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Important Dates:

February 6	Deadline: Extravaganza Product Guide ad purchase
February 11	HBAM Executive Committee Meeting; HBAM State Build PAC Reception honoring Legislator of the Year, Jackson
February 12	HBAM Winter Board Meeting, Jackson
March 6 - 8	34th Annual Home & Products Extravaganza - Mississippi Trade Mart, Jackson
March 22 - 25	NAHB Legislative Conference
May 19	National Membership Day
May 26 - 31	NAHB Spring Board of Directors Meeting, Washington, D.C.
June 4 - 7	HBAM State Convention - Hilton Sandestin Beach Resort, Destin FL

The deadline to report bills out of committee is Tuesday, February 3. All non-revenue bills having not been reported out of committee by Tuesday will be dead.

Licensing Renewal Bill Moving in House and Senate

The House and Senate both took action on legislation that would re-enact the Home Builders licensing law. Without re-enactment of this law, there would be no licensing of home builders. House Judiciary B Committee reported the bill out with no changes. The bill has been double-referred and now goes to the Ways and Means Committee.

The Senate made changes to the bill which are supported by the Association. Under the Senate legislation, general liability insurance would be required for licensure of residential builders; the threshold to build houses would be changed from 2 to 1 and; continuing education would be required. The Senate bill will now go the Senate floor for action.

Home Builders, Realtors Added to Bill Requiring Third Party Approval

Home Builders and Realtors have been added to legislation being pursued by engineers. Senator Merle Flowers offered an amendment adding the two housing groups to a bill that would be aid licensed builders, remodelers and realtors. Under the proposed legislation, with any complaint for negligence, plaintiffs would be required to file an affidavit from an independent third party stating their opinion to the negligent act, error or omission.

Non-Binding Arbitration Legislation Opposed

The House Judiciary B Committee passed a bill that would no longer allow that arbitration be binding. The Association strongly opposes this legislation, as many home builders have binding arbitration in their contracts. The bill now goes to the House floor for a vote. Please call your House member in opposition to the bill.

Section 8 Housing Bill Opposed

Legislation is being pursued by the Biloxi Housing Authority and the Mississippi Coast Housing Authority to form for-profit subsidiaries. As such, they would be allowed to pursue any housing related business with no limitations and no income limits.

Eminent Domain

The Senate and House Judiciary Committees have adopted eminent domain legislation. Both have taken a very conservative approach to the legislation, which would not allow eminent domain for economic development purposes.

The bill is being opposed by the Governor's office.

Housing Trust Fund Voted Out of Housing Committee

The State Senate passed legislation establishing a housing trust fund to assist low income housing opportunities; however, the bill has no source of funding. It will now go the Senate Appropriations Committee.

House Bills of Interest to the Home Builders Association of Mississippi

Building

HB 163 Mayo
Relating to providing that a homeowner who has paid a contractor shall not be liable for any claims by a sub-contractor of the contractor.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 385 Jones
Relating to making an appropriation to the Department of Insurance for cost--benefit study on wind hazard mitigation construction measures.
Bill History:1-9-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 652 Jennings
Relating to revising the filing and transferability regarding construction liens.
Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 875 Akins
Relating to the inclusion of rental and lease equipment dealers under lien laws.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

Elections

HB 552 Brown
Relating to authorizing voluntary dues deductions for school district employees for membership in professional organizations.
Bill History:1-28-9 H Do pass from committee on House Education

Eminent Domain

HB 313 Chism
Relating to prohibiting the power of eminent domain for certain private, nongovernmental purposes.
Bill History:1-7-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 56 McBride
Relating to restricting Eminent domain to direct public use.
Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 744 Evans (7th)
Relating to providing that parties defending eminent domain proceedings shall recover costs associated with proving property value.
Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 83 Blackmon
Relating to restricting Eminent domain to direct public use.
Bill History:1-27-9 H Do pass from committee on House Judiciary A

HB 927 Evans (91st)
Relating to restricting the use of eminent domain to direct public use.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 12 Ward
Relating to prohibiting eminent domain for property used for certain agricultural purposes.
Bill History:1-28-9 H Do pass from committee on House Agriculture

HB 1563 Duvall
Relating to prohibiting the use of the power of eminent domain for certain private, nongovernmental purposes.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HCR 3 Upshaw
Relating to providing that private property shall never be taken for private economic development purposes.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Constitution

HCR 33 Evans (7th)
Relating to amending the Constitution to restrict the use of eminent domain.
Bill History:1-28-9 H Do pass as substituted from committee House Constitution

Finance

HB 362 Flaggs
Relating to enacting the Mississippi S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 29.
Bill History:1-8-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Banking and Financial Services

HB 392 Flaggs
Relating to revising the definition of qualified bonds, notes and liquid securities.
Bill History:1-9-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Banking and Financial Services

HB 729 Janus
Relating to allowing certain housing authorities to establish for-profit subsidiary corporations if the profits are used to fund housing and community development activities for persons of low income.
Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on Poverty

HB 821 Calhoun
Relating to revising the lowest interest rate on loans for the Veterans' Home Purchase Board.
Bill History:1-27-9 H Do pass from committee on House Military Affairs

HB 935 Hines
Relating to the establishment of the Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Banking and Financial Services

HB 151 Norquist
Relating to extending reverter on authority of Mississippi Home Corporation to issue certain amount of bonds.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1113 Calhoun
Relating to creating the MS Affordable Housing Trust Fund Management Board.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1429 Hines
Relating to providing for the establishment of individual development accounts designed to provide individuals and families with limited means an opportunity to accumulate assets, facilitate and mobilize savings, etc.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1464 Hines
Relating to establishing initiatives to improve afford-

able and quality low-income housing.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Housing

HB 114 Zuber
Relating to deleting the requirement that a consumer must provide to a consumer reporting agency a law enforcement report regarding the unlawful use of the consumer's personal information before the a security freeze can take place.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Banking and Financial Services

HB 379 Reynolds
Relating to authorizing the commissioner of corrections to allow the volunteer working of offenders in support of the fuller center for housing, inc, and to exempt the fuller center for housing from the mortgage protection law.
Bill History:1-21-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

HB 433 Broomfield
Relating to the Landlord-Tenant Act, and the clarification of the landlord's duty to repair and remedies available to landlord and tenant.
Bill History:1-12-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 451 Mayo
Relating to including renovations within the scope of regulated lead-based paint activities, and require paint renovator and paint dust sampling technician certificates for certain workers.
Bill History:1-15-9 H Do pass from committee on House Conservation and Water Resources

HB 489 Snowden
Relating to making revisions to the Task Force to Study Uniformity in Real Property Recordings.
Bill History:1-21-9 H Do pass as substituted from committee House Judiciary A

HB 492 Gipson
Relating to creating the "Mississippi Renewable Energy Development Act of 29".
Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Utilities

HB 52 Walley
Relating to creating "Mississippi Renewable Energy Development Act of 29".
Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Utilities

HB 59 McBride
Relating to Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks being authorized to lease certain lands for commercial residential development in state parks.
Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

HB 566 Mims
Relating to providing that lost income of a landlord caused by a tenant due to unlawful holding over shall be a misdemeanor.
Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

House Bills of Interest to the Home Builders Association of Mississippi

Housing continued

HB 567 Mims

Relating to providing that a landlord shall not be liable for loss or damage to personal property of a tenant removed from an abandoned premise.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 568 Mims

Relating to providing criteria for a landlord to regain possession of deserted premises under the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 569 Mims

Relating to providing that notice to terminate a tenancy shall start any applicable time limitations for proceedings involving a rental agreement.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 57 Mims

Relating to revising the notice to terminate tenancy for breach.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 882 Akins

Relating to enacting certain provisions regarding Mechanics and materialmen's liens.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 1365 Calhoun

Relating to authorizing the Mississippi Housing Trust Fund.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1386 Watson

Relating to establishing the MS Children's Financial Security Act to enable to acquire the habit of saving and thrift and to accumulate financial assets for education and their transition to adulthood.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1545 McBride

Relating to revising the Interest on Real Estate Brokers' Escrow Accounts Act.

Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 1554 McBride

Relating to revising the Real Estate Appraisers Licensing and Certification Act to place appraisal management companies under the authority of Real Estate Appraisers Licensing and Certification Act.

Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 164 Calhoun

Relating to authorizing an income tax credit for costs of installing certain energy efficient products in homes.

Bill History:1-23-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 168 Clark

Relating to establishing a Housing Repair Grant Program to provide grants to certain low income individuals to make significant repairs to their homes.

Bill History:1-23-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Insurance

HB 42 Formby

Relating to providing an employer the right to require an autopsy in death cases, at the expense of the employer, under the workers' compensation laws.

Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 43 Formby

Relating to providing that the results of drug and alcohol test, employer-administered or otherwise, are admissible in the determination of intoxication of an employee for workers' compensation purposes.

Bill History:1-6-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 53 Formby

Relating to revising the criteria for drug and alcohol testing under the workers' compensation law.

Bill History:1-6-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 73 Formby

Relating to providing that Workers' Compensation Law shall be impartially construed and applied and shall not be presumed to favor one party over another.

Bill History:1-2-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 168 Mayo

Relating to making it unlawful for an employer to terminate the employment of any employee who has made a good faith claim under the MS Workers' Compensation Law.

Bill History:1-29-9 H Do pass from committee on House Labor

HB 195 Formby

Relating to increasing the amount of certain death benefits the workers' compensation commission is authorized to award for death and to provide an employer the right to request autopsy in event of death of an employee.

Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 259 Upshaw

Relating to removing review of workers' compensation commission decisions by circuit courts.

Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 4 Moak

Relating to requiring that a member of the Workers' Compensation Commission shall be an attorney at law with a minimum of five years' active practice in the state of Mississippi.

Bill History:1-9-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 62 Watson

Relating to requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission to order an emergency hearing upon request or petition of either party for such hearing.

Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 66 Watson

Relating to prohibiting the discharge of an employee filing a workers' compensation claim in good faith.

Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 68 Watson

Relating to providing for workers' compensation appeals of commission decisions to be sent directly to the Court of Appeals.

Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 69 Watson

Relating to increasing the workers' compensation benefits for serious facial or head disfigurement.

Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 632 Janus

Relating to requiring insurers to provide renters insurance coverage to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty and stationed in MS if the person satisfies the underwriting requirements of the insurer.

Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 742 Evans (7th)

Relating to increasing the maximum total compensation that a person may recover under the workers' compensation law.

Bill History:1-15-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 772 Bounds

Relating to revising the criteria for drug and alcohol testing under workers' compensation.

Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 792 Peranich

Relating to the creation of the Mississippi Insurance Policyholder Bill of Rights.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 812 Lane

Relating to increasing the amount of lump sum death benefit and benefit for funeral expenses under workers' compensation.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 826 Robinson

Relating to revising the definition of "covered claim" and certain other provisions in the Mississippi Insurance Guaranty Association Law.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 859 Janus

Relating to creating the Mississippi Insurance Policyholder Bill of Rights.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 861 Hines

Relating to revising the definition of the term "covered claim" for the purpose of the MS Insurance Guaranty Association Law.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 116 Robinson

Relating to providing that any insurer providing a homeowners protection policy, wind policy, wind-storm policy, hurricane policy or like policy for a dwelling located in Hancock, Harrison, , Jackson exempts from flood damage.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

House Bills of Interest to the Home Builders Association of Mississippi

Insurance continued

HB 1152 Weathersby
Relating to providing that preexisting conditions do not have to be occupationally disabling for apportionment to apply in a workers' compensation claim.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 1346 Blackmon
Relating to prohibiting the discharge of employee filing Workers' Compensation claim in good faith.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 1347 Blackmon
Relating to providing that the insurer has burden of proof for exclusions exceptions in homeowner's insurance policies.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 135 Hines
Relating to increasing the maximum total recovery under Workers' compensation.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 1358 Formby
Relating to clarifying the exclusiveness of liability under Workers' compensation and providing penalties for bad faith claims.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

General

HB 595 Brown
Relating to providing that in any county with a population in excess of 2, people, sixteenth section leaseholders shall be immune from liability arising from the development of the school district under certain conditions.
Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

HB 828 Parker
Relating to revising certain provision regarding lobbyist dealings with legislators.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary A

HB 1323 Evans (7th)
Relating to the repeal of the Employment Protection Act.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 1338 Stringer
Relating to increasing certain fees charged by various state agencies.
Bill History:1-29-9 H Read the third time

Licensing

HB 8 Warren
Relating to providing for the licensing and regulation of residential builders and remodelers.
Bill History:1-29-9 H Do pass from committee on House Judiciary B

HB 1213 Brown
Relating to revising residential builders and remodelers licensing and certain other provisions.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 1214 Broomfield
Relating to revising license and penalty provisions, establishing Home Improvement Guaranty Fund and revise board for builders and contractors.
Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House Appropriations

Tax

HB 19 Warren
Relating to extending the repealer on the MS Employer-Assisted Housing Teacher Program.
Bill History:1-28-9 H Do pass as amended from committee House Education

HB 46 Formby
Relating to providing that a portion of the federal self-employment taxes assessed against self-employed individuals shall be allowed as an adjustment to gross income under the state income tax law.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 83 Chism
Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.
Bill History:1-2-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 86 Zuber
Relating to deleting certain provisions under the MS Public Records Act of 1983 that authorize a public body to establish and collect fees for searching and reviewing public records.
Bill History:1-2-9 H and also referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 115 Zuber
Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 147 Zuber
Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 172 Mayo
Relating to removing the provisions prescribing the manner in which the appraisal of affordable rental housing shall be made for the purpose of arriving at the true value of the property for ad valorem tax purposes.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 194 Dedeaux
Relating to authorizing an income tax credit for costs incurred by a taxpayer for the purchase and installation of wind energy systems and solar energy systems in property that is the primary residence of the taxpayer or rented out by others.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 29 Denny
Relating to providing an income tax credit for individual taxpayer who pays home security expenses for his primary residence.
Bill History:1-6-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 315 Jones
Relating to providing that equipment that is attached

to any owner-occupied residential building or swimming pool as a part of a solar energy system shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation, except taxes for school district purposes.
Bill History:1-7-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 346 Mayo
Relating to authorizing the Commission on Environmental Quality to set environmental fees.
Bill History:1-8-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Conservation and Water Resources

HB 362 Flaggs
Relating to enacting the Mississippi S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 29.
Bill History:1-8-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Banking and Financial Services for the purposes of amendment.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1422 Brown
Relating to the assessment of property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation.
Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

House Bills of Interest to the Home Builders Association of Mississippi

Judicial

HB 396 Ward

Relating to prohibiting the use of automatic renewal clause in contracts.

Bill History:1-9-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 43 Jones

Relating to the enactment of the "Comprehensive Election Reform Act of 29", which sets forth election rules and guidelines.

Bill History:1-12-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Apportionment and Elections

HB 448 Parker

Relating to providing a felony offense for hiring or continuing to employ illegal aliens.

Bill History:1-12-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

HB 713 Denny

Relating to providing that judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate at the end of the current terms and every eight years thereafter.

Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Apportionment and Elections

HB 1122 Banks

Relating to providing that arbitration clauses in certain contracts shall be considered nonbinding.

Bill History:1-29-9 H Do pass as substituted from committee House Judiciary B

HCR 21 Denny

Relating to amending the state Constitution to provide that judges for the Supreme Court shall be appointed.

Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Constitution

HB 378 Mims

Relating to increasing the ad valorem tax exemption for homesteads in counties that have completed an update in the valuation of class I property after January 1, 28.

Bill History:1-9-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 388 Jones

Relating to authorizing an income tax credit for costs of purchase and installation of wind energysolar energy systems.

Bill History:1-9-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 427 Snowden

Relating to authorizing a partial ad valorem tax exemption for agricultural land that is converted to a residential use.

Bill History:1-12-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 494 Warren

Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 536 Moore

Relating to revising the manner of determining the true value of homestead property in regards to ad valorem taxation.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 537 Moore

Relating to increasing the homestead exemption.

Bill History:1-13-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 61 Bondurant

Relating to increasing the ad valorem exemption for homesteads.

Bill History:1-14-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 71 Denny

Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.

Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 713 Denny

Relating to providing that judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate at the end of the current terms and every eight years thereafter.

Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Apportionment and Elections

HB 725 Denny

Relating to revising the dates upon which counties and municipalities may allow the partial payment of ad valorem taxes and to revise the minimum amount of taxes for which the payments may be made.

Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 736 Gunn

Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.

Bill History:1-15-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 911 Gibbs

Relating to removing certain provisions relating to the manner of appraisal of low income housing.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1319 Bailey

Relating to removing the provisions that prescribe the manner of determining true value of affordable rental housing.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1363 Bondurant

Relating to requiring a millage rate reduction for purposes of calculating proposed increase where assessed value increases.

Bill History:1-19-9 H and also referred to committee on House County Affairs

HB 1421 Broomfield

Relating to the assessment of property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation,

Bill History:1-2-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health and Human Services

HB 628 Zuber

Relating to providing that when a public water system requires a property owner with a low hazard cross connection to install a backflow preventer device, the device shall include a pressure relief system.

Bill History:1-14-9 H and also referred to committee on House Conservation and Water Resources

Metal Theft

HB 1488 Akins

Relating to revising the law concerning metal theft.

Bill History:1-19-9 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary B

Notice

Public Health

HB 77 Bondurant

Relating to providing that a permit from DHS shall be required to operate a public swimming pool.

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Senate Bills of Interest to the Home Builders Association of Mississippi

Building

SB 2158 Baria

Relating to requiring rate filings for residential property insurance to include discounts, credits of other rate differentials for properties on which construction techniques have been demonstrated to reduce loss.
Bill History:1-6-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

SB 2487 Carmichael

Relating to requiring lightweight truss construction identification for fire fighter safety.
Bill History:1-22-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Insurance

SB 2881 Moffatt

Relating to conforming the lead-based paint accreditation and certification act to EPA regulations by including renovation projects.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Environment Protection & Conservation

SB 298 Hewes

Relating to reducing the membership of the MS Buildings Code Council.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

SB 3163 Tollison

Relating to creating the crime of falsification of application for building permits.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

Eminent Domain

SB 2488 Hyde-Smith

Relating to restricting the use of Eminent domain to direct public use.
Bill History:1-12-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary A

SB 2496 Kirby

Relating to prohibiting use of the power of Eminent Domain except for a direct public use.
Bill History:1-12-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary A

Finance

SB 2346 Frazier

Relating to providing consumer protections from certain mortgage lending practices relating to balloon payments, negative amortization and prepayment penalties.
Bill History:1-8-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

SB 2434 Jackson (11th)

Relating to authorizing the creation of individual development accounts for low-income individuals that may be utilized by the account holder for certain purposes.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2462 Jackson (11th)

Relating to providing that money in the trust fund shall be made available for assisting the development, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2495 Frazier

Relating to establishing the Homeowner's Emergency Assistance Loan Program under the Mississippi Home Corporation.

Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2498 Jackson (11th)

Relating to establishing the Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Loan Program under the Mississippi Home Corporation.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 251 Jackson (11th)

Relating to prohibiting certain mortgage lending practices in home mortgage lending.
Bill History:1-12-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

SB 2759 Horhn

Relating to creating the MS Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
Bill History:1-19-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2851 Clarke

Relating to increasing the amount of bonds that Mississippi Home Corporation may issue.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 311 Gollott

Relating to reducing the minimum interest rate which may be charged on loans to veterans.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Veterans and Military Affairs

SB 314 Frazier

Relating to creating the MS Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
Bill History:1-29-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Housing

Housing

SB 276 Watson

Relating to requiring residential landlords to change the locks of dwelling units between tenants.
Bill History:1-6-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary B

SB 233 Hewes

Relating to authorizing nonprofit public housing authorities to establish for profit subsidiary corporations to provide housing and community development services to persons of all income levels.
Bill History:1-8-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Housing

SB 249 Yancey

Relating to placing restrictions on the way in which a county or municipality may create a special village zoning district.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate County Affairs

SB 2461 Jackson (11th)

Relating to affordable and quality housing for lower income persons.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2495 Frazier

Relating to establishing the Homeowner's Emergency Assistance Loan Program under the Mississippi Home Corporation.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 251 Jackson (11th)

Relating to prohibiting certain mortgage lending practices in home mortgage lending.
Bill History:1-12-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

SB 2714 Dickerson

Relating to requiring that an application for activities under the Coastal Wetlands Act must be complete before certain time restrictions apply.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Ports and Marine Resources

SB 2791 Horhn

Relating to authorizing an income tax credit for taxpayers who incur costs and expenses for the repair, renovation or rehabilitation of a building in an urban renewal area.
Bill History:1-29-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Housing

SB 2981 Jackson (15th)

Relating to requiring registration of real estate appraisal management companies.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass as substituted from committee Senate Business and Financial Institutions

SB 2983 Jackson (15th)

Relating to enacting the Mississippi S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 29.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions Immigration

SB 2144 Watson

Relating to creating the Immigration Reform Act of 29.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass as substituted from committee Senate Judiciary A

Insurance

SB 266 Baria

Relating to making it unlawful for an employer to terminate the employment of any employee who has made a good faith claim under the MS Workers' Compensation Law.
Bill History:1-27-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Labor

SB 2158 Baria

Relating to requiring rate filings for residential property insurance to include discounts, credits of other rate differentials for properties on which construction techniques have been demonstrated to reduce loss.
Bill History:1-6-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

SB 2358 Hewes

Relating to increasing the amount of compensation the Workers' Compensation Commission is authorized to award for serious facial or head disfigurements.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Motion to reconsider entered

SB 2359 Hewes

Relating to providing that the Workers' Compensation Law shall be impartially construed and applied and shall not be presumed to favor one party over another.
Bill History:1-8-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

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Insurance continued

SB 236 Hewes
Relating to providing for the admissibility of drug and alcohol testing, employer administered or otherwise, solely on the issue of causation at the time of injury for workers' compensation.
Bill History:1-22-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Insurance

SB 2386 Baria
Relating to the creation of the Mississippi Consumer Insurance Policy Bill of Rights.
Bill History:1-8-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Elections

SB 2446 Harden
Relating to requiring workplace medical services and transportation to be available for injured persons under the Workers' Compensation Law.
Bill History:1-12-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

SB 2452 Jackson (11th)
To increasing the maximum period of time allowed for the receipt of workers' compensation disability payments.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Appropriations

SB 2558 Harden
Relating to providing that under the Workers' Compensation Law, an injured employee shall have the right to select the specialists, practitioners or health care providers of his choosing who provide the type of treatment prescribed.
Bill History:1-13-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

SB 283 Dawkins
Relating to increasing the amount of insurance premium tax diverted to the Wind Pool Reinsurance Assistance Fund.
Bill History:1-19-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 328 Clarke
Relating to establishing net worth requirements for insureds eligible to receive benefits from the MS Insurance Guaranty Association.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Insurance

Judicial

SB 2217 Baria
Relating to a contractual waiver of Constitutional rights is only effective if knowingly executed.
Bill History:1-6-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary A

SB 2413 Clarke
Relating to providing for the application and distribution of the assets of a nonprofit corporation.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Judiciary A

SB 2418 Flowers
Relating to prohibiting members of the Legislature from accepting contributions during any period of time that the Legislature is convened in a regular session or during the period of time that they are in special session.
Bill History:1-12-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Ethics

SB 253 Walls
Relating to abolishing the employment at will and to require employment termination decisions be made in good faith.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Labor

SB 2924 Tollison
Relating to revising the Metal theft law.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary B

SB 373 Fillingane
Relating to requiring the contemporaneous filing of a certificate of merit as a condition of filing any action for damages alleging professional negligence by a licensed or registered engineer, architect, or land surveyor.
Bill History:1-27-9 S Do pass as substituted from committee Senate Business and Financial Institutions

Licensing

SB 2855 Flowers
Relating to revising the licensure provisions and extending the repealer on residential homebuilders remodelers and State Board of Contractors.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

SB 2872 Hewes
Relating to providing for the licensing and regulation of residential builders and remodelers.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

SB 2977 Jackson (15th)
Relating to extending the repealer on residential home builder remodelers licensure law and State Board of Contractors.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass as substituted from committee Senate Business and Financial Institutions

Tax

SB 2216 Baria
Relating to providing a credit for certain energy efficiency improvements to homestead property on income taxes.
Bill History:1-29-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Housing

SB 2271 Michel
Regarding an act to authorize an income tax credit for taxpayers who are first-time homebuyers of a principal residence in this state, and to provide the amount of the credit.
Bill History:1-6-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 23 Hewes
Regarding an increase in the Homestead exemption in counties that have completed an update in the valuation of Class I property after January 1, 28.
Bill History:1-15-9 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

SB 2378 Jackson (32nd)
Relating to providing that the state shall compensate a landowner whose property is diminished in value due to development on the adjacent tract of land.
Bill History:1-8-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Appropriations

SB 2399 Carmichael
Relating to authorizing a partial ad valorem tax exemp-

tion for agricultural land that is converted to residential use.
Bill History:1-8-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2434 Jackson (11th)
Relating to authorizing the creation of individual development accounts for low-income individuals that may be utilized by the account holder for certain purposes.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2453 Jackson (11th)
Relating to removing the provision that prescribes the manner in which the appraisal of affordable rental housing shall be made for the purpose of arriving at the true value of the property.
Bill History:1-12-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2732 Browning
Relating to removing the provisions prescribing the manner in which the appraisal of affordable rental housing shall be made for the purpose of arriving at the true value of the property for ad valorem tax purposes.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 2733 Baria
Relating to removing the provisions prescribing the manner in which the appraisal of affordable rental housing shall be made for the purpose of arriving at the true value of the property for ad valorem tax purposes.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
Wastewater

SB 223 Hudson
Relating to prohibiting the Department of Health from assessing a fee for the final approval of the installation of an individual on-site wastewater disposal system.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Environment Protection & Conservation

SB 2935 Stone
Relating to removing the revisions to the MS On-Site Wastewater Disposal Law.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environment Protection & Conservation

SB 2938 Moffatt
Relating to clarifying which systems require a maintenance agreement.
Bill History:1-28-9 S Do pass from committee on Senate Environment Protection & Conservation

SB 2971 Nunnelee
Relating to delaying the effective date until July 1, 21 on amendments to the MS Individual On-Site Wastewater Disposal System Law.
Bill History:1-19-9 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environment Protection & Conservation

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General

SB 2183 Blount

Relating to authorizing the deduction of professional association dues by local school district personnel.

Bill History:1-6-9 S and also referred to committee on Senate Fees, Salaries and Administration

SB 2731 Flowers

Relating to revising the definitions of "lobbying and lobbyist" and related concepts and exceptions thereto.

Bill History:1-27-9 S Do pass as substituted from committee Senate Ethics