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Important Dates:

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
August 31	Deadline: <i>Best in Mississippi</i> Building & Remodeling Awards
September 28	Deadline: Associate & Builder Member of the Year
September 30 - October 4	NAHB Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Chicago, IL
November 18	HBAM Executive Committee Meeting; Jackson
November 19	HBAM Fall Board Meeting; Installaion of Officers; Best in Mississippi Building & Remodeling Awards, Jackson

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Senate Committee Keeps Licensing Bill in Motion (HB 8)

The Senate Business and Financial Institutions Committee, chaired by Senator Gary Jackson, acted on HB 8 this week. The Committee put the Senate language in the House bill, a procedure known as a “strike all amendment.” The Senate will likely adopt the bill and send it back to the House. The House is planning to wait on the revised bill and not take up the current Senate bill.

Association Successfully Fights Tax Credit Bills

An effort to reverse a law passed in the 2005 legislative session has been made by the Mississippi Municipal League, Supervisors and tax assessors. The law requires counties to fairly assess Section 42 properties, which are limited on the amount of tax they may collect for rent. A bill came out of committee in the House, but efforts were successful to keep it from being taken up. All bills died on Wednesday, the deadline to report revenue bills out of the House or Senate.

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House Bills of Interest to the Home Builders Association of Mississippi

Elections

HB 552 Brown
Relating to authorizing voluntary dues deductions for school district employees for membership in professional organizations.
Bill History:02-17-09 S and also referred to committee on Senate Fees, Salaries and Administration

Eminent Domain

HB 803 Blackmon
Relating to restricting Eminent domain to direct public use.
Bill History:02-26-09 S Do pass as amended from committee Senate Judiciary A

HCR 33 Evans (70th)
Relating to amending the Constitution to restrict the use of eminent domain.
Bill History:02-17-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Constitution

Finance

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:02-17-09 S and also referred to committee on Senate Business and Financial Institutions

HB 821 Calhoun
Relating to revising the lowest interest rate on loans for the Veterans' Home Purchase Board.
Bill History:02-09-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Veterans and Military Affairs

HB 1051 Norquist
Relating to extending reverter on authority of Mississippi Home Corporation to issue certain amount of bonds.
Bill History:02-09-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance

Housing

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:02-26-09 S Do pass from 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:02-13-09 S and also referred to committee on Senate Housing

HB 489 Snowden
Relating to making revisions to the Task Force to Study Uniformity in Real Property Recordings.
Bill History:02-26-09 S Do pass as amended from committee Senate Judiciary A

General

HB 1338 Stringer
Relating to increasing certain fees charged by various state agencies.
Bill History:02-17-09 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Appropriations

Licensing

HB 8 Warren
Relating to providing for the licensing and regulation of residential builders and remodelers.
Bill History:02-26-09 S Do pass as amended from committee Senate Business and Financial Institutions

Tax

HB 19 Warren
Relating to extending the repealer on the MS Employer-Assisted Housing Teacher Program.
Bill History:02-12-09 S and also referred to committee on Senate Appropriations

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:02-25-09 H Passed (Vote: Y:118N: 4)

HB 710 Denny
Relating to increasing the exemption from ad valorem taxes for homesteads.
Bill History:02-25-09 H Died in committee

HB 1441 Carpenter
Relating to including within the definition of the term "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, and facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area.
Bill History:02-27-09 S Brought Up on Floor for Discussion

Insurance

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:02-17-09 S and also referred to committee on Senate Insurance

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Building

SB 2487 Carmichael
Relating to requiring lightweight truss construction identification for fire fighter safety.
Bill History:02-25-09 H Do pass as amended from committee House Insurance

SB 2881 Moffatt
Relating to conforming the lead-based paint accreditation and certification act to EPA regulations by including renovation projects.
Bill History:02-26-09 H Do pass from committee on House Conservation and Water Resources

Eminent Domain

SB 2230 Fillingane
Relating to a restriction on Eminent domain to direct public use.
Bill History:02-24-09 H Do pass as amended from committee House Judiciary A

Finance

SB 2851 Clarke
Relating to increasing the amount of bonds that Mississippi Home Corporation may issue.
Bill History:02-24-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

SB 3011 Gollott
Relating to reducing the minimum interest rate which may be charged on loans to veterans.
Bill History:03-03-09 G Governor's Response Deadline

Housing

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:02-25-09 H Do pass from committee on House Marine Resources

SB 2843 Clarke
Relating to extending the repealer on Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program within the Department of Insurance.
Bill History:02-25-09 H Do pass from committee on House Insurance

SB 2981 Jackson (15th)
Relating to requiring registration of real estate appraisal management companies.
Bill History:02-11-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary B

SB 2983 Jackson (15th)
Relating to enacting the Mississippi S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009.
Bill History:02-24-09 H Do pass as amended from committee House Banking and Financial Services

Immigration

SB 2144 Watson
Relating to creating the Immigration Reform Act of 2009.
Bill History:02-09-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary B

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:02-18-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Insurance

SB 2360 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:02-11-09 H and also referred to committee on House Judiciary A

SB 3028 Clarke
Relating to establishing net worth requirements for insureds eligible to receive benefits from the MS Insurance Guaranty Association.
Bill History:02-17-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Insurance

Judicial

SB 3073 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:02-19-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary B

Licensing

SB 2977 Jackson (15th)
Relating to extending the repealer on residential home builder remodelers licensure law and State Board of Contractors.
Bill History:02-17-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary B

Tax

SB 2300 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, 2008.
Bill History:01-15-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

SB 2399 Carmichael
Relating to authorizing a partial ad valorem tax exemption for agricultural land that is converted to residential use.
Bill History:02-24-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

SB 3125 Dearing
Relating to increasing mills that municipalities may levy for recreational purposes.
Bill History:02-24-09 S Failed to pass (Vote: N: 22Y: 27)

SB 3272 Hewes
Relating to creating the Inventory Tax Reduction Act.
Bill History:02-26-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

Wastewater

SB 2938 Moffatt
Relating to clarifying which systems require a maintenance agreement.
Bill History:02-18-09 H Referred to House Committee on House Conservation and Water Resources