AGENDA (REVISED 3-19-07/8:41 A.M.) House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor 86th General Assembly Regular Session, 2007

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 UPON ADJOURNMENT Room 130, State Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas

- Rep. Eddie Cooper, Chair Rep. Johnny Key, Vice Chair Rep. Stan Berry Rep. Susan Schulte Rep. Sandra Prater Rep. Denny Sumpter
- Rep. Daryl Pace Rep. Jim Medley Rep. Marilyn Edwards Rep. Roy Ragland Rep. Rick Green Rep. Willie Hardy Rep. Pam Adcock

Rep. Stephanie Flowers Rep. Gregg Reep Rep. Dawn Creekmore Rep. Mike Burris Rep. Sharon Dobbins Rep. Billy Gaskill Rep. Eddie Hawkins

FIRST SPECIAL ORDER		
Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB2615	Hardy	AN ACT TO CREATE AN ARKANSAS HIV-AIDS MINORITY TASKFORCE AND TO COORDINATE STATEWIDE EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF HIV-AIDS ON MINORITY ARKANSANS.

SECOND SPECIAL ORDER		
Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB2678	Reep	AN ACT TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS AND RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER ASSISTANTS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD.

Regular Agenda		
Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB2211	Everett	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS CHILD HEALTH RESOURCES PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN.
HB2261	Pate	TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN INGREDIENTS UTILIZED TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE.
HB2282	D. Johnson	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK A MEDICAID WAIVER FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.
HB2291	Harrelson	THE LANDFILL METHANE DEVELOPMENT ACT.
HB2303	Wells	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR HOSPITALS THAT HAVE PHARMACY PERMITS IN PURCHASING AND DISPENSING MEDICINES.
HB2309	Allen	TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO CREATE THE METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT OF 2007.
HB2328	Rosenbaum	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM LIVING NEAR A LONG- TERM CARE FACILITY.
HB2344	Sumpter	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT AGENCY.
HB2349	Bond	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-99-411 TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME

ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS OF PROVIDERS.

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HB2356	Stewart	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 8-6-404 TO ADD A SURCHARGE TO THE FINES FOR LITTERING.
HB2387	D. Evans	TO PERMIT AN APOLOGY TO AN INJURED PATIENT BY A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, PHYSICIAN, OR HEALTH CARE WORKER TO BE EXCLUDED FROM EVIDENCE UNLESS THE APOLOGY MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EXCITED UTTERANCE.
HB1488	Pace	"THE SILICOSIS COMPENSATION FAIRNESS ACT."
HB2421	Wells	AN ACT TO ALLOW A NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT, OR GOVERNMENTALLY FUNDED HOSPITAL TO OBTAIN A PHARMACY PERMIT WITH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.
HB2449	Kidd	TO MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS.
HB2450	Hyde	TO PREQUALIFY BIDDERS FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND TO ESTABLISH A FAIR PROCEDURE FOR AWARDING BIDS.
HB2464	S. Dobbins	AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PREPARATION AND USE OF BACKGROUND CHECKS INCLUDING INTERNET BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES.
HB2466	J. Johnson	TO SET "CLEAN CAR" STANDARDS TO REDUCE THE EFFECT OF GLOBAL WARMING; TO PROMOTE THE AVAILABILTY OF CARS THAT HAVE LOW EMISSION STANDARDS AND THAT USE BIOFUEL.
HB2467	Pate	TO REGULATE LICENSED AND UNLICENSED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS, TO REQUIRE LICENSED AND NONLICENSED RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS TO POST BOND, AND TO IMPOSE FINES FOR VIOLATING BUILDING CODES.
HB2488	Bond	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES.
HB2491	Shelby	AN ACT TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY TO LICENSED MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS DURING A DECLARED DISASTER.
HB2494	Cooper	TO ADOPT NEW STANDARDS FOR EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND FOR IMPLEMENTING NEW DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES.
HB2523	Schulte	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR PERMITTING AND INSPECTING ONSITE PRIVATE SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS.
HB2524	Schulte	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR PRIVATE SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS THAT FAIL DURING THE FIRST YEAR AFTER INSTALLATION.
HB2526	Schulte	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ON-LINE DISCLOSURE PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS.
HB2529	Pace	TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER WHICH THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION MAY ALLOW A CLAIMANT EMPLOYEE TO CHANGE PHYSICIANS.
HB2533	L. Smith	AN ACT TO AMEND 11-9-113 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSABILITY OF MENTAL INJURY OR ILLNESS AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB2539	Schulte	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS ARE APPROVED FOR SIZING AND PERCOLATION BEFORE A TRANSFER OF TITLE IS COMPLETED.
HB2540	Wills	RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT OF 2007.
HB2563	Кеу	AN ACT SPECIFYING THE ENTITIES TO WHICH A BILL OR DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FOR ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES MAY BE PRESENTED.
HB2567	Pace	TO CLARIFY THAT THE "MADE-WHOLE" DOCTRINE IS INAPPLICABLE TO A THIRD-PARTY CLAIM MADE BY AN EMPLOYEE CLAIMANT WHO MAY MAKE A CLAIM UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.
HB2568	Pace	TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE RELEASE OF PATIENT DATA.
HB2570	Pace	TO AMEND ACT 1813 OF 2005 REGARDING ELEVATOR SAFETY.
HB2574	Pace	TO CORRECT THE DISABILITY BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO SUSTAINS A PERMANENT COMPENSABLE INJURY.
HB2576	Breedlove	AN ACT TO INCREASE BY TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) THE AMOUNT THAT NURSING HOME PATIENTS MAY KEEP IN THE NURSING HOME.
HB2577	S. Prater	AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW REGARDING THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING.

HB2580	Pate	TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.
HB2602	S. Prater	AN ACT TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE TO OPERATE NONMUNICIPAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB2603	Cooper	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PERMITS OF APPROVAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.
HB2605	Reep	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS INCOME ENHANCEMENT AND ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM.
HB2610	Hardy	TO PROTECT CITIZENS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS; TO LIMIT MEDICAID RESTRICTIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH MEDICATIONS.
HB2616	Powers	TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO SELL CANNED COMPRESSED AIR CONTAINING TETRAFLUOROETHANE TO A MINOR.
HB2617	Powers	AN ACT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE LAWS REQUIRING SCREENING FOR SCOLIOSIS.
HB2627	Wills	TO REQUIRE FULL DISCLOSURE REGARDING WHICH ENTITIES HAVE ACCESS TO PROVIDER NETWORKS.
HB2634	Rosenbaum	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE COUNSELOR LICENSING LAW.
HB2638	Harris	TO AMEND 8-1-106.
HB2640	Shelby	CONCERNING ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
HB2674	Anderson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 11-9-525 CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR SECOND INJURIES AND TO AMEND A PROTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB2675	Anderson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 11-9-501 CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR DEATH AND DISABILITY AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB2681	D. Johnson	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CRITERIA FOR ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-DAY INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION ORDERS FOR PERSONS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
HB2683	Pickett	AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING FIRE PREVENTION.
HB2687	Woods	CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND SUSPENSION, DISCHARGE, OR REDUCTION IN RANK OR COMPENSATION.
HB2698	Saunders	THE ENVIRONMENTAL SELF-DISCLOSURE INCENTIVE ACT.
HB2707	Saunders	CONCERNING PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES.
HB2709	Pickett	TO REQUEST THAT THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE PLAY ON THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE REGION.
HB2710	Maxwell	TO DECREASE THE PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRED FOR A PLUMBER TO BE LICENSED AS A MASTER PLUMBER OR A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF PLUMBERS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB2713	Bond	AN ACT TO AMEND THE TRANSIENT MERCHANT LICENSING ACT OF 1983.
HB2716	King	AN ACT TO ALLOW NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS TO OWN AND OPERATE COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEMS.
HB2717	King	TO AMEND THE PROCESS BY WHICH A LANDLORD EVICTS A TENANT.
HB2720	S. Dobbins	TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C CARRIED BY INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND TO REQUIRE TESTING OR SCREENING OF INMATES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB2721	Medley	DIRECT THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE STANDARD PROTOCOLS, SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF REPORTS, AND MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE.
HB2735	J. Roebuck	THE HOSPITAL INFECTION DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2007.
HB2757	E. Brown	TO PROMOTE THE HIRING AND RETENTION OF HANDICAPPED WORKERS BY ENSURING THE SOLVENCY OF THE SECOND INJURY FUND AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB2761	Saunders	THE PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT ACT.

HB2762	Saunders	TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS TO ARKANSAS BUSINESSES.
HB2768	Rosenbaum	AN ACT TO INCLUDE WITH THE DEFINITION OF INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTIONS INFORMATION THAT NO PERSON CAN FORCE A WOMAN TO HAVE AN ABORTION.
HB2770	Saunders	AN ACT TO CONTROL LITTER IN ARKANSAS; TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS JAIL INMATE ANTILITTER PROGRAM AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ANTILITTER FUND TO FUND THE ARKANSAS JAIL INMATE ANTILITTER PROGRAM BY IMPOSING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FEE.
HB2782	Wills	AN ACT TO CREATE A VOLUNTARY STATEWIDE HEALTHY DATA MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING SYSTEM.
HCR1039	Harris	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ARKANSAS HYDRATION DAY.
HCR1040	Pickett	REQUESTING THAT THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE PLAY ON THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE REGION.
HR1028	Harris	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ARKANSAS HYDRATION DAY.
HB2786	Shelby	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN HEALTH SPAS.
HB2791	Wills	AN ACT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE HEALTH CARE IN ARKANSAS.
HB2795	Flowers	AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY IN STATE WAGES AND STATE CONTRACTS.
HB2805	T. Baker	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NURSES TO PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR RESIDENTS OF LONG- TERM CARE FACILITIES.
HB2806	Bond	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE ENHANCEMENT ACT.
HB2809	Greenberg	TO REQUIRE COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON PUBLIC PROJECTS.
SB704	Steele	AN ACT REQUIRING USE OF RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE IN THE ARKANSAS CODE REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.
HB1821	Maxwell	THE ARKANSAS FAIR TRADE PRACTICES FOR PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS ACT.
SB773	Horn	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW AND THE PROVISION THAT ESTABLISHED THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SPECIAL FUND.
SB783	Bisbee	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS BE GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPAIR.
SB980	Horn	AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
HB1339	D. Evans	TO REQUIRE COMPENSATION FOR THE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND DRUG TESTING OF ALL WORK-RELATED INJURIES; AND AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB1630	Adcock	TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND GOVERNMENT DISPUTES CAN BE RESOLVED USING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.
HB2025	S. Prater	AN ACT TO EXPAND THE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY.
SB334	Steele	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT OUT-OF-STATE TUITION PAID BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BE REPAID IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT RETURN TO THE STATE TO PRACTICE.
SB868	Steele	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HUMAN SERVICES WORKERS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM.
SB421	Horn	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-95-101 TO ENSURE IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ACTING AS GOOD SAMARITANS.
SB20	Altes	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
HB1324	D. Johnson	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT COMPETING RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NEED OF PHYSICIAN PRACTITIONERS HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ATTRACT PHYSICIANS.
HB2582	S. Dobbins	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO NEEDY FAMILIES FOR TEA CHILD-ONLY CASES.
HB1702	Sumpter	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 11-10-210 TO CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF A LOCUM TENENS PHYSICIAN.

HB2024	S. Prater	AN ACT TO PLACE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.
SB267	Bookout	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A FACT OF DEATH RECORD TO BE FILED WITH THE DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS AND TO ENSURE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF DEATH INFORMATION.
SB333	Malone	AN ACT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ARKANSANS; TO LIST TRAMADOL AS A SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.
SB928	Bryles	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS AND TO REGISTER APPRENTICES.
SB942	Critcher	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.
HB1409	Reep	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEATH BENEFITS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1006	Кеу	AN ACT TO CREATE HEALTH OPPORTUNITY ACCOUNTS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR MEDICAID SERVICES.
HB1123	Saunders	AN ACT TO PROTECT PETS; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR SERIOUSLY INJURING PETS.
HB1217	S. Prater	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR RECOUPMENT OF HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PAYMENTS.
HB1218	S. Prater	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.
HB1283	Shelby	TO IMPROVE THE PROCEDURES CONCERNING CORONER'S DEATH INVESTIGATIONS.
HB1382	Bond	AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OBTAIN PERMITS OF APPROVAL.
HB1470	Moore	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE REQUIRED MEDICAID ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS IS A STATUTORY CLAIM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
HB2250	D. Hutchinson	AN ACT TO REQUIRE DOG OWNERS TO PAY FOR MEDICAL COSTS WHEN DOGS INJURE CHILDREN.
HB2400	Adcock	AN ACT TO SUSTAIN THE AUTONOMY OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.
HB2598	Adcock	TO INCREASE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE.
HB2654	Adcock	AN ACT TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO FORGIVE STUDENT LOANS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES.