



The Capitol Region Council Of Governments
2010 End of Session Report

The 2010 Legislative Session came to a hectic close on Wednesday May 5th at midnight. The surprise event of the session was the agreement between the Governor and Legislature in adopting an adjusted 2011 fiscal year budget before the session ended at midnight. The two hundred and forty five page document, SB 494 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011 which the governor signed today, does not include any conventional tax hikes but does create an additional surcharge on electric bills. In addition the adjustment does not include the controversial full securitization plan, adds nearly \$1 billion in borrowing and does not address the \$3.4 billion budget deficit projected for the next biennium.

The budget and deficit claimed most of the focus (see attached budget/deficit/rescission history) but many other items were addressed as well. Significant energy legislation, a large jobs bill, anti domestic violence legislation, education reform(Race to the Top) all passed both chambers and are on the way to the Governor for her review. Other items such as state run Keno, power plant safety and various other tax hikes or reductions did not make it through the session.

Two issues the Legislature will revisit in special sessions are campaign finance changes in response to any court decision, and the real estate conveyance tax extension.

Of the 1039 bills introduced during the 2010 Legislative Session we monitored 110 bills of interest to the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

On the following pages you will find a review of the M.O.R.E. Commission bills and the Conveyance Tax bills. We have also included an excel sheet that contains all of the bills we were monitoring on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

M.O.R.E. Commission

At the beginning of the 2010 Legislative Session the House Democrats announced a commission called the Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (M.O.R.E.). The commission was established to initiate a new approach to state and local government in Connecticut that could make our state more economically competitive in the short and long term.

There are six committees within the commission:

- Town Functions
- Board of Education Functions
- Regional Entities
- State Grants & Mandate Relief
- Revenue Streams & Economic Development
- Collective Bargaining, Healthcare & Pensions

There are two phases to this commission, the first phase was action for the 2010 legislative session, and the second phase is action for the 2011 legislative session. There were four M.O.R.E. Commission bills that were voted on in the House. Three of these four made it through the Senate as well.

H.B. 5255 An Act Concerning Municipal Mandate Relief

This bill passed both chambers and is awaiting a public act number and the Governor's signature.

It was introduced by the Planning and Development Committee and received a public hearing on March 10th. A number of people spoke in favor and against the bill. Below is a list of the testimony received on this bill.

In Support of the bill:

- Melody Currey and Lyle Wray, PhD, Chairman, Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments
- Representative Patricia Widlitz
- Representative Russell A. Morin
- Representative Elissa Wright
- Representative Auden Grogins
- Brian Sear, First Selectman, Town of Canterbury

- Joseph Mazza, First Selectman, Town of Guilford
- Susan Bransfield, First Selectman, Town of Portland
- Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, Town of Wethersfield
- John Salomone, Town Manager, Town of Newington
- John Prokop, Director of Public Works, City of New Haven
- John Lawlor Jr., Director of Public Works, City of Waterbury
- John Filchak, Executive Director, Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
- Mark Paquette, Executive Director, Windham Region Council of Governments
- Ron Thomas, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

In Opposition of the Bill:

- Brian Anderson, Council 4 American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees
- David Pels, Greater Hartford Legal Aid
- Raphael Podolsky, Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut, Inc.
- Sally Zanger, Staff Attorney, Connecticut Legal Rights Project
- Colleen Murphy, Executive Director, Freedom of Information Commission
- Paul Rosow, Connecticut Coalition of Property Owners
- Ann Emerson, President, Connecticut Apartment Association
- Lorna Bolduc, Executive Director, Connecticut Self Storage Association
- Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association
- Chet Valiante, Connecticut Daily Newspaper Association
- Rhoda Micocci, Esq.
- John Souza, Former President, Connecticut Association of Real Estate Investors

This bill was voted out of the Planning and Development Committee with Republican opposition and substitute language. It came out with a file copy and was placed on the House calendar. The House referred it to the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee on April 13th; the committee amended the bill and passed it out with 5 of the 46 people voting against it. The House of Representative took up the bill for debate on April 29th, amended it and voted to pass with 33 members voting against it. The Senate passed the bill on the consent calendar on the last day of session.

This bill:

- Requires a state marshal to deliver the possessions and personal property of an evicted tenant to a town-designate storage facility, rather than leaving them on the sidewalk or road to be picked up by the town and eliminates the town's responsibility to pay for the expense of moving these items
- Applies the same procedures to possessions and personal property of a person evicted in a foreclosure or similar action
- Limits the scope of a law under which certain telecommunications companies pay property tax on their personal property at a statewide mill rate
- Stipulates that the meeting minutes of a municipal agency need not be posted on the Internet in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act's requirements.

The tenant and foreclosure provisions will be effective July 1, 2010 and the internet posting provision and property tax provisions will be effective October 1, 2010.

H.B. 5336 An Act Concerning Shared Service Agreements Between Boards of Education

This bill passed both chambers and is awaiting a public act number and the Governor's signature.

It was introduced by the Planning and Development Committee and received a public hearing on March 10th. All of the public hearing testimony was in support of the bill, below is a list of the people who spoke in favor of the bill.

- Capitol Region Council of Governments, Melody Currey, Chairman & Lyle Wray, Executive Director
- State of Connecticut, House of Representatives, 28th Assembly District – Russell A. Morin
- State of Connecticut, House of Representatives, 41st Assembly District – Elissa T. Wright
- Connecticut Council of Small Towns, Town of Roxbury, First Selectman, Barbara Henry
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, Ron Thomas & Gian-Carl Casa
- Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, Executive Director, John Filchak
- Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut, Town Manager, Jeff Bridges
- Windham Region Council of Governments, Executive Director Mark N. Paquette

It was voted out of the Planning and Development Committee unanimously with substitute language. The bill came out with a file copy and was placed on the House calendar. It was referred to the Education committee on April 13th and was also unanimously voted out of the committee. The House of Representatives took up this bill for debate on April 29th,

amended the bill and voted unanimously to pass it. The Senate passed this bill on the consent calendar on the last day of session.

The bill establishes a grant in Fiscal Year 12 to any municipality whose board of education makes a cooperative arrangement with at least one other board of education to provide school transportation that results in a savings in Fiscal Year 11. The grant is in addition to the reimbursements to school districts under current law for student transportation. In addition to cooperative arrangements that boards of education may enter under current law, the bill also permits two or more boards to establish a shared service agreement.

The school transportation incentive program is effective upon passage of the bill and the shared services agreement is effective October 1, 2010.

H.B. 5424 An Act Concerning Agreements Between Municipalities and Boards of Education for the Joint Purchase of Employee Health Insurance and the Disclosure of Certain Information Regarding Compensation for Services Provided by Insurance Producers

This bill passed both chambers and is awaiting a public act number and the Governor's signature.

It was introduced by the Education Committee and received a public hearing on March 8th. All of the public hearing testimony was in support of the bill, below is a list of the people who spoke in favor of the bill.

- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
- Connecticut Council of Small Towns
- Connecticut Education Association
- Paula Altieri, CFO of Hartford Public Schools
- Sharon M. Palmer, AFT Connecticut

It was voted out of the Education Committee unanimously in its original form. The bill came out with a file copy and was placed on the House calendar. It was referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee on April 13th and was voted out of committee. The House of Representatives took up this bill for debate on April 29th, amended the bill and voted unanimously to pass it. The Senate passed this bill on the consent calendar on the last day of session.

The bill permits two or municipalities or local or regional boards of education to enter into a written agreement to act as a single entity to provide medical or health care benefits for their employees under certain conditions stated in the bill. Existing law permits municipalities to jointly perform any function that each has authority to perform separately.

The agreement is subject to the conditions of any union contract the municipality or board has with its employees. Also, the bill requires the legislative body of a municipality to approve the agreement when certain conditions exist between the municipality and board of education.

The agreement must establish:

- the group's membership,
- the benefits plan duration,
- payment requirements for the benefits,
- procedures for a municipality or board of education to withdraw from the agreement, and
- Procedures for the group to terminate the benefit plan.

The bill specifies that a group formed under its provisions is not (1) a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) as defined under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) or (2) a "fictitious group." (Insurance law prohibits a fictitious group organized for insurance rating purposes where differences in rates are based solely on membership in the group. But the prohibition does not apply to health insurance.)

The bill requires that any insurance producer who sells, solicits, or negotiates insurance on behalf of an insurer to a municipality or a board of education to, at the municipality's or board's request, fully disclose in writing the amount of any fees or compensation the producer receives from the insurer for services under (1) the written memorandum required by existing law or (2) the 1944 Federal Investment Advisors Act.

The effective date for this bill is October 1, 2010.

H.B. 5483 An Act Establishing a Regional Hotel Tax

This bill passed the House and died on the Senate calendar due to lack of action.

It was introduced by the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee and received a public hearing on March 8th. A number of people spoke in favor and against the bill. Below is a list of the testimony received on this bill.

In Support of the Bill:

- John Destefano Jr., Mayor, City of New Haven
- Gian-Carl Casa, The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

In Opposition of the Bill:

- Karen J. Senich, Executive Director, Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism
- Robin Wilson, President & CEO, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce
- Chuck Moran, President, The Connecticut Lodging Association

It was voted out of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee with Republican opposition and substitute language. The bill came out with a file copy and was placed on the House calendar. It was referred to the Planning and Development Committee on April 23rd and was voted out of committee with Republicans and two Democrats opposing the bill. The House of Representatives took up this bill for debate on April 29th, amended the bill and voted to pass with 50 members voting against it. The Senate did not take action on this bill.

This bill raises the hotel tax from 12% to 15%. It requires the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) commissioner to segregate 20% of the tax revenue to be redistributed as follows: (1) one-third to the municipalities where the hotels that collected the tax are located and (2) two-thirds to regional planning organizations (RPOs) in proportion to the combined populations of their member municipalities versus the state's population. The RPOs must use the money they receive to promote property tax relief through regionalism initiatives, including regional economic development and educational cooperative programs and agreements.

Under the bill, a regional planning organization is any of the three statutorily specified types: a regional council of governments, a regional council of elected officials, or a regional planning agency. A municipality is a town, city, borough, consolidated town and city, or consolidated town and borough.

The hotel tax applies to charges for renting hotel, motel, or lodging house rooms for stays of no more than 30 consecutive days.

S.B. 303 An Act Concerning a Municipal Hotel Tax was also introduced this year and was combined into H.B. 5483.

Conveyance Tax

There were three bills introduced this year dealing with the Conveyance Tax, of those three two died in the committee process and one made it to the Senate calendar but was never called for a vote. The House of Representatives amended language to delay the sunset of the conveyance tax onto a bill that they passed on the last day of session. During the chaos of the last few minutes of session, the bill that had the amended language was not placed on the consent calendar in the Senate. It is expected that the Legislature will take up the issue of the sunset of the conveyance tax during the veto session that will be in June.

H.B. 5279 An Act Concerning the Real Estate Conveyance Tax

This bill was introduced by the Banks committee and received a public hearing on March 11th. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities testified in opposition to this bill. It was voted out of committee with a straight change of reference to the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee. The committee never called this bill for a vote.

The bill would have restored the exemption from the conveyance tax for transfers made pursuant to a foreclosure by sale and would have exempted transfers of a transferor's principal residence when (1) the transfer is being made in lieu of a foreclosure, and (2) the transfer is a short sale.

S.B. 209 An Act Concerning the Real Estate Conveyance Tax

This bill was introduced by the Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs and received a public hearing on February 25th. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities testified in opposition to this bill. It was voted out of committee with a straight change of reference to the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee. The committee never called this bill for a vote.

The bill would have exempted from the real estate conveyance tax transfers made by: (1) Surviving spouses of members of the armed forces who died on active duty, and (2) actively serving members of the armed forces.

S.B. 434 An Act Concerning the Real Estate Conveyance Tax

This bill was introduced by the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee and received a public hearing on March 15th. A number of people testified in support of this bill, below is a list of the people who submitted testimony.

- John A. Elsesser, Town Manager, Coventry
- Barbara Henry, First Selectman of the Town of Roxbury
- Michael A. Milone, Town Manager for the Town of Cheshire
- Bart Russell, Executive Director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns
- The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

It was voted out of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee with 15 of the 50 people voting against it. The committee incorporated H.B. 5279 into this bill when they voted it out of committee. The bill came out with a file copy and was placed on the Senate calendar. It was referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee on April 20th and was voted out of committee with 7 of the 17 members voting against it. This bill was not called for action by the Senate.

S.B. 430 An Act Concerning Certain Cigarette Tax Violations

The Senate had passed this bill in its original form. The House of Representatives took this bill up on the last day of session. They placed an amendment on the bill, LCO # 5707. This amendment added the section below onto the bill. This amendment would extend the sunset of the conveyance tax until July 1, 2011.

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 12-494 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

(a) There is imposed a tax on each deed, instrument or writing, whereby any lands, tenements or other realty is granted, assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser, or any other person by [his] such purchaser's direction, when the consideration for the interest or property conveyed equals or exceeds two thousand dollars, (1) subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, at the rate of five-tenths of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed by such deed, instrument or writing, the revenue from which shall be remitted by the town clerk of the municipality in which such tax is paid, not later than ten days following receipt thereof, to the Commissioner of Revenue Services for deposit to the credit of the state General Fund, and (2) at the rate of one-fourth of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed by such deed, instrument or

writing, and on and after July 1, [2010] 2011, at the rate of eleven one-hundredths of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed by such deed, instrument or writing, provided the amount imposed under this subdivision shall become part of the general revenue of the municipality in accordance with section 12-499.

Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 12-498 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

(a) The tax imposed by section 12-494, as amended by this act, shall not apply to: (1) Deeds which this state is prohibited from taxing under the Constitution or laws of the United States; (2) deeds which secure a debt or other obligation; (3) deeds to which this state or any of its political subdivisions or its or their respective agencies is a party; (4) tax deeds; (5) deeds of release of property which is security for a debt or other obligation; (6) deeds of partition; (7) deeds made pursuant to mergers of corporations; (8) deeds made by a subsidiary corporation to its parent corporation for no consideration other than the cancellation or surrender of the subsidiary's stock; (9) deeds made pursuant to a decree of the Superior Court under section 46b-81, 49-24 or 52-495; (10) deeds, when the consideration for the interest or property conveyed is less than two thousand dollars; (11) deeds between affiliated corporations, provided both of such corporations are exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraph (2), (3) or (25) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended; (12) deeds made by a corporation which is exempt from taxation pursuant to paragraph (3) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, to any corporation which is exempt from taxation pursuant to said paragraph (3) of said Section 501(c); (13) deeds made to any nonprofit organization which is organized for the purpose of holding undeveloped land in trust for conservation or recreation purposes; (14) deeds between spouses; (15) deeds of property for the Adriaen's Landing site or the stadium facility site, for purposes of the overall project, each as defined in section 32-651; (16) land transfers made on or after July 1, 1998, to a water company, as defined in section 16-1, provided the land is classified as class I or class II land, as defined in section 25-37c, after such transfer; (17) transfers or conveyances to effectuate a mere change of identity or form of ownership or organization, where there is no change in beneficial ownership; [and] (18) conveyances of residential property which occur not later than six months after the date on which the property was previously conveyed to the transferor if the transferor is (A) an employer which acquired the property from an employee pursuant to an employee relocation plan, or (B) an entity in the business of purchasing and selling residential property of employees who are being relocated pursuant to such a plan; (19) deeds in lieu of foreclosure that transfer the transferor's principal residence; and (20) any instrument transferring a transferor's principal residence where the gross purchase price is insufficient to pay the sum of (A) mortgages encumbering the property transferred, and (B) any real property taxes and municipal utility or other charges for which the municipality may place a lien on the property and which have priority over the mortgages encumbering the property transferred. "

Below is a list of all of the bills we monitored for CROG during the 2010 Legislative Session

Bill #	Title
HB05004	AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS DATA.
HB05032	AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF DIGITAL VIDEO SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS.
HB05033	AN ACT PROVIDING A PARTIAL REFUND OF THE SALES TAX IMPOSED ON THE SALE OF SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED BY THE MANUFACTURER WITH SEAT SAFETY BELTS.
HB05034	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL CREDITED SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR SERVICE IN ANOTHER STATE.
HB05035	AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HEATING SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS.
HB05037	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FULL STATE FUNDING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.
HB05050	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR NONPROFIT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CERTAIN LENDERS.
HB05055	AN ACT REINVENTING GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTICUT.
HB05059	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS.
HB05071	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAMS.
HB05093	AN ACT CONCERNING POOLING GROUPS.
HB05094	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX.
HB05097	AN ACT CONCERNING APPROPRIATE FUNDING UNDER THE ECS GRANT.
HB05098	AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING.
HB05099	AN ACT CONCERNING FULL STATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.
HB05100	AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR RAYMOND LIBRARY IN THE TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD.
HB05120	AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL RECYCLING, ZONING ORDINANCES AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACTS.
HB05134	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AID FUNDING.
HB05150	AN ACT INCREASING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES.
HB05152	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ANY GROWTH IN STATE REVENUE STREAMS.
HB05184	AN ACT CONCERNING PILOT PAYMENTS.
HB05192	AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR UPDATING HVAC SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS.
HB05208	AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
HB05254	AN ACT CONCERNING THE JEOPARDY COLLECTION OF TAXES.
HB05255	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL MANDATE RELIEF.
HB05257	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMINATION OF NEW MUNICIPAL MANDATES.
HB05268	AN ACT CONCERNING TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS.
HB05269	AN ACT CONCERNING INTEREST ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES.
HB05279	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX.
HB05283	AN ACT CONCERNING TIMETABLES FOR MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION.
HB05295	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BY NONSTATE PUBLIC EMPLOYERS.
HB05301	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.
HB05306	AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS AND GROUP DAY CARE HOMES IN PUBLIC

	SCHOOLS.
HB05319	AN ACT CONCERNING RECYCLING, CERTAIN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REFORMS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE AND ASH RESIDUE FACILITIES.
HB05321	AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL PRIMARY DAY REGISTRATION.
HB05327	AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN REVERSE AUCTION AUTHORITY TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN SERVICES BY MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATE AGENCIES.
HB05331	AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN IN STATE CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES.
HB05332	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENFIELD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.
HB05336	AN ACT ENCOURAGING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BOARDS OF EDUCATION.
HB05337	AN ACT AUTHORIZING TWO OR MORE MUNICIPALITIES OR BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PURSUE JOINT EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS AND REQUIRING DISCLOSURES BY CERTAIN INSURANCE PRODUCERS.
HB05338	AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.
HB05356	AN ACT CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS.
HB05363	AN ACT REQUIRING STREET LIGHT SHUTOFFS.
HB05371	AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING REPLACEMENT.
HB05374	AN ACT PROMOTING AND SUSTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CONNECTICUT AND CONCERNING REAL ESTATE LICENSING FOR NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATIONS.
HB05383	AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
HB05392	AN ACT CONCERNING NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS AND PERSONNEL STATUS REPORTS BY QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES.
HB05400	AN ACT CONCERNING REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS.
HB05424	AN ACT CONCERNING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION FOR THE JOINT PURCHASE OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY INSURANCE PRODUCERS.
HB05435	AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAJORITY LEADERS' JOB GROWTH ROUNDTABLE.
HB05436	AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION LIABILITY.
HB05437	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT.
HB05439	AN ACT CONCERNING URBAN SITE REMEDIATION.
HB05446	AN ACT CONCERNING MASS GATHERINGS.
HB05455	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN, THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ASSESSMENT REPORT, THE CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION AND THE CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION.
HB05460	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY BOARD.
HB05464	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.
HB05479	AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR BONDS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.
HB05480	AN ACT PERMITTING A REGIONAL SALES TAX.
HB05483	AN ACT CONCERNING A REGIONAL HOTEL TAX.
HB05487	AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPEN CHOICE PROGRAM.
HB05490	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND VARIOUS EDUCATION GRANTS.
HB05492	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE ACCOUNTABILITY STATUTES.
HB05515	AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY THROUGH REGIONALIZATION IN CONNECTICUT.

HB05529	AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE ADMISSIONS TAX AT RENTSCHLER FIELD.
SB00016	AN ACT PHASING OUT THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX FOR MUNICIPALITIES.
SB00106	AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT IN LIEU OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.
SB00107	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRADLEY DEVELOPMENT ZONE.
SB00109	AN ACT CONCERNING THE BRADLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
SB00127	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR REDEEMED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.
SB00144	AN ACT CONCERNING ENHANCED REGIONALISM.
SB00145	AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION.
SB00159	AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AND ENHANCED REGIONALISM.
SB00161	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE PROPERTY TAX.
SB00162	AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE HOTEL TAX.
SB00197	AN ACT CONCERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.
SB00198	AN ACT REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ENACT NEW MUNICIPAL MANDATES.
SB00199	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.
SB00200	AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAMS.
SB00267	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY.
SB00277	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF STUDENTS ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.
SB00300	AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.
SB00301	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
SB00303	AN ACT RETURNING A PORTION OF THE HOTEL SALES TAX TO MUNICIPALITIES.
SB00305	AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN STONE WALLS.
SB00312	AN ACT MANDATING THE REGIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATION CENTERS AND A STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION.
SB00326	AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL TAX ABATEMENTS.
SB00337	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN DEFICIT FUNDING BONDS PILOT PROGRAM.
SB00338	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMITS.
SB00339	AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO COLLECT THE MARIJUANA AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TAX.
SB00345	AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL ENFORCEMENT DEVICES AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS.
SB00349	AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.
SB00362	AN ACT STREAMLINING STATE GRANT DISTRIBUTION.
SB00363	AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES.
SB00364	AN ACT CONCERNING POST-ELECTION AUDITS.
SB00365	AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC AGENCY MINUTES AND LEGAL NOTICES ON THE INTERNET WEB SITE OF A MUNICIPALITY.
SB00376	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

SB00377	AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
SB00381	AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH TERMINALLY ILL PARENTS.
SB00384	AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE COST OF RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES IN STATE PARKS.
SB00394	AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY.
SB00408	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.
SB00415	AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY BOARD AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STATUTE.
SB00428	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES.
SB00434	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX.
SB00435	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FEE INCREASES.
SB00436	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REVENUE.
SB00442	AN ACT CONCERNING BOARDS OF EDUCATION.
SB00491	AN ACT CONCERNING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY RELATED TO TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES.

Chronology of the 2010-2011 Connecticut State Budget **From deficit to surplus**

As the global fiscal crisis worsened so did the budget crisis in CT. Through most of the year we have monitored each action taken and reported any potential impact. This is a summary of all the fiscal action taken regarding the budget – from deficit to surplus.

August 31st, 2009: State Legislature passes 2010-2011 Biennial budget in HB 6802.

September 24th-25th, 2009: State Legislature passes the budget implementation bills for the 2010-2011 biennial budget

November 2nd, 2009: State Comptroller projects a \$624,000,000 deficit for FY 2010

November 5th, 2009: Governor cuts \$34,076,998 through rescissions

November 24th, 2009: Governor cuts \$19.3 million in additional rescissions in a deficit mitigation plan. The plan included the sales tax reduction not taking effect.

December 1st, 2009: State Comptroller projects a \$549,000,000 deficit for FY 2010

December 15th, 2009: General Assembly convenes in the special session called for by the Governor to vote on her mitigation plan, but did not take any action.

December 22nd, 2009: General Assembly convenes in a special session and acted on a deficit mitigation plan. The plan included \$16.6 million in cuts, \$23.1 million in fund transfers, and \$76.2 million in revenue associated with delaying of the estate tax threshold increase.

December 28th, 2009: Governor vetoes both deficit mitigation bills passed by the General Assembly on December 22nd.

January 4th, 2010: State Comptroller projects a \$513,300,000 deficit for FY 2010

February 1st, 2010: State Comptroller projects a \$515,000,000 deficit for FY 2010

February 3rd, 2010: Governor unveils her FY 2011 budget adjustments, which included no new taxes, bond authorization repeals, no fee increases, and various cuts.

March 1st, 2010: State Comptroller projects a \$518,400,000 deficit for FY 2010

March 1st, 2010: The Governor releases another deficit mitigation plan, including a reduction of \$81 million in spending, a \$219.2 million transfer of rainy day fund allocation from FY 2011 to FY 2010.

March 26th-27th, 2010: The Senate passes a deficit mitigation plan the morning of Saturday, March 27th after an all night debate. The House was expected to convene on Saturday to take it up, but a threatened veto by the Governor, the House never voted on the measure.

March 29th, 2010: Governor announces additional rescissions in the amount of \$156.8 million

April 1st, 2010: State Comptroller projects a \$371,000,000 deficit for FY 2010

April 14th, 2010: General Assembly passes a mitigation plan for FY 2010. The bill resulted in a \$323.2 million net reduction in the anticipated FY 2010 deficit and a net increase of \$34.2 million to the FY 2011 deficit. The deficit bill is signed by the Governor.

May 3rd-5th, 2010: * * State Comptroller projects a \$105,000,000 surplus for FY 2010. The General Assembly and the Governor came to an agreement on the FY 2011 budget adjustments to close the projected \$700+ million deficit. Both the House and the Senate passed the budget bill, SB 494, on the last day of the regular session.

May 7th, 2010: Governor signs the 2011 budget adjustment bill, SB 494.