

# LEGISLATIVE



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# REPORT

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**So far the legislature** has not dealt with contentious problems. Votes in the House are in the range of 96-0 or 92-3 and so on. Presently nothing that they are debating is in the public arena. The real battle is going on behind doors over the Casino matter, budget and taxes, and this weekend will see the Democratic Caucus trying to come to some resolution. We should know where they stand early next week.

**Measures of interest to us** include HB 729 which sets up a centralized collection system. At issue here is the fact that our drivers have to report time spent at each of their stops in the various cities. This presents a problem for us as well as for other businesses in Kentucky. This would relieve that problem and would allow businesses to set up a system where they could collect the data and write one check to the state and let the state distribute the monies to the various communities. Obviously the Kentucky League of Cities is opposed to this measure but it makes sense to simplify this process and relieve businesses of a waste of time and money. The bill has been referred to House A & R Committee.

**HB 233** deals with plastic bottles. This is a bill we have worked on for several sessions. It would allow multi resin bottles to be labeled with the resin which is the majority in the bottle. Thus, we would see bottles label with a "1" instead of a "7" and should increase the recycling rates for plastic bottles. HB 233 has passed the House with a vote of 92-3 and has been received in the Senate and assigned to Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations Committee.

We are also watching a number of Workers Compensation bills which all need to be defeated. They impose unnecessary costs and restrictions on business and will increase businesses cost for Workers Compensation.

We have completed the 41<sup>st</sup> day of the 60 day session. Very little has been done, but beginning next week there should be a major increase in activity. Stay tuned.