1615 The Keep Our Promise Act of 2007. Reinstates the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 at 100% reimbursement for qualifying vehicles effective January 1, 2008.

Patron - Frederick

HB1616 Income tax; tax credit for health insurance premiums paid by small business employers. Provides a tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, to employers who pay at least one-half of the annual health insurance premium per employee. The amount of the credit is the lesser of \$500 or the amount paid per employee. The total amount of credits available to each employer annually is limited to \$25,000. The credits are available to employers with 50 or fewer full-time employees.

Patron - Frederick

HB1620 Sales and use tax; exemption for certain contractors. Exempts from paying the sales and use tax any person who contracts on or after July 1, 2006, to perform services for and provide tangible personal property for consumption or use by the Commonwealth, any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or the United States, if the Commonwealth, political subdivision, or the United States certifies that title to such tangible personal property will pass to such governmental entity.

Patron - Frederick

HB1638 Sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. Increases the amount of sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund from an amount generated by a one-half percent sales and use tax (under current law), (i) to an amount generated by a three-quarters percent sales and use tax beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, and (ii) to an amount generated by a 1% sales and use tax beginning July 1, 2008.

Patron - Cole

HB1641 Sales and use tax exemption; commercial greenhouses. Provides a sales and use tax exemption beginning July 1, 2007, and ending July 1, 2012, for propane gas purchased for use solely in commercial greenhouses.

Patron - Wright

HB1648 Motor fuels sales tax. Makes the imposition of the 2% sales tax on motor vehicle fuels optional for the localities in certain Northern Virginia transportation districts. Under current law, the tax is imposed automatically in those districts.

Patron - Cole

HB1659 Sales and use tax; limited exemption on computers. Adds computers and related peripheral equipment to the list of items that are exempt from the sales and use tax during a three-day period the first weekend in August, beginning in 2007. The exemption shall only apply to a selling price of \$1,500 or less for such computers and equipment. This bill was incorporated into HB 2167.

Patron - McClellan

HB1672 Real property taxation. Establishes as separate classes of real property for purposes of real property taxation rates the following: (i) residential property and (ii) real estate devoted to agricultural use, horticultural use, forest use, or open-space use. The governing body of any county, city, or town may establish rates of taxation on each of these classes of property different from each other and different from the tax rate levied on all other real property.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB1703 Sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. Increases the amount of sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund from an amount generated by a 0.50% sales and use tax, to an amount generated by a 0.75% sales and use tax.

Patron - Lingamfelter

HB1706 Real estate tax; limitation on tax rate. Provides that localities must set real estate tax rates so that the total real estate tax revenue will not increase by more than 3% over the previous year's total real property tax levies with one exception. The exception would allow a locality to set its property tax rate at a rate not to exceed the rate of population growth plus the rate of inflation in the locality for the immediately preceding year, but in no event shall the rate be set at any amount that would produce more than 6% growth.

Patron - Lingamfelter

HB1709 Income tax sharing with localities in lieu of car tax relief reimbursements; for transportation and education. Appropriates an amount equal to 0.75% of the taxable individual income to every county and city whose personal property tax rate on motor vehicles is no greater than \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed value, based on each county's and city's share of total Virginia taxable income. Localities shall appropriate one-half of any such funds for secondary road maintenance and the remaining one-half for education.

Patron - Lingamfelter

HB1717 Recordation tax; distribution for transportation. Provides for the distribution of excess recordation tax revenues to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for use throughout the Commonwealth for projects that will (i) reduce poor air quality, (ii) reduce traffic congestion, and (iii) aid the safety of motorists or pedestrians.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

HB1721 Income tax; home accessibility features for the disabled tax credit. Broadens the current tax credit that is granted for adding to existing residences home accessibility features for the disabled to also include such features in new residential construction, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. This bill was incorporated into HB 2498.

Patron - Eisenberg

HB1730 Classification of taxable real property. Permits localities to tax residential property at a lower tax rate than that imposed on the general class of real property by creating a separate classification for taxation purposes. If a locality imposes a lower tax rate on residential property, then thereafter the locality shall not increase the rate of taxation on the general class of real property.

Patron - Alexander

HB1761 Income tax; worker retraining tax credit. Increases from 30% to 65% the percentage of the expenditures spent for worker retraining that an employer may take as an income tax credit. It also raises the maximum amount of credit per qualified employee from \$100 to \$1000.

Patron - Purkey

HB1763 Tangible personal property tax; waste haulers. Creates a separate classification for personal property tax purposes for motor vehicles designed and primarily used for hauling waste. The revenues collected from such motor vehicles are to be used for transportation purposes by the locality collecting the tax.

Patron - Purkey

HB1764 Tobacco products tax; definitions. Adds a definition for "moist snuff" to the tobacco products definitions and taxes it at a rate of \$0.25 per ounce based on net weight.

Patron - Purkey

HB1780 Real estate tax rates. Requires each locality to lower its real estate tax rate for the forthcoming tax year, to produce no more than 101% of the previous year's real property tax levies when any annual assessment, biennial assessment or general reassessment of real property by the locality would result in an increase of one percent or more in the total real property tax levied. The locality may increase the rate above the reduced rate after a public hearing held no sooner than 30 days after the rate reduction.

Patron - Cosgrove

HB1803 Income tax; toll payment tax credit. Provides a tax credit against income tax for taxpayers making electronic toll collection payments, such as Smart Tag, in an amount equal to 10% of the total amount paid annually for tolls on Virginia highways, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2007.

Patron - Poisson

HB1814 Aircraft sales and use tax. Provides an exemption from the aircraft sales and use tax for any aircraft that, at the time of the otherwise taxable sale or use is at least 50 years old, and is used only for (i) exhibit or display to the general public or (ii) air show and flight demonstrations.

Patron - Suit

HB1821 Individual income tax; age deduction. Provides an age deduction of \$6,000 for individuals age 62 through 64 and \$12,000 for individuals age 65 and older, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2008.

Patron - Suit

HB1826 Income tax; bicyclists' tax credits for businesses and individuals. Creates two separate tax credits; one for employers and one for individuals. The tax credit for employers allows them to take a credit of up to \$5,000 for providing bicycle racks and showers in their place of business for use by employees who ride bikes to work. The tax credit for individuals provides a credit of \$15 per month for each month the individual rides his bike to and from work for at least 10 days of the month.

Patron - Spruill

HB1843 Income tax; Public/Private Education Investment tax credit. Creates income tax credits for business entities and individual taxpayers who make contributions to eligible public school foundations and eligible scholarship foundations. For individual taxpayers, the amount of the annual credit is 100% of the contribution but may not exceed \$800 for individual taxpayers and \$1,200 for married taxpayers filing jointly. The amount of the annual credit for business entities is 90% of the contribution with no limit on the dollar amount. The public school foundations are required to disburse annually 90% of the contributions for capital improvement projects approved by the local school board and for extracurricular activities. The scholarship foundations are required to disburse 90% of its contributions for qualified educational expenses through scholarships. There is a \$20 million cap on total tax credits awarded annually, with \$10 million allocated for contributions made to public school foundations and \$10 million allocated for contributions made to scholarship foundations. The credit would be effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2007.

Patron - Saxman

HB1854 Communications sales and use tax; distribution to localities. Changes the year from 2006 to 2007 with regard to the fiscal year that is used as the base year for determining each locality's share of communications sales tax revenues.

Patron - Wittman

HB1878 Income tax; energy-efficient equipment deduction. Provides an income tax deduction for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, to individuals who purchase energy-efficient equipment used for heating, cooling, and providing electricity to their residences. The amount of the deduction equals 50% of such equipment expenditures, but not more than \$7,500 total.

Patron - Caputo

HB1879 Income tax; qualified adoption expenses tax credit. Provides a tax credit for individuals with qualified adoption expenses, in an amount up to \$4,000, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

Patron - Caputo

HB1888 Real estate tax; limitation on tax rate. Provides that the total tax revenue in a locality may not exceed 105% of the total tax revenue in the locality in the immediately prior year unless approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote of the local governing body.

Patron - Albo

HB1894 Car tax relief. Removes the cap on the overall amount of car tax relief beginning January 1, 2008, and gradually increases the amount of car tax relief to 100% of the reimbursable amount for qualifying vehicles over a six-year period. The bill is effective January 1, 2008.

Patron - Albo

HB1937 Machinery and tools tax; certain idle equipment. Classifies as intangible personal property idle equipment, hardware or software, of a research and development or technology, high technology, or nanotechnology business.

Patron - Purkey

HB1948 Sales and use tax; tax exemption for volunteer fire departments and rescue squads. Modifies the process for exempting nonprofit organizations from the retail sales and use tax by exempting from the tax certain volunteer fire departments and volunteer rescue squads, without the requirement for such organizations to follow the administrative process utilized by the Department of Taxation for the Department's granting of sales and use tax exemptions to nonprofits generally. This bill was incorporated into HB 2545.

Patron - Morgan

HB2014 Individual income tax; subtraction for military retirement income. Provides a subtraction in calculating Virginia taxable income for any amount received by an individual as military retirement income, for taxable years beginning or after January 1, 2008.

Patron - Suit

HB2071 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; increase for transportation purposes. Increases the motor vehicle sales and use tax from 3% to 5% and dedicates the revenue generated for various transportation purposes. The authority to impose the additional tax ceases on December 31 of any year in which any of the additional revenue is not used for transportation purposes. The bill also requires the Department of Transportation to report in each odd year on the condition and needs for maintaining and operating the existing transportation infrastructure for all asset management and maintenance based on an asset management methodology.

Patron - Brink

HB2088 Sales and use tax exemption; nonprofit schools. Exempts qualified nonprofit entities organized for the purpose of operating nonprofit schools from the following two criteria used, among others, in determining sales and use tax exemption for nonprofit entities: (i) that the entity's annual general administrative costs, including salaries and fundraising, relative to its annual gross revenue, under generally accepted accounting principles, is not greater than 40%; and (ii) that if the entity's gross annual revenue was \$250,000 or greater in the year prior to applying for the exemption, then the entity must provide a financial audit performed by an independent certified public accountant. The bill also increases the \$250,000 revenue limit to \$500,000 and allows all nonprofits with more than \$500,000 in gross annual revenue to provide a review or financial audit. This bill was incorporated into HB 2545.

Patron - Janis

HB2127 Real property tax rates; notice. Requires localities to provide individual notice to each real estate taxpayer of certain proposed tax rates. The notice is triggered in any year in which any annual assessment, biennial assessment, or general reassessment at the current rate would result in an increase of one percent or more in the total real property tax revenue in the following year, and the locality's new rate derived from its new proposed budget would yield in the forthcoming year more than 101% of the total real estate tax revenue received in the prior year. The individual notice shall include the property owner's previous year's real property tax levy, the real property tax levy at the derived rate.

Patron - Hugo

HB2133 Income tax; indexing rates, filing thresholds, personal exemptions, and standard deduction. Indexes to the rate of inflation the amount of the income tax brackets for tax rates, filing thresholds, personal exemptions, and standard deductions, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2008.

Patron - Hugo

HB2139 Setoff Debt Collection Act; setoff against federal tax refunds for local tax debt. Allows local governments, with the Department of Taxation's assistance, to collect past due local taxes from federal income tax returns. The provisions of the act will take effect on the effective date of federal legislation enacted by the United States Congress allowing such debt to be offset against federal income tax refunds.

Patron - Brink

HB2160 Income tax; energy efficient equipment tax credit. Grants an income tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, to individuals who purchase energy efficient equipment for their homes. The amount of the deduction equals 30% of such equipment expenditures but not more than \$1,500 total.

Patron - O'Bannon

HB2167 Sales and use tax exemption; school-related items. Provides a sales and use tax exemption, during a three-day period each year beginning on the first Friday in August, for (i) computer systems where the selling price for each system is \$1,500 or less and (ii) computers, computer hardware, computer software, and portable calculators where the selling price for each item is \$500 or less. This bill incorporates HBs 1659, 2925, and 2940.

Patron - Cline

HB2190 Motor fuel tax; increase. Increases the tax on gasoline, diesel fuel, and alternative fuel by \$0.055 per gallon; increases the motor carrier road tax by an equivalent of \$0.055 per gallon of fuel used in the Commonwealth; and increases the alternative use fee for certain motor carriers from \$100 to \$150 (the fee is an alternative to paying the motor carrier road tax). The revenue generated is used for transportation purposes as required by existing law.

Patron - Hull

HB2191 Land preservation tax credit; indexing. Requires the maximum \$100 million amount allowed annually for the land preservation tax credit to increase each calendar year by \$2.5 million in 2008 until it reaches \$112.5 million in 2012.

Patron - Hull

HB2192 Sales tax holiday; reports by retailers. Requires retailers to report the total sales that are exempt from the retail sales and use tax as a result of the annual sales tax holiday in August when filing their monthly sales and use tax returns beginning in 2007.

Patron - Hull

HB2224 Business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax; media exemption. Repeals the BPOL tax exemption for newspapers, magazines, newsletters, or other publications issued daily or regularly at average intervals not exceeding three months.

Patron - Wardrup

HB2225 Publications tax; Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. Creates a tax to be imposed on newspapers, magazines, newsletters, or other publications at the rate

of \$0.01 on every such publication delivered and sold in the Commonwealth. The revenue generated shall be deposited into the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund.

Patron - Wardrup

HB2226 Land conservation income tax credits. Removes the annual inflation indexing that would have increased, beginning in 2008, the \$100 million total cap on the amount of land conservation income tax credits that may be issued by the Department of Taxation annually.

Patron - Wardrup

HB2262 Car tax; dedicates a portion of income tax to localities. Repeals the car tax reimbursement program and replaces it by dedicating 17.5% of the state individual income tax collections to localities. The bill is effective January 1, 2009, but only if a constitutional amendment is ratified in November 2008, exempting from taxation all motor vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes.

Patron - Rust

HB2283 Real property tax; deferral of tax for certain elderly and disabled. Creates a formula for determining net financial worth with regard to deferring or exempting real estate tax for elderly and disabled in certain localities. The net combined financial worth is to be determined as the portion of net combined financial worth equal to the percentage of total combined income derived from pension or social security income.

Patron - Watts

HB2291 State recordation tax; exemptions. Provides that the state recordation tax levied on every deed admitted to record and on every contract or memorandum thereof relating to real or personal property admitted to record shall not apply to any deed conveying real estate or lease of real estate to the surviving or new limited partnership or business trust upon a merger or consolidation to which two or more such entities are parties, or in a reorganization within the meaning of § 368 (a) (1) (C) and (F) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended.

Patron - McClellan

HB2315 Meals tax; referendum required in certain cities. Restricts the imposition in any city of any new meals tax or tax rate increase resulting in a rate greater than 5.5% without approval by referendum. The bill grandfathers the rates of cities that currently exceed 5.5%.

Patron - Welch

HB2338 Transient occupancy tax. Gives each town the authority to preempt a county's transient occupancy tax within the town, whether the county's tax is pursuant to the authority under § 58.1-3819 or to authority under other previous law. Under current law such preemption applies only to a county's transient occupancy tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-3819.

Patron - Gilbert

HB2382 Local consumer utility taxes. Provides that the provider of consumer utility tax billing services remains liable to the appropriate taxing locality if the taxes are remitted to the wrong locality. The bill requires the provider of billing services to state on the consumer's bill the locality to which the taxes are remitted and to advise the consumer of the procedure to use to correct the information if it is not correct.

Patron - May

HB2388 Local license tax incentive and grants for certain businesses. Permits any locality to exempt in whole or

in part from local license taxes businesses that are primarily engaged in providing electronic payments processing services for financial institutions, that first have a definite place of business within a Multicounty Transportation Improvement District on or after July 1, 2008, and upon whose property a special improvements tax is being levied under § 15.2-4607. The bill also authorizes any locality to provide the same businesses with grants or contractual payments or benefits when warranted by the economic or other benefit the locality will receive. The provisions of the bill expire on June 30, 2016.

Patron - May

HB2437 Income tax; telework expenses tax credit.

Provides a tax credit to employers for expenses incurred in allowing employees to telework pursuant to a signed telework agreement. An employer would be eligible for a credit of up to \$1,200 per teleworking employee, depending on the number of days per month an employee will telework and whether the employer's primary place of business is located in a nonattainment area under the federal Clean Air Act. There is also a 100% tax credit for costs the employer incurs for conducting a telework assessment in the year prior to implementing a formal telework program. This assessment credit is capped at \$20,000 per employer. The aggregate amount of tax credits that will be issued is capped at \$2 million annually for taxable years 2008 and 2009.

Patron - Frederick

HB2439 Income tax; age deduction. Replaces the current age deduction for income tax purposes with a deduction of \$7,000 for taxpayers age 62 through 64 and \$14,000 for taxpayers age 65 and older whose social security benefits are no more than \$3,500, effective for taxable years beginning January 1, 2008. The deduction and benefits amounts are to be indexed annually according to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.

Patron - Frederick

HB2442 Bills sent for omitted taxes. Requires bills sent by the Department of Taxation for unpaid or omitted taxes to identify the specific tax or taxes (or the specific tax return that was not filed), identify the actual return filed by the taxpayer that relates to the assessment of any tax, and include in separately stated line items the amount of any penalty or interest being assessed. The bill is effective October 1, 2007.

Patron - Frederick

HB2443 Local license taxes; repeal. Repeals local license (BPOL) taxes.

Patron - Frederick

HB2464 Motor fuels tax and road tax; rates and refunds. Increases the motor fuels tax rate by \$0.05 per gallon from \$0.175 to \$0.225 for gasoline and from \$0.16 to \$0.21 for diesel, effective January 1, 2008, and ending February 1, 2009. Effective February 1, 2009, the rates increase an additional \$0.05 to \$0.275 and \$0.26, respectively, if a constitutional amendment making the Transportation Trust Fund a permanent fund is approved by the voters during the 2008 general election. The road tax is maintained at the current additional three cents per gallon. It also provides a \$50 refund in 2008 through 2010 to households in which the total income is \$25,000 or less annually.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

HB2466 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; basis and rate. Reduces the sale price for determining motor vehicle sales and use tax by (i) the credit given by the seller for any motor vehicle taken as a trade-in, and (ii) the amount of cash discount or rebate given by the seller or the manufacturer. The

bill also caps the sale price on which the tax is computed at \$70,000, and increases the motor vehicle sales and use tax rate from 3% to 3.5%.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

HB2467 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; basis and rate. Reduces the sale price for determining motor vehicle sales and use tax by (i) the credit given by the seller for any motor vehicle taken as a trade-in, and (ii) the amount of cash discount or rebate given by the seller or the manufacturer. The bill also caps the sale price on which the tax is computed at \$70,000, and increases the motor vehicle sales and use tax rate from 3% to 4%.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

HB2499 Transient occupancy tax; transportation needs. Grants authority to most counties to impose an extra 2% transient occupancy tax to be used solely for local transportation needs.

Patron - Orrock

HB2507 Real property tax; valuation. Prohibits assessors and appraisers from considering federal or state income tax credits when determining fair market value of real property for valuation purposes.

Patron - Jones, D.C.

HB2548 Sales and use tax; increase authorized in certain localities. Authorizes Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church to impose an additional 0.25% local sales and use tax. The revenue is to be used solely for each locality's financial obligations to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The authority to impose the additional tax is contingent on matching federal funds being appropriated and distributed to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Patron - Ebbin

HB2559 Business, professional and occupational license tax; basis after first year. Authorizes the local commissioner of the revenue to accept estimated payments of BPOL tax based on the amount paid by the taxpayer in the immediately preceding taxable year.

Patron - Brink

HB2577 Income tax; age deduction. Provides that those taxpayers born after January 1, 1939, and no later than January 1, 1942, who are subject to the means test at age 65 with regard to the \$12,000 deduction are allowed a deduction of no less than \$6,000 for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2008.

Patron - Shannon

HB2606 Motor fuel tax; rate increase. Increases the tax on gasoline, diesel fuel, and alternative fuel by \$0.10 per gallon; increases the motor carrier road tax by an equivalent of \$0.10 per gallon of fuel used in the Commonwealth; and increases the alternative use fee for certain motor carriers from \$100 to \$150 (the fee is an alternative to paying the motor carrier road tax). All motor fuels taxes will be indexed every two years beginning July 1, 2008, by an amount equal to the percentage change in the U.S. Department of Labor's Producer Price Index for Highway and Street Construction. The revenue generated is used for transportation purposes as required by existing law.

Patron - Watts

HB2608 Income tax; deduction for licensed medical caregivers. Grants an income tax deduction, for taxable

years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, in the amount of \$10,000 for licensed medical caregivers who provide medical-related services to individuals in their homes. The deduction is reduced \$1 for every \$2 the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$40,000.

Patron - Watts

HB2609 Income tax; in-home health care tax credit. Provides an income tax credit for every individual taxpayer who pays medical and in-home care expenses for family members living with the taxpayer, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008. The amount of the credit is equal to the amount paid for such expenses and that is not reimbursed. The credit will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 that the taxpayer's federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$50,000 for single taxpayers and \$75,000 for married taxpayers.

Patron - Watts

HB2611 Local piggyback income tax and personal property tax. Allows localities to impose a local income tax at a rate of either 0.50% or 1% upon the Virginia taxable income of individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations provided the personal property tax rate does not exceed \$0.01 per \$100 of value on personally owned motor vehicles. The Tax Commissioner collects the tax and returns it to localities based on taxpayers' residences. A new classification for personal property tax purposes is created for motor vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes. The provisions of the act will take effect January 1, 2008.

Patron - Watts

HB2621 Directing the State Tax Commissioner to revise certain sales and use tax forms. Directs the State Tax Commissioner to revise the "Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Return" and the "Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Worksheet" to reduce the confusion among dealers who collect and remit the sales and use tax imposed on prepared food.

Patron - Fralin

HB2632 State Lottery Department; lottery sales agents. Provides that the fact that lottery sales agents are licensed by the State Lottery Department does not, on that basis alone, deem the sales agents to be under any program or activity receiving state financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by or on behalf of any state agency for purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Patron - Reid

HB2634 Tax legislation; sunset date. Requires a sunset date of no more than four years on all taxation bills that add new taxes or increase tax rates.

Patron - Reid

HB2641 Real property tax exemptions for elderly and disabled; indexing income limits. Requires indexing the income limits annually based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for purposes of the real property tax exemptions for elderly and disabled.

Patron - Gear

HB2643 Individual income tax; senior citizen tax relief. Provides for indexing the \$12,000 and \$6,000 age deduction amounts based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008.

Patron - Caputo

HB2666 Machinery and tools taxation. Exempts certified pollution control equipment and facilities, placed in service on or after January 1, 2009, from state and local tax-

ation pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia. The measure also provides that certain machinery and tools placed in service on or after January 1, 2009, are taxable as intangible personal property, thereby excluding such property from local taxation.

Patron - Purkey

HB2675 Beginning business licenses. Provides that the governing body of any county, city, or town may require that no beginning business license for a beginning business shall be issued until the applicant has produced satisfactory evidence that all properly assessed delinquent business license, personal property, meals, transient occupancy, severance, and admissions taxes owed by the business to the county, city, or town have been paid.

Patron - Ware, O.

HB2677 Sales and use tax; commercial and industrial exemptions. Provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for railroad rolling stock when sold or leased by the manufacturer or builder, beginning July 1, 2007. This bill was incorporated into HB 2148.

Patron - Ware, O.

HB2686 Income tax credit; animal adoption tax credit. Allows a nonrefundable credit to individuals who adopt animals from pounds or nonprofit shelters, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2007.

Patron - Cline

HB2698 Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund; dedication of state matching funds to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Dedicates, through the year 2018, any additional funds that may be distributed to the Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund as a result of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly increasing the recordation tax revenue distributed to localities pursuant to § 58.1-816 to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to provide funds to the Authority as may be required under federal law for the payment of certain federal funds to WMATA, the funds to be used for capital improvements for WMATA's transit service (Metro). The bill expires June 30, 2008, if such federal law is not in effect on that date.

Patron - Hugo

HB2699 Sales and use tax; dedicate portion of state's general fund share to WMATA. Requires that, from the Commonwealth's current share of the state sales and use tax, an amount equivalent to the revenue generated by a 0.25% sales and use tax on sales from the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church shall be dedicated for use by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), as may be provided by federal law for the payment of certain federal funds to WMATA and only at such time as the federal law is enacted.

Patron - Hugo

HB2703 Sales and use tax; portion dedicated for transportation. Dedicates the revenue generated by a 0.50% sales and use tax for transportation projects in each highway construction district throughout the Commonwealth on a pro rata basis pursuant to the percentage of the total state sales and use tax collected in the localities in each such district. The bill also creates a transportation program for each highway construction district (similar to the Northern Virginia Transportation Program) as the vehicle by which the revenues are distributed. In addition, the revenues may be used to issue bonds annually with a face value up to two-thirds of the amount of revenue estimated to be dedicated for each respec-

tive fiscal year, with the bond proceeds distributed to each transportation program on the same pro rata basis. For all the transportation programs other than that for Northern Virginia and that for Hampton Roads, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall determine the transportation projects to be funded. The transportation projects to be funded in Northern Virginia shall be as determined by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The transportation projects to be funded in Hampton Roads shall be as determined by the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization with the advice and consent of the members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees residing in Planning District 23.

Patron - Hugo

HB2704 Sales and use tax; portion dedicated for transportation. Dedicates the revenue generated by a 0.50% sales and use tax, all insurance license tax revenues, and state recordation tax revenues not already dedicated for transportation projects in each highway construction district throughout the Commonwealth on a pro rata basis pursuant to the percentage of the total state sales and use tax collected in the localities in each such district. The bill also creates a transportation program for each highway construction district (similar to the Northern Virginia Transportation Program) as the means by which the revenues are distributed. In addition, the revenues may be used to issue bonds annually with a face value up to two-thirds of the amount of revenue estimated to be dedicated for each respective fiscal year, with the bond proceeds distributed to each transportation program on the same pro rata basis. For all the transportation programs other than those for Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall determine the transportation projects to be funded. The transportation projects to be funded in Northern Virginia shall be as determined by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The transportation projects to be funded in Hampton Roads shall be as determined by the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization with the advice and consent of the members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees residing in Planning District 23. The bill also requires that, from the Commonwealth's current share of the state sales and use tax, an amount equivalent to the revenue generated by a 0.25% sales and use tax on sales from the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church shall be dedicated for use by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), as may be provided by federal law for the payment of certain federal funds to WMATA and only at such time as the federal law is enacted.

Patron - Hugo

HB2705 Recordation tax; dedicated for transportation. Dedicates state recordation tax revenues not already dedicated for transportation projects in each highway construction district throughout the Commonwealth on a pro rata basis pursuant to the amount of the recordation tax collected in the localities in each such district. The bill also creates a transportation program for each highway construction district (similar to the Northern Virginia Transportation Program) as the means by which the revenues are distributed. In addition, the revenues may be used to issue bonds annually with a face value up to two-thirds of the amount of revenue estimated to be dedicated for each respective fiscal year, with the bond proceeds distributed to each transportation program on the same pro rata basis. For all the transportation programs other than that for Northern Virginia and that for Hampton Roads, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall determine the transportation projects to be funded. The transportation projects to be funded in Northern Virginia shall be as determined by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The transportation projects to be funded in Hampton Roads shall be as determined by the

Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization with the advice and consent of the members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees residing in Planning District 23.

Patron - Hugo

HB2719 Local cigarette tax; counties. Authorizes any county to impose a local cigarette tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.05 per pack or the amount levied under state law, whichever is greater.

Patron - Barlow

HB2739 Sales and use tax exemption; Energy Star certified products. Exempts certain energy-efficient products from sales and use tax.

Patron - Englin

HB2746 Local income tax; freeze real estate tax amount. Allows localities to impose a local income tax if they freeze the amount of real estate tax collections as of the date the local income tax is adopted. Prior to adopting the tax, there must be a referendum approving it, and the local governing body must adopt an ordinance. Localities will continue to assess real property as they normally would. The purpose of the local income tax is to make up the revenues that would have been collected from the real property tax if the collections amount had not been frozen.

Patron - Englin

HB2753 Real property tax; tax credit for certain residential real property. Allows localities to provide a tax credit equal to five percent of the tax liability due on residential real property located within one mile of a light or heavy rail station or bus station that is a hub. The credit may be taken only by property owners who purchased their homes on or after January 1, 2007, and may be taken for a period not to exceed five years.

Patron - Marsden

HB2754 Illegal substances excise tax; penalty. Creates an illegal substances excise tax to be imposed on individuals who possess, actually or constructively, any Schedule I or II controlled substances, marijuana, and illegally manufactured alcoholic beverages. The rates of the tax range from \$0.40 per gram of marijuana up to \$200 per gram of controlled substances, other than cocaine, for which the rate is \$50 per gram. The tax is paid by the individual to the Tax Department, and stamps are issued to be affixed to the illegal substances to show the tax has been paid.

Patron - Hurt

HB2803 Income tax and sales and use tax; tax preferences for certain telecommunications service providers. Creates an income tax credit and sales and use tax exemption for wireless and broadband equipment purchased by telecommunications providers for use within rural areas of the Commonwealth. The income tax credit is equal to 30% of all expenditures for wireless and broadband equipment used in providing telecommunications services in the rural areas of the Commonwealth. There is a \$1 million cap on the total amount of income tax credits that may be allowed in any tax year. Both preferences are effective in 2007.

Patron - Byron

HB2806 BPOL tax; powers of commissioners of the revenue. Grants local commissioners of the revenue the power to deny or revoke business licenses of persons who are aliens and who cannot provide legal documents proving they are legally eligible to be employed in the United States.

Patron - Byron

HB2810 Individual income taxes; credit for purchase of certain prescription drug expenses. Provides a credit against individual income taxes for certain expenses for prescription drugs paid by the individual during the taxable year. The amount of the credit shall equal 100% of the amount paid during the taxable year by the individual in expenses for prescription drugs that were incurred solely as a result of the coverage gap period under the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. The credit would be available beginning with the 2006 taxable year. Any unused credit may be carried over in the next five taxable years.

Patron - Sickles

HB2812 Classification of taxable real property. Permits localities to tax residential property at a lower tax rate than that imposed on the general class of real property by creating a separate classification for taxation purposes.

Patron - Englin

HB2874 Sales and use tax; additional discount to certain dealers. Provides additional discounts to dealers who use certain software products that more accurately establish the locality to which a taxable sale is attributable.

Patron - McEachin

HB2909 Real property tax; exemption for elderly and disabled. Allows localities to grant higher percentages of tax relief to the elderly based on increasing age, especially for those who are 75 years of age and older.

Patron - Spruill

HB2913 Local license tax; coal and gas road improvement tax. Extends the sunset date from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2012 for the local coal and gas road improvement tax. This bill was incorporated into HB 1628.

Patron - Bowling

HB2919 Communications sales and use tax; distribution formula for localities. Provides for the inclusion of unpaid cable franchise fees by the Tax Commissioner when calculating each locality's share of the Communications Sales and Use Tax Trust Fund when the franchisee fails to pay them. The bill also requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to increase the amounts on a pro rata basis if a locality did not collect the tax revenues for the entire 12 months of Fiscal Year 2006.

Patron - Bowling

HB2925 Sales and use tax; limited exemption on computers. Adds computers and related peripheral equipment to the list of items that are exempt from the sales and use tax during a three-day period the first weekend in August, beginning in 2007. The exemption shall only apply to a selling price of \$1,500 or less for such computers and equipment. This bill was incorporated into HB 2167.

Patron - Rust

HB2929 Local license fees. Authorizes any county, city, or town to impose a business license fee in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 and to vary the amount of the fee according to the amount of the gross receipts of the business. Under current law, the maximum fee is \$50 for localities having a population of 25,000 or more and \$30 for localities having a population of less than 25,000. The bill does not alter current law that permits localities to impose a license tax on any business on which a license fee is not imposed.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

HB2930 Local business, professional and occupational business licenses; state licenses. Provides that local business licenses and state licenses shall be denied or suspended if the business employs or uses unlawful workers. This bill was incorporated into HB 3130.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

HB2940 Sales and use tax exemption; personal computers and computer printers. Provides an exemption from sales and use tax on personal computers and computer printing equipment with a selling price of \$2,000 or less purchased during the three-day period beginning each year on the first Friday of August and ending on the first Sunday in August. This bill was incorporated into HB 2167.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

HB2942 Transportation Trust Fund; dedication of certain recordation tax revenue. Dedicates to the Transportation Trust Fund the additional recordation tax revenue generated by the recordation tax increase enacted during the 2004 Special Session I.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

HB2988 Individual income tax; filing threshold amounts. Increases the filing thresholds for the state income tax from \$7,000 to \$12,000 for individuals and from \$14,000 to \$24,000 for couples for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2008. This bill was incorporated into HB 3022.

Patron - Melvin

HB2997 Motor fuels tax. Modifies the rates of taxation on motor fuels to be the greater of (i) the current specific cents-per-gallon rates or (ii) percentage rates, 7.3% for gasoline and gasohol, and 6.5% for diesel. The percentage rates would be applied against the average price per gallon of the fuel, less federal and state taxes, as determined by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles over rolling six-month periods.

Patron - Scott, J.M.

HB3026 Income tax; home accessibility features for the disabled tax credit. Broadens the current tax credit that is granted for adding to existing residences home accessibility features for the disabled to also include such features in new residential construction, and increases from 25% to 100% the portion of the expenses allowed for the credit for any veteran of the armed forces of the United States who has been determined pursuant to federal law to have a 100% permanent and total service-connected disability and who occupies or will occupy as his principal residence the retrofitted home. This bill was incorporated into HB 2498.

Patron - Lingamfelter

HB3053 Income tax credit; veterinarian pro bono services tax credit and companion animal adoption tax credit. Allows a nonrefundable credit to (i) veterinarians of \$50 for each spaying, neutering or euthanasia procedure or other routine service performed at no cost on animals from public pounds and 501 (c) (3) shelters, and (ii) individuals for \$100 who adopt animals from pounds or nonprofit shelters. The veterinarian services tax credit amount may not exceed \$2,500 annually per veterinarian.

Patron - Hull

HB3070 Recordation tax exemptions; Hampton Roads Proton Beam Therapy Institute at Hampton University. Exempts from recordation tax certain nonprofit corporations or limited liability companies that are owned or controlled by a nonprofit college or other institution of higher

education with a purpose of owning or operating nonprofit educational, research, training, or treatment facilities in medical, scientific, public health, and public safety disciplines.

Patron - Ward

HB3103 Income tax; public safety officials' tax credit. Provides a nonrefundable income tax credit of \$800 annually to police officers and professional firefighters.

Patron - Miller, P.J.

HB3125 Income tax; energy-efficient equipment tax credit. Grants an income tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, to taxpayers (individuals and corporations) who purchase energy-efficient equipment for heating, cooling, and electricity generation for their commercial property used in a business. The amount of the credit equals 25% of such equipment expenditures, but may not be more than \$7,500 total.

Patron - Caputo

HB3128 Admissions tax; Scott County. Authorizes Scott County to impose a tax on admissions to any off-track horse race wagering facility in the amount of \$0.25 for each patron admitted.

Patron - Kilgore

HB3130 BPOL tax; refusal to grant and revocation of business licenses. Prohibits the issuance of a business license to any individual who cannot provide legal documents proving such individual is legally eligible to be employed or to work in the United States. The bill also authorizes commissioners of the revenue to revoke a license that has already been issued to such an individual.

Patron - Byron

HB3165 Corporate income tax; higher education research and development tax credit. Allows corporations that invest in research and development programs in Virginia's institutions of higher education a tax credit in the amount of 20% of such investments, effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008. The annual total credit per taxpayer is limited to \$100,000, and the total amount of credits that may be granted annually by the Department of Taxation is \$20 million.

Patron - Moran

HB3176 Local real estate tax exemptions. Provides that any person who substantially changes real estate, upon which a historic landmark was formerly situated, into commercial or industrial use property shall be eligible for a partial exemption from real estate taxes for the commercial or industrial property provided that such person was not the party who demolished the historic landmark.

Patron - Saxman

SB765 Real property assessments. Provides that certain restrictions on the use or development of resource protection areas be considered in determining fair market value.

Patron - Colgan

SB830 Supplemental transportation funding for Northern Virginia. Permits the counties and cities that are members of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to impose additional local taxes and fees to be used by the Authority for transportation projects in the localities comprising the Authority. The additional local option taxes and fees are: (i) an initial registration fee at the time a vehicle is first registered in the county or city by the vehicle owner at the rate of 0.50% of the value of the vehicle; (ii) a retail sales and use tax at the rate of 0.50%; and (iii) a grantor's tax at a rate of

\$0.05 per \$100 of the value of the real estate. All moneys received by the Authority from these additional taxes and fees would be used for the primary benefit of those counties and cities imposing all of the additional taxes and fees. The membership of the Authority would be altered to provide for two additional members from the House of Delegates, one additional member from the Senate, and a mayor from a town within a county that is a member of the Authority. The Authority would use all the revenues generated under the bill as follows: 1. the first \$50 million in each fiscal year would be distributed to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to provide funds to the Authority as may be required under federal law for the payment of certain federal funds to WMATA. The Authority would make the annual distribution to WMATA from such revenues (i) only to the extent required under federal law for the payment of federal funds to WMATA, and (ii) only if the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the City of Alexandria are imposing all of the additional local taxes and fees authorized under the bill; 2. the next \$25 million received in each fiscal year would be distributed to the Virginia Railway Express for capital projects or operating costs directly relating to transportation by rail, but only if Prince William County is imposing all of the additional local taxes and fees authorized under the bill; and 3. all other revenues would be used for transportation projects for the localities embraced by the Authority as determined by the Authority.

Patron - Devolites Davis

SB843 Supplemental transportation funding for Northern Virginia. Increases the state grantor's tax by \$0.40 per \$100 of value in the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park. The bill would also authorize the governing bodies of such counties and cities to impose a local (i) initial registration fee at the time a vehicle is first registered by the vehicle owner at the rate of 0.50% of the value of the vehicle and (ii) retail sales and use tax at the rate of 0.50%. All revenues from the increase in the state grantor's tax and the local option registration fee and sales tax would be distributed to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The Authority would be required to use each dollar of revenue from the increase in the state grantor's tax for transportation projects in the county or city from which such revenue was generated. The Authority would use the revenues from the local option taxes for the primary benefit of the counties and cities imposing the local option taxes. The revenues from the local option taxes would be used as follows: 1. the first \$50 million in each fiscal year would be distributed to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to provide funds to WMATA as may be required under federal law for the payment of certain federal funds to WMATA. The Authority would make the annual distribution to WMATA from such revenues (i) only to the extent required under federal law for the payment of federal funds to WMATA, and (ii) only if the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the City of Alexandria are imposing all of the additional local taxes and fees authorized under the bill; 2. the next \$25 million received in each fiscal year would be distributed to the Virginia Railway Express for capital projects or operating costs directly relating to transportation by rail, but only if Prince William County is imposing all of the additional local taxes and fees authorized under the bill; and 3. all other revenues would be used for transportation projects for the localities embraced by the Authority as determined by the Authority. The membership of the Authority would be altered to provide for two additional members from the House of Delegates, one additional member from the Senate, and a mayor from a town within a county that is a member of the Authority.

Patron - Devolites Davis

SB853 Admissions tax; Charles City County. Permits Charles City County to impose an admissions tax.
Patron - Lambert

SB854 Charles City County; transient occupancy tax. Adds Charles City County to the list of counties that may levy the transient occupancy tax at a rate of five percent, with the revenues collected from that portion of the tax over two percent designated and spent solely for tourism, marketing of tourism or initiatives that, as determined in consultation with the local tourism industry organizations, attract travelers to the locality and generate tourism revenues in the locality.
Patron - Lambert

SB990 Income tax credits; machinery and equipment used in recycling process. Extends the sunset date from January 1, 2007, to January 1, 2015, for the income tax credit for machinery and equipment used to produce goods from recyclable materials. The bill would also make the credit available to individual income taxpayers by way of their ownership in various pass-through entities. Currently, only corporate income taxpayers may claim the credit, and the credit may not be claimed by individual income taxpayers, including those holding an interest in a pass-through entity.
Patron - Blevins

SB994 Sales and use tax exemption; commercial and industrial exemptions. Provides a sales and use tax exemption for personal property purchased by a contractor on or after July 1, 2007, and used solely in any construction project for a local school division.
Patron - Blevins

SB1011 Business, professional, occupational license tax; motor fuels tax exemption. Clarifies that the motor fuels tax is exempt from gross receipts for purposes of the BPOL tax. This bill was incorporated into SB 772.
Patron - Saslaw

SB1020 Sales and use tax; increase authorized in certain localities. Authorizes Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church to impose an additional 0.25% local sales and use tax. The revenue is to be used solely for each locality's financial obligations to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The authority to impose the additional tax is contingent on matching federal funds being appropriated and distributed to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.
Patron - Whipple

SB1021 Setoff Debt Collection Act; setoff against federal tax refunds for local tax debt. Allows local governments, with the Department of Taxation's assistance, to collect past due local taxes from federal income tax returns. The provisions of the act will take effect on the effective date of federal legislation enacted by the United States Congress allowing such debt to be offset against federal income tax refunds.
Patron - Whipple

SB1055 Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit. Moves the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit program from Title 63.2 (Welfare (Social Services)) to Title 58.1 (Taxation) and provides a cross-reference to the tax credit program in Title 63.2 (§ 63.2-2002).
Patron - Edwards

SB1058 Local real estate tax exemptions. Provides that any person who substantially changes real estate, upon

which a historic landmark was formerly situated, into commercial or industrial use property shall be eligible for a partial exemption from real estate taxes for the commercial or industrial property provided that such person was not the party who demolished the historic landmark.
Patron - Watkins

SB1081 Communications sales and use tax; distribution formula for localities. Provides for the inclusion of unpaid cable franchise fees by the Tax Commissioner when calculating each locality's share of the Communications Sales and Use Tax Trust Fund when the franchisee fails to pay them. The bill also requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to increase the amounts on a pro rata basis if a locality did not collect the tax revenues for the entire 12 months of Fiscal Year 2006.
Patron - Puckett

SB1118 BPOL tax; refusal to grant and revocation of business licenses. Authorizes local governing bodies by ordinance to provide that no business license be issued, or provide for the revocation of a license that has already been issued, to any person who (i) is an alien and who cannot provide legal documents proving such person is legally eligible to be employed or to work in the United States, or (ii) has as an employee of the business any such alien. The bill would require commissioners of the revenue to enforce the ordinance.
Patron - Cuccinelli

SB1135 Tax on mobile telecommunications services; Charles City County. Authorizes the board of supervisors of Charles City County to adopt a tax on mobile telecommunications services in the county. The tax will be collected by service providers, transmitted to the Tax Commissioner, and distributed to the county in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Virginia Communications Sales and Use Tax Act.
Patron - Lambert

SB1155 Interstate 81 regional transportation authorities; transportation funding. Allows the governing bodies of two or more contiguous counties or cities along the Interstate 81 corridor or three or more counties or cities in the same construction district along the Interstate 81 corridor to form a regional transportation authority. Such an authority shall prepare a regional transportation plan and may construct or acquire transportation facilities specified in such a plan. An authority would also be responsible for long-range transportation planning for regional transportation projects. An authority may impose and collect tolls on facilities within its confines, subject to the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and cities or counties within the authority may, by ordinance, levy and impose an additional local sales and use tax, provided that all cities or counties within the authority adopt by ordinance the additional tax. An authority shall report annually on the allocation and expenditure of funds, including the use of funds to reduce congestion and improve air quality within the confines of the authority.
Patron - Potts

SB1206 Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. Conforms the Commonwealth's sales and use tax laws to the provisions of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.
Patron - Hanger

SB1214 Cigarette tax. Provides that any county not currently authorized to levy a tax upon the sale or use of cigarettes shall have the power to do so. The tax shall be in an amount and on terms the governing body may by ordinance

prescribe, not to exceed the amount levied under state law. The revenues collected from the tax shall be designated and spent solely for the purpose of (i) purchasing agricultural conservation easements, (ii) funding initiatives that, as determined in consultation with local farm organizations, preserve farmlands in such county, (iii) funding a local purchase of development rights program that such county has established or will establish, or (iv) any combination thereof. Fairfax and Arlington Counties, which are currently authorized to levy a tax upon the sale or use of cigarettes, are not subject to the provisions of this bill that limit the amount of the tax and that designate the purposes for which the revenues collected from the cigarette tax must be spent.

Patron - Hanger

FSB1261 Income tax; toll payment tax credit. Provides a tax credit against individual income tax for taxpayers making electronic toll collection payments, such as Smart Tag, in an amount equal to 10% of the total amount paid annually for tolls on Virginia highways, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

Patron - Herring

FSB1266 Income tax; telework expenses tax credit. Provides a tax credit to employers for expenses incurred in allowing employees to telework pursuant to a signed telework agreement. An employer would be eligible for a credit of up to \$1,200 per teleworking employee, depending on the number of days per month an employee will telework and whether the employer's primary place of business is located in a nonattainment area under the federal Clean Air Act. There is also a 100% tax credit for costs the employer incurs for conducting a telework assessment in the year prior to implementing a formal telework program. This assessment credit is capped at \$20,000 per employer. The aggregate amount of tax credits that will be issued is capped at \$2 million annually for taxable years 2008 and 2009.

Patron - Herring

FSB1291 Business, professional and occupational license tax; contractors. Requires every contractor who is required to have a valid state contractor's license to provide proof of such license when applying for and renewing a local business license.

Patron - Norment

FSB1328 Commonwealth Airport Fund; distribution of revenues. Changes the distribution of revenues of the Commonwealth Airport Fund for funds in excess of \$12.1 million.

Patron - Williams

FSB1335 Supplemental transportation funding for Northern Virginia. Authorizes the governing body of each of the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park to impose a retail sales and use tax at the rate of 0.50%. No county or city would be able to impose the tax unless at least six of the nine counties and cities adopt a local ordinance to impose the tax on or before November 15, 2007. If at least six of the nine counties and cities adopt the local ordinance by such date, then in any of the remaining nine localities that have not adopted the local ordinance by March 1, 2008, there would be imposed a state retail sales and use tax at the rate of 0.50%. All revenues from the state and local 0.50% sales tax would be distributed to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (the Authority). The Authority would be prohibited from using any revenues received from

the state sales tax to pay debt service on or other costs related to any bonds of the Authority.

Patron - Colgan

FSB1344 Recordation tax; exemptions. Provides an exemption from recordation taxes for deeds of trust or mortgages given by a nonprofit corporation or limited liability company that is owned or controlled by a nonprofit college or other nonprofit institution of learning.

Patron - Lambert

FSB1365 Repeal of tangible personal property tax relief. Repeals tangible personal property tax relief on passenger cars, motorcycles, and pickup or panel trucks for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. Under the bill, the annual \$950 million currently dedicated for tangible personal property tax relief would be appropriated for transportation purposes.

Patron - Potts

FSB1366 Transportation funding. Repeals Virginia's motor fuels taxes and increases the retail sales and use tax by an additional one percent, with the revenues from the increase deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund. The state and local retail sales and use tax would not apply to motor fuels, with the exception of the two percent sales and use tax on motor fuels in Northern Virginia. The new rate for the combined retail sales and use tax would be six percent. The bill would not affect the amount of the current fee imposed for the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund.

Patron - Williams

FSB1379 Transportation Future Fund. Establishes the Transportation Future Fund (the Fund) to support the design and construction of surface transportation infrastructure of long-term statewide significance. Fund investments include design and construction of the Third Crossing of Hampton Roads; construction of the Southeastern Parkway and improvements to U.S. Route 460 and Interstate Route 64 in Hampton Roads; expansion of Metrorail service to Tyson's Corner; completion of environmental impact studies associated with the Eastern and Western Bypasses in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.; completion of location studies and reservation of rights-of-way in connection with a Potomac River bridge between the American Legion Bridge (Interstate Route 495) and the U.S. Route 15 bridge; establishment of high-occupancy toll lanes on Interstate Routes 95, 395, and 495 in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., in the Fredericksburg-Washington corridor; expansion of Interstate Route 66 both within and outside the Capital Beltway; and completion of environmental impact studies associated with improvements to rail service, additional truck lanes, and improvements to choke points and dangerous locations in the Interstate Route 81 corridor. The Fund is to be financed through a one cent increase in the sales and use tax and through establishment of toll roads.

Patron - Potts

FSB1394 Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit. Makes several changes to the Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit including (i) moving the tax credit from Title 63.2 to Title 58.1, (ii) increasing the annual cap for tax credits allowed under the program from \$8 million to \$12 million, (iii) providing that \$3.75 million of the cap increase would be dedicated for education programs and \$3 million would be dedicated for donations to a special fund from which grants would be awarded to licensed, private schools for students with disabilities, and (iv) reducing the tax credit percentage for donations made by corporations and individuals from 45% to 40% along with eliminating the restriction placed upon individuals from claiming a tax credit for the donation if a charitable contribu-

tion deduction is also taken. The Department of Education would administer the Schools for Students with Disabilities Fund from which grants would be made to licensed, private schools for students with disabilities. The Department would be required to establish an application process for such schools seeking grants from the Fund. The Department would review the application and make a determination of whether to award a grant, based in part on the intended use of grant moneys by the applicant. The Fund would be funded from monetary donations for which the Department would allocate the annual \$3 million in tax credits. The Board of Education would be required to establish regulations for the grants program, including regulations for procedures to allocate the \$3 million in tax credits in fiscal years in which there is an oversubscription of tax credits.

Patron - Stosch

[F]SB1399 Retail sales taxes on motor fuels; Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Funding. The bill transfers the Motor Vehicle Fuels Sales Tax collected in the localities comprised by the Northern Virginia Transportation District to the Transportation Trust Fund rather than for support of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The bill makes the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) responsible for funding Virginia's share of WMATA's expenses.

Patron - O'Brien

[F]SB1424 Real property tax; exemption for elderly and disabled. Allows localities to grant higher percentages of tax relief to the elderly based on increasing age, especially for those who are 75 years of age and older.

Patron - Quayle

Trade and Commerce

Passed

[P]HB1969 Truth in Music Advertising Act; civil penalty. Makes it unlawful for a person, performer or performing group, or its agent, to advertise or conduct a live musical performance or production in the Commonwealth through the use of an affiliation, connection, or association, known to be false, deceptive or misleading, with intent to defraud the public, between a performing group and a recording group. Violators are subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$15,000 per violation.

Patron - Albo

[P]HB2417 Enterprise zone real property investment grants. Decreases from 30 to 20 the percentage of a real property investment for which real property investment grants may be awarded. This bill is identical to SB 1057.

Patron - Kilgore

[P]HB2626 Virginia Racing Commission; advance deposit account wagering; temporary licenses. Requires the Virginia Racing Commission to adopt regulations concerning the conduct of advance deposit account wagering and authorizes the issuance of temporary licenses to operate advance deposit account wagering under certain circumstances. The bill specifies the distribution of the amounts wagered using advance deposit account wagering. The bill contains an emergency clause and requires the Virginia Racing Commission to

adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

Patron - Reid

[P]HB3087 Health spas; comparable alternative facilities. Allows a health spa owner to transfer ownership of a facility and all its contracts to a new owner. A health spa owner remains authorized to close a facility and transfer its contracts to another facility it owns, if the other facility is reasonably of like kind, in nature and quality, and if the other facility is within five miles of the closed facility.

Patron - Suit

[P]SB1057 Enterprise zone real property investment grants. Decreases from 30 to 20 the percentage of a real property investment for which real property investment grants may be awarded. This bill is identical to HB 2417.

Patron - Watkins

[P]SB1140 Scrap metal processors. Establishes requirements regarding purchases of scrap metal by scrap metal processors. Scrap metal processors shall not purchase nonferrous scrap, metal articles, and proprietary articles directly from a person who is not an authorized scrap seller or its agent without recording the seller's identification information and the time and date of the transaction, the license number of the seller's vehicle, and a description of the items received from the seller, in a permanent ledger. The ledger shall be available for review by law-enforcement officials or conservators of the peace. Scrap metal processors are prohibited from purchasing such objects from persons under age 18. Negligent violations are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$7,500, and knowing violations are a Class 1 misdemeanor. Materials used in the provision of health care by a licensed professional are exempt.

Patron - Wagner

[P]SB1231 Operation of tanning facilities. Requires prospective tanning facility customers to sign a written statement warning of potential dangers. If the prospective customer is under age 15 and not emancipated, the parent or legal guardian must sign the statement every six months. Statements shall be kept at the facility. Facility owners are required to identify each customer's skin type based on the Fitzpatrick scale, and advise customers as to their maximum time of recommended exposure. Tanning devices shall be cleaned or sanitized after each use. Tanning facilities shall not claim that the use of tanning devices is safe, free from risk, or will provide health benefits.

Patron - Howell

[P]SB1397 Commercial production of unlawful audio and audio-visual recordings. Clarifies penalty language in the law proscribing the commercial production of unlawful audio and audio-visual recordings.

Patron - McDougale

Failed

[F]HB1877 Credit report security freeze; penalties. Authorizes an individual who is a victim of identity theft to freeze access to his credit report. If an identity theft victim has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the identity theft victim's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which an identity theft victim can release his report, permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Certain disclosures are exempt from the freeze. A consumer reporting agency shall not

charge a fee for establishing a freeze, removing a freeze, or temporarily lifting a freeze. Violations are a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Caputo

HB2060 Public dissemination of social security numbers. Proscribes under the Personal Information Privacy Act and the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act the intentional communication to the general public of another's social security number regardless of whether the social security number was obtained from a public record or from a private source. The bill adds a punishment for violation of the Personal Information Privacy Act subjecting a violator to civil penalties of \$1,000 per day, with each day being a separate violation.

Patron - McQuigg

HB2086 Radio frequency identification devices (RFID); disclosure on consumer goods. Requires the seller of a consumer good containing an RFID tag to conspicuously label the consumer good indicating such fact.

Patron - Eisenberg

HB2352 Sale of secondhand articles; penalty. Repeals the requirement that dealers in secondhand building fixtures obtain a permit from the local chief of police or sheriff. The measure also authorizes dealers to keep records and file reports in an electronic format, and requires dealers to make the records available to law-enforcement officials. Law enforcement officers may search for and take possession of missing or stolen items. Violations are made a Class 4 misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class 1 misdemeanor for a second and subsequent offense. The length of time that buyers of certain used equipment are required to keep bills of sale is increased from six months to one year.

Patron - Cosgrove

HB2552 Gift certificates. Expands the existing provisions regarding gift certificate disclosures to prohibit the issuer of a gift certificate from charging a maintenance fee, service fee, inactivity fee, or other fee on the gift certificate. Gift certificate issuers are also prohibited from placing an expiration date or otherwise limiting the time for the redemption of a gift certificate and from issuing a gift certificate that diminishes in value over time unless the gift certificate was issued pursuant to an awards or loyalty program where no money or thing of value exchanged or was donated to a charitable organization. The definition of a gift certificate is expanded to include any record that contains a microprocessor chip, magnetic strip, or other storage medium that is prefunded and for which the value is adjusted upon each use. The definition also includes card-activated prepaid long distance telephone service. The measures apply to all issuers of gift certificates in the Commonwealth; currently, the gift certificate disclosure requirements apply only to merchants.

Patron - Ebbin

HB2600 Personal information privacy; protection of disposed records; penalty. Requires businesses to take all reasonable measures to protect against unauthorized access to or use of personal information in connection with or after its disposal. Reasonable measures include policies and procedures requiring the burning, pulverizing or shredding of papers containing personal information so that the information cannot be read or reconstructed and the destruction or erasure of electronic media so that the information cannot be read or reconstructed. A violation constitutes a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Plum

HB2681 Security freezes on credit reports; penalty. Authorizes any consumer to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer can release his report permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Consumer reporting agencies may charge a consumer up to \$20 for each freeze, removal of the freeze, or temporary lift of the freeze. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Frederick

HB2804 Identity theft; security freezes. Authorizes an individual who is over the age of 65 to freeze access to his credit report. If such a person has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the person's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer can release his report permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Consumer reporting agencies may charge a fee not to exceed \$20 for each freeze, removal of the freeze, or temporary lift of the freeze. A violation of this measure is a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Byron

HB2805 Enterprise zone incentive grants. Provides that the Governor shall include in his budget bill an additional appropriation to make full payment on prorated incentive grants awarded in the prior fiscal year. If the additional appropriation is enacted by the General Assembly, those business firms that are still operating the qualifying business in the enterprise zone and that have at least five employees of such business in full-time positions would be eligible for a proportional share of the additional appropriation.

Patron - Byron

HB2807 Enterprise zone grants; additional appropriations and method for requests. Allows businesses to apply for additional enterprise zone grant moneys when grant requests exceed original appropriations and additional funds are appropriated by the General Assembly.

Patron - Byron

HB2824 Pre-recorded simulcast horse racing; allocations to Commonwealth Transportation Trust Fund. Provides for simulcast of, and wagering on, pre-recorded horse races and further provides that, after payment of prizes, 49% of proceeds from such races shall be distributed to the Commonwealth Transportation Trust Fund.

Patron - Hamilton

HB2963 Security freezes on credit reports; penalty. Authorizes any consumer to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report or any information in it without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer may release his report, permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Consumer reporting agencies may charge a consumer up to \$10 for each freeze, removal of the freeze, or temporary lift of the freeze; however, no charge shall be assessed to victims of identity theft. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Bell

HB3036 Enterprise zone real property investment grants; mixed-use percentage. Changes from 30% to 20% the

amount of floor space in a mixed-use building that must be devoted to commercial, office, or industrial use in an enterprise zone. The provisions of the bill would apply to properties placed in service on or after July 1, 2007.

Patron - McClellan

[FHB3056 Credit report security freeze; penalties. Authorizes an individual to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer can release his report, permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Certain disclosures are exempt from the freeze. A consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of no more than \$5 for establishing a freeze, removing a freeze, or temporarily lifting a freeze. Violations are a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Callahan

[FSB805 Security freezes on credit reports; penalty. Authorizes any consumer to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer can release his report, permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Consumer reporting agencies may charge a consumer up to \$10 for each freeze, removal of the freeze, or temporary lift of the freeze. A violation is a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - Puller

[FSB823 Public dissemination of social security numbers. Proscribes under the Personal Information Privacy Act and the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act the intentional communication to the general public of another's social security number regardless of whether the social security number was obtained from a public record or from a private source. The bill adds a punishment for violation of the Personal Information Privacy Act subjecting a violator to civil penalties of \$1,000 per day, with each day being a separate violation.

Patron - Devolites Davis

[FSB946 Identity theft; security freezes. Authorizes an individual who is under the age of 18, over the age of 65 if living in a nursing facility or other institution, or a veteran to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer can release his report permanently, temporarily, or to a specific third party. Consumer reporting agencies may charge a consumer up to \$10 for each freeze, removal of the freeze, or temporary lift of the freeze. A person violating the requirements is liable to an injured person for the greater of actual damages or \$1,000, and reasonable costs and attorney fees.

Patron - Quayle

[FSB1030 Credit report security freeze; penalties. Authorizes an individual to freeze access to his credit report. If a consumer has placed a freeze on his credit report, a consumer reporting agency is prohibited from releasing the credit report, or any information in it, without the consumer's express authorization. The measure provides a means by which a consumer can permanently or temporarily un-freeze his report. Certain disclosures are exempt from the freeze. A consumer reporting agency may charge a fee of no more than \$10 for establishing a

freeze, removing a freeze, or temporarily lifting a freeze, except that a consumer reporting agency shall not charge a fee to a victim of identity theft. Violations are a prohibited practice under the Consumer Protection Act.

Patron - O'Brien

[FSB1302 Enterprise zone grants; additional appropriations and method for requests. Allows businesses to apply for additional enterprise zone grant moneys when grant requests exceed original appropriations and additional funds are appropriated by the General Assembly.

Patron - Newman

[FSB1410 Recorded simulcast horse racing; allocations to Commonwealth Transportation Trust Fund. Provides for simulcast of and wagering on recorded horse races. The bill also provides for the distribution proceeds after payment of prizes, including 50.5% to be distributed to the Commonwealth Transportation Trust Fund. In addition the bill requires the Virginia Racing Commission to establish regulations prohibiting satellite facilities or unlimited licensed race-tracks not under common majority ownership to operate within 75 miles of one another.

Patron - Norment

Unemployment Compensation

Passed

[P HB964 Unemployment tax filing; domestic service employees. Requires the Virginia Employment Commission to permit employers to pay unemployment taxes and file reports annually, commencing in 2009, for employment of domestic service in the private home of the employer if the quarterly payroll is not more than \$5,000. Currently such payments and filings are made quarterly.

Patron - Bulova

[P HB2066 Unemployment compensation; maximum weekly benefit. Increases the maximum weekly benefit from \$347 to \$363 for claims effective on or after July 1, 2007.

Patron - Nixon

[P HB2272 Electronic filing of employer's reports with the Virginia Employment Commission. Requires employers with 100 or more employees to file quarterly reports electronically commencing January 1, 2009. Currently, employers with 250 or more employees are required to file quarterly reports on a magnetic medium. Any employer required to file electronically who fails to do so without good cause shown shall, unless he has obtained a waiver, be assessed a penalty of \$75.

Patron - Purkey

[P SB1056 Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund; discretionary expenditures. Increases the maximum amount of discretionary expenditures that may be paid from the Special Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund in any fiscal year from \$200,000 to \$375,000.

Patron - Watkins

Failed

[F HB2865 Unemployment compensation; exclusion for temporary staffing services. Excludes services provided

by an individual in the employ of a temporary staffing service from the definition of "employment" for purposes of unemployment compensation.

Patron - McEachin

Virginia Energy Plan

Passed

SB841 Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium; membership. Adds Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia to the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium and adds each institution's president or his designee to the board of the Research Consortium. The board is also expanded to include members appointed by the Hampton Roads Technology Council and the Hampton Roads Clean Cities Coalition.

Patron - Devolites Davis

SB1152 Energy grant programs. Provides that the provisions of the 2006 Energy Policy Act establishing the Renewable Electricity Production Grant Program and Solar and Wind Energy System Acquisition Fund shall not become effective until appropriations are made to those funds. As originally enacted, the Act provided that the Funds' enabling legislation would expire on July 1, 2009, if any funds were not deposited to the Funds by July 1, 2009. The measure also provides that the grants do not apply to activities occurring prior to January 1, 2007, revises the process by which eligible persons may apply for a grant, and requires that eligible wind-power generators must meet applicable performance and quality standards as specified by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

Patron - Wagner

Failed

SB1122 Offshore oil and gas royalties. Obligates the state to distribute at least 50% of all royalty payments received from offshore oil and gas production equally among residents of the Commonwealth. The other 50% shall be credited to the Transportation Trust Fund.

Patron - Cuccinelli

SB1396 Offshore energy. States that it is the policy of the Commonwealth (i) to support federal funding for the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, (ii) to support the inclusion of the area off Virginia's Atlantic coast for further study and analysis and possible lease sales as part of the Department of the Interior's 2007-2012 Five Year Leasing Plan with respect to exploration 50 miles or more off the Atlantic shoreline, and (iii) to urge the President of the United States to revoke the administrative withdrawal from exploratory and leasing activity of submerged lands that are 50 miles or more off the Atlantic shoreline of the Commonwealth.

Patron - Wagner

Waters of the State, Ports and Harbors

Passed

HB1715 Casting garbage. Increases the fine for dumping garbage into the waters of the state from a maximum of \$100 to \$1,000.

Patron - Kilgore

HB1758 Obstructing or contaminating waters. Increases the penalty for obstructing or contaminating state waters to a Class 1 misdemeanor. Currently, the penalty is a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or confinement in jail for not more than 12 months, or both.

Patron - Kilgore

HB1847 Waste load allocations. Allows the State Water Control Board to grant waste load allocations for the Chesapeake Bay watershed nutrient credit exchange program to facilities operating under a Virginia Pollution Abatement permit under limited conditions.

Patron - Saxman

HB1859 Water quality monitors. Establishes as a goal of the Department of Environmental Quality having citizen volunteers monitor 3,000 stream miles by 2010.

Patron - Wittman

HB2180 Stormwater inspectors. Removes the certification of stormwater inspectors required by the Department of Environmental Quality. This requirement is no longer needed because much of the stormwater program has been transferred to the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Patron - Saxman

HB2483 Water quality monitoring. Establishes April 30 of each year as the deadline for the public to submit its recommendations of which specific water segments should be included in the State Water Control Board's water quality monitoring plan. The Board is to respond to the recommendations by August 31. Currently, the Board has until April 30 to respond to citizen recommendations that have been submitted by December 31 of the preceding year.

Patron - Bulova

HB2487 Low-flow protections. Requires any Virginia Water Protection Permit issued after July 1, 2007, authorizing the withdrawal of water from the Potomac River and its tributaries for any purpose other than municipal water supply, to incorporate low-flow protections if the withdrawal exceeds 500,000 gallons per day. As a condition of permit, the permittee will be required to augment instream flow during low-flow periods by having available offstream storage equal to the amount of water that is consumed in excess of 500,000 gallons per day. The bill provides several ways for a permittee to comply with this requirement.

Patron - Bulova

HB2539 Virginia Water Protection Permit. Restructures the Virginia Water Protection Permit statute by placing the provisions into a separate article of the State Water Control Law titled "Water Resources and Wetlands Protection Program." The provisions are currently included as a section under the general powers of the Water Control Board. Existing permits are exempted from any changes and shall remain in

effect until their specified expiration dates or until they are otherwise amended, modified, repealed, or revoked.

Patron - Landes

HB2694 Virginia Resources Authority. Expands projects that can be financed through the Authority to include programs or projects for land conservation or land preservation. This bill incorporates HB 1713 and is identical to SB 1211.

Patron - Cline

HB2802 Land application of biosolids. Consolidates the program that regulates the application of biosolids (sewage sludge) under one agency, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Currently, the responsibility for regulation of the land application of biosolids is split between DEQ and the Department of Health. The bill also requires DEQ to conduct unannounced site inspections while biosolids are being applied. A fee of \$7.50 is assessed on each dry ton of sewage sludge applied in the Commonwealth. The bill becomes effective on January 1, 2008, provided that adequate funds have been appropriated and adequate positions have been authorized to administer the program. This bill is identical to SB 1339 and incorporates HB 2079 and HB 3170.

Patron - Byron

SB798 Sewage overflows. Authorizes the State Water Control Board to issue administrative orders to owners of municipal sewer systems that need corrective actions to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. Places a "safe harbor" provision into Virginia law similar to that found in § 309 of the Clean Water Act.

Patron - Locke

SB957 Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission. Authorizes the Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission to provide financing for facilities for an organization, other than a religious organization, that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. This bill is identical to HB 2989.

Patron - Quayle

SB1211 Virginia Resources Authority. Expands projects that can be financed through the Authority to include programs or projects for land conservation or land preservation. This bill is identical to HB 2694, which incorporates HB 1713.

Patron - Hanger

SB1300 Storage of sewage sludge. Provides that a locality may adopt an ordinance requiring that a special exception or a special use permit be obtained to begin the storage of sewage sludge in its jurisdiction. No ordinance may require a special exception or a special use permit to begin the storage of sewage sludge if such sludge will be stored on the same farm to which it will be land applied.

Patron - Newman

SB1313 Land application of sewage sludge. Requires that the local government certify, within 30 days, as part of the state permit application to store sewage sludge, that the site of the proposed storage is in compliance with all local ordinances. The bill also gives localities the authority to adopt an ordinance that reasonably restricts the storage of sewage sludge to certain areas or parcels based on public health, welfare, or safety criteria. Any such ordinance will not apply to a farmer who stores sewage sludge for land application on his own farm within 45 days. The Department of Environmental Quality or the Department of Health permit application filled

out by the person applying the sewage sludge is not considered complete until there is such local certification.

Patron - Hawkins

SB1339 Land application of biosolids. Consolidates the program that regulates the application of biosolids (sewage sludge) under one agency, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Currently, the responsibility for regulation of the land application of biosolids is split between DEQ and the Department of Health. The bill also requires DEQ to conduct unannounced site inspections while biosolids are being applied. A fee of \$7.50 is assessed on each dry ton of sewage sludge applied in the Commonwealth. The bill becomes effective on January 1, 2008, provided that adequate funds have been appropriated and adequate positions have been authorized to administer the program. This bill is identical to HB 2802.

Patron - Newman

Failed

HB1713 Virginia Resources Authority. Expands projects that can be financed through the Authority to include programs or projects for land conservation or land preservation. This bill was incorporated into HB 2694.

Patron - Lewis

HB1931 Hampton Roads Sanitation District Commission. Adds four additional members to the Commission. The four additional members are elected officials of the localities within the service area of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. Two of these shall be officials representing localities south of the James River and two shall represent localities north of the James River. At least one member from each division must represent a locality in which a sewage treatment facility owned and operated by the Hampton Roads Sanitation District is located.

Patron - Rapp

HB2079 Land application of biosolids. Consolidates the program that regulates the application of biosolids (sewage sludge) under one agency, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Currently, the responsibility for regulation of the land application of biosolids is split between DEQ and the Department of Health. The bill also requires the on-site presence of state or local officials when biosolids are being applied and assesses a fee of \$7.50 on each dry ton of sewage sludge applied in the Commonwealth. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2008, provided that adequate funds have been appropriated and adequate positions have been authorized to administer the program. This bill was incorporated into HB 2802.

Patron - Wittman

HB2085 Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund. Requires that reports submitted to the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund be submitted by a professionally certified engineer, geologist, or soil scientist.

Patron - Eisenberg

HB2938 Potomac River Compact. Restores the jurisdictional provision of the Maryland-Virginia Compact of 1785, allowing the Commonwealth to prosecute crimes committed against Virginians as long as the defendant is not a citizen of Maryland. The provision was dropped from the Compact of 1958, which did not become effective in Virginia until July 17, 2000.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

HB3088 Discharges into the Levisa Fork. Prescribes the size of a mixing zone for the discharge of salty mine water into the Levisa Fork or its tributaries. Anyone who violates the mixing zone standard would be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill requires that any discharge permit that conflicts with this mixing zone standard for the Levisa Fork River or its tributaries be promptly amended to comply with the standard established in the bill. The bill also prohibits the issuance or maintaining of a permit or certificate allowing the discharge or dumping of PCBs upon the banks of or into the Levisa Fork. This is emergency legislation.

Patron - Bowling

SB1402 Discharges into the Levisa Fork. Prescribes the size of a mixing zone for the discharge of salty mine water into the Levisa Fork or its tributaries. Anyone who violates the mixing zone standard would be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill requires that any discharge permit that conflicts with this mixing zone standard for the Levisa Fork River or its tributaries be promptly amended to comply with the standard established in the bill. The bill also prohibits the issuance or maintaining of a permit or certificate allowing the discharge or dumping of PCBs upon the banks of or into the Levisa Fork. This is emergency legislation.

Patron - Puckett

Welfare (Social Services)

Passed

HB1687 Criminal history and central registry check; birth parents. Exempts birth parents revoking an entrustment agreement pursuant to § 63.2-1223 or 63.2-1817, or revoking a placement agreement, from criminal history and central registry checks.

Patron - Toscano

HB1692 Home Energy Assistance Program. Reduces the frequency of the reports required from the Department of Social Services regarding the effectiveness of low-income energy assistance programs in the Commonwealth. Currently, reports are due by October 1 of each year until October 1, 2007, on which date the reporting requirement is scheduled to cease. The measure provides that after October 1, 2007, reports will be due biennially.

Patron - Kilgore

HB1897 Adoption; records of child. Provides that the investigative report that must be made to the circuit court shall include a statement by the child-placing agency or local director of social services that all reasonably attainable background, medical and psychological records of the child have been provided to the prospective adoptive parents and a list of the records provided.

Patron - Albo

HB1905 Home study for adoption; simultaneous meeting. Changes the requirement that a social worker meet with the birth parent(s) and prospective adoptive parents simultaneously to an optional provision. Provides that such meetings may occur simultaneously or separately, upon the agreement of both parties.

Patron - Albo

HB1985 Adoption laws. Provides that a birth father, including one married to the birth mother, may consent to the

termination of all of his parental rights prior to the birth of the child and that an executed denial of paternity by the putative father is sufficient to rebut the presumption that he is the father. The court is allowed to dispense with requirements regarding filing of the birth father's identifying information in certain instances. The bill provides that if a birth parent or legal guardian executing a consent, entrustment, or other document related to the adoption, cannot provide the identification required by a notary the birth parent may execute a self-authenticating affidavit as to his identity. Reduces from 21 to 15 days the amount of time a father has to object to an entrustment after notice to make it consistent with provisions changed in 2006. The bill allows a court to waive certain procedural provisions with regard to the spouse of an adoptive parent where the procedural provisions apply only to one adoptive parent. No notice or consent is required of any birth parent of a child whose adoption was finalized in a foreign country or for whom a guardianship order was granted when the child was approved by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for purposes of adoption. When there has been an interstate transfer of the child in a parental placement adoption all matters relating to the adoption of the child including, but not limited to, custody and parentage shall be determined in the court of appropriate jurisdiction in the state that was approved for finalization of the adoption by the interstate compact authorities. Clarifies that if the putative father's identity is reasonably ascertainable, he must be noticed as the Putative Father Registry dictates. The background check requirement is waived for a birth parent who revokes an entrustment or placement agreement. A number of the changes conform the law to changes made during the 2006 Session. This bill is identical to SB 1041.

Patron - Toscano

HB2319 Definition of abused or neglected child.

Specifies that a decision by parent or another person with legal authority over a child to refuse a particular medical treatment for a child with a life-threatening condition shall not be deemed a refusal to provide necessary care if (i) such decision is made jointly by the parents or other person with legal authority for the child, and the child; (ii) the child has reached 14 years of age and is sufficiently mature to have an informed opinion on the subject of his medical treatment; (iii) the parents or other person with legal authority, and the child have considered alternative treatment options; and (iv) the parents or other person with legal authority, and the child believe in good faith that such decision is in the child's best interest. Stipulates that this test shall not be construed to limit the provisions of § 16.1-278.4 on children in need of services. This bill is identical to SB 905.

Patron - Welch

HB2504 Criminal history and central registry check for placements of children. Establishes mandatory background checks for prospective foster or adoptive parents that consist of three parts: (i) a sworn statement or affirmation disclosing whether an individual has a criminal conviction or pending charges or has been the subject of a founded case of child abuse or neglect; (ii) fingerprinting forwarded through the Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain criminal history information; and (iii) searches of the central child abuse and neglect registry maintained pursuant to § 63.2-1515 and similar registries required by federal law in any other state where a prospective parent or other adult in the home has resided in the preceding five years. Provides that in the case of an emergency, a local board must search the central registry and obtain a written affirmation from the individual prior to placement. Prohibits approval of foster or adoptive homes where an individual has record of an offense set forth in § 63.2-1719 or a founded complaint of

child abuse or neglect as maintained in registries pursuant to § 63.2-1515 and the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (42 U.S.C.S. 16901 et seq.). The bill has an effective date of April 1, 2007.

Patron - Toscano

HB2517 Child abuse or neglect; criminal history records; dissemination of such information. Authorizes dissemination of criminal history record information and search results from the child abuse and neglect registry of individuals and other adult household members to support removal of a child during an evaluation for placement or to support an investigation of child abuse or neglect. Such information may be admissible in court if an abuse or neglect petition is filed, however, if the individual who is the subject of such information contests its accuracy through testimony under oath, the court shall not receive the information without certified copies of the individual's conviction.

Patron - Iaquinto

HB3207 Assisted living facilities; aging in place. Provides that the Department shall not order the removal of a resident from an assisted living facility if (i) the resident, the resident's family, the resident's physician, and the facility consent to the resident's continued stay in the facility and (ii) the facility is capable of providing, obtaining or arranging for the provision of necessary services for the resident, including but not limited to home health care or hospice care.

Patron - Peace

SB790 Virginia Caregivers Grant Program. Modifies the definition of caregivers eligible to receive a grant under the program to include legal guardians and raises the Virginia adjusted gross income limit under the program from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for a married caregiver.

Patron - Stosch

SB818 Fee for testimonials; international adoptions. Provides that the Secretary of the Commonwealth may charge five dollars for each authentication after the first testimonial for documents bearing the testament of the same person on the same date.

Patron - Cuccinelli

SB888 Insurance notice requirements for family day homes. Requires any person who operates a family day home approved by a licensed family day system, a licensed family day home, or a voluntarily registered family day home to furnish a written notice to the parent or guardian of each child under care stating whether there is liability insurance in force to cover the operations of the family day home and to notify each parent or guardian in writing, within 10 business days, after termination of coverage.

Patron - Deeds

SB905 Definition of abused or neglected child. Specifies that a decision by parents or another person responsible to refuse a particular medical treatment for a child with a life-threatening condition shall not be deemed a refusal to provide necessary care if (i) such decision is made jointly by the parents or other person responsible and the child; (ii) the child has reached the age of 14 and is sufficiently mature to have an informed opinion on the subject of his medical treatment; (iii) the parents or other person responsible and the child have considered alternative treatment options; and (iv) the parents or other person responsible and the child believe in good faith that such decision is in the child's best interest. This bill is identical to HB 2319.

Patron - Rerras

SB944 Provision of health care coverage in child support orders. Amends relevant sections to authorize that either or both parents may provide health care coverage required by a child support order. Requires that, prior to referring any dependent children to the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security plan, the Department of Social Services shall confirm that neither parent has access to health care coverage for the dependent children through the parents' employment.

Patron - Quayle

SB985 Administrative support remedies available to individuals not receiving public assistance; fees. Establishes additional fees for individuals who authorize the Department of Social Services to enforce child support obligations but who do not receive public assistance. The bill has an effective date of October 1, 2007.

Patron - Edwards

SB1041 Adoption laws. Provides that a birth father, including one married to the birth mother, may consent to the termination of all of his parental rights prior to the birth of the child and that an executed denial of paternity by the putative father is sufficient to rebut the presumption that he is the father. The court is allowed to dispense with requirements regarding filing of the birth father's identifying information in certain instances. The bill provides that if a birth parent or legal guardian executing a consent, entrustment, or other document related to the adoption, cannot provide the identification required by a notary the birth parent may execute a self-authenticating affidavit as to his identity. Reduces from 21 to 15 days the amount of time a father has to object to an entrustment after notice to make it consistent with provisions changed in 2006. The bill allows a court to waive certain procedural provisions with regard to the spouse of an adoptive parent where the procedural provisions apply only to one adoptive parent. No notice or consent is required of any birth parent of a child whose adoption was finalized in a foreign country or for whom a guardianship order was granted when the child was approved by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for purposes of adoption. When there has been an interstate transfer of the child in a parental placement adoption all matters relating to the adoption of the child including, but not limited to, custody and parentage shall be determined in the court of appropriate jurisdiction in the state that was approved for finalization of the adoption by the interstate compact authorities. Clarifies that if the putative father's identity is reasonably ascertainable, he must be noticed as the Putative Father Registry dictates. The background check requirement is waived for a birth parent who revokes an entrustment or placement agreement. A number of the changes conform the law to changes made during the 2006 Session. This bill is identical to HB 1985.

Patron - O'Brien

SB1133 Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare Program. Modifies the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program to increase Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare (VIEW) requirements. This bill also eliminates food stamps from the subsidies replaced by the Full Employment Program, eliminates community work experience placement, and certain VIEW program exemptions. The bill authorizes posttermination payments of up to \$50 per month for recipients who work at least 30 hours per week.

Patron - Deeds

SB1146 Neighborhood Assistance Act; eligibility requirements. Requires the State Board of Social Services to adopt regulations that provide that at least 50% of the persons

served by the neighborhood organization are impoverished people.

Patron - Wagner

SB1208 Background check required; children's residential facilities. Strengthens criminal background check requirements for employees, volunteers, and providers of contractual services to children's residential facilities. Requires Departments to obtain the results of the background check before allowing an applicant to work with children. Adds numerous statutory offenses, including abduction, carjacking, threats, stalking, use of a machine gun, child pornography, incest, and felony drug possession, to the list of crimes that preclude employment at children's residential facilities. Additional offenses parallel those identified as "barrier crimes" in § 63.2-1719. Permits a children's residential facility to hire applicants with a misdemeanor conviction for assault and battery, provided 10 years have elapsed and the offense did not occur in the context of former employment or volunteer work. Prohibits state children's residential facilities from hiring employees or accepting volunteers who have a founded case of child abuse or neglect. The new requirements only apply to persons who did not work or volunteer at the facility prior to July 1, 2007.

Patron - Hanger

Failed

HB1688 Consent revocation period for parental placement adoptions. Removes the provision that prohibits a consenting birth parent from withdrawing an executed consent to parental placement adoption once the child is 10 days old. The bill also changes from 10 to seven days the time during which consent is revocable.

Patron - Toscano

HB1839 Child Care Provider Registry. Creates the Virginia Child Care Provider Registry. Allows child care providers to voluntarily register with the Registry, to authorize the Registry to run checks to determine whether registrants are the subject of founded complaints of child abuse or neglect and to make the results of such searches public. Requires local departments to report founded complaints to the Department of Social Services and the Department to update the Registry upon receipt of such reports.

Patron - Fralin

HB1911 Requirements of parental placement adoption; legal counsel. Authorizes legal counsel to appear on behalf of birth parents or adoptive parents for purposes of consent hearings required for parental placement adoptions.

Patron - Albo

HB1912 Requirements of parental placement adoption; exchange of identifying information. Eliminates requirement that parents shall exchange identifying information and makes the exchange of information including full names and addresses optional for birth and adoptive parents.

Patron - Albo

HB2046 Adoption laws; administrative changes. Changes the adoption laws to bring them up to date with the amendments made last session. Makes the change regarding notice of the entrustment and adoption from 21 to 15 days consistent throughout the adoption statutes and clarifies that if the putative father's identity is reasonably ascertainable, he must be noticed as the Putative Father Registry dictates. This bill was incorporated into HB 1985.

Patron - McQuigg

HB2612 Public Assistance; eligibility for TANF benefits. Provides that a person shall not be ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits solely as the result of a felony drug possession conviction.

Patron - Watts

HB2987 Foster care children; tobacco products. Directs the Board of Social Services to adopt regulations restricting the use of tobacco products by and around children receiving foster care services. The regulations shall include but need not be limited to provisions (i) forbidding the use or possession of tobacco products by children; (ii) limiting use of tobacco products in the children's living quarters; and (iii) limiting the use of tobacco products in motor vehicles when transporting children.

Patron - Eisenberg

HB3105 Program directors at licensed child day centers; approved credentials. Adds program directors to the list of individuals who may possess an approved credential. Adds requirement that the Department of Social Services, State Board of Social Services, Child Care Council, or State Board of Education shall recognize individuals who possess an approved credential as being fully qualified to hold the position of program leader, program director, or child care supervisor in any private licensed child day center or private preschool.

Patron - Nixon

SB757 Neighborhood Assistance Act. Makes several changes to the program including (i) increasing the annual cap for tax credits allowed under the program from \$8 million to \$12 million, (ii) providing that \$1 million of the cap increase would be dedicated for education programs and \$3 million for providing grants to private schools for students with disabilities, and (iii) reducing the tax credit percentage for donations made by corporations and individuals from 45% to 40% along with eliminating the restriction placed upon individuals from claiming a tax credit for the donation if a charitable contribution deduction is also taken. The Department of Education would administer the Schools for Students with Disabilities Fund from which grants would be made to private schools for students with disabilities. The Department would be required to establish an application process for such schools seeking grants from the Fund. The Department would review the application and make a determination of whether to award a grant, based in part on the intended use of grant moneys by the applicant. The Fund would be funded from monetary donations for which the Department would allocate the annual \$3 million in tax credits. The Board of Education would be required to establish regulations for the grants program, including regulations for procedures to allocate the \$3 million in tax credits in fiscal years in which more than \$3 million in monetary donations were made to the Fund.

Patron - Stosch

SB835 Eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and food stamps; drug-related felonies. Provides exemption to receive TANF benefits for persons who have been convicted of a felony drug offense pursuant to § 18.2-250 and fully comply with criminal court orders and treatment programs, as permitted by federal law. This bill incorporates SB 934 and is contingent upon an appropriation of funds.

Patron - Devolites Davis

SB865 Social services; time limit on receipt of TANF. Allows the children of VIEW participants to continue receiving TANF financial assistance beyond the initial 24-month period if (i) the VIEW-participating parent is no longer

the children's legal guardian, (ii) another relative of the children now has legal custody, and (iii) the children otherwise meet the eligibility requirements set forth in §§ 63.2-602 through 63.2-607. This bill is contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Patron - Miller

SB934 Eligibility for TANF and food stamps; drug-related felonies. Provides exemption to receive TANF benefits for persons who have been convicted of a felony drug offense pursuant to § 18.2-250 and comply with criminal court orders and treatment programs, as permitted by federal law. This bill was incorporated into SB 835.

Patron - Ticer

SB935 Mandatory cross-reporting by protective services agencies. Adds animal control officers to the list of persons required to report known or suspected child or adult abuse or neglect. Requires mandatory cross-reporting of known or suspected animal abuse by individuals required to report child or adult abuse or neglect.

Patron - Ticer

SB1017 Adoption; exception to requirement that spouses file a joint petition. Provides that in its discretion, upon good cause shown, a court may exempt any spouse from the requirement to file a joint petition.

Patron - Norment

SB1353 Child day-care regulations. Establishes staff-to-child ratios, activity space guidelines, and training and qualification guidelines for program directors, program leaders, and general staff for regulated child day-care centers.

Patron - Wagner

Wills and Decedents' Estates

Passed

HB2833 Augmented estate; inclusion of insurance policies. Clarifies that, notwithstanding what other statutes state regarding insurance policies and other benefits, they are to be included in the augmented estate. The bill is in response to the Supreme Court's opinion in *Sexton v. Cornett*.

Patron - Waddell

HB3083 Nonexoneration of liens against property bequeathed. States that any mortgage, pledge, security interest or other lien on a specific item of property shall pass encumbered by said lien unless a contrary intent is clearly set out in the will. A general directive in the will to pay debts shall not be evidence of a contrary intent. Excepts out circumstances where an agent holding a durable power of attorney or a conservator, guardian or committee grants the lien in question.

Patron - Toscano

HB3205 Wills; writings intended as wills. States that if a document is not in compliance with the requirements of executing a will, the document can still be valid as a will if the proponent proves by clear and convincing evidence that the decedent intended the document to be (i) the decedent's will, (ii) a partial or complete revocation of the will, (iii) an addition to or alteration of the will, or (iv) a partial or complete revival of a formerly revoked will or portion thereof. The remedy provided for in this bill may not be used to excuse any failure to comply with the requirement for a testator's signature, except where two persons mistakenly sign each other's will, or signs

the self-proving certificate to a will instead of the will itself. The remedy is also only available in proceedings filed in the appropriate circuit court within one year after the decedent's death, and where all interested persons are made parties to the proceedings.

Patron - Armstrong

SB1263 Creditors of decedent's estate. Provides that debts and taxes owed to political subdivisions of the Commonwealth are to be considered claims that are seventh in line to be paid from a decedent's estate. Currently, such debts and taxes are not treated as a separate class of claims.

Patron - Herring

Failed

SB1257 Written notice of probate; exceptions. Provides that personal representatives of a decedent's estate or proponents of a decedent's will need not provide written notice of probate or qualification and notice of entitlement to copies of wills, inventories, accounts, and reports if the value of assets passing under a will or by intestacy does not exceed \$15,000. Currently, this exception applies when the value of the assets does not exceed \$5,000.

Patron - Herring

SB1264 Course of descents; clarify. Clarifies the statute concerning the course of descents when a party dies intestate by adding subdivisions within the statute.

Patron - Herring

SB1381 Intestate succession; desertion by parents. Clarifies that if a parent is barred from inheriting from his child through intestate succession because he had willfully deserted or abandoned the child, no person may inherit from the child's estate through intestate succession where the person's only claim on the estate is through the parent who deserted or abandoned the child, unless the person has established a personal relationship with the child and maintained such relationship until the child's death. The bill also clarifies that the prohibition against a parent inheriting from a child applies regardless of whether the child was still a minor at the time of death.

Patron - Locke

Workers' Compensation

Passed

HB1635 Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumption; police officers of the Norfolk Airport Authority. Establishes a presumption that hypertension or heart disease causing the death or disability of an officer of the police department established and maintained by the Norfolk Airport Authority is an occupational disease compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act. This bill is identical to SB 747.

Patron - Alexander

HB2294 Workers' compensation; government employees. Classifies policemen, firefighters, sheriffs and their deputies, and certain other individuals who are generally deemed to be employees of their employing locality for purposes of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act, as employees of the Commonwealth while rendering aid outside of the

Commonwealth pursuant to a state-approved request under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

Patron - McClellan

SB747 Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumption; police officers of the Norfolk Airport Authority. Establishes a presumption that hypertension or heart disease causing the death or disability of an officer of the police department established and maintained by the Norfolk Airport Authority is an occupational disease compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act. This bill is identical to HB 1635.

Patron - Miller

SB897 Workers' compensation; infectious disease presumption. Adds conservation officers of the Department of Conservation and Recreation to those public safety employees who are entitled to the presumption that certain infectious diseases are occupational diseases compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

Patron - Deeds

SB1169 Workers' Compensation; offset for Longshore payments. Authorizes an employer to deduct, from payments made as compensation under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to an injured employee, any payments that are made to the injured worker under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. This bill contains an emergency clause and will take effect upon its passage.

Patron - Stolle

Failed

HB2219 Workers' compensation; alternative dispute resolution. Authorizes an employer primarily engaged in the construction business and a collective bargaining representative of its employees, with which the employer has a signatory agreement, to negotiate a dispute resolution system, which may include mediation and binding arbitration. The system would be an alternative to dispute resolution procedures in the Workers' Compensation Act. Such agreements may also address the use of an agreed list of health care providers for treatment and examinations, light duty and return-to-work programs, and vocational rehabilitation or retraining. Settlements must be approved by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Arbitration decisions may be reviewed in the same manner as decisions of deputy commissioners.

Patron - Amundson

HB2428 Workers' compensation; family members of public safety personnel. Requires the employer of a firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, police officer, or other specified public safety personnel, who is entitled to the presumption that his hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, tuberculosis, or HIV is an occupational disease, to furnish medical care under the provisions of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act to a member of the immediate family of such person if the person unintentionally transmitted the infectious disease to his family member.

Patron - Albo

HB2688 Workers' compensation; benefits paid to unauthorized aliens; penalties. Makes an employer, rather than the employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier, liable for payment of workers' compensation benefits payable to an unauthorized alien. In addition, an employer is required to promptly reimburse a third party that has paid benefits to an unauthorized alien for payments it has made to the injured alien. An employer that verified the work authorization status

of the injured worker, through use of the Basic Pilot Program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, obtained certain employment eligibility verification documentation, or is exempt from compliance with federal employment verification procedures under federal law, is exempt from these provisions. In addition, if an unauthorized alien who is eligible for disability is inadmissible to the United States under federal immigration law, the payor of the disability benefits shall require the unauthorized alien to present himself in person at a bank or financial institution located within a foreign country before receiving disability payments. A person violating these provisions is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor and subject to a civil penalty of \$25,000.

Patron - Reid

HB2952 Medical records; fees for copying. Provides that the provisions that control the fees that may be charged for medical records in civil cases also apply with respect to Workers' Compensation Act proceedings.

Patron - Kilgore

SB903 Workers' compensation; occupational disease presumption; police officers of the Norfolk Airport Authority. Establishes a presumption that hypertension or heart disease causing the death or disability of an officer of the police department established and maintained by the Norfolk Airport Authority is an occupational disease compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act.

Patron - Rerras

SB979 Workers' compensation; panel of physicians. Provides that if an employer fails to furnish an injured employee with a panel of at least three physicians from which he may select an attending physician within 30 days after an accident, then at the request of the employee, the employer shall on one occasion furnish such a panel, from which the employee may select an attending physician.

Patron - Edwards

SB1013 Workers' compensation; alternative dispute resolution. Authorizes an employer primarily engaged in the construction business and a collective bargaining representative of its employees, with which the employer has a signatory agreement, to negotiate a dispute resolution system, which may include mediation and binding arbitration. The system would be an alternative to dispute resolution procedures in the Workers' Compensation Act. Such agreements may also address the use of an agreed list of health care providers for treatment and examinations, light duty and return-to-work programs, and vocational rehabilitation or retraining. Settlements must be approved by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Arbitration decisions may be reviewed in the same manner as decisions of deputy commissioners.

Patron - Saslaw

Constitutional Amendments

Passed

SJ340 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation that will allow any locality to exempt or partially exempt from property taxes motor vehicles owned or leased by any member of the armed forces serving in an area of military conflict.

Patron - Devolites Davis

[F]SJ354 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation that will allow localities by ordinance to exempt from real property taxes, or defer real property taxes on, up to 20% of the value of residential or farm property that is the owner-occupant's primary dwelling and lived in continuously. This resolution incorporates SJRs 362, 371, 386, 398, 425 and 443.

Patron - Rerras

Failed

[F]HJ18 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, and Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. The General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house, and the loan or reduction must be repaid with reasonable interest within four years.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]HJ558 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and Transportation Trust Fund. Provides that the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and the Transportation Trust Fund shall be permanent funds. Starting with the Commonwealth's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, the General Assembly shall appropriate to each Fund an amount no less than the amount appropriated to the respective Fund in the immediately preceding fiscal year. The amendment limits the use of Trust Fund moneys to highway construction, maintenance, and improvements and to furthering the public interest in public transportation, railways, seaports, and airports. The General Assembly may use Fund proceeds for other purposes only by a four-fifths vote of the members in each house. However, Fund proceeds used for other purposes must be repaid to the Fund within four years.

Patron - Frederick

[F]HJ559 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); real property assessments and tax rates. Provides that assessments of real property shall not increase annually by more than one percent plus the percentage increase, if any, in the rate of inflation. Increases in the rate of taxation on real property are limited to one percent per year.

Patron - Frederick

[F]HJ560 Constitutional amendments (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes a 13-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw Congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Provides procedure for appointment of Commission members and standards to govern redistricting plans, including the current Constitution's standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data. The amendments also provide for 40 senators and 100 delegates rather than the present ranges of 33 to 40 senators and 90 to 100 delegates.

Patron - Shuler

[F]HJ565 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, and Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes.

Patron - Peace

[F]HJ568 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Governor's term of office. Permits the Governor to succeed himself in office. The amendment allows two four-year terms (either in succession or not in succession) but prohibits election to a third term. The amendment allows Governors elected in 2009 and thereafter to serve two successive terms. Service for more than two years of a partial term counts as service for one term.

Patron - Purkey

[F]HJ569 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Board of Education. Provides for the appointment of the members of the Board of Education as follows: four members, including a member designated as president, appointed by the Governor; three members appointed by the House of Delegates; and two members appointed by the Senate, in accordance with the rules of each house. Members are to be appointed for four-year terms. Terms are staggered. No person may be appointed to more than two consecutive full terms. Members in office when the amendment takes effect will serve until their successors are appointed. Presently, the Constitution provides that all nine members are appointed by the Governor.

Patron - Purkey

[F]HJ570 Constitutional amendments (first resolution); Governor's term of office; Board of Education. One amendment permits the Governor to succeed himself in office. The amendment allows two four-year terms (either in succession or not in succession) but prohibits election to a third term. The amendment allows Governors elected in 2009 and thereafter to serve two successive terms. Service for more than two years of a partial term counts as service for one term. A second amendment provides for the appointment of the members of the Board of Education as follows: four members, including a member designated as president, appointed by the Governor; three members appointed by the House of Delegates; and two members appointed by the Senate, in accordance with the rules of each house. Members are to be appointed for four-year terms. Terms are staggered. No person may be appointed to more than two consecutive full terms. Members in office when the amendment takes effect will serve until their successors are appointed. Presently, the Constitution provides that all nine members are appointed by the Governor.

Patron - Purkey

[F]HJ571 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Governor's term of office. Extends the Governor's term to six years beginning with the Governor elected in 2009, continues the prohibition on successive terms, and provides six-year terms for the lieutenant governor and attorney general since the terms for those offices are set by reference to the term of the governor.

Patron - Purkey

☐HJ572 Constitutional amendments (first resolution); balance of executive and legislative branch powers. Proposes several amendments to the Constitution to (i) extend the Governor's term to six years beginning with the Governor elected in 2009, (ii) continue the prohibition on successive terms, (iii) provide six-year terms for the lieutenant governor and attorney general, (iv) authorize the General Assembly to nullify or suspend administrative regulations, (v) transfer five of the nine appointments on the Board of Education made by the Governor to the legislature, and (vi) permit the General Assembly to extend a session for any period by a two-thirds vote. This resolution reflects recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Balance of Powers Between the Legislative and Executive Branches pursuant to HJR 707 (2005) and is identical to SJR 338.

Patron - Purkey

☐HJ579 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); exercise of eminent domain powers. Prohibits the taking of private property by eminent domain for the predominant use of any private person or entity or for the transfer of ownership to any private person or entity. Further defines the permissible public uses for which property may be taken and the "just compensation" that must be paid for the property taken. The proposed amendment specifies that it is a judicial question whether private property is being condemned for a permissible public use. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 723.

Patron - Peace

☐HJ580 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); bills raising revenue must originate in House. This proposed amendment is similar to the origination clause of Article I, § 7 of the United States Constitution. Amendments by the Senate would be subject to the same limitations generally applicable, such as the single object rule of Article IV, § 12 of the Virginia Constitution.

Patron - Lingamfelter

☐HJ581 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property tax exemption for certain veterans. Requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the property that is the principal residence of a veteran (or widow or widower of a veteran) of the armed forces of the United States who has been determined pursuant to federal law to have a one hundred percent permanent and total service-connected disability.

Patron - Lingamfelter

☐HJ585 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); General Assembly single chamber. Replaces current Senate and House of Delegates with a single unicameral legislature consisting of 140 members elected biennially to staggered four-year terms following the 2011 redistricting. Makes conforming changes to articles on executive, judiciary, local government, corporations, taxation and finance, and future changes. The proposed amendment is based on Article III, § 7 of the Nebraska Constitution, which was amended in 1934 to establish a unicameral legislature.

Patron - Cole

☐HJ586 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Amends the Constitution of Virginia to exempt from property taxes privately owned motor vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes. This resolution is identical to HJR 655.

Patron - Cole

☐HJ588 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); impact fees and proffers. Provides that any locality may adopt an ordinance providing for the assessment of impact

fees or acceptance of proffers related to the impact of new development.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

☐HJ590 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); impact fees. Requires the General Assembly to provide by general law that any locality may adopt an ordinance providing for the assessment of impact fees.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

☐HJ593 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); powers of the General Assembly; administrative rules and regulations. Allows the General Assembly to suspend or nullify administrative rules and regulations by a majority vote of the members elected to each house and authorizes the standing committees of each house or joint legislative commissions designated by the General Assembly to suspend rules and regulations when the General Assembly is not in regular session.

Patron - Griffith

☐HJ600 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); payment of sales or use taxes in advance of collections. Prohibits any law that requires a person to pay to the State funds in anticipation of the collection of sales or use taxes by that person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Patron - Saxman

☐HJ601 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); state debt. Reduces the maximum amount of permissible general obligation debt (Section 9 (b) debt) that may be authorized by the General Assembly and submitted to the voters for approval. The formula to set the maximum is revised to equal 25% of an amount calculated by multiplying the average annual amount of state tax revenues from income and retail sales taxes for the most recent three fiscal years by a factor of 1.075 rather than the present factor of 1.15.

Patron - Saxman

☐HJ610 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); establish uniform election date. Establishes a uniform schedule for general elections of state and local officers to coincide with federal elections held in November of even-numbered years. Directs the General Assembly to provide by law for the transition to all general elections being held in November of even-numbered years. Extends terms of incumbents to implement the new schedule.

Patron - Cole

☐HJ614 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); recall of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General. Requires the filing of a petition signed by qualified voters equaling at least 25% of the number of votes cast in the last election for President to initiate the recall of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General. Provides for the holding of an election to recall the officer and further implementation by the General Assembly.

Patron - Hargrove

☐HJ620 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw Congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the five-member Commission are to be made in the census year as follows: one each by the majority and minority leaders of each house. The four partisan members then select an independent chair by majority vote; or, if they cannot agree on a selection, they certify the names receiving votes to the Supreme Court, which will name the fifth member. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the

General Assembly within 30 days of receipt of the new census data, and for the House of Representatives within 90 days of receipt. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current Constitution's standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities. Commissioners are ineligible for any elected office in the Commonwealth for two years.

Patron - Amundson

☐HJ624 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Directs the General Assembly to enact legislation that will permit localities to exempt from property taxes up to 20% of the value of residential or farm property that is designed for continuous habitation as a home and is owner-occupied.

Patron - Brink

☐HJ626 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); limit on growth in state general fund appropriations and revenues. Limits general fund growth in any fiscal year to the preceding year's general fund appropriation plus the percentage increase in gross state product for the most recently available year and the percentage increase in state population. The General Assembly may exceed this limitation with a two-thirds vote of the members elected in each house. The amendment also provides that 50% of general fund revenues in excess of the limitation is to be returned to the citizens of Virginia and 50% goes into the Revenue Stabilization Fund.

Patron - Ware, R.L.

☐HJ655 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Amends the Constitution of Virginia to exempt from property taxes privately owned motor vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes. This resolution is identical to HJR 586.

Patron - Rust

☐HJ656 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, Priority Transportation Fund, and other funds dedicated to transportation by general law. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on July 1, 2006, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. Such general law must be enacted by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house. The amendment limits the use of the Funds to transportation and related purposes. The General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each house, and the loan or reduction must be repaid with reasonable interest within three years.

Patron - Welch

☐HJ675 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Trust Fund. Provides that the Transportation Trust Fund established in 1986 will be a permanent fund and receive all revenues generated by the 1986 package of tax and fee increases and any later enactments dedicating additional revenues to the Fund. The amendment limits the use of Trust Fund moneys to purposes of highway construction, maintenance, and improvements, public transportation, railroads, seaports, and airports. The General Assembly may use fund proceeds for other purposes only by a two-thirds vote of the members in each house. However, fund proceeds used for other purposes must be repaid to the Fund within three years.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

☐HJ676 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, Priority Transportation Fund, and other funds dedicated to transportation by general law. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes.

Patron - Cline

☐HJ677 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Provides that moneys in six funds (the Commonwealth Transportation, Transportation Trust, Highway Maintenance and Operating, Priority Transportation, Shortline Railway Preservation and Development, and Rail Enhancement) shall be used for (i) administering, planning, constructing, improving, or maintaining the roads embraced in the systems of highways for the Commonwealth and its localities or furthering the interests of the Commonwealth in the areas of highways, public transportation, railroads, seaports, or airports; (ii) making payments on bonds or other obligations that have been issued or entered into to finance transportation projects; (iii) making loans to finance transportation projects; and (iv) providing for the operation of state agencies related to transportation. The amendment restricts borrowing from transportation funds for other purposes by requiring a four-fifths recorded vote of each house of the General Assembly and requires repayment with interest in four years.

Patron - Albo

☐HJ678 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes to amend, by referendum at the November 2008 election, the new constitutional amendment dealing with marriage. This proposed amendment would add a savings clause for rights, benefits, obligations or status pertaining to unmarried persons not otherwise altered or abridged.

Patron - Ebbin

☐HJ679 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, and Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Funds moneys to transportation and related purposes. The proposed amendment also protects transportation funds routed through a political subdivision, authority, or private entity.

Patron - Iaquinto

☐HJ680 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of felonies who have completed service of their sentence including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil

rights and adds the alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to general law.

Patron - Jones, D.C.

[F]HJ684 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); spending limits on government. Provides for annual state and local government spending limits with surplus revenues returned to taxpayers.

Patron - Frederick

[F]HJ714 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); taking of private property for public uses. Establishes that the power of eminent domain shall not be exercised when the purpose of the taking or damaging of private property is economic development, the transfer of ownership to a private party, or an increase in tax revenues or employment. This restriction does not apply to entities regulated by the State Corporation Commission. A taking or damaging of private property with the incidental effect of increasing employment, economic development, or tax revenues shall not be sufficient to justify or invalidate the taking or damaging of private property. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 723.

Patron - Rapp

[F]HJ715 Constitutional amendments (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes 13-member Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw Congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Provides procedure for appointment of Commission members and standards to govern redistricting plans including the current Constitution's standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data. The amendments also provide for 40 senators and 100 delegates rather than the present ranges of 33 to 40 senators and 90 to 100 delegates.

Patron - Plum

[F]HJ716 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); homestead exemption from property taxation. Provides that the General Assembly may authorize by general law a homestead exemption for up to 20% of the median sales price of homes on lots not exceeding one acre during the immediately preceding year for each homestead actually occupied as the primary permanent residence of a resident of the Commonwealth.

Patron - Watts

[F]HJ717 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property tax exemption for certain veterans. Requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the property that is the principal residence of a veteran (or widow or widower of a veteran) of the armed forces of the United States who has been determined pursuant to federal law to have a one hundred percent permanent and total service-connected disability. This resolution is identical to HJR 581.

Patron - Frederick

[F]HJ718 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 11-member Commission are to be made in the census year by the most recently retired Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court. Appointments are to be made to represent each congressional district. Persons to be appointed to the Commission shall be retired justices or judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, or circuit courts. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the General

Assembly within one month of receipt of the new census data and for the House of Representatives within three months.

Patron - Barlow

[F]HJ719 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw Congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Starting in 2010 and every 10 years thereafter, the Virginia Supreme Court chooses four members of the five-member commission from lists of three nominees from each of the two political parties having the highest and next-highest membership in the General Assembly; these four select a fifth member who is chairman. The Commission is directed to create an efficient system of representation based on standards that include the current Constitution's standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity, and additional standards to minimize splits of localities. Commissioners cannot have held public or political party office in the preceding five years.

Patron - Moran

[F]HJ720 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, Priority Transportation Fund, and other funds dedicated to transportation by general law. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. The General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house, and the loan or reduction must be repaid with reasonable interest within three years.

Patron - Moran

[F]HJ721 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); marriage. Proposes repeal of the new constitutional amendment dealing with marriage by referendum at the November 2008 election. The new amendment approved by voters effective January 1, 2007: (i) defines marriage as "only a union between one man and one woman," (ii) prohibits the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage," and (iii) prohibits the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions from creating or recognizing "another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

Patron - Englin

[F]HJ722 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); taking of private property for public uses. Establishes limitations on takings of private property. Private property may not be taken under the power of eminent domain unless it is (i) taken for the ownership, possession, occupation, and enjoyment by the public at large, or by public agencies; (ii) to be used for the creation or functioning of a public utility or railroad company that possesses the power of eminent domain; or (iii) is blighted and the taking eliminates a direct threat to public health or safety caused by the property. An increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment, or general economic health and welfare shall not constitute public uses. Property shall not be taken for private commercial enterprise, for economic development, or for any other private use, except with the con-

sent of the owner from whom the property is taken. Property shall not be taken from one owner and transferred to another, whether the transfer is by sale, lease, or otherwise. Any taking of private property must be necessary to achieve the alleged public use. The public interest must dominate the private gain, and any taking under the pretext of an alleged public use shall be impermissible. Any taking for the purpose of conferring a private benefit on a particular private party is impermissible. Whenever an attempt is made to take property for a use alleged to be public, the question of whether the contemplated use is truly public shall be a judicial question and determined without regard to any legislative assertion. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 723.

Patron - Joannou

[F]HJ723 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); taking of private property for public uses. Establishes limitations on takings of private property. Private property may not be taken under the power of eminent domain unless it is (i) taken for the possession, occupation, and enjoyment by the public at large, or by public agencies; (ii) to be used for the creation or functioning of a public service corporation or company, including but not limited to railroad companies that possesses the power of eminent domain; (iii) taken for public highways or other public transportation facilities; or (iv) blighted and the taking eliminates a direct threat to public health or safety caused by the property. An increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment, or general economic health and welfare shall not constitute public uses. Prohibits taking property for private commercial enterprise, economic development, or any other private use, except with the consent of the owner from whom the property is taken. Any taking for the purpose of conferring a private benefit on a private party or identifiable individuals is impermissible. Whenever an attempt is made to take property for a use alleged to be public, the question of whether the contemplated use is truly public shall be a judicial question and determined without regard to any legislative assertion. This resolution incorporates HJR 579, 714, 722 and 772.

Patron - Bell

[F]HJ724 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); religious freedom. Amends the current religious freedom provisions of the Constitution of Virginia to "secure further the people's right to acknowledge God;" to permit prayer and the recognition of "religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions on public property, including public schools." The current constitutional provision parallels the federal free exercise and establishment clauses of the U.S. Constitution and provides for the free exercise of religion "according to the dictates of conscience" and prohibits the General Assembly from compelling persons to participate in religious activity.

Patron - Carrico

[F]HJ771 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide for increases in the property tax exemptions authorized for persons 65 years of age or older based on increases in the age of such persons. This resolution is identical to SJR 362.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

[F]HJ772 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); taking of private property. Establishes limits on the ability to take private property. Private property may not be taken unless the land taken is for the ownership, possession, occupation, and enjoyment by the public at large, or by public agencies, or the land taken is used for the creation or functioning of a public utility or railroad. Takings are also permitted if land taken is blighted and the taking eliminates a direct threat

to public health or safety. An increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment, or general economic health and welfare shall not constitute public uses. Property shall not be taken for any private use, except with consent of the owner. Takings must be necessary to achieve the alleged public use, and the public interest must dominate the private gain. Taking under the pretext of an alleged public use, or to confer a benefit on a particular class of identifiable individuals or a private party, is impermissible. The issue of whether a use is truly public shall be determined without regard to any legislative assertion that the use is public. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 723.

Patron - Cline

[F]SJ180 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, Priority Transportation Fund, and other funds dedicated to transportation by general law. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on July 1, 2006, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. The General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house, and the loan or reduction must be repaid with reasonable interest within three years. The amendment limits the use of general and other non-transportation funds for transportation purposes except for certain debt service payments and, additionally, in an amount not to exceed \$80 million in any fiscal year.

Patron - Howell

[F]SJ307 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); restoration of civil rights. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies who have completed service of their sentence including any period or condition of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. The present Constitution provides for restoration of rights by the Governor. The amendment retains the right of the Governor to restore civil rights and adds the alternative for restoration of rights pursuant to general law.

Patron - Miller

[F]SJ317 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Trust Fund. Provides that the Transportation Trust Fund established in 1986 will be a permanent fund and be funded annually by the General Assembly by appropriations equivalent to the revenues generated by the 1986 package of tax and fee increases or the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, whichever is greater. The amendment limits the use of Trust Fund moneys to highway construction, improvements, administration, and maintenance, and to improve public transportation, railways, seaports, and airports. The General Assembly may borrow from the Fund for other purposes or reduce the level of required appropriations to the Fund only by a three-fifths vote of members in each house, and the loan or reduction must be repaid within four years. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 373.

Patron - Cuccinelli

[F]SJ338 Constitutional amendments (first resolution); balance of executive and legislative branch powers. Proposes several amendments to the Constitution to (i) extend the Governor's term to six years beginning with the Governor elected in 2009, (ii) continue the prohibition on successive

terms, (iii) provide six-year terms for the lieutenant governor and attorney general, (iv) authorize the General Assembly to nullify or suspend administrative regulations, (v) transfer five of the nine appointments on the Board of Education made by the Governor to the legislature, and (vi) permit the General Assembly to extend a session for any period by a two-thirds vote. This resolution reflects recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Balance of Power Between the Legislative and Executive Branches pursuant to HJR 707 (2005) and is identical to HJR 572.

Patron - Devolites Davis

FSJ339 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); legislative sessions. Provides for an organizational session of the General Assembly beginning on the second Wednesday in December or on another day that may be designated in accordance with a joint rule of the General Assembly and lasting no longer than three days. The business of the organizational session would be limited to administrative and procedural matters, the confirmation of gubernatorial and other appointees, and the election of judicial officers. This resolution reflects recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Balance of Power Between the Legislative and Executive Branches pursuant to HJR 707 (2005).

Patron - Devolites Davis

FSJ352 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Virginia Redistricting Commission. Establishes the Virginia Redistricting Commission to redraw Congressional and General Assembly district boundaries after each decennial census. Appointments to the 13-member Commission are to be made in the census year as follows: two each by the President pro tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Delegates, minority leader in each house, and the state chairman of each of the two political parties receiving the most votes in the prior gubernatorial election. The 12 partisan members then select the 13th member by a majority vote, or, if they cannot agree on a selection, they certify the two names receiving the most votes to the Supreme Court, which will name the 13th member. The Commission is directed to certify district plans for the General Assembly within one month of receipt of the new census data or by March 1 of the year following the census, whichever is later, and for the House of Representatives within three months of receipt of the census data or by June 1 of the year following the census, whichever is later. The standards to govern redistricting plans include the current Constitution's standards on population equality, compactness, and contiguity and additional standards to minimize splits of localities and to prohibit consideration of incumbency and political data.

Patron - Deeds

FSJ362 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Authorizes the General Assembly to provide for increases in the property tax exemptions authorized for persons 65 years of age or older based on increases in the age of such persons. This resolution is identical to HJR 771 and was incorporated into SJR 354.

Patron - Quayle

FSJ371 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); assessment of property for tax purposes. Provides that tax assessments made by any county, city, or town of real property used by its owners solely for single family residential purposes may, by ordinance adopted by the local governing body, be reduced on an annual basis in an amount up to the first \$100,000 of assessed value, provided that such property is the primary residence of its owners. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 354.

Patron - Norment

FSJ373 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, and Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Funds moneys to transportation and related purposes. The General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house, and the loan or reduction must be repaid with reasonable interest within three years. The amendment also limits the use of general and other nontransportation funds for transportation purposes except for certain debt service payments and, additionally, in an amount not to exceed \$80 million in any fiscal year. This resolution incorporates SJRs 317 and 376.

Patron - Norment

FSJ376 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, Priority Transportation Fund, and other funds dedicated to transportation by general law. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2007, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 373.

Patron - O'Brien

FSJ386 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); local real estate tax relief. Provides that localities may, by ordinance, exempt, defer, or freeze the real estate taxes of persons 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled regardless of annual income or financial worth. Localities would be directly authorized to pass such ordinances, and the General Assembly would be prohibited from legislating in regard to such matters except that it may define those persons who are permanently and totally disabled. The current real estate tax relief provisions in the Constitution require that the General Assembly pass enabling legislation for local real estate tax relief programs and also require that such programs be limited to persons 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled who bear an extraordinary real estate tax burden in relationship to their income and financial worth. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 354.

Patron - Wagner

FSJ398 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Directs the General Assembly to enact legislation that will permit localities to exempt from property taxes up to 20% of the value of residential or farm property that is designed for continuous habitation as a home and is owner-occupied. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 354.

Patron - Whipple

FSJ425 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property tax assessments. Provides that real property will be assessed at fair market value at the time of purchase plus the fair market value of improvements to the property at the time

of the assessment. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 354.

Patron - Ruff

[F]SJ443 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property exempt from taxation. Directs the General Assembly to enact legislation that will permit localities to provide for a partial exemption from, or deferral of, local real property taxes on a taxpayer's primary residence and up to five acres of land associated with his residence. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 354.

Patron - Hanger

Other Resolutions

Passed

[P]HJ566 National Action Week of the United States Bone and Joint Decade. Designates October 12-20, in 2007 and in each succeeding year through 2011, as National Action Week of the United States Bone and Joint Decade in Virginia in support of the national program.

Patron - Peace

[P]HJ575 Energy Conservation Awareness Week. Designates the first week in October, in 2007 and each succeeding year, as "Energy Conservation Awareness Week" in Virginia in support of the national initiative.

Patron - Cosgrove

[P]HJ587 Internet Safety Month. Designates the month of September, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Internet Safety Month in Virginia.

Patron - Fralin

[P]HJ609 Designate Asian-Indian American Day. Designates January 26, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Asian-Indian American Day in Virginia.

Patron - Albo

[P]HJ615 Capitol Square; Washington Equestrian Monument; report. Directs the Capitol Square Preservation Council, in cooperation with the Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate, to plan a commemoration of the unveiling of the George Washington Equestrian Monument in Capitol Square, the 150th anniversary of which will be February 22, 2008.

Patron - O'Bannon

[P]HJ622 Resolution; Commonwealth Educational Roundtable. Requests the Board of Education to establish and regularly convene a Commonwealth Educational Roundtable to facilitate the implementation and continuation of efforts to improve and sustain quality educational leadership in the Commonwealth's public schools.

Patron - Hamilton

[P]HJ627 Designates the third week in September, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Civics Education Week in Virginia.

Patron - Tata

[P]HJ632 Korean American Day. Designates January 13, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Korean American Day.

Patron - Hugo

[P]HJ647 Nanotechnology Users Network. Requests the Secretary of Technology, in conjunction with the Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Council, to develop recommendations to enable the networking of and access to nanotechnology instrumentation at Commonwealth institutions of higher education, forming a Nanotechnology Users Network.

Patron - Purkey

[P]HJ658 View from James River from Libby Hill Park. Acknowledges the panoramic view of the James River from Libby Hill Park for its historic and critical association with the early development of the City of Richmond and its connection to Richmond-upon-Thames.

Patron - McClellan

[P]HJ659 Jamestown Day. Designates May 13, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Jamestown Day in Virginia.

Patron - Callahan

[P]HJ725 Dale Earnhardt Day. Designates April 29, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Dale Earnhardt Day in Virginia.

Patron - Marshall, D.W.

[P]HJ726 Healthy Virginians/Healthy Students Week. Designates the third week in September, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Healthy Virginians/Healthy Students Week in Virginia.

Patron - Tyler

[P]HJ728 Acknowledging the involuntary servitude of Africans and the exploitation of Native Americans, and calling for reconciliation. Acknowledges with profound regret, on behalf of the Commonwealth, the slavery of Africans and the exploitation of Native Americans, and calls for reconciliation among all Virginians. This resolution is identical to SJR 332.

Patron - McEachin

[P]HJ730 Recognizing Gloucester County's important role in the Yorktown Campaign of 1781.

Patron - Morgan

[P]HJ744 Appreciating and celebrating American values. Expresses the sense of the General Assembly that persons of diverse heritages, cultures, and faiths are welcome in the Commonwealth, and that they are encouraged to exercise their constitutional rights and express their beliefs.

Patron - McEachin

[P]HJ773 Recognizing "Hampton Roads: America's First Region" as the brand for Southeast Virginia.

Patron - Oder

[P]HJ774 Mental health services. Recognizes the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services as the primary state agency responsible for the planning and delivery of mental health services in the Commonwealth. This resolution also states that neither the Department of Social Services nor the Office of Comprehensive Services is the default system for the provision of mental health services.

Patron - Kilgore

[P]HJ775 Lunar New Year; importance to Virginia's Asian and Pacific Americans. Recognizes the importance of the Lunar New Year and all other Asian new year observances to Virginia's Asian and Pacific American communities.

Patron - Ebbin

☐HR56 Designates the third Saturday of June, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as "Juneteenth" Freedom Day in Virginia.

Patron - Ware

☐SJ332 Acknowledging the involuntary servitude of Africans and the exploitation of Native Americans, and calling for reconciliation. Acknowledges with profound regret, on behalf of the Commonwealth, the slavery of Africans and the exploitation of Native Americans, and calls for reconciliation among all Virginians. This resolution is identical to HJR 728.

Patron - Marsh

☐SJ334 Financial Aid Awareness Month. Designates February, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Financial Aid Awareness Month in Virginia.

Patron - Ruff

☐SJ343 Civics Education Week in Virginia. Designating the third week in September, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Civics Education Week in Virginia.

Patron - Reynolds

☐SJ420 Hampton Roads: America's First Region. Recognize "Hampton Roads: America's First Region" as the brand for Southeast Virginia.

Patron - Quayle

☐SJ446 Korean American Day. Designates January 13, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Korean American Day.

Patron - Devolites Davis

☐SJ479 Commemorates the settlement of Jamestown on the occasion of its 400th anniversary.

Patron - Norment

Failed

☐HJ567 Resolution; humane treatment of animals; report. Requests the Department of Education to include standards on animal safety and the humane treatment of animals in future revisions of the Standards of Learning. However, in the event that the Department of Education determines that such a revision of the Standards of Learning is not feasible, the Department shall propose alternative methods of achieving the objective of including instruction on the humane treatment of companion animals to children in the public schools through the character education curriculum.

Patron - Alexander

☐HJ583 Encouraging the Department of Health to seek federal funding and support from the Virginia Congressional Delegation. Encourages the Department of Health to continue to seek federal funding and support from the Virginia Congressional Delegation for the Virginia Cord Blood Bank Initiative. Recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Medical, Ethical, and Scientific Issues Relating to Stem Cell Research Conducted in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

☐HJ595 Disease management of COPD. Encourages the Department of Medical Assistance Services to consider disease management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in an effort to reduce financial and clinical burdens.

Patron - Dance

☐HJ605 Emergency preparedness plans for Virginia Community College System. Requests the Virginia Community College System and the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness to establish a partnership to provide resources for emergency preparedness training.

Patron - Caputo

☐HJ606 I-66 shoulder lanes. Requests VDOT to allow vehicular traffic to use shoulder lanes on I-66 for an additional hour in the morning and an additional hour in the afternoon.

Patron - Caputo

☐HJ616 Memorializes the Virginia Congressional Delegation and the Governor to urge Congress to timely reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to ensure federal funding for FAMIS.

Patron - O'Bannon

☐HJ639 Encouraging the development of guidelines to ensure religious freedom in higher education. Encourages the State Council of Higher Education to establish guidelines to ensure religious freedom at institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Cline

☐HJ657 Department of Medical Assistance Services; managed care. Encourages the Department of Medical Assistance Services to expand the use of managed care to new regions of the state and additional eligibility groups.

Patron - Melvin

☐HJ727 Local school divisions; childhood obesity. Encourages local school divisions to continue efforts to address childhood obesity.

Patron - Tyler

☐HJ757 General Assembly; television coverage of legislative sessions. Expresses the sense of the General Assembly that television coverage of the sessions of the House of Delegates and the Senate should be provided to public and private broadcasting interests for transmission to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Patron - Caputo

☐HR44 Memorialize the Governor of Maryland and the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Urges construction of Interstate Route 95 through the District of Columbia.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

☐HR45 House of Delegates; webcasts and telecasts of proceedings. Directs the House Committee on Rules to adopt procedures for a one-year pilot project that provides for video and audio transmission, through the Internet and public television, of the daily sessions of the House of Delegates.

Patron - Landes

☐HR47 House of Delegates; webcasts of proceedings. Directs the House Committee on Rules to adopt procedures, no later than the first day of the 2008 Regular Session, that provide for Internet broadcasting (webcasts) of the video and audio transmission of the daily sessions of the House of Delegates. This resolution was incorporated into HR 45.

Patron - Englin

☐SJ324 Alson H. Smith Teachers' Day. Designate August 28th, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Alson H. Smith Teachers' Day.

Patron - Potts

[F]SJ333 Commending Native Americans and African Americans on their contributions to the Commonwealth and American life. Commends and recognizes the many achievements and contributions of Native Americans, particularly of Virginia, and African Americans to the Commonwealth, nation, and the world, upon the commencement of the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in Jamestown in 2007. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 332.

Patron - Marsh

[F]SJ349 "65 Percent Solution." Recognizes the problems with and implications of the "65 Percent Solution," a proposal to urge states to amend their laws to require that at least 65% of the operating budget for public schools must be spent on classroom expenses, or to enact legislation that supports this goal. This resolution also expresses opposition to the implementation of the "65 Percent Solution" and cautions that the plan should be carefully considered.

Patron - Miller

[F]SJ374 Resolution; school divisions of the Commonwealth. Encourages the school divisions of the Commonwealth to strengthen their commitment to childhood obesity prevention by increasing opportunities for participation in healthy activities and emphasizing good nutrition in the public schools.

Patron - Whipple

[F]SJ375 Humane Treatment for Companion Animals Education Week. Designates the first full week in February, in 2007 and in each succeeding year, as Humane Treatment for Companion Animals Education Week in Virginia and encourages the Department of Education to advise all public school divisions in Virginia to participate in the week.

Patron - Whipple

[F]SJ383 "65 Percent Solution." Recognizes the problems with and implications of the "65 Percent Solution," a proposal to urge states to amend their laws to require that at least 65% of the operating budget for public schools must be spent on classroom expenses, or to enact legislation that supports this goal. This resolution also expresses opposition to the implementation of the "65 Percent Solution" and cautions that the plan should be carefully considered.

Patron - Miller

[F]SJ384 Department of Medical Assistance Services; managed care. Encourages the Department of Medical Assistance Services to expand the use of managed care to new regions of the state and additional eligibility groups.

Patron - Lambert

[F]SJ387 Memorializing the Congress to oppose implementation of the NAFTA Superhighway System and the creation of a North American Union. Calls on Congress to take such constitutional action as may be necessary to prevent the executive branch of the federal government from unilaterally implementing the NAFTA Superhighway System and the creation of a North American Union.

Patron - Reynolds

[F]SJ394 Energy Conservation Awareness Week. Designates the first week in October, in 2007 and each succeeding year, as "Energy Conservation Awareness Week" in Virginia in support of the national initiative.

Patron - Watkins

[F]SJ416 Memorializes the Virginia Congressional Delegation and the Governor to urge Congress to timely

reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to ensure federal funding for FAMIS.

Patron - Martin

[F]SJ442 Resolution to Congress; Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. A Concurrent Resolution from the Legislature of the State of Virginia to the Congress of the United States of America and to the Congressional Delegation of the State of Virginia. Petitions Congress to withdraw the U. S. from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity that seeks to create a North American Union.

Patron - Lucas

[F]SR47 Encouraging the Commissioners of the State Corporation Commission to attend public hearings on applications for construction of high voltage transmission lines and for increases in toll rates. Encourages the Commissioners of the State Corporation Commission to attend hearings that are conducted to receive public comment on applications for approval to construct overhead electrical transmission lines of at least 150 kilovolts and on applications for increases in toll rates under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988.

Patron - Herring

Miscellaneous (Including Budget and Bonds)

Passed

[P]HB1650 Budget Bill. Appropriates public revenues and provides a portion of such revenues for the two years ending, respectively, on the thirtieth day of June, 2007, and the thirtieth day of June, 2008.

Patron - Callahan

[P]HB1711 Bonds; public institutions of higher learning. Authorizes the issuance of up to \$103,550,000 in 9(c) debt for capital projects at public institutions of higher learning. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Callahan

[P]HB2090 Claims; Walter S. Lingeback. Amends previous legislation providing relief to Walter S. Lingeback. In 1971, Mr. Lingeback purchased real property in Northumberland County pursuant to the treasurer's delinquent tax sale. Under law at the time, Mr. Lingeback would have been eligible after a number of years to make application to obtain clear title; however, a statute that would have permitted him to continue the process to completion was repealed in 1984 pursuant to the recodification of Title 58 of the Code of Virginia because it was deemed "obsolete." The amendment allows Mr. Lingeback to institute a proceeding in the circuit court of Northumberland County to obtain a deed to such property in accordance with the provisions of the former § 58-1027 or former §§ 58-1029 through 58-1117 and extends the sunset provision from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Tata

[P]HB2323 Claims; Anna Malenick Evans. Provides relief in the amount of \$49,892.98 to Anna Malenick Evans for damages that she incurred related to the replacement of a septic system. The system was damaged when Virginia Department of Transportation contractors drove heavy machinery across its drain lines. In addition, Ms. Evans asserts that the Prince William County Health Department failed to timely notify her of

problems with the septic system. The amount of the relief shall be paid from the Onsite Sewage Indemnification Fund.

Patron - Gilbert

[F]HB3144 Award of service pistol and shotgun to Captain Kimberly S. Lettner. Provides for the transfer to Captain Kimberly S. Lettner of the service pistol and shotgun she used while employed with the Department of State Police.

Patron - Wardrup

[F]SB770 Bonds; public institutions of higher learning. Authorizes the issuance of up to \$103,550,000 in 9(c) debt for capital projects at public institutions of higher learning. This bill contains an emergency clause.

Patron - Chichester

[F]SB881 Awards service handgun of Trooper Kevin Carder Manion. Awards the service handgun of Trooper Kevin Carder Manion to his parents, William K. and Frances Carder Manion.

Patron - Deeds

[F]SB1099 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission. Provides that the Virginia member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission will be appointed by the Governor from the Department of Motor Vehicles instead of from the State Corporation Commission.

Patron - Williams

Failed

[F]HB1712 Virginia Public Building Authority; prison construction. Authorizes (i) the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$106,500,000 for the construction of a medium security prison in the Mt. Rogers Planning District, and for state parks; (ii) the Virginia College Building Authority to issue bonds not to exceed \$241,835,488 to fund the costs of numerous capital projects at public institutions of higher education; and (iii) authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion for transportation purposes. The bill dedicates certain insurance premium tax revenue, and \$163 million in surplus funds to pay debt service on the bonds issued by the CTB. The remaining surplus of \$64 million is appropriated to the Transportation Trust Fund.

Patron - Callahan

[F]HB1725 Transportation; bonds for specific project. Authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue bonds in the principal amount of \$550 million to finance the cost of adding an additional lane on both the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate 95 from Dumfries to Massaponax in Spotsylvania County to expand the regular travel lanes (not the HOV lanes).

Patron - Cole

[F]HB1812 Claims; William E. McQueen. Provides relief for William E. McQueen in the amount of \$8,576 to be paid by August 1, 2007. Mr. McQueen was arrested and charged with uttering and obtaining money under false pretenses. He was unable to post bond and therefore was held in custody until trial. A jury unanimously found him not guilty of the charges. The relief sought is to compensate Mr. McQueen for the 16 months that he was held in custody until his acquittal and release.

Patron - Dance

[F]HB2432 Claims; Dylan Scott Stanley. Provides relief for Dylan Scott Stanley in the amount of \$50,000 to be

paid by August 1, 2007, to cover past and future medical expenses. His mother contracted a neurological virus while in the performance of her duties as a paramedic with the Fairfax County Department of Fire and Rescue. Dylan Stanley contracted the disease from his mother.

Patron - Albo

[F]HB2879 Claims; Charles City County. Provides for the payment of \$166,000 to Charles City County to reimburse the county for costs associated with housing state prisoners in the Riverside Regional Jail facility.

Patron - McEachin

[F]HB2889 Claims; Rodney Robinette and Susan Cowden. Provides relief for Rodney Robinette and Susan Cowden in the amount of \$175.00 to be paid by August 1, 2007. Mr. Robinette and Ms. Cowden paid \$175.00 to purchase property at an escheat sale. It was subsequently discovered that the property had improperly escheated to the Commonwealth.

Patron - Phillips

[F]HB3067 Bonds for highway construction and mass transit. Authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2 billion (with no more than \$325 million to be issued in any one fiscal year), with 84.3% of the proceeds to be used for highway construction in each highway construction district on a pro rata basis according to population, and the remaining proceeds to be used for mass transit purposes. This bill was incorporated into HB 3202.

Patron - Callahan

[F]SB750 Budget Bill. Appropriates public revenues and provides a portion of such revenues for the two years ending, respectively, on the thirtieth day of June 2007 and the thirtieth day of June 2008.

Patron - Chichester

[F]SB857 Commonwealth Transportation Board; bonds for Route 58 Corridor. Authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue bonds in an additional amount not to exceed \$196 million to fund certain specified transportation projects in the Route 58 Corridor.

Patron - Reynolds

Study Resolutions

Passed

[P]HJ584 Continuing the Joint Subcommittee to Study Medical, Ethical, and Scientific Issues Relating to Stem Cell Research Conducted in the Commonwealth; report. Continues the study for another year for the purpose of monitoring the progress of the Virginia Cord Blood Bank Initiative and reviewing new and emerging issues in stem cell research.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[P]HJ603 Personal rapid transit; report. Requests the Secretary of Transportation to study, over two years, the benefits, costs, and overall viability of personal rapid transit as a public transportation option for Virginia.

Patron - Oder

[P]HJ611 Business, law, and policy graduate programs in state institutions of higher education; report.

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study science and technology education in business, law, and policy graduate programs in state institutions of higher education.

Patron - Purkey

☐HJ637 Childhood obesity; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study childhood obesity in Virginia's public schools. The joint subcommittee shall ascertain methods of combating childhood obesity in Virginia public schools and examine the relationship between the health and physical education curriculum; public health policies; social, economic, and cultural influences; media messages; and the incidence of overweight and obese students in the public schools. This joint subcommittee shall also examine methods to increase parental involvement and education to ensure proper nutrition of children, and survey other states to determine practices that have been useful in combating childhood obesity.

Patron - O'Bannon

☐HJ642 Virginia's competitiveness in attracting and retaining faculty for public institutions of higher education; report. Requests the State Council of Higher Education to conduct as a follow up to the development of its new strategic plan, an assessment of Virginia's competitiveness in attracting and retaining faculty at Virginia's public institutions of higher education.

Patron - Nutter

☐HJ650 Crab traps; report. Requests the Center for Coastal Resources Management at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to continue its study of abandoned and discarded crab traps.

Patron - Lingamfelter

☐HJ652 Continuing the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Commonwealth's Program for Prisoner Reentry to Society for the purpose of receiving the recommendations and report of the Virginia Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy; report. Continues the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Commonwealth's Program for Prisoner Reentry to Society for the purpose of receiving the recommendations and report of the Virginia Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) process its proposals for discussion to offer appropriate recommendations therefrom; (ii) monitor the work of the Virginia Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy and its pilot programs; (iii) receive the report and recommendations of the Academy regarding the results of the pilot programs; and (iv) synthesize the joint subcommittee's proposals and the Academy's recommendations and recommend such feasible and appropriate alternatives that may reasonably facilitate the successful reintegration of prisoners in their communities. In addition, the joint subcommittee shall (i) evaluate the existing education program for prisoners in Virginia, including the advantages and benefits of the program for prisoners, their families, and the community, and its effect on recidivism; (ii) identify program needs, including ways to accommodate more inmates, and recommend solutions; (iii) review prisoner education programs in other states; (iv) consider financial aid alternatives to assist inmates in accessing college, and ways to fund college education programs for prisoners in the Commonwealth; (v) examine the relationship between poor educational opportunities, delinquency, unidentified learning disabilities, and crime; and (vi) determine the number of inmates with learning disabilities, and the average reading level of inmates in state and local adult and juvenile correctional institutions. This resolution is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Commonwealth's Program for Prisoner Reentry to Society, and is identical to SJR 327.

Patron - Welch

☐HJ683 Cost of substance abuse to the Commonwealth; report. Directs JLARC to study the cost of substance abuse to the Commonwealth to determine the financial savings available to the Commonwealth as a result of providing treatment to offenders diverted from incarceration.

Patron - Landes

☐HJ686 Green power program; report. Directs the Commission on Electric Utility Restructuring to include in its deliberations an evaluation of the efficacy of a voluntary program to encourage the production of electricity from renewable resources.

Patron - Plum

☐HJ688 Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) to study the development and utilization of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport. In conducting its study, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science shall (i) identify any federal or state regulatory impediments, including taxation, to the development of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; (ii) identify threats to the spaceport's viability, such as encroachment, zoning, mineral exploration and exploitation, and noncompatible uses of the spaceport; (iii) identify potential economic development opportunities and marketing strategies to attract launch companies to Virginia; (iv) identify potential state legal barriers to human spaceflight, including liability and assumption of risk issues; (v) identify specific areas where the Commonwealth needs to invest in infrastructure and marketing to enable the achievement of the spaceport's full potential; and (vi) develop a long-term strategic plan to make the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport the premiere commercial hub for space travel in the United States. In its deliberations, the Commission shall provide for the contributions and participation of representatives of the aerospace, suborbital, or orbital launch industries, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the Secretary of Technology, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Secretary of Finance, Executive Director of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, and Executive Director of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership or their designees. These persons shall contribute to and participate in the study in the manner deemed appropriate by the Commission in the furtherance of its work. This resolution incorporates HJR 621 and HJR 695.

Patron - Plum

☐HJ692 Continues the Joint Subcommittee Studying Long-Term Funding for the Purchase of Development Rights to Preserve Open-Space and Farmlands; report. Continues for an additional year the Joint Subcommittee Studying Long-Term Funding Sources for the Purchase of Development Rights to Preserve Open-Space Land and Farmlands. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall review recent funding for the preservation of open-space and other conservation land; the future needs of the Commonwealth for open-space and other conservation land, including but not limited to: working farms and forests, wildlife habitat and gamelands, natural areas, parks, and historic resources; the mix of programs best suited to meet such needs, including but not limited to Purchase of Development Rights programs; the cost of such needs; and long-term funding to pay the costs. In addition, the joint subcommittee shall develop a plan for the sharing of the costs of land preservation among the Commonwealth and its local governments. Further, the joint subcommittee shall identify strategies for increasing land preservation, water supply protection and the availability of large parks to serve Northern Virginia. This resolution incorporates HJR 576 and is identical to SJR 401.

Patron - Cline

☐HJ694 The impacts of biosolids; report. Requests the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a panel of experts to study the impact of land application of biosolids (sewage sludge) on human health and the environment.

Patron - Byron

☐HJ696 Virginia Housing Commission; overcrowding of residential dwelling units and its impact on neighborhoods and localities; report. Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study the impacts of and solutions for residential overcrowding.

Patron - Miller, J.H.

☐HJ701 Study; health care provider liability; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of offering liability protections to health care providers rendering aid during a state or local emergency. The joint subcommittee shall examine the estimated benefits to the citizens of the Commonwealth of enhanced liability protections for health care providers during emergencies as well as determine how many other states provide these kinds of liability protections. This resolution is identical to SJR 390.

Patron - Hamilton

☐HJ709 State park along South Mayo and North Mayo Rivers; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing a state park along the South Mayo and North Mayo Rivers in Henry County and designating those rivers as scenic under the Scenic Rivers Act.

Patron - Hurt

☐HJ729 Virginia Preschool Initiative; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the Virginia Preschool Initiative. In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall (i) review the statutory authorization for the Virginia Preschool Initiative and funding therefor; (ii) determine the costs of the program to the state and localities since its inception; (iii) assess the manner in which the program has been implemented in the several school divisions and the effectiveness of the current program in preparing at-risk four-year-olds for school readiness and success; (iv) evaluate the continued K-12 academic performance of students who participated in the current preschool program; (v) identify and assess the program's accountability measures to promote effective programs and efficient use of public funds; (vi) study the concept of the Universal Preschool or Pre-K, including which other states have adopted these programs and their success, if any; (vii) evaluate the additional costs, if any, of aligning components of the Virginia Preschool Initiative with the Quality Standards checklist recommended by the National Institute for Early Education Research; (viii) determine whether research has been conducted concerning the efficacy of preschool programs for children of middle- and upper-income parents and report the findings and recommendations; and (ix) consider such other related matters as the Commission deems appropriate to meet the objectives of this study. The Commission must submit its executive summary and report to the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Cox

☐HJ743 Tax incentives for fire and rescue squad volunteers; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to examine incentives used for fire and rescue squad volunteers to recruit and retain qualified individuals.

Patron - Rust

☐SJ327 Continuing the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Commonwealth's Program for Prisoner Reentry to Society; report. Continues the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Commonwealth's Program for Prisoner Reentry to Society. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) process its proposals for discussion to offer appropriate recommendations therefrom; (ii) monitor the work of the Virginia Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy and its pilot programs; (iii) receive the report and recommendations of the Academy regarding the results of the pilot programs; and (iv) synthesize the joint subcommittee's proposals and the Academy's recommendations and recommend such feasible and appropriate alternatives that may reasonably facilitate the successful reintegration of prisoners in their communities. In addition, the joint subcommittee shall (i) evaluate the existing education program for prisoners in Virginia; (ii) identify program needs; (iii) review prisoner education programs in other states; (iv) consider financial aid alternatives to assist inmates in accessing college; (v) examine the relationship between poor educational opportunities, delinquency, unidentified learning disabilities and crime; and (vi) determine the number of inmates with learning disabilities and the average reading level of inmates. The joint subcommittee is limited to four meetings during the 2007 Interim. This resolution incorporates SJR 363 and is identical to HJR 652.

Patron - Puller

☐SJ329 High school dropout and graduation rates; report. Requests the Board of Education to study high school dropout and graduation rates in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the Board of Education shall (i) evaluate the relevancy of the current process and procedures for defining, counting, and reporting school dropout statistics and consider the need for revisions in such process and procedures and compliance by school divisions; (ii) determine the number of students who dropped out of school before the seventh grade and the reasons therefor and the number of students who graduated annually, for school years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006; (iii) ascertain whether, by whom, and the manner in which students at risk of dropping out are counseled to remain in school; (iv) identify local school division initiatives and efforts to retain and retrieve students at risk of dropping out, particularly student populations with low high school graduation rates; and (v) recommend such policy, statutory, fiscal, or regulatory changes as the Board may deem necessary to increase the high school graduation rates, particularly among student populations with high dropout rates. The Board must submit its executive summary and report to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Locke

☐SJ347 Farm-to-School Task Force; report. Requests the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and the Secretary of Education to establish a farm-to-school task force to develop a plan for implementing a Farm-to-School Program in Virginia.

Patron - Potts

☐SJ361 Study; waste minimization; report. Requests the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study waste minimization, reuse, and recycling. JLARC will evaluate the success of programs in Virginia and other states, and recommend a plan to achieve long-term waste minimization. This is a two-year study.

Patron - Ticer

☐SJ366 Virginia Housing Commission; state incentives for targeted affordable housing development and regional planning initiatives; report. Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study state incentives for (i) develop-

ments that locate affordable housing near identified employment centers, high-density districts, and transit areas including acknowledgement of the impact of commuting on affordable housing, and (ii) local jurisdictions that participate in regional planning efforts for projected job growth impact analysis that includes all income ranges and housing types.

Patron - Whipple

[S]SJ372 Health insurance experience pool for educators and local government employees; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of a state-wide health insurance experience pool for educators and local government employees, including state and local early retirees not eligible for Medicare. The joint subcommittee must submit its findings and recommendations to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly. This resolution incorporates SJR 308.

Patron - Norment

[S]SJ377 Financial incentives in other states to support adoption; report. Requests the Department of Taxation to examine current financial incentives in other states to support adoption. The Commonwealth currently does not offer any tax assistance to promote adoption. Cites prior studies that reveal the pressing need to find homes for children, but conclude that financial costs are a barrier to adoption.

Patron - O'Brien

[S]SJ378 Revision of driver training program curricula; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study revision of the curriculum for driver training programs.

Patron - O'Brien

[S]SJ380 Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to study the enhanced development of cargo, space exploration, and space tourism at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport. In conducting its study, JCOTS shall (i) identify any federal or state regulatory impediments, including taxation, to the development of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; (ii) identify threats to the spaceport's viability, such as encroachment, zoning, mineral exploration and exploitation, and noncompatible uses of the spaceport; (iii) identify potential economic development opportunities and marketing strategies to attract launch companies to Virginia; (iv) identify potential state legal barriers to human spaceflight, including liability and assumption of risk issues; (v) identify specific areas where the Commonwealth needs to invest in infrastructure and marketing in order to enable the achievement of the spaceport's full potential; and (vi) develop a long-term strategic plan to make the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport the premiere commercial hub for space travel in the United States.

Patron - Rerras

[S]SJ385 Fuel efficiency and transportation funding; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to study long-term funding solutions for transportation that do not depend on the motor vehicle fuels tax. The development of alternative fuels and fuel-efficient vehicles has many benefits for the Commonwealth, but will inversely affect the revenue generated by the motor vehicles fuels tax due to decreased consumption. The joint subcommittee would also be directed to study ways to encourage and promote the use of alternative-fuels and fuel-efficient vehicles.

Patron - Wagner

[S]SJ390 Health care provider liability; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of offering liability protections to health care providers rendering aid during a state or local emergency. The joint subcommittee shall examine the estimated benefits to the citizens of the Common-

wealth of enhanced liability protections for health care providers during emergencies as well as determine how many other states provide these kinds of liability protections. This resolution is identical to HJR 701.

Patron - Newman

[S]SJ395 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; substance abuse issues that impact state and local fiscal expenditures; report. Directs JLARC to study the impact of issues related to substance abuse on state and local fiscal expenditures. In conducting its study, the Commission shall examine existing programs, the need for new programs, and funding initiatives that could potentially save significant sums of money focusing on prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

Patron - Hanger

[S]SJ401 Continues the Joint Subcommittee Studying Long-Term Funding for the Purchase of Development Rights to Preserve Open-Space and Farmlands; report. Continues for an additional year the Joint Subcommittee Studying Long-Term Funding Sources for the Purchase of Development Rights to Preserve Open-Space Land and Farmlands. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall review recent funding for the preservation of open-space and other conservation land; the future needs of the Commonwealth for open-space and other conservation land, including but not limited to: working farms and forests, wildlife habitat and gamelands, natural areas, parks, and historic resources; the mix of programs best suited to meet such needs, including but not limited to Purchase of Development Rights programs; the cost of such needs; and long-term funding to pay the costs. In addition, the joint subcommittee shall develop a plan for the sharing of the costs of land preservation among the Commonwealth and its local governments. Further, the joint subcommittee shall identify strategies for increasing land preservation, water supply protection and the availability of large parks to serve Northern Virginia. This resolution incorporates SJR 396 and is identical to HJR 692.

Patron - Hanger

[S]SJ418 Redistricting the judicial circuits; report. Establishes a joint committee of the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice and the House Committee for Courts of Justice to study redistricting the judicial circuits.

Patron - McDougle

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[F]HJ576 Continues the Joint Subcommittee Studying Long-Term Funding for the Purchase of Development Rights to Preserve Open-Space and Farmlands; report. Continues for an additional year the Joint Subcommittee Studying Long-Term Funding Sources for the Purchase of Development Rights to Preserve Open-Space Land and Farmlands. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 692.

Patron - Lewis

[F]HJ582 Effects of no-fault divorce; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the effect of no-fault divorce on the formation, duration, and dissolution of marriage in the Commonwealth with particular attention paid to the effect of no-fault divorce on marriage and divorce rates.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]HJ589 Light rail transportation along the Washington and Old Dominion Rail Trail; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to study for one year the feasibility and desir-

ability of constructing light rail transportation along the existing Washington and Old Dominion Rail Trail.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]HJ591 Costs of development; report. Establishes a joint committee of the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, House Committee on Transportation, Senate Committee on Local Government, and Senate Committee on Transportation to study the identifiable costs of new residential and commercial development in Virginia.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]HJ594 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; report. Requesting the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to study the feasibility of establishing an online public institution of higher education.

Patron - Poisson

[F]HJ597 Sales tax nexus; report. Creates a joint subcommittee composed of eight members of the General Assembly to study sales tax nexus. The joint subcommittee will evaluate: (i) the current law for the establishment of nexus for sales and use tax purposes, (ii) the requirements for creating sufficient nexus for tax purposes, (iii) the pros and cons nexus creates in the area of taxation, and (iv) whether the application of the nexus law in relation to separate corporate subsidiaries should be changed.

Patron - Peace

[F]HJ602 Unfunded state mandates; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to undertake a comprehensive examination of the impact of unfunded state mandates on localities, the scope and cost of presently unfunded mandates, and any possible means to lessen or limit the impact of both unfunded and underfunded mandates.

Patron - Saxman

[F]HJ607 Funding for transportation programs; report. Creates a 10-member joint subcommittee to study financing for state highway, passenger rail, and mass transit programs.

Patron - Caputo

[F]HJ608 Directing the General Assembly to study the costs of development; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the identifiable costs of new residential and commercial development in Virginia and the manner in which those costs are currently borne or would likely be borne.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]HJ612 Small business acting collectively to obtain health insurance; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study whether state laws and regulations impede the ability of small businesses to act collectively in procuring health insurance. The study shall propose recommendations for legislation to eliminate any barriers created by state laws and regulations found to be so impeding small businesses.

Patron - Purkey

[F]HJ613 Commonwealth's uninsured population; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the Commonwealth's uninsured population. The study is to address the number of uninsured Virginians, the reasons they do not have health insurance, the duration of periods of being without insurance, their eligibility for health insurance coverage or government health care programs, the health services they utilize, and the effect that the provision of these health services has on private health insurance premiums and government spending.

Patron - Purkey

[F]HJ621 Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the development and utilization of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) identify any federal or state regulatory impediments, including taxation, to the development of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; (ii) identify potential economic development opportunities and marketing strategies to attract launch companies to Virginia; (iii) identify potential state legal barriers to human spaceflight, including liability and assumption of risk issues; and (iv) develop a long-term strategic plan to make the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport the premiere commercial hub for space travel in the United States. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 688.

Patron - Kilgore

[F]HJ623 Highway classification system; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the desirability, feasibility, and consequences of replacing administrative classification of highways with a functional classification system.

Patron - McQuigg

[F]HJ625 Institution of higher education in the City of Virginia Beach; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of establishing a four-year degree-granting institution of higher education in the City of Virginia Beach.

Patron - Tata

[F]HJ630 System for charging user fees; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of creating and implementing an equitable system for charging highway user fees.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]HJ631 Pay parity for licensed practical nurses and nursing aides; report. Requests the Board of Nursing to (i) study pay rates for LPNs, nursing aides, and other nursing staff in other states; (ii) analyze pay scales for LPNs, nursing aides, and other nursing staff in Virginia; (iii) identify factors affecting pay rates in Virginia; and (iv) identify steps that can be taken to ensure that Virginia's rates are competitive with rates throughout the nation, making Virginia an attractive environment to LPNs and nursing aides seeking to establish careers.

Patron - Carrico

[F]HJ634 Virginia Retirement System benefits; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to evaluate all benefit programs administered by the Virginia Retirement System, including, but not limited to service and disability retirement, pension death benefits, life insurance, deferred compensation, short and long-term disability benefits, long-term care insurance, health insurance credits, law-enforcement benefits, and defined contribution plans.

Patron - Tata

[F]HJ635 Joint Commission on Health Care; stroke prevention and care; report. Directing the Joint Commission on Health Care to study stroke prevention and care across the Commonwealth. Describes stroke as a leading cause of death in Virginia. In addition, strokes create large numbers of patients with long-term disabilities that incur high medical costs. Recognizes national recommendations for coordinated systems of care to improve stroke prevention and treatment.

Patron - O'Bannon

[F]HJ636 Joint Commission on Health Care; housing opportunities for persons with mental illness; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study ways to improve housing opportunities for persons with mental illness.

Describes the rising costs and challenge of finding housing for consumers with mental illness, which may undermine their treatment.

Patron - O'Bannon

FHJ640 Fiscal autonomy for elected school boards; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study implications of granting fiscal autonomy to elected school boards in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall (i) examine state constitutional and statutory issues regarding school board supervisory authority, (ii) study the respective roles of local school boards and the relevant local governing body in delivering and funding public education, (iii) examine fiscal authority models in other states and (iv) consider such other issues as it deems appropriate. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission must submit an executive summary of its findings and recommendations to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Amundson

FHJ641 Accessibility to vision care services and products by Virginia consumers; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the impact of current law impeding accessibility to vision care services and products by Virginia consumers. In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission is to (i) review the independent studies reported by and conducted by the Federal Trade Commission and (ii) review complaints relating to quality issues against all optometrists in selected states that do not have commercial and mercantile location prohibitions similar to those in Virginia.

Patron - Putney

FHJ643 Severe shortage of medical doctors; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study how Virginia should address the existing and upcoming shortage of medical doctors. Recognizes the possibility of a dire shortage of medical doctors in the United States by 2020 and the lengthy training required to prepare doctors for practice. To find solutions, the joint subcommittee shall consider geographic regions, practice specialties, medical school admissions and costs, malpractice issues, the nursing shortage, and COPN regulation.

Patron - Purkey

FHJ644 Indigent health care in the Commonwealth; report. Directs JLARC to (i) determine the volume of indigent health care provided by private, specialty, and not-for-profit hospitals in the Commonwealth; (ii) determine the financial cost of indigent health care to private, specialty, and not-for-profit hospitals in the Commonwealth; and (iii) identify and analyze potential tax and other incentives that may be offered to private and specialty hospitals and other health care providers to encourage the provision of care to indigent individuals.

Patron - Purkey

FHJ645 Market-based, consumer-driven health insurance reforms; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to develop a market-based, consumer-driven health insurance model for the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) examine the costs to Virginia's taxpayers of the expense of unreimbursed health care provided by hospitals and other providers to the uninsured and (ii) develop recommendations for legislation to implement the joint subcommittee's recommendations.

Patron - Purkey

FHJ646 K-12 education outreach collaboration; report. Requests the Department of Education to collaborate with university, industry, and local school board stakeholders

engaged in K-12 education outreach to identify best practices, pursue collaborative activities, and define a set of actions that will facilitate student participation and workforce development in math and science fields.

Patron - Purkey

FHJ648 Expedited processing of absentee ballots; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study expedited processing of absentee votes before election day. Created for one year to benefit the large anticipated voter participation in 2008, the 11-member joint subcommittee will examine: (i) the practices of other states that allow expedited processing of absentee ballots before election day; (ii) the experience in other states that accept absentee ballots without signature verification or electronically; (iii) the advantages and disadvantages of expediting procedures; and (iv) whether Virginia should authorize local election officials to expedite processing of absentee ballots before election day.

Patron - Watts

FHJ649 Increased use of electronic personal health records; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study the increased use of electronic health information technology and electronic personal health records, including the current rate of use of health information technology and electronic personal health records in the Commonwealth, factors impeding the increased use of health information technology and electronic personal health records in the Commonwealth, and steps that could be taken to expand the use of health information technology and electronic personal health records in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Watts

FHJ651 Board of Education; report. Requests the Board of Education, in cooperation with the Prince William County School Division, to determine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of utilizing alternative low-cost technologies to administer the Standards of Learning assessments.

Patron - Lingamfelter

FHJ653 Health insurance public subsidy; report. Requests the Department of Medical Assistance Services to study the effects of modifications to the health insurance public subsidy program. In conducting its study, the Department shall examine the potential for program expansion with consumer protection mechanisms and the impact of switching from mandatory to voluntary enrollment and shall accept input from stakeholders throughout the process.

Patron - Nutter

FHJ654 Fairfax County form of government; report. Requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with members of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia who currently represent districts within Fairfax County, to study the efficiency and effectiveness of the County's form of government.

Patron - Albo

FHJ681 Climate change; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the risks and opportunities created in the Commonwealth as a result of the changing climate. Specifically, the joint subcommittee will report on steps the public sector can take to minimize harmful impacts on the environment, such as green building practices and forest preservation; identify business opportunities for Virginia industry arising in various economic sectors that benefit from the efforts to mitigate the harm from climate change, such as alternative fuel technology and feedstocks; review the costs and benefits of possible regulatory schemes, such as market-based and command control initiatives; and suggest ways that the Common-

wealth can act now to reduce the future cost of such regulation and explore the value of participating in a nonnational regulatory scheme.

Patron - Ebbin

FHJ682 Human trafficking; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the extent of the problem of human trafficking in the Commonwealth. The joint subcommittee must also determine whether further efforts are needed to prevent and punish the crimes associated with human trafficking, and whether Virginia's endeavors are in concert with those of the federal government. The joint subcommittee must submit its executive summary and report to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Ebbin

FHJ687 eCycling; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to study the collection, recycling, and disposal of electronic waste (eCycling). In conducting its study, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science shall (i) recommend limitations on electronic waste in state landfills; (ii) research state and regional eCycling programs across the country; and (iii) make recommendations relating to a statewide or regional eCycling program that will provide all citizens of the Commonwealth with an opportunity to recycle or properly dispose of electronic waste.

Patron - Plum

FHJ689 Fort Monroe; report. Requests the Virginia Congressional Delegation to direct the National Park Service to study the feasibility of creating a Fort Monroe National Park.

Patron - Gear

FHJ690 Fort Monroe; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to study the future of Fort Monroe.

Patron - Gear

FHJ691 Urban Partnership Agreement; report. Establishes an 11-member joint subcommittee to study an Urban Partnership Agreement between the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, the Cities of Fairfax and Alexandria, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and the United States Department of Transportation.

Patron - Frederick

FHJ693 Legislative efficiency; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the operations of each house and all agencies in the legislative branch to develop recommendations for improving efficiency. JLARC is required to report to the General Assembly by the first day of the 2008 regular session. The resolution authorizes JLARC to contract for services to perform the review and report through a competitive procurement process complying with the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

Patron - Shannon

FHJ695 Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the enhanced development of cargo, space exploration, and space tourism at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) identify any federal or state regulatory impediments, including taxation, to the development of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; (ii) identify threats to the spaceport's viability, such as encroachment, zoning, mineral exploration and exploitation, and noncompatible uses of the spaceport; (iii) identify potential economic development opportunities and marketing strategies to attract launch compa-

nies to Virginia; (iv) identify potential state legal barriers to human spaceflight, including liability and assumption of risk issues; (v) identify specific areas where the Commonwealth needs to invest in infrastructure and marketing in order to enable the achievement of the spaceport's full potential; and (vi) develop a long-term strategic plan to make the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport the premiere commercial hub for space travel in the United States. This resolution was incorporated into HJR 688.

Patron - Lewis

FHJ697 Insurance for family day homes. Requests the Bureau of Insurance of the State Corporation Commission to study the availability of liability insurance for operators of family day homes.

Patron - Bell

FHJ698 Public health effects of trona; report. Requests the Department of Health to study the public health effects of using trona to mitigate emissions in power plants.

Patron - Englin

FHJ699 Accuracy of discard dates on prescription drugs; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study discard dates on prescription drugs and evaluate the feasibility of extending such discard dates.

Patron - Scott, J.M.

FHJ700 Virginia's interdiction laws and the effects of substituting the term "chronic alcoholic" for the term "habitual drunkard"; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study (i) the system of interdiction currently in place, (ii) potential changes to the system that may increase effectiveness including substituting the term "chronic alcoholic" for "habitual drunkard," (iii) the need for specialized training of law-enforcement and court personnel to provide interdiction services, and (iv) funding, sources of funding, and legislation required to implement the revised system.

Patron - Hall

FHJ702 Open education content resources; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the appropriateness and efficacy of open education content resources for public schools in Virginia. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) examine the costs of textbooks to public schools and institutions of higher education; (ii) assess the overall affordability of education for Virginia students; (iii) examine the rapid rise in textbook prices for institutions of education and associated cost increases due to bundling textbooks with redundant supplemental materials; (iv) evaluate the feasibility of using creative commons and public domain texts, and of developing digital supplemental materials; (v) review textbook adoption timelines and procedures for public schools and the procedures used at institutions of higher education; (vi) recommend ways of maintaining the professional and curricular integrity of school divisions while containing the costs of education; and (vii) consider such other related issues as the joint subcommittee deems appropriate. The joint subcommittee must submit its executive summary and report to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Peace

FHJ703 Redistricting process; report. Creates a joint subcommittee to (i) evaluate the present Virginia redistricting process and its impact on competitive elections and district criteria, (ii) review alternative redistricting processes used in other states, (iii) examine the impact of federal legislation such as the Voting Rights Act, (iv) consider both constitutional and

statutory changes in the process, and (v) study the criteria that should be followed in developing redistricting plans.

Patron - Peace

[F]HJ704 Prepaid long-term care policy; report.

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the creation of a prepaid long-term care program for citizens of the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall examine the Virginia College Savings Plan as a model and determine whether a similar program to help Virginia's citizens save for their long-term health care is feasible.

Patron - Amundson

[F]HJ705 Affordable housing for the work force; report.

Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study the availability of affordable housing for the work force and the types of initiatives and incentives used in other states to provide such housing. It is a one-year study.

Patron - Amundson

[F]HJ706 High school dropout and graduation rates; report.

Requests the Board of Education to study high school dropout and graduation rates in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the Board of Education shall (i) evaluate the relevancy of the current process and procedures for defining, counting, and reporting school dropout statistics and consider the need for revisions in such process and procedures and compliance by school divisions; (ii) determine the number of students who dropped out of school before the seventh grade and the reasons therefor, and the number of students who graduated annually, for school years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006; (iii) ascertain whether, by whom, and the manner in which students at risk of dropping out are counseled to remain in school; (iv) identify local school division initiatives and efforts to retain and retrieve students at risk of dropping out, particularly student populations with low high school graduation rates; and (v) recommend such policy, statutory, fiscal, or regulatory changes as the Board may deem necessary to increase the high school graduation rates, particularly among student populations with high dropout rates. The Board must submit its executive summary and report to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Hall

[F]HJ707 Establishment of protocols for law-enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; report.

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study and make recommendations concerning uniform protocols and practices to be followed in honoring a law-enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.

Patron - Hurt

[F]HJ708 Eminent domain; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the current state of the law on the exercise of eminent domain and how that law is applied in the Commonwealth. The study should address whether the exercise of eminent domain is or may be subject to abuse and, if so, what amendments or changes should be made to correct the abuses.

Patron - Hall

[F]HJ710 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; financial oversight for adult group homes in the Commonwealth; report.

Notes the vulnerable status of elderly and disabled adults in group homes that may be subject to financial fraud. Requests that JLARC examine and propose standards for financial review of the operation of group homes for less than four adults and review the disbursement of their federal public benefits.

Patron - Hogan

[F]HJ711 Virginia Housing Commission; employer-assisted housing programs; report. Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study (i) current initiatives in other states and communities that establish employer-assisted housing programs, and (ii) incentives used by other states and communities to encourage employers to provide workforce housing for their employees, including but not limited to the use of tax credits and other tax-based incentives.

Patron - Hugo

[F]HJ712 Privatization of driver education programs in the public schools; report.

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the desirability and feasibility of privatizing driver education programs in the public schools. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) examine the benefits and costs of privatizing driver education programs in Virginia; (ii) review the history and legal authority for driver education programs and the interaction of public policies governing public education and motor vehicles; (iii) consider the transition process necessary to move from state-operated to private-operated driver education programs, including, but not limited to, the transfer of teachers and students, and the disposition of facilities and educational materials; (iv) assess the need for statutory, regulatory, fiscal, and policy changes regarding driver education programs and instruction; (v) determine the appropriateness of establishing a regulatory board to govern private driver training schools; and (vi) consider such other related matters as the joint subcommittee may deem appropriate. The joint subcommittee shall submit its executive summary and report to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Hugo

[F]HJ713 Department of Medical Assistance Services; cost of insulin and human growth hormone to the Commonwealth's Medicaid program; report.

Requests the Department of Medical Assistance Services to confer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on the implementation of certain guidelines relating to costs of insulin and human growth hormones for the Commonwealth's Medicaid program. This resolution is identical to SJR 397.

Patron - O'Bannon

[F]HJ776 Impact of undocumented immigrants; report.

Creates a joint subcommittee to study the impact of undocumented immigrants residing in Virginia on the state's economy and government services and resources. This resolution was incorporated into HB 1673.

Patron - Saxman

[F]HR43 Effects of no-fault divorce; report. Requests that the House Committee on Courts of Justice study the effect of no-fault divorce on the formation, duration, and dissolution of marriage in the Commonwealth with particular attention paid to the effect of no-fault divorce on marriage and divorce rates.

Patron - Marshall, R.G.

[F]SJ308 Health insurance costs of state and local early retirees; report.

Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the health insurance costs of state and local early retirees. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 372.

Patron - Miller

[F]SJ325 Electoral College vote allocation method; report.

Creates a joint subcommittee to (i) evaluate Virginia's method of allocating its votes in the Electoral College, (ii) review alternative methods and reforms that have been proposed to address concerns that the current method violates Equal Protection and the Voting Rights Act, (iii) examine the

impact of proposed federal legislation, and (iv) consider both constitutional and statutory changes in the process.

Patron - Miller

[FSJ326 Fair tax; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the viability of a fair tax on the consumption of goods and services as an alternative tax system. During its two-year study, the joint subcommittee will (i) explore the revenue that could be generated from a fair tax on the consumption of goods and services, (ii) determine the amount of revenue that is currently generated from state and local general fund taxes, (iii) estimate the rate of a fair tax that would need to be imposed on the consumption of goods and services to generate approximately the same amount of revenue that is currently generated from state and local general fund taxes, (iv) study other issues relating to the adoption of a fair tax including the distribution of revenues, and (v) determine the viability of a fair tax on the consumption of goods and services as a replacement for current state and local general fund taxes.

Patron - Bell

[FSJ335 Lottery profits; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the distribution of net lottery profits, including the current distribution formula to determine if it can be improved.

Patron - Ruff

[FSJ348 Costs of education versus incarceration; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the cost of a K-12 education compared to the cost of incarceration over 5, 10, 15, and 20 years.

Patron - Miller

[FSJ358 Northern Virginia; report. Requests the Department of Conservation and Recreation and a task force to develop a plan to obtain undeveloped land in Northern Virginia for parks and the protection of potable water resources.

Patron - Ticer

[FSJ363 Increasing the accessibility of education programs and higher education opportunities to incarcerated persons; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study increasing the accessibility of education programs and higher education opportunities to incarcerated persons. In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall (i) evaluate the existing education program for prisoners in Virginia, including the advantages and benefits of the program for prisoners, their families, and the community, and its effect on recidivism; (ii) identify program needs, including ways to accommodate more inmates, and recommend solutions; (iii) review prisoner education programs in other states; (iv) consider financial aid alternatives to assist inmates in accessing college, and ways to fund college education programs for prisoners in the Commonwealth; (v) examine the relationship between poor educational opportunities, delinquency, unidentified learning disabilities, and crime; (vi) determine the number of inmates with learning disabilities, and the average reading level of inmates in state and local adult and juvenile correctional institutions; and (vii) consider such other related matters as the joint subcommittee may deem necessary and appropriate to satisfy the objectives of this study. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 327.

Patron - Quayle

[FSJ364 Fiscal autonomy for elected school boards; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study implications of granting fiscal autonomy to elected school boards in the Commonwealth. In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall (i) examine state constitutional and statutory issues

regarding school board supervisory authority, (ii) study the respective roles of local school boards and the relevant local governing body in delivering and funding public education, (iii) examine fiscal authority models in other states; and (iv) consider such other issues as it deems appropriate. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission must submit an executive summary of its findings and recommendations to the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

Patron - Blevins

[FSJ365 Virginia Housing Commission; feasibility of granting additional authority to local government to develop innovative housing policies and programs; report. Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study the feasibility of increasing the statutory options and tools that are available to localities to develop more innovative housing policies.

Patron - Whipple

[FSJ381 Reasons women obtain abortions; report. Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to study reasons women obtain abortions.

Patron - Puckett

[FSJ382 Efficiency of summons form; report. Directs the Crime Commission to study whether the current version of the summons form published by the Supreme Court of Virginia could be amended in such a way as to be more efficient. Currently, a separate summons form must be filled out for each crime even if a single accused is charged with multiple crimes.

Patron - Obenshain

[FSJ388 Health insurance public subsidy; report. Requests the Department of Medical Assistance Services to study the effects of modifications to the health insurance public subsidy program. In conducting its study, the Department shall examine the potential for program expansion with consumer protection mechanisms and the impact of switching from mandatory to voluntary enrollment and shall accept input from stakeholders throughout the process.

Patron - Blevins

[FSJ393 Real property tax; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of multiple real property tax classifications; specifically, separate tax treatment for residential, agricultural, and commercial real property and a homestead exemption program. Created for two years, the eight-member joint subcommittee will examine: (i) the practices of other states that allow different tax rates for different classes of real property or provide a homestead exemption program for an owner-occupied principal residence; (ii) whether separate tax rate classes or a homestead exemption program would improve the real property tax and its equity; (iii) the advantages and disadvantages of these options; and (iv) whether Virginia should implement either or both of these programs.

Patron - Norment

[FSJ396 Northern Virginia parkland; report. Requests the Governor to establish a task force to work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to study land preservation, water supply protection, and the availability of large parks to serve future generations in Northern Virginia. This resolution was incorporated into SJR 401.

Patron - Ticer

[FSJ397 Department of Medical Administrative Services; cost of insulin and human growth hormone to the Commonwealth's Medicaid program; report. Requests the Department of Medical Assistance Services to confer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on the implementation of certain guidelines relating to costs of insulin and human

growth hormones for the Commonwealth's Medicaid program. This resolution is identical to HJR 713.

Patron - Whipple

[F]SJ402 Financial impact of mandating services under the Comprehensive Services Act for all children with disabilities or in need of foster care services in Virginia; report. Directs JLARC to study the fiscal impact of mandating services under the CSA for all children with disabilities or in need of foster care services in Virginia and to report thereon.

Patron - Hanger

[F]SJ404 Eminent domain; report. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study which state entities are using the power of eminent domain, why they are using it, how often they use it, the average duration of a condemnation, the average differential in value between condemnor and condemnee, and the indirect costs of eminent domain in the Commonwealth.

Patron - Norment

[F]SJ419 Gang prevention activities and funding; report. Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the availability and efficacy of gang prevention activities with particular attention paid to the potential availability of funding for these activities.

Patron - Miller

[F]SJ487 VRS investments in Sudan; report. Requests the Virginia Retirement System to study the feasibility of restricting certain investments in certain companies related to Sudan.

Patron - Cuccinelli

Charters and Authorities

Passed

[P]HB1989 Charter; Town of Colonial Beach. Updates the charter to reflect the appointment, rather than election, of the treasurer.

Patron - Wittman

[P]HB2028 Charter; City of Winchester. Provides that the school board shall be a nine-member board with four members appointed from districts and five members appointed at-large.

Patron - Sherwood

[P]HB2189 Charter; City of Newport News. Changes the timing of the council's inaugural meeting and the date by which the city manager shall submit certain financial reports.

Patron - Oder

[P]HB2195 Charter; City of Hampton. Moves authority to appoint the city attorney from the city manager to the city council. This bill is identical to SB 1182.

Patron - Ward

[P]HB2239 Charter; Town of Troutville. Changes local elections from May to November.

Patron - Putney

[P]HB2241 Charter; City of Norfolk. Amends provisions related to the Norfolk Airport Authority related to the police powers of the Authority and the Authority's ability to enter into agreements for concurrent jurisdiction with the cities

of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Also, numerous technical changes are made.

Patron - Howell, A.T.

[P]HB2400 Charter; Town of Stephens City. Provides that the Frederick County District Courts shall hear and determine charges of violations of town ordinances and that fines collected for violations of town ordinances shall be paid promptly into the treasury of the town. The bill eliminates the requirement that the town treasurer, clerk of the town council, town sergeant, and town manager be residents of the town or of Frederick County. Furthermore, this bill prescribes the power of and the procedure for the council to contract loans, incur debt, and issue bonds.

Patron - Athey

[P]HB2427 Charter; Town of Brookneal. Eliminates the requirement that the town manager reside within the corporate limits of the town during his term of office.

Patron - Byron

[P]HB2460 Charter; Town of Boykins. Deletes the requirement that the town sergeant reside in the town.

Patron - Tyler

[P]HB2645 Charter; City of Suffolk. Provides for the direct election of the mayor and shifts local elections to November. This bill is identical to SB 961.

Patron - Jones, S.C.

[P]HB2716 Charter; James City County. Allows the county to establish the Department of General Services and provide for the Chief of Police to be appointed by the county administrator.

Patron - Barlow

[P]HB2720 Charter; Town of Cheriton. Grants a new charter for the Town of Cheriton. The town was originally established without benefit of charter by the Circuit Court of Northampton County in 1951. The new charter contains powers typically found in town charters. This bill is identical to SB 1137.

Patron - Lewis

[P]HB2800 Virginia's Region 2000 Airport Authority Act. Authorizes the City of Lynchburg and the Counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell to create an authority to be known as "Virginia's Region 2000 Airport Authority" for the purpose of establishing, operating, and maintaining an airport and air navigation facilities and a business/industrial park and related facilities for such city and counties.

Patron - Byron

[P]HB2989 Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission. Authorizes the Portsmouth Port and Industrial Commission to provide financing for facilities for an organization, other than a religious organization, that is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. This bill is identical to SB 957.

Patron - Melvin

[P]HB3019 Charter; City of Bristol. Provides that the city shall have the power, within and without the city and within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, to provide consulting and management services for the operation of telecommunication services. In addition, the bill provides that the comptroller, as budget director, shall be skilled in public administration and the accepted practices and municipal budgetary procedure and shall compile, in cooperation with the

various department heads, the departmental estimates and other data necessary or useful to the city manager in the preparation of the annual budget. Furthermore, the building code division, which is to be part of the Planning Department and supervised by the Planning Director, shall include the environs control official amongst its staff. The duties of such environs control official shall be to enforce state law and local ordinances pertaining to garbage, trash, weeds, junk, and litter and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code within the City of Bristol, Virginia. Finally, the bill provides that the school board shall submit its line-item budget estimates to the city manager no later than May 1 of each year. This bill is identical to SB 1072.

Patron - Johnson

SB799 Charter; City of Newport News. Raises the threshold from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for purposes of seeking bids for construction contracts. This change is in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

Patron - Locke

SB907 Charter; Town of Timberville. Moves the regular municipal election date for the mayor and town council from May to November. The current mayor and town councilmen will have their terms extended by six months.

Patron - Obenshain

SB961 Charter; City of Suffolk. Provides for the direct election of the mayor and shifts local elections to November. This bill is identical to HB 2645.

Patron - Quayle

SB1018 Charter; City of Hampton. Eliminates the requirement that members of the city real estate board of review be property owners in the city.

Patron - Locke

SB1072 Charter; City of Bristol. Provides that the city shall have the power, within and without the city and within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia, to provide consulting and management services for the operation of telecommunication services. In addition, the bill provides that the comptroller, as budget director, shall be skilled in public administration and the accepted practices and municipal budgetary procedure and shall compile, in cooperation with the various department heads, the departmental estimates and other data necessary or useful to the city manager in the preparation of the annual budget. Furthermore, the building code division, which is to be part of the Planning Department and supervised by the Planning Director, shall include the environs control official amongst its staff. The duties of such environs control official shall be to enforce state law and local ordinances pertaining to garbage, trash, weeds, junk, and litter and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code within the City of Bristol, Virginia. Finally, the bill provides that the school board shall submit its line-item budget estimates to the city manager no later than May 1 of each year. This bill is identical to HB 3019.

Patron - Wampler

SB1137 Charter; Town of Cheriton. Grants a new charter for the Town of Cheriton. The town was originally established without benefit of charter by the Circuit Court of Northampton County in 1951. The new charter contains powers typically found in town charters. This bill is identical to HB 2720.

Patron - Rerras

SB1141 Charter; City of Virginia Beach. Makes several changes to reflect the city's recent decision to hold local elections in November rather than May.

Patron - Wagner

SB1182 Charter; City of Hampton. Moves authority to appoint the city attorney from the city manager to the city council. This bill is identical to HB 2195.

Patron - Williams

SB1246 Charter; Town of Leesburg. Provides that the town may develop an affordable housing program with Loudoun County; grants the town authority to adopt certain codes of technical regulations; and, allows the town to create architectural control districts and develop design standards for such districts.

Patron - Herring

SB1316 Charter; City of Manassas Park. Changes the time of council elections from May to November.

Patron - Colgan

Failed

HB2131 Charter; Town of Clifton. Provides that the town council shall have the power to set and enforce speed limits that it deems appropriate within the corporate limits of the town.

Patron - Hugo

HB2668 Charter; City of Fairfax. Allows the City of Fairfax to establish a photo-monitoring system to enforce traffic light signals, subject to specific requirements and procedures set forth in the bill.

Patron - Bulova

HB2905 Charter; City of Suffolk. Provides for advisory referenda elections.

Patron - Spruill

SB899 Charter; City of Norfolk. Caps the city's increase in the real property levy to 105% of the previous year's total. The proposed charter amendments have not been through the procedural requirements set forth in the Code for amendment of charters.

Patron - Rerras

SB936 Charter; City of Alexandria. Requires that in historic districts the fair market value of a building proposed for demolition is based on the assumption that the building will not be moved or demolished. Further amendments clarify the meaning and implications of a good faith offer to buy such property.

Patron - Ticer

SB960 Charter; City of Suffolk. Provides for advisory referenda elections.

Patron - Quayle