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Session Will Focus on Financial Challenges

By Ken Strobeck, LOC Executive Director

The 2005 Legislature will see the introduction of thousands of bills, but there will be no more important topic than balancing the state budget and prioritizing important state services. Many of the issues critical to cities, including the possible preemption of local revenue raising authority, Measure 37 and franchise fees, are directly related to the state budget.

The state remains in a fiscal crisis, with a gap of more than \$1 billion between current service levels and anticipated revenue. With the defeat of two legislatively-referred tax increases in the past two years, and the governor stating that he would veto tax increases, new revenue is effectively off the table. There will be efforts to limit tax exemptions and expand niche taxes, but tax increases, or even major tax reform, are not expected.

House Speaker Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) is very interested in enacting a cap on state expenditures that is coupled with the creation of a "rainy day fund." There has been discussion of directing some of the kicker revenues to the fund. More drastic spending limits are being proposed in ballot measures. Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem) has been championing changes in the state mental health system and has recently highlighted major problems at the state mental hospital.

Hometown Action

Shared Revenue – Info Needed

Please provide LOC with specific examples of what state shared revenue buys in your city. Please see page 7 story, *Defender of Shared Revenue*.

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Stability in leadership

House and Senate caucus leadership, in sharp contrast to the 2003 session, remains nearly unchanged. Two years ago, Minnis, Courtney and Governor Ted Kulongoski were all new to the mix, and the Senate was equally divided (15 Democrats-15 Republicans).

The party leaders in the Senate will be majority leader Kate Brown (D-Portland) and Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day), who was selected Republican leader after Sen. Roger Beyer (R-Molalla) resigned from the post. For the first time in more than a decade, Democrats hold an 18-12 majority in the Senate.

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“Hometown Voices” to Intensify Lobbying Efforts

Following almost a year of preparation, “Hometown Voices,” the League’s grassroots advocacy program, is set to ensure that the voice of cities will be heard during the 2005 legislative session.

“Effective advocacy begins at home” Hometown Voices Program Manager Andrea Fogue. “This program will unite local advocacy with the League’s lobbying efforts in Salem.”

Since the launch of the program last spring, Hometown Voices has received an overwhelming response, as city officials statewide share their time and expertise. The program has tapped into their passion and strong sense of public service.

“Record amounts have been spent on campaigns and lobbying, and our belief is that cities need a program that will harness local community voices,” said LOC Legislative Director David Barenberg. ““Hometown Voices’ builds on our strength – the knowledge and expertise of city officials serving across the state. It represents the recognition that no one city can do it alone, but together 240 cities can create solutions to best serve Oregon.”

Throughout the past nine months, city officials have worked to lay the groundwork for a successful 2005 legislative session. Efforts will now move to Salem and build on that momentum during the legislative session.

“We need city officials to visit the “Hometown Voices” web page regularly to learn about the critical issues and how to best communicate with their legislators,” Fogue added.

Throughout the session, city officials can also watch for and respond quickly to legislative alerts and the issues identified in LOC’s weekly Legislative Bulletin.

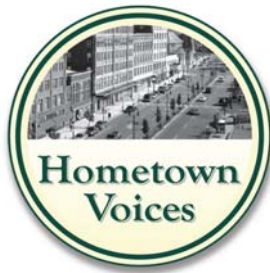
“By taking these kinds of actions, cities will ensure that their collective voice is heard,” said Barenberg

The League launched “Hometown Voices,” last May, responding to the desire of its Board of Directors to take advocacy efforts to the next level. The goal was to by mobilize city officials at home to work with legislators, candidates, community leaders and citizens. The program is designed to support the League’s strong legislative program while maximizing the value of city officials and the League’s lobby staff.

A basic premise of the program is that the best answers to complex local issues are “home grown,” where citizens have the greatest opportunity to participate and provide input into decisions that impact their lives.

“We know that cities are strong when they speak with a unified voice, but that voice reaches far beyond our 240 cities and hundreds of city officials,” Fogue said. “Hometown Voices is designed to bring city officials, public and private entities, businesses, community leaders and citizens together to advocate as partners.”

For more information on our Legislative Program and Hometown Voices please visit the League’s website at www.orcities.org and click on the green “Hometown Voices” button on the left or contact Hometown Voices Program Manager Andrea Fogue at (503) 588-6550.



Cities: Your Efforts Will Make a Difference

*By Andrea Fogue,
Hometown Voices Coordinator*

City officials are essential to the success of “Hometown Voices.” If you haven’t already, you should meet with your legislators and regularly contact them during the legislative session. Make sure that they’re aware of your issues and that local government concerns are at the top of their agendas. For information on priority legislative issues, how to contact your legislator and much more visit our “Hometown Voices” web page at www.orcities.org (see green buttons at left).

Your voice matters...

The ability to “tell your city’s story” and communicate to legislators how specific issues affect your community will be critical factors in the success of our legislative efforts this session.

Here’s how you can support our ongoing advocacy efforts and make sure you’re having the greatest impact:

- **Read the Legislative Bulletin** – Sent by e-mail and hard copy if requested every Friday during session. Please respond to the “**Hometown Action**” request on page one.
- **Respond to Action Alerts** – Sent by e-mail and fax to your city. Action Alerts let you know when your voice is critical to a specific legislative outcome.
- **Visit the League’s “Legislative-Hometown Voices” web page** often. This resource will have the most current and up-to-date news and information from the capitol about issues that impact your community. To access the web page go to the League’s website at www.orcities.org and click on the green “Hometown Voices” button on the left.
- **Don’t forget** to provide feedback to the League about any contacts with legislators.

We are calling on you to become a hometown voice and advocate for issues that are important to your community. Your voice can make a difference, and together we will achieve success in the 2005 legislative session.

How to use the League's Legislative Bulletin

This is the first Legislative *Bulletin* published for the 2005 session. Weekly editions are published on Fridays and emailed, faxed or mailed to all city officials who request it.

The *Bulletin* will include up-to-the minute reports on major issues and actions at the Legislature. Articles will help you understand issues from a city perspective and as legislators see them. A section titled "Selective Bill Summaries" will feature new bills of city interest.

A schedule of public hearings will appear in the back of the *Bulletin* and can be detached for reference the following week. Future issues will have a "Week in Review" section highlighting specific legislative activities.

A new feature in the bulletin will be a page to integrate our "Hometown Voices" grassroots advocacy program. The page will highlight priority issues that need attention and include a calendar of upcoming events. A box on the front page of the bulletin will provide a "Hometown Action" each week that outlines a brief issue or message for city officials to act on that week.

As always, **it is critical that you provide League staff with information about contact with legislators.** Through the "Hometown Voices" web page you can click on the "feedback" icon to send a quick and easy e-mail to the League.

If you would like additional copies of the *Bulletin* e-mailed to your city officials please send us your request to Kim Shook (kshook@orcities.org) stating the city, intended recipient, their title and e-mail address.

Parking at the League

Limited parking is available at the League office (Local Government Center). If you use the League parking lot, you must display a parking permit on the dash of your car. These are available in the League office. If the lot is full, you'll have to use metered parking on the streets – remember to keep feeding your meter.

League and Mayors Host Reception for Legislative Staff

Ninety legislative staff and legislators attended a reception at the Capitol, hosted by the League and the Oregon Mayors Association, on Wednesday, January 5. The event introduced many new and returning legislative staff to city issues as well as providing an opportunity to chat with the 30 mayors and League legislative staff. A special thanks to Mayor Peggy Kite-Martin, who came all the way from Joseph.

The gift baskets provided by cities were a big hit. They were much appreciated by the legislators and their staff.

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In the House, Wayne Scott (R-Canby) will continue as majority leader and Rep. Derrick Kitts (R-Hillsboro) was elected majority whip. For the Democrats, Jeff Merkley (D-Portland) will continue as minority leader and Rep. Dianne Rosenbaum (D-Portland) was chosen as the whip. While the Democrats gained two seats in the last election, the Republicans maintain a 33-27 majority.

LOC Legislative Agenda

The League's 2005 legislative program is straightforward, and encompasses four priority areas:

Financial Stability –

- Support Cities' ability to make local decisions related to revenue and funding.
- Maintain state shared revenue payments for liquor, cigarette, 9-1-1 and gas taxes.

Water Rights –

- Support the Responsible Community Planning Act legislation sponsored by the League (maintains municipal water rights).

Land Use –

- Support the ability of cities to make land use planning and economic development decisions locally.
- Support local authority in balancing of the rights of property owners and residents.
- Work with other stakeholders in interpreting and implementing Ballot Measure 37.

Telecommunication Franchise, Tax, Fee and Rights-of-Way Authority –

- Support city authority to collect franchise fees and other fees and taxes from the telecommunications industry.
- Recognize the responsibility of cities to manage the public rights-of-way on behalf of their residents and the need for them to receive fair compensation for the use of those public investments.

The League also supports increases in funding for economic development including the recapitalization of the Special Public Works Fund with an additional \$60 million for readying industrial sites for development, continued funding (\$1.8 million) of the Economic Revitalization Team (ERT) and the other priorities of the Community Development Forum. Finally, the League will continue to work with its partners, ODOT and the counties to develop strategies to increase transportation funding.

Time for action

It is more important than ever for city officials to stay in close contact with their legislators and keep them informed of the specific impact that pending legislation will have on cities.

This year, our lobbying efforts will have the added support of our new grassroots advocacy program, "Hometown Voices." The program was introduced last spring, and produced LOC's first "City Hall Day" in October, when 21 cities hosted meetings with legislators to discuss priority city issues.

The Hometown Voices program, managed by LOC's Andrea Fogue, will ensure that cities are getting their collective voice heard by legislators. The program will identify the most important issues as they develop during the session, and provide vital information to city officials to communicate directly with legislators.

The League will also make greater use of e-mail and the Internet in to keep city officials better informed of the events in Salem and to allow for their timely participation. The primary tools will be the weekly Legislative Bulletin (e-mailed on Fridays), electronic legislative alerts and our Hometown Voices web page.

Thank you for your interest in legislative activities and your support of the League and our advocacy program. We have an excellent team working together for our common benefit. Cities provide the essential local services that people depend on every day, and it is our job to protect and strengthen our ability to effectively serve our communities.

LOC 2005 Legislative Priorities

Financial Stability:

Constitutional property tax limits (Measures 5, 47 and 50) have limited the ability of cities to raise the funds necessary to provide the essential services that citizens and businesses expect and depend on. To benefit citizens and businesses we must preserve existing revenue options; cities must have the ability to make decisions locally that fit their communities. In addition, cities must be able to control personnel costs and manage their workforce.

- Support cities' ability to make local decisions related to revenue and funding.
 - The ability to raise revenue at the local level allows cities to be proactive and solve problems with local involvement, and makes cities less dependent on the state.
- Maintain state shared revenue payments from liquor, cigarette, 9-1-1 and gas taxes.
 - These revenues are essential to providing services that residents and businesses expect.
 - These funds offset the local impact of alcohol and cigarette consumption, provide property tax relief, and represent longstanding, good faith promises by the state.
- Oppose changes to interest arbitration and collective bargaining laws that would undermine the interest and welfare of the public and cities ability to fund important services.

Water Rights:

A recent court decision has thrown into jeopardy the ability of cities to maintain their water rights and provide Oregon citizens and businesses adequate water. Cities will pursue legislation to maintain the historic practice of long-term planning, efficient management, and conservation of municipal water supplies.

- Support the Responsible Community Planning Act (2005 legislation sponsored by the League)
 - Oregon's 30+ year tradition of long-range planning works

- Oregon's economy needs certainty in water planning
- Municipal water suppliers and the Department of Water Resources have invested years of effort in long-term planning...municipal water rights and that planning is in jeopardy.

Land Use & Economic Development:

To benefit citizens and businesses, cities must have the ability to make land use planning decisions that fit their community. Additionally, cities support a clear, more efficient way to determine compliance with state requirements in development issues, including land use, waste water, transportation planning and employment sector economic development projects.

The recent passage of Measure 37 could have the largest impact on Oregon's planning program since cities and counties first adopted their comprehensive plans. One of this legislative session's largest unknowns is whether or not there will be a substantive effort to clarify or rewrite portions of the measure that have now become law.

- Support the ability of cities to make land use planning and economic development decisions locally.
- Support local authority in the balancing of the rights of property owners and residents.
- Support: recapitalization of the Special Public Works Fund, with an additional \$60 million for readying industrial sites for development; continued funding (\$1.8 million) of the Economic Revitalization Team (ERT); and other priorities of the Community Development Forum.

Telecommunication Franchise, Tax, Fee and Rights-of-Way Authority:

For over 100 years cities have been responsible for managing the public rights of way on behalf of citizens. As land lords of public property, city officials are held accountable by taxpayers for management of these public assets and must retain the authority to collect adequate compensation for the use of public rights-of-way.

Most Oregon cities have home rule power derived from the Oregon Constitution that authorizes other forms of taxation, including sales or use taxes and business privilege taxes. Some cities (Eugene) have or are considering using this authority to apply a broad based tax or fee on telecom industry gross revenue, including wireless.

In the 2005 legislative session, cities expect challenges to our existing authority to collect telecommunications franchise fees and other revenue.

- Support city authority to collect franchise fees and other fees and taxes from the telecommunications industry.
- Recognize the responsibility of cities to manage public rights-of-way on behalf of their residents and the need for them to receive fair compensation for the use of those public investments.
- Franchise fees (on all utilities) are the second largest revenue source for cities.

Finally, the League will continue to work with its partners, ODOT and the counties to develop strategies to increase transportation funding.

League Website:

your gateway to legislative resources

For a wealth of city-related legislative information, go to:

www.orcities.org/legislative/grassroots/grinforinformation.cfm.

The League Legislative homepage has a quick access to the summaries, text and status of all of the bills of interest to cities. Other page features include:

- ☆ Legislative Alerts
- ☆ Legislative Bulletin
- ☆ List of Legislators by City
- ☆ All cities in a Legislative District
- ☆ Legislator Contact Information
- ☆ District Maps

Save the Date

Please save **Wednesday, February 23**, for the Oregon Mayors Association Mayors Day at the Capitol.

More information will be coming soon.

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Issues Preview

LOC: Defender of Shared Revenue! As in previous sessions, the League is on guard to defend cities' apportionments of liquor, cigarette, gas and 9-1-1 taxes against those who may seek to divert these dollars for other purposes.

The State of Oregon is once again facing a budget hole as it heads into the 2005 legislative session. Legislators may be pressured to re-allocate cities' statutorily promised shared revenue dollars to help balance the state's budget, or backfill state programs that would otherwise be cut. While we sincerely hope that the Legislature will see the wisdom in maintaining these funds for cities, experience suggests that we need to be prepared to make our case for these dollars.

LOC will again take the position that these dollars support vital programs – such as public safety, 9-1-1 public safety answering points, local street maintenance, libraries and parks – in communities large and small; diverting these dollars away from cities will have a direct and very negative impact on legislators' constituents.

Your Immediate Action Needed

But we won't be successful without your help. We are depending on you to tell us just exactly how those dollars are used in your city, and what would happen should shared revenue cease to flow to your city as expected. LOC requests that you analyze the impacts of the loss of shared revenue, and be prepared to give us examples of what your citizens would lose: police officers, fire fighters, parks programs, library hours, economic development assistance, job creation programs and matching funds. Examples of the kind of information that is helpful are as follows:

“The City of X anticipates the receipt of approximately \$X in liquor and cigarette taxes – just about enough to put one patrolman on the street. Because one of the certified officers is funded by a COPS grant that requires a maintenance of effort, losing this revenue would cost us two (out of a total of fourteen) police officers.”

“Liquor and cigarette tax revenues are a significant chunk of change for the City of X. Should the legislature decide to withhold this promised money, we would have to deliver two more pink slips to police officers. Or, we could reduce our library's service hours to two days per week. Or we could dissolve our

community development department, fire our city planner and then distribute the rest of the reductions between the police, library and public works departments.”

Please send this information to afogue@orcities.org. Thank you in advance for your help, and watch the League's Legislative Bulletin and Hometown Voices website for continuing coverage of this important issue.

Break In Service on Our PERS Agenda

In 2005, public employers will seek to remedy the retroactive application of the “Break In Service” provision of last session's Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) reforms. HB 2020 (2003) included a provision specifying that any PERS Tier one or Tier Two member who performed no service for a public employer for a period of six consecutive months would automatically earn future retirement benefits as a member of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan. This provision was worded in such a way as to have a retroactive effect, applying to some employees who were already on leave, sabbatical, or otherwise not performing service before the effective date of the legislation, August 29, 2003. Believing that this was unintentional as well as unfair, the League and other government associations will support legislation that will make break in service provisions applicable only to those PERS members who had a break in service that began after August 29, 2003.

In addition, public employers will support legislation to clarify that employees who suffer a break due to a duty-related disability, and then even if they come back to work for a different employer.

We will keep you apprised of this situation as it works its way through the process, so stay tuned!

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Water Rights: Hot Item This Session

As Legislators make their way back to Salem this year it looks like water rights will be a significant issue on two fronts: the continuing battle over who owns a water right; and the ability of municipalities to develop "existing water rights.

Last session, a major feud erupted between irrigation districts and their patrons over the issue of who has authority to take action (i.e. voluntary cancellation, transfer, apply for conserved water) with individual permits. What resulted was the introduction of a bill describing the "owner" of a water right as the owner of the land appurtenant to the right. This definition creates a number of problems for municipalities. While the Water Resources Department attempted to address a number of issues raised through this controversy, it is likely this issue will return in the 2005 session.

The issue of greatest importance to municipalities, however, will be the debate over the ability of municipalities to develop their water rights. A recent court decision has thrown 95 years of municipal water development practices into jeopardy. Under the ruling, municipalities may be required to develop water rights within the first five years of obtaining them although the rights were granted with the understanding that they would grow into over a long period of time. Also in jeopardy are the newly adopted permit extension rules which are the result of a six-year negotiation. The new rules require substantial planning measures, conservation measures and restrict water available for development into 20 year increments. The League is sponsoring legislation to correct this issue and statutorily implement the department's current practices with respect to water development.

Land use

The recent passage of Measure 37 could have the largest impact on Oregon's planning program since cities and counties first adopted their comprehensive plans. One of this legislative session's largest unknowns is whether or not there will be a substantive effort to clarify or rewrite portions of the measure that have now become law.

In addition to the question of legislative action on Measure 37, there still are open questions as to whether interim efforts will bring forward new land use or land use related legislation. Possible areas for legislative action include: periodic review; transportation planning

rule, Goal 14 Urbanization; aggregate mining permitting; and increased commercial and industrial uses outside urban growth boundaries.

The one "given" will be a bill supported by the governor, and introduced by the Department of Land Conservation and Development, that will provide for a high level review of the land use planning program, i.e., where it's been, where it's going, and the appropriate means to get there. It is anticipated that the bill will provide for a two biennium effort and include a strong citizen involvement component. A similar bill failed due to lack of funding in the full Ways and Means Committee during final days of the 2003 session.

The House Land Use Committee will consist of four new members and several who served on the committee last session. Returning as committee chairman, Representative Bill Garrard (R-Klamath Falls) leads other familiar committee members Mitch Greenlick, (D-Portland) and Bob Ackerman, (D-Eugene). New to the committee are Representatives Gordon Anderson, (R-Grants Pass); Mary Nolan, (D-Portland); Patti Smith, (R-Corbett); Mac Sumner, (R-Mollalla).

The Senate Environment and Land Use Committee includes as chairman Senator Charlie Ringo, (D-Beaverton); and Senators Jason Atkinson, (R-Jacksonville); Roger Beyer, (R-Mollalla); Ginny Burdick, (D-Portland); Frank Shields, (D-Portland).

The League will be supporting several economic development proposals forwarded by Governor Kulongoski. These include: recapitalization of the Special Public Works Fund, with an additional \$60 million for readying industrial sites for development; continued funding (\$1.8 million) of the Economic Revitalization Team (ERT); and other priorities of the Community Development Forum. These items will likely be referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Senator Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) and Representative Dan Doyle, (R-Salem).

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Telecommunications

Two preemption battles loom for city telecommunications authorities. The first is an outright assault on cities' ability to enact fees and charges on the telecommunications industry beyond and sometimes in place of franchise fees. Much of the telecom traffic is migrating from wired service to cell phones and the Internet, which could effectively cause telecom franchise fees to plummet.

Some cities have enacted or are considering enacting taxes or fees on all telecom providers wired or wireless. Eugene has a 2 percent fee in addition to the franchise that is collected on wireless as well as wire based service.

The industry is attempting to limit city authority to a declining revenue source. The League is having conversations with some in the industry to see if there is any common ground, if not a major battle is expected. Nationally, telecommunications has been the biggest political spender of any industry, with over \$1 billion in campaign contributions and lobbying since 1998.

The second preemption battle will be to preserve local government's ability to provide telecommunications (telecom) and cable services should be pushed by the Oregon Telecommunications Association and supported by much of the telecom industry.

The League, with a coalition of local government partners, successfully defeated similar legislation in the past few sessions. In the past year the industry has banned local governments from providing these services in several states. In the 2003 session the industry bill was not an outright ban on a local governments provision of telecom services but an unworkable web of bureaucratic requirements that had the same effect.

Maintaining telecom authority is essential for cities: it allows rural communities to access high-speed data services, provides low-cost services to city residents and reduces government telecom costs.

New Transportation Package Targets Intermodal

With the passage of three major transportation funding packages in 2001 and 2003, it appears the focus this session will be on an intermodal economic development package called Connect Oregon. Under this program, Governor Kulongoski has called for the issuance of \$100

million in lottery-backed bonds to fund marine, air, and rail projects. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) would then work to determine the individual projects which would be funded. While the Oregon Transportation Investment Act III dedicated a small amount of funds for local operations and maintenance, clearly, the preservation needs of the system far outweigh the funds available to keep up. The League will continue to work with its partners – ODOT and the counties – to develop strategies to increase transportation funding. However, it appears this Legislature and Governor Kulongoski will be very reluctant to look at increased revenue.

Senate Committee Schedule			
	Days	Time	Room
Revenue	M-Th	8:30 am	HR A
Rules	T&Th	8:30 am	HR 343
W&M Education Sub.	M-Th	8:30 am	HR E
W&M Human Services Sub.	M-Th	8:30 am	HR F
W&M General Gov't. Sub.	M-Th	8:30 am	HR 174
Joint W&M	Friday	8:30 am	HR F
Judiciary	M-Th	1:00 pm	HR 343
Health Policy	M&W	1:00 pm	HR B
Business & Econ. Dev.	T&Th	1:00 pm	HR B
W&M Trans. & Econ. Dev. Sub.	M-Th	1:00 pm	HR F
W&M Public Safety Sub.	M-Th	1:00 pm	HR 170
W&M Natural Resources Sub.	M-Th	1:00 pm	HR 174
Environment & Land Use	M&W	3:00 pm	HR B
Transportation	M&W	3:00 pm	HR C
Education & Workforce	M&W	3:00 pm	HR D
General Government	T&Th	3:00 pm	HR B
Commerce	T&Th	3:00 pm	HR C
Human Services	T&Th	3:00 pm	HR D

Oregon Senate 2005 Committee Assignments

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Sen. Jason Atkinson
Sen. Ryan Deckert
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson

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Sen. Roger Beyer, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jason Atkinson
Sen. Ginny Burdick
Sen. Charlie Ringo

Education & Workforce

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Sen. Jeff Kruse
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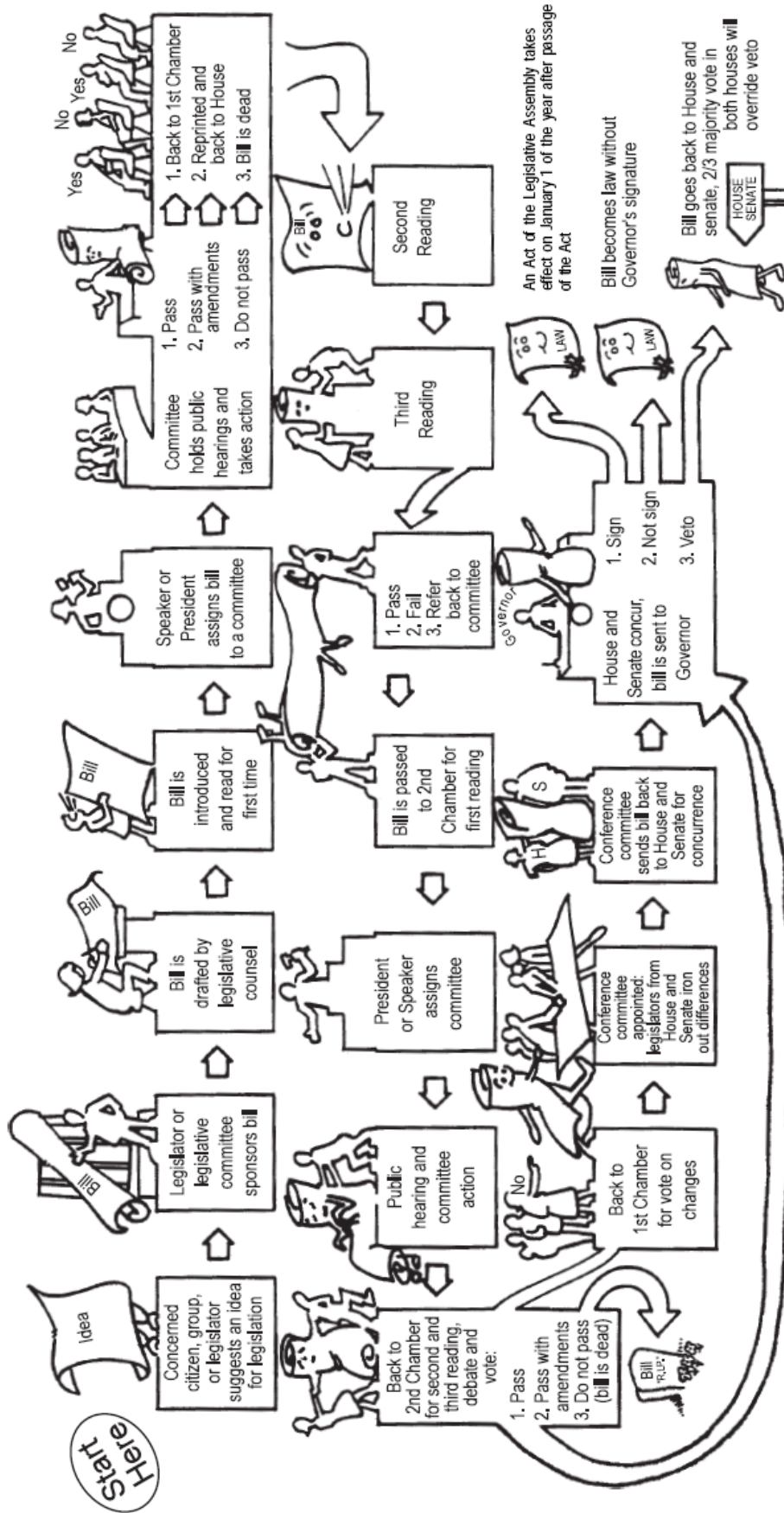
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Barker	D	28	986-1428	H-476
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Brown	D	21	986-1700	S-323
Burdick	D	18	986-1718	S-317
Carter	D	22	986-1722	S-311
Courtney	D	11	986-1600	S-203
Deckert	D	14	986-1714	S-219
Devlin	D	19	986-1719	S-316
Dukes	D	16	986-1716	S-314
Ferrioli	R	30	986-1950	S-223
George	R	12	986-1712	S-214
Gordly	D	23	986-1723	S-303
Kruse	R	1	986-1701	S-215
Metsger	D	26	986-1726	S-307
Monnes Anderson D	D	25	986-1725	S-310
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Morse	R	8	986-1708	S-218
Nelson	R	29	986-1729	S-206
Prozanski	D	4	986-1704	S-319
Ringo	D	17	986-1717	S-318
Schrader	D	20	986-1720	S-209
Shields	D	24	986-1724	S-309
Starr, B.	R	15	986-1715	S-205
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Verger	D	5	986-1705	S-301
Walker	D	7	986-1707	S-210
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