



The Weekly Update

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On Monday, the House voted to bring thousands of new jobs to Tennessee with the passage of a bill that guarantees incentive grants for Volkswagen and Hemlock, two companies scheduled to build new manufacturing facilities in Chattanooga and Clarksville.

Many states in our nation struggle to survive this current financial crisis, while we in Tennessee continue to lure new job opportunities to our state and provide a light at the end of this dark economic tunnel.

The new Volkswagen car manufacturing facility will be located in the Enterprise South Industrial Park, located 12 miles northeast of downtown Chattanooga. With the new plant, Volkswagen is expected to create about 2,000 direct jobs, and will add a significant number of jobs in related sectors. The 1,350-acre site is expected to have an initial production capacity of 150,000 vehicles, with production scheduled to begin in early 2011.

Hemlock Semiconductor, one of the world's largest makers of polycrystalline silicon for solar cells and semiconductor chips, is investing \$1.2 billion in corporate investments to Clarksville. The new plant is expected to bring over 500 jobs directly to the area, with a potential for related jobs throughout the region.

These investments are helping to give Tennessee a fighting chance at beginning our economic recovery. We have to continue to work to bring more companies to our state and show them why our citizens continue to be some of the best workers in the world.

The bill passed overwhelmingly in the House by a vote of 88-7-2.

Also on Monday, the House and Senate passed key legislation designed to protect state workers from mass layoffs while still giving the governor opportunities to make necessary budget cuts.

Before this bill was passed, the governor had two options for dealing with budget shortfalls when it came to state workers: raise taxes or cut jobs. Thanks to this new legislation, we can now consider alternatives to layoffs, like furloughs for example, and keep more people working in Tennessee.

With passage of House Bill 419, as well as the passage of President Obama's "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," Governor Bredesen can now begin formulating a final draft of the upcoming state budget.

Keeping the people of Tennessee working is the key to economic recovery in our state, and this bill is one way we are continuing to keep people in their jobs and working families in their homes.

The governor is expected to present his budget later this month.

As always at the beginning of session, it takes a few weeks to get all the bills running through their respective committees. As various pieces of legislation are put into motion and begin getting attention, please call me if you have any questions or concerns about any particular one(s). I am always happy to meet with you or talk with you on the telephone.

Don't forget daylight savings time begins this weekend. Spring is on the way!

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