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REPORT

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The ABA Fly-In this year will be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. on April 29-30. The program includes a luncheon briefing with time for appointments with our Congressional leaders in the afternoon. The next day will be a full day of visits.

Senator Tom Harkins has been invited to make remarks at dinner on the 29th. Former Assistant to the President, Karl Rove will speak following dinner. The breakfast speaker will be Admiral Steven K. Galson, Acting Surgeon General of the United States.

In order for me to have appointments made, we need to know whether or not you will be attending. Please contact Lana and let her know if your schedule will permit you to attend and participate. Our phone number is 502-875-5858. The deadline for notifying us is March 5, 2008.

HB 233: This bill was introduced by Rep. Arnold Simpson. He has introduced the same bill in past sessions, but this time, the environmentalists agreed to participate. The bill was amended but essentially it clears the way for the multiple layer plastic bottle. A recycler would have a letter from the manufacturer that the bottle is recyclable. The bill would also make the label on the bottle be that of the majority resin in the bottle. The bill cleared by House Natural Resources Committee this morning by unanimous vote. (next page)

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CENTRALIZED COLLECTION: This is a bill that we have worked on for the last two session of the General Assembly. We have had comment from our bottlers about having to keep track of and remit taxes to the many communities where drivers deliver. This results in drivers getting a handful of W-2's every year. This bill would correct this problem by setting up a central office in Frankfort. Each business would pay their taxes to a central office in Frankfort and the State would then distribute the taxes to the appropriate communities.

The system is optional. If a business chooses to go into this system, they will pay a fee to cover the cost of distribution of funds. This will deal with local occupational license taxes and fees. Obviously the Kentucky League of Cities is opposed to this measure. But it would simplify the record keeping of businesses and result in one check for the company and omitting the many records that are now required. The bill is being "shopped" now and looking for a sponsor. As soon as we have that information, we will notify you so you can give it support.

Remember the dates of the KBA Annual Conference in Lexington, Kentucky on June 18-20, 2008. Mark your calendar now.