

2008 Virginia General Assembly Session  
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The final week of the 2008 session brought transportation funding back to center stage - where it should have been all along! The Virginia Supreme Court decision discussed in last week's Legislative Report is forcing state legislators to address an issue that many hoped would not come up so soon after passage of last year's transportation funding package (House Bill 3202). But the recent court ruling declaring the local taxing components of that legislation unconstitutional will bring legislators and the Governor back to the table to either figure out a way to legally do what was intended in HB 3202, or to change, and hopefully improve, the funding stream in order to better address the state's transportation infrastructure needs. The republican-House leans towards the former, and the democrat-controlled Senate wants to explore the latter. The Governor just wants the whole mess to get resolved, so he can move on to other matters in his final year and a half as the state's top executive.

Despite the best efforts of many, negotiating a two-year state budget and dealing with controversial transportation legislation brought about by the court ruling in the final days of the session proved too much for legislators who simply ran out of time. The result was a three-day extension to allow budget negotiators more time to reach agreement. The House wanted a five-day extension to tackle both the budget and address the Supreme Court ruling, but both the Senate and the Governor have indicated that they prefer a special session to slug it out on transportation funding, and the Governor is expected to call that session sometime close to the mid-April Veto session when legislators are already scheduled to return to the Capitol.

Putting aside the last minute crisis over transportation legislation and the strained negotiations over the state budget, what were the dominant issues of the 2008 session?

- 1) Money - in the form of developing the two- year state budget
- 2) Immigration/Hiring – more than 100 bills on this political hot potato
- 3) Mental Health – fallout from the VA tech tragedy

While transportation was not a central theme, there were bills and budget language discussed and acted upon that were important to VUHCC members .

And then there were issues that did not capture any headlines but impacted VUHCC members nonetheless. Those included;

- 1) Truck Issues;

- 2) Development Issues (proffers/impact fees);
- 3) Misc. bills.

Let's start with the dominant issues.

### BUDGET

Every two-years the Governor proposes a state budget which then gets massaged by both the House and Senate, and then sent back to the Governor for his approval or proposed changes. This year the Governor's timing was pretty bad. First he projected a 641 million shortfall in the budget ending June 30th of this year. The House suggested that was too optimistic, but the Governor held firm. Then the number ballooned to almost a billion dollars! To make matters even worse, his budget priorities for the next two years became largely gutted as it became clear at the midpoint of the session that the 2008-10 budget shortfall was going to vastly exceed the Governor's projections, and would be in the neighborhood of another billion dollars! Most of the discussion, as a result of this gloomy economic forecast, centered on what state programs to cut, or where in the state coffers were some dollars that could be redirected to deal with projected shortfalls in critical areas.

We watched for it, but fortunately no one seriously proposed the idea of taking money from the Transportation Trust Fund - primarily because there is hardly anything there to take!

### IMMIGRATION

This one subject played a major role in the election outcome of many members of the General Assembly, so no one was surprised that bill upon bill was introduced on this subject – over 100 in all. Without getting into the issue of what to do with Virginia's illegal workers, resident aliens, green card holders, children of illegal aliens (and the list goes on and on and on), VUHCC's concern was focused on trying to ensure that any additional burdens placed on employers in this feeding frenzy over immigration were not onerous, unworkable, or worse. Those concerns focused our attention on four bills: HB 926, HB 1298, SB 517, and SB 782. The consequential language of these bills is shown below and creates requirements I believe most VUHCC members are already complying with, and frankly are hard to argue against. (It could have been much worse as there were numerous bills stating that employers caught employing an illegal be debarred from public

construction work for two years or have their contractor's license immediately cancelled.)

*The certificate of authority to do business in the Commonwealth of any foreign corporation may be revoked by order of the Commission upon a foreign corporation's conviction for a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), as amended, for actions of its officers and directors constituting a pattern or practice of employing unauthorized aliens in the Commonwealth. A certificate terminated pursuant to this subsection shall not be eligible for reinstatement for a period of not less than one year.*

*All public bodies shall provide in every contract that the contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.*

*The corporate existence of a corporation may be terminated involuntarily by order of the Commission upon a corporation's conviction for a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(f), as amended, for actions of its officers and directors constituting a pattern or practice of employing unauthorized aliens in the Commonwealth. The corporation whose existence is terminated pursuant to this subsection shall not be eligible for reinstatement pursuant to § [13.1-754](#) for a period of not less than one year.*

#### MENTAL HEALTH

Nothing here that impacted VUHCC members unless some of you also own or run a college in Virginia. But this issue did take up a substantial amount of time as legislators wrestled with how to prevent another Virginia Tech massacre. (You can imagine that this discussion quickly brought out all the gun issues, and that is never a pretty sight to watch. We just watched.)

#### TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

Prior the bombshell dropped by the Virginia Supreme Court with less than 10 days left in the session, the republican-controlled House of Delegates was not going to consider any new funding for transportation that involved tax increases. But the House did offer, in their version of the budget, retention of some \$180 million General Fund dollars that were included in last year's so-called transportation fix, but was diverted in the Governor's proposed budget until next year assuming certain economic growth occurred. (Both the House and Senate had removed the \$180 million from their budgets since the dollars were clearly not going to materialize. The Senate simply

put language in their budget requiring the Commonwealth Transportation Board to re-allocate existing funds to cover the projects that were funded by the now vanished \$180 million. The House chose to retain the \$180 million through the issuance of bonds, and use general fund dollars to pay the debt service. VUHCC supported the House position.)

The now democrat-controlled Senate passed, and we spoke and lobbied in favor of, a penny-a-year increase in the gas tax (SB 713) for the next five years. This gas tax increase proposal went absolutely nowhere when it got over to the House. Our arguments that more needed to be done were based on these four bullets:

1) The annual maintenance deficit is now approaching \$300 million and growing every year;

2) VDOT is projecting a 1.1 billion dollar shortfall in the construction portion of the Six-Year Plan (the equivalent of one full year of construction money in the Six-Year Plan and a 44% average reduction in the secondary, urban and primary road construction allocations);

3) VDOT has identified over 1700 bridges that are “structurally deficient”;

4) Action taken at this session to kill abusive driver fees removed 360 million dollars budgeted in the Six-Year Plan.

We tried through quiet lobbying with key senators to have a gas tax or some other form of new transportation funding placed into the budget, which would remove the yes tax/no tax argument from the floors of both bodies and place it in the less volatile hands of the 12 budget conferees for discussion.. But key senators felt that even doing that was going to cause a major disruption in reaching a budget consensus. And because the Senate version of the proposed two-year budget contained no new dollars for transportation, we were supportive of the House budget plan which at least retained the \$180 million.

And once again this year the owner of Colonial Downs Race Track tried to fatten his bottom line by urging adoption of instant racing (SB 597) with the sweetener being about half of the dollars raised from this new form of gaming would go to the Transportation Trust Fund. As was the case last year, the House rejected expanding gambling options in Virginia, even if some of the proceeds would be used for transportation.

So at the end of the 2008 session we are still sliding down a slippery slope of withering financial resources as we warmly said goodbye to the now-repealed abusive driver fees which represented \$360 million in the current six-year plan, and continue to suffer from an economy that is reducing transportation revenues from normal sources such as income from the gas tax, titling tax, and license fees. And of course the continued hemorrhaging of the state maintenance fund, which results in dollars being sucked out of the state construction fund, continues to be cause for alarm. Many of our legislative friends, when confronted with these facts, suggest we come back when the fiscal environment is improved. Until then, make do.

#### OTHER ISSUES - TRUCKS

There were about a half dozen bills focused on giving more and more political subdivisions the right to set up portable scales and weigh trucks. Currently Virginia's cities, a few towns, and the counties of Henrico and Arlington have the authority to do this now, and money generated by these fines can only be used for transportation improvements. There were two essential problems with these bills:

1) many of them wanted to use the overweight liquidated damages fees to fund more enforcement of possible overweight trucks, instead of for transportation

projects;

2) If more and more counties have the option to stop and weigh trucks, it will become very difficult for trucks to get from Point A to Point B in any kind of a

planned time frame.

VUHCC, working with the trucking lobby, was successful in killing all of these bills this year. But we need to figure out a way to stop this trend because sooner or later – like the covered-truck legislation – we are going to start losing this battle and then every county in Virginia will want to adopt this new enforcement activity and make some new money.

#### OTHER ISSUES - DEVELOPMENT

Impact fees can presently be assessed by cities and counties with a growth of 15% or more a year or that have populations of 20,000 or more and are experiencing annual growth of 5% or more, annually. Impact fees, under the current law can only be applied to road improvements. Proffers are

negotiated with developers at the time of rezoning but are paid when the developer applies for building permits on the individual lots. The revenue can be used for a broad range of infrastructure needs such as roads, schools, libraries, and other services.

In a surprise move to many, the home builders launched a major initiative at this session to prohibit the future imposition of proffers and substitute a new system of impact fees with capped dollar amounts. Although the builders had for many years supported proffers, in the high growth areas of the state the proffer system had really become a ransom payment in order to achieve re-zoning.

Current impact fees are normally less than \$10,000 per home when they are applied. Proffers on the other hand can run as much as \$47,000 per lot in northern Virginia to about \$18,000 in the Richmond area. Local governments argued that substituting the current proffer option for the proposed new impact fee would hurt them financially, and cause them to fall farther behind in the battle to keep up with the services required by high growth in many areas of the state.

The legislation (SB 768) taking proffers away and substituting an expanded use of impact fees became a battle royale between developers and local governments. The localities wanted the bill carried over to the 2009 session so they could better calculate what the fiscal impact would be, and the developers argued for passage now with the promise that fixes could be made, as needed, in the future. The bill barely made it out of the Senate on a vote of 21 to 19, but the House of Delegates agreed with the local governments that more time was needed to better understand the impacts of the proposed legislation and perhaps to further modify it, before consideration by the legislature. In the vernacular of lobbyists, this bill was deemed "not ready for prime time" by the House and carried over to the 2009 session.

VUHCC is supportive of the homebuilders position, but cautioned that moving forward without seeking some compromises might end up with the bill becoming law, and localities substantially slowing down the rezoning process in the future. If that happens, no one will have won. Hopefully in the discussions that will surely occur in the coming months, both sides can arrive at a fair and workable solution.

#### OTHER ISSUES -

#### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

HB 1027 allowed homeowners' associations to ban parking commercial vehicles on the street, including any vehicle that has writing on it (realtor, contractor, etc.) We opposed this legislation and it was killed.

HB 1030 required contractors doing state business to offer telecommuting options to workers that should be able to perform their work functions at home. We argued that this bill would require every contractor to establish a telecommuting policy. The bill was killed in subcommittee.

HB 366 made it crystal clear that a worker was not eligible for unemployment compensation if discharged for failing a drug test or not showing up for a drug test. This bill passed easily.

HB 1551 sought to determine what, if any, additional fees should be associated with damage and additional maintenance costs caused by overweight vehicles and what mechanism is best suited for the collection of such additional fees. As a result of passage of this legislation, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles and affected industry representatives, shall recommend legislation regarding a fee structure applied to oversized and overweight vehicles to the 2009 session. This bill passed and subsequent discussions need to be monitored very closely.

HB 11 created a "Homestead Exemption" allowing local governments to exempt, or partially exempt, up to 20% of the value of residential or farm property that is the primary dwelling of the taxpayer. This bill easily passed the House and was defeated, after heavy lobbying on the part of the business community, by a vote of 21 to 19 in the Senate. This was a major component of the Governor's legislative package and he was furious when two democrats voted with all 19 Senate republicans to kill the bill.

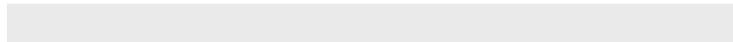
There were nearly 3000 bills and resolutions introduced at the 2008 session. At the midpoint of the session only 1200 of them were still alive. At the end of the session about two thirds of those were passed and assuming the Governor signs them, most will become law on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

You may read the actual bills referenced in this report, and review how your legislators voted on bills of interest, by opening up the attachment to this email and clicking on the appropriate bill number. I urge you to take advantage of this information.

And because at this writing it appears that a Special Session of the legislature will be called by the Governor to address the Supreme Court ruling and to discuss transportation funding, I want to urge you to take the opportunity to discuss this matter with your senator and delegate and suggest that substantial and reliable new funds are needed to address the state's transportation infrastructure needs.

This is the final VUHCC Legislative Report of the 2008 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly. Thank you for the opportunity to once again represent your interests before the legislature. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information about any matter contained in this report.

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Bills	Committee	Last action	Date
<b>HB 6</b> - Brink - Constitutional amendment; exempts certain homeowners from taxation (submitting to qualified voters).	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (HB11-Albo)	01/25/08
<b>HB 11</b> - Albo - Constitutional amendment; exempts certain homeowners from taxation (voter referendum).	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections <hr/> (S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(S) Continued to 2009 in Privileges and Elections	02/25/08

<b>HB 39</b> - Scott, J.M. - Wireless telecommunications device; prohibits use of text messaging while driving certain vehicles.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Passed by in Transportation with letter	01/15/08
<b>HB 41</b> - Scott, J.M. - Motor fuels tax; modifies rates of taxation thereof.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	02/12/08
<b>HB 50</b> - Cole - Civil remedial fees on certain drivers; repealed.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 59</b> - Frederick - Income tax, state; tax credit for health insurance premiums paid by small business employers.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Continued to 2009 in Finance	01/28/08
<b>HB 67</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Civil remedial fees on certain drivers; repealed.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 71</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Building permit; localities may adopt provisions for assessment of impact fees prior to issuance.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	(H) Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	02/12/08
<b>HB 72</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Building permit; localities may use impact fees for capital improvements.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	(H) Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	02/12/08
<b>HB 90</b> - Nichols - Public Procurement Act; verification of legal presence of contractors for employment.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HB 94</b> - Nichols - Secondary highway system; allocates construction funds among counties based on population.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Continued to 2009 in Transportation	02/07/08
<b>HB 110</b> - Scott, E.T. - Trucks; maximum allowable weights of vehicle combinations.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Tabled in Transportation	01/15/08

<b>HB 111</b> - Scott, E.T. - Highway systems; revenue-sharing funds therefor in certain counties, cities, and towns.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Chair ruled bill not properly before Senate	03/06/08
<b>HB 147</b> - Fralin - Transportation Plan; to include regional goals and performance measures for highway districts.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(H) Stricken from House calendar	03/06/08
<b>HB 148</b> - Fralin - Vehicle weight law enforcement; authorizes enforcement by full-time sworn members of DMV.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 154</b> - Nichols - Civil remedial fees; repeals provision for those paid, imposed on certain drivers, refund fees.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 161</b> - Albo - Traffic crimes; mandatory minimum fines.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice <hr/> (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (15-Y 0-N)	03/03/08
<b>HB 185</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Trucks and combination vehicles; Transportation Board to impose fee for use in maintaining highways.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 187</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Public Procurement Act; expands forms of bid, payment, and performance security.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/12/08
<b>HB 208</b> - Cole - Public facilities; deferral of subdivision plats or site plans when inadequate.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	(H) Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	02/12/08
<b>HB 227</b> - Cosgrove - Contractors, Board for; applications for licensure.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Incorporated by Rules (HB926-Byron)	02/05/08

<b>HB 272</b> - Miller, P.J. - Constitutional amendment; exempts certain homeowners from taxation (submitting to qualified voters).	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (HB11-Albo)	01/25/08
<b>HB 275</b> - Watts - Motor fuels tax; rate increase.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HB 284</b> - Toscano - Income tax credit, earned; employers to provide notice to employees.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Left in Commerce and Labor	02/12/08
<b>HB 287</b> - Kilgore - Civil remedial fees; repeals provision for those imposed on certain drivers.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 290</b> - Englin - Civil remedial fees; repeals provision for those imposed on certain drivers.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 293</b> - Poisson - Vehicle weight limit enforcement; county enforcement on highways within its boundaries.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Tabled in Transportation	01/22/08
<b>HB 302</b> - Nichols - Uniform Statewide Building Code; use of diesel fuel or motor oil as release agent prohibited.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/12/08
<b>HB 366</b> - Carrico - Unemployment compensation; testing for controlled substances.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor <hr/> (S) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB366ER)	03/06/08
<b>HB 389</b> - Bulova - Highway systems; allocation of maintenance funds.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/12/08
<b>HB 393</b> - Bulova - Northern Virginia Transportation	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08

Authority; changes applicability of certain fund distribution.			
<b>HB 426</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Public Procurement Act; expands forms of bid, payment, and performance security.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/12/08
<b>HB 448</b> - Rust - Civil remedial fees; fees shall be assessed on person who operates motor vehicle on highways.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 450</b> - Rust - Motor vehicle repair services; those embraced by Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads Authorities.	(H) Committee on Commerce and Labor	(H) Stricken from docket by Commerce and Labor	02/07/08
<b>HB 451</b> - Rust - Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; increases membership.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Signed by President	03/02/08
<b>HB 471</b> - Watts - Highway construction, primary system; funds allocation.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Passed by indefinitely in Transportation	02/05/08
<b>HB 490</b> - Amundson - Transportation funding; increases motor fuels tax and repeals certain abusive driver fees.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 627</b> - May - PPTA; private entity to pay costs for independent audit of all traffic and cost estimates.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 296 (effective 7/1/08)	03/04/08
<b>HB 635</b> - May - Impact fees; expands existing road impact fee provisions to include school improvements, etc.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	(H) Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	02/12/08
<b>HB 788</b> - Ingram - Highway	(H) Committee on	(S) Failed to report	02/26/08

<p>maintenance payments; Arlington and Henrico Counties receive payments for roads.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on Finance</p>	<p>(defeated) in Finance (7-Y 9-N)</p>	
<p><b>HB 826</b> - Gear - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; expanding Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel first tier project.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>(H) Left in Transportation</p>	<p>02/12/08</p>
<p><b>HB 828</b> - Gear - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; removes York County &amp; Cities of Hampton &amp; Poquoson.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>(H) Left in Transportation</p>	<p>02/12/08</p>
<p><b>HB 829</b> - Gear - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; abolishes Authority, taxes, etc., dedicated to operation.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>(H) Left in Transportation</p>	<p>02/12/08</p>
<p><b>HB 904</b> - Mathieson - Mobile telephone and other wireless electronic devices; use of hands-free accessory while driving.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety</p>	<p>(H) Continued to 2009 in Militia, Police and Public Safety</p>	<p>02/08/08</p>
<p><b>HB 926</b> - Byron - Illegal aliens; corporate existence terminated involuntarily for employing.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Rules</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee for Courts of Justice</p>	<p>(S) Signed by President</p>	<p>03/06/08</p>
<p><b>HB 928</b> - Gilbert - Illegal immigration; adopts several measures aimed at curbing in State, report.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Rules</p>	<p>(H) Left in Rules</p>	<p>02/12/08</p>
<p><b>HB 944</b> - Albo - Public Procurement Act; procurement of professional services for certain transportation projects.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on General Laws</p> <hr/> <p>(S) Committee on General Laws and Technology</p>	<p>(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 371 (effective 7/1/08)</p>	<p>03/05/08</p>
<p><b>HB 957</b> - Shannon - Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; increases membership.</p>	<p>(H) Committee on Transportation</p>	<p>(H) Left in Transportation</p>	<p>02/12/08</p>

<b>HB 961</b> - Shannon - Highway maintenance; provides for increased payments where traffic volumes exceed statewide average.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/12/08
<b>HB 976</b> - Shannon - Single lot development; developers to provide stormwater management.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	(H) Stricken from docket by Counties, Cities and Towns	02/01/08
<b>HB 977</b> - Shannon - Statistical information; VDOT to collect and report.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Incorporated by Transportation (HB147-Fralin)	02/05/08
<b>HB 986</b> - Nutter - Income tax, state; tax credit for health insurance premiums paid by small business employers.	(H) Committee on Finance	(H) Left in Finance	02/12/08
<b>HB 1027</b> - Frederick - Motor vehicles; regulation of parking of certain vehicles in certain counties.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Tabled in Transportation	02/05/08
<b>HB 1030</b> - Frederick - Telecommuting; state contractors to offer to employees.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/12/08
<b>HB 1047</b> - Watts - Illegal immigrants; document verification for employment.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HB 1083</b> - Suit - Environmental impact reports; exempts state/local authority from submission on major state project.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	(H) Incorporated by Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources (HB1259-O'Bannon)	01/23/08
<b>HB 1108</b> - Rust - Highway construction, primary system; funds allocation.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Stricken from docket by Transportation	02/07/08
<b>HB 1116</b> - Abbitt - Environmental impact reports; required for any major state construction project over \$500,000.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources  (S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 225 (effective 7/1/08)	03/06/08

	Natural Resources		
<b>HB 1249</b> - Hugo - Unfair employment practices; discharging employees when unauthorized aliens are employed.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HB 1259</b> - O'Bannon - Environmental impact reports; requires county, city, or town to submit report on highway projects.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources <hr/> (S) Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 45 (effective 7/1/08)	02/28/08
<b>HB 1298</b> - Frederick - Contractors; shall not knowingly employ unauthorized alien.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice <hr/> (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Signed by President	03/06/08
<b>HB 1304</b> - Oder - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; procedures to be followed.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 1385</b> - Miller, J.H. - Highway construction funds, primary and secondary; funds allocation.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 1437</b> - Bulova - Trees; conservation during land development process for air quality improvement.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns <hr/> (S) Committee on Local Government	(G) Approved by Governor-Chapter 333 (effective 7/1/08)	03/04/08
<b>HB 1444</b> - Oder - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; abolishes Authority, taxes, etc., dedicated to operation.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Left in Transportation	02/12/08
<b>HB 1472</b> - Cole - Discrimination; employee's failure to speak English shall not constitute cause of action.	(H) Committee on General Laws <hr/> (S) Committee on General Laws and Technology	(S) Failed to report (defeated) in General Laws and Technology (7-Y 7-N 1-A)	02/20/08
<b>HB 1515</b> - Gilbert - Public-	(H) Committee on	(H) Incorporated by	02/05/08

Private Transportation Act; prohibits private entity from imposing tolls on Interstates.	Transportation	Transportation (HB1516-Gilbert)	
<b>HB 1516</b> - Gilbert - Public-Private Transportation Act; prohibits private entity from imposing tolls on Interstate 81.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Signed by President	03/06/08
<b>HB 1546</b> - Athey - Weight limit; town ordinance thereof on certain roads.	(H) Committee on Transportation	(H) Passed by indefinitely in Transportation	01/31/08
<b>HB 1548</b> - Morgan - Landfills; prohibits those publicly owned from accepting construction and demolition debris.	(H) Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	(H) Continued to 2009 in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	01/30/08
<b>HB 1551</b> - Bowling - Overweight and overload permits; creates fee schedules therefor to help recover maintenance costs.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(H) Bill text as passed House and Senate (HB1551ER)	03/06/08
<b>HB 1554</b> - McClellan - Public Procurement Act; awarding of contracts to small, women-, or minority-owned businesses.	(H) Committee on General Laws	(H) Left in General Laws	02/12/08
<b>HB 1558</b> - Cline - Public Procurement Act; verification of legal presence of contractors for employment.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Continued to 2009 in Rules	02/05/08
<b>HB 1565</b> - Crockett-Stark - Multicounty/City Transportation District; created.	(H) Committee on Appropriations	(H) Left in Appropriations	02/12/08
<b>HB 1573</b> - Hall - Central Virginia Regional Transportation Authority; created.	(H) Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns	(H) Continued to 2009 in Counties, Cities and Towns	02/08/08
<b>HJ 3</b> - Brink - Constitutional	(H) Committee on Privileges and	(H) Incorporated by	01/25/08

amendment; exempts certain homeowners from taxation (second reference).	Elections	Privileges and Elections (HJ4-Albo)	
<b>HJ 4</b> - Albo - Constitutional amendment; exempts certain homeowners from taxation (second reference).	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections <hr/> (S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(S) Continued to 2009 in Privileges and Elections	02/25/08
<b>HJ 48</b> - Marshall, R.G. - Constitutional amendment; Transportation Funds.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Continued to 2009 in Privileges and Elections	01/18/08
<b>HJ 56</b> - Miller, P.J. - Constitutional amendment; exempts certain homeowners from taxation (second reference).	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(H) Incorporated by Privileges and Elections (HJ4-Albo)	01/25/08
<b>HJ 102</b> - Hogan - Health insurance; JLARC to study providing income tax credit to employers that provide to employees.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Stricken from docket by Rules	02/05/08
<b>HJ 153</b> - Watts - Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; study competitive bidding on projects thereunder.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HJ 158</b> - Bouchard - Highway Trust Fund, federal; joint subcommittee to study impact on State of decline in funding.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HJ 164</b> - Cosgrove - Contractors, licensed; Commission on Immigration to study hiring of undocumented workers & impact.	(H) Committee on Rules	(H) Left in Rules	02/12/08
<b>HJ 194</b> - Jones, S.C. - Hampton Roads; joint subcommittee to study transportation network.	(H) Committee on Rules <hr/> (S) Committee on Rules	(S) Agreed to by Senate by voice vote	03/04/08

<b>SB 1</b> - Houck - Civil remedial fees on certain drivers; repealed.	(H) Committee on Appropriations <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(S) Conference report agreed to by Senate (37-Y 3-N)	03/08/08
<b>SB 2</b> - Puller - Retail Sales and Use Tax; eliminates exemption for certain fuels.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Continued to 2009 in Finance (16-Y 0-N)	02/12/08
<b>SB 4</b> - Puller - Civil remedial fees on certain drivers; repealed.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Incorporated by Courts of Justice (SB1-Houck) (15-Y 0-N)	01/16/08
<b>SB 42</b> - Reynolds - Civil remedial fees; repeals provision for those imposed on certain drivers.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Incorporated by Courts of Justice (SB1-Houck) (15-Y 0-N)	01/16/08
<b>SB 55</b> - Houck - Tank wagons; increases total gross weight for overweight permits.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(G) Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0033)	02/27/08
<b>SB 57</b> - Colgan - Civil remedial fees; repeals provision for those imposed on certain drivers.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Incorporated by Courts of Justice (SB1-Houck) (15-Y 0-N)	01/16/08
<b>SB 85</b> - Cuccinelli - Civil remedial fees; repeals provision for those imposed on certain drivers.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Incorporated by Courts of Justice (SB1-Houck) (8-Y 7-N)	01/16/08
<b>SB 90</b> - Colgan - Employment; verification of eligibility.	(S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Passed by indefinitely in Courts of Justice (13-Y 2-N)	01/30/08
<b>SB 176</b> - Blevins - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; changes to taxes and fees that may be imposed.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	02/13/08
<b>SB 185</b> - Herring - Impact fees; grants authority to high-growth localities.	(S) Committee on Local Government	(S) Continued to 2009 in Local Government (14-Y 0-N)	02/05/08

<b>SB 189</b> - Herring - Highway construction; increases cost of project using state or local employees.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Signed by President	03/02/08
<b>SB 444</b> - Petersen - Motor fuels tax; funding for transportation-related alternatives.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Incorporated by Finance (SB1-Houck) (16-Y 0-N)	01/23/08
<b>SB 445</b> - Petersen - Motor fuels tax; funding for transportation-related alternatives.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Continued to 2009 in Finance (16-Y 0-N)	02/12/08
<b>SB 449</b> - Petersen - Public-Private Transportation Act; competitive bidding.	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Continued to 2009 in Transportation (15-Y 0-N)	01/31/08
<b>SB 496</b> - Northam - Real property tax; exemptions and deferrals for certain residential or farm property.	(H) Committee on Privileges and Elections <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Assigned P & E sub: Constitutional	02/19/08
<b>SB 517</b> - Cuccinelli - Contractors; shall not knowingly employ unauthorized alien.	(H) Committee for Courts of Justice <hr/> (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB517ER)	03/08/08
<b>SB 558</b> - Obenshain - Vehicle weight limit statutes; enforcement by local law-enforcement agencies.	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Continued to 2009 in Transportation (15-Y 0-N)	01/24/08
<b>SB 597</b> - Norment - Simulcast horse racing; Racing Commission authorizes wagering thereon & allocates proceeds.	(H) Committee on Finance <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Assigned Finance sub: 3	02/19/08
<b>SB 632</b> - Ticer - Trees; conservation of during land development process for air quality improvement.	(S) Committee on Local Government	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Local Government (15-Y 0-N)	01/29/08
<b>SB 660</b> - Miller, Y.B. - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority;	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Stricken from Senate calendar (40-Y 0-N)	01/23/08

power to enter into design-build contracts.			
<b>SB 676</b> - Miller, J.C. - Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; abolishes Authority, taxes, etc., dedicated to operation.	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Committee substitute printed 083538275-S1	02/07/08
<b>SB 713</b> - Saslaw - Motor fuels tax; rate increase.	(H) Committee on Finance <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Tabled in Finance (14-Y 6-N)	02/25/08
<b>SB 724</b> - Cuccinelli - Hampton Roads & Northern Virginia Transportation Authorities; repeal authority impose fees or taxes.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Left in Finance	02/13/08
<b>SB 729</b> - Saslaw - Retail Sales & Use Tax; Northern Virginia Transportation Authority authorized to impose.	(H) Committee on Rules <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Delegates: Nixon, Albo, Watts	03/06/08
<b>SB 753</b> - Obenshain - Public-Private Transportation Act; prohibits private entity from imposing tolls on Interstates.	(S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Stricken at request of Patron in Transportation (15-Y 0-N)	01/24/08
<b>SB 754</b> - Obenshain - Public-Private Transportation Act; prohibits private entity from imposing tolls on Interstate 81.	(H) Committee on Transportation <hr/> (S) Committee on Transportation	(S) Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB754ER)	03/08/08
<b>SB 767</b> - Watkins - Richmond Metropolitan Authority; revises composition of Board of Directors.	(S) Committee on Finance	(S) Continued to 2009 in Finance (9-Y 4-N 1-A)	02/05/08
<b>SB 768</b> - Watkins - Conditional zoning; replaces cash proffer system with system of impact fees.	(H) Committee on Rules <hr/> (S) Committee on Finance	(H) Committee substitute printed 082076348-H1	02/29/08
<b>SB 782</b> - Obenshain - Illegal	(H) Committee for	(S) Bill text as	03/08/08

aliens; corporate existence terminated involuntarily for employing.	Courts of Justice <hr/> (S) Committee for Courts of Justice	passed Senate and House (SB782ER)	
<b>SJ 91</b> - Norment - Constitutional amendment; Transportation Funds (first reference).	(S) Committee on Privileges and Elections	(S) Continued to 2009 in Privileges and Elections (14-Y 0-N)	01/22/08
<b>SJ 92</b> - Stolle - Transportation entities; joint subcommittee to study functions and authorities of entities.	(H) Committee on Rules <hr/> (S) Committee on Rules	(S) House amendments agreed to by Senate by voice vote	03/06/08
<b>SJ 122</b> - Colgan - Rapid transit network, regional; joint subcommittee to study feasibility of creating.	(H) Committee on Rules <hr/> (S) Committee on Rules	(H) VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (97-Y 0-N)	03/05/08