

HB 494, by Rep. Abramson, relative to sales and use taxes on materials converted into asphaltic concrete and the determination of where they are due, has been adopted by the House (99-0). It has been assigned to Senate Revenue & Fisc. LAGC is supporting the effort by the LAPA.

At this point, it appears that HB 532, Rep. Steve Carter, the Coalition infrastructure funding bill is dead for the year, without getting a hearing by the House Ways & Means Committee. Chairman Abramson, we're told wanted amendments that were unacceptable to the Coalition .

Meanwhile, HB 578, Rep. Magee, et al., the BP settlement bill for LA 1 initially, and other projects later, has been approved by the House Appropriations Committee and will be voted on by the House, possibly on May 14.

HB 414, Rep. Davis, placing proceeds of revenues from the state sales tax in TTF Construction Subfund, was approved by the House Ways & Means Committee and awaits House floor vote, also possibly on May 14.

HB 313, Rep. Mark Wright, limits monies deposited into the TTF from being used to pay for certain DOTD expenses, has garnered support from the House Appropriations Committee and awaits further action by the House.

HB 561, Rep. Abraham, creates the Calcasieu Parish Tolling Authority. It has passed the House by a vote of 93-1 and awaits further action by the Senate Transportation Committee.

HB 203, Rep. Miller, the Law Institute Private Works Act re-write was approved by the House with no opposition. LAGC was successful in its efforts to restore current law on timeframes for notice. However, one troubling amendment by Rep. Abramson was approved adding an additional seven days for owner notification on residential construction work. We're assessing the impact of the amendment. We'll be guarding against other damaging amendments in the Senate. It hasn't been assigned to Senate Committee yet, though it is anticipated that it will go to Jud A Committee.

HB 468, Rep. Cameron Henry, the escrow on retainage legislation sponsored by LAGC, has been residing on the House floor. Author Rep. Henry will not move the legislation forward if no agreement can be reached between the Bankers Association and LAGC. The Bankers Association lobbyists haven't been receptive to any ideas provided earlier, so we may regroup and introduce legislation in the legislation session next year.

HB 63, Rep. Boiue, requiring any contractor who enters into a contract with a public entity comply with the La. Equal Pay for Women Act, was involuntarily deferred (killed) by the House Labor Committee.

HB 291, Rep. Barras, is a constitutional amendment relating to the dedication of unclaimed property funds and the creation of the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund as well as the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Support Fund. HB 292, also by Rep.

Barras, legislatively dedicates unclaimed property funds and creation the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Support Fund, are all coming from State Treasurer John Schroder and other legislation will allow monies to be used through a newly created Infrastructure Bank for loans to local governmental projects. It creates opportunities for badly needed local projects and will relieve the state's capital outlay fund of such infrastructure projects, freeing up funding for more state projects. The bills await final passage by the House. LAGC is supporting the legislation.

SB 200, by Sen. Cortez, provides for use of A+B bid method in contracts for public works let by local government, has been passed without objection by the Senate and awaits further action by House Transportation.

Also attached is a file of the actual track list of all bills being followed along with the bills' status.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

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