



# The Weekly Update

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As many committees and subcommittees conducted their final meetings of the 2009 Session, the Tennessee House of Representatives also began the process of drafting a final budget for the upcoming 2009-2010 fiscal year.

We deal with a variety of issues throughout the year, but the most important work we do is creating a balanced budget that funds those programs important to working Tennesseans. Our state has a tradition of passing balanced budgets and this year will be no exception.

The state funding board has met to set revenue projections for the coming fiscal year. As you may suspect, expectations are low that state revenues will make a significant rebound. We have begun the final stretch of the 2009 session and Governor Bredesen is expected to deliver his final budget amendment later this month.

Even though we have the help of the American Recovery and Revitalization Act from Congress, the bottom line is that we have to make some very tough cuts in order to balance our budget. Just like working families across Tennessee have to make tough choices in these tough economic times, so too will the House of Representatives.

## **DEMOCRATS LEAD CHARGE FOR TRUTH IN CAMPAIGNING**

*Legislation holds political campaigns and bloggers to same standards as news media*

Last week the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to adopt the "Fair Campaigning Act of 2009," a bill that would address false attacks and hold political campaigns, organizations, bloggers and others to the same standards as traditional news media outlets.

The public has long been subject to false and inappropriate ads from out-of-control political groups. No matter what party you belong to or what issues you support, you should always speak truth to the public and those who choose to promote false information should be held accountable.

Under the bill, if a person or campaign knowingly publishes, broadcasts, or distributes any false and defamatory campaign literature or political advertisement relating to the conduct, fitness, or record of a candidate for public office, then that person could be held liable in a court of law.

For too long we have allowed false information to run around as truth. With this legislation, civil discourse and quality debate among candidates is protected and those who engage in lies can be appropriately punished.

### **HOME SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

In session today, the House passed House Bill 431 after much discussion on the floor. This bill requires that diplomas issued by home schools be recognized by all state and local government entities as having the same rights and privileges of diplomas issued by public school systems.

### **BELLEVUE PICNIC**

The Bellevue Community Picnic will be held Saturday May 16 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Caboose Park in Bellevue. There will be plenty of rides and activities for the kids. I will have a booth and would love for you to stop by to talk about any issues on your mind. See you there!



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