

Weekly Update



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FLOOD VICTIM TAX REFUND EXTENSION

I am very happy to report the bill extending the dates for which a person may seek a sales tax refund for certain purchases related to the May 2010 flood passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. As soon as the Governor signs the bill, the Department of Revenue will post new information on their website at <http://www.tn.gov/revenue/>.

This bill changes the **deadline for** such flood related **purchases** from September 30, 2010 to **April 30, 2011**. It further changes the **deadline to file an application for a refund** from November 30, 2010 to **June 30, 2011**.

Any claimant who previously filed an application for the refund with the Department of Revenue by November 30, 2010 for purchases made between May 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010; and who did not receive the maximum refund of \$2,500, may also file an application for a refund of up to the difference between the initial refund received and the \$2,500 maximum, based on purchases made since the flood for which no claim has been filed for sales tax refund.

FISH HATCHERY

I listened with great interest to debate on the House floor regarding federal funding of a fish hatchery in Tennessee. I thought it ironic and in fact funny (were it not so serious) that several of the people who voted for the federal dollars for the fish hatchery actually voted against federal funding to extend unemployment benefits for the citizens of Tennessee.

It is difficult for me to understand the logic in individuals voting for a fish hatchery and yet those same individuals finding it inconceivable to vote for federal dollars to benefit the unemployed.

ELECTRONIC HARASSMENT

I was also quite dismayed at debate today regarding a bill that Rep. Charles Curtiss has, which makes it an offense to intentionally harass and/or defame someone electronically. I am sure some of you are aware of the recent incident where a young person took her life because of harassing and demeaning text messages. Yet during the debate today, one of our legislators said he felt this bill would be infringing upon the constitutional rights of Tennesseans. Yet this same legislator voted for another bill which the Attorney General had already opined was unconstitutional.

I think my point here is that certain individuals on the House floor are quick to quote the constitution when they feel it bolsters their point; yet ignore the constitution when the legislation is something they want to prohibit becoming law.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

At the request of the Joelton Civitan Club, there will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the Joelton Middle School cafeteria on April 28 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Metro Police will be showing us how to set up a Neighborhood Watch program in our communities. If you would like such a meeting for your community, please contact my office at 741-4317.

HOUSE BILL 2016 by Holt

A bill that would authorize full-time faculty at a public college to carry a firearm on such campus if they have a handgun carry permit has been deferred in the House Judiciary committee until May 3.

HOUSE BILL 1690 by Fitzhugh

This bill would create a sales tax holiday for persons 60 years of age or older, which would exempt certain items from sales tax on the first Friday through Sunday of March. This bill has been placed "behind the budget", meaning it will not be considered for further action until after the state budget has been approved.

Many of you will be off work tomorrow for Good Friday. Perhaps the storms are over and you can enjoy a sunny three day weekend. **HAPPY EASTER!**



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