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JANUARY 18, 2008

2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- January 22 1:30 p.m.
- January 23 1:30 p.m.
- January 24 12:00 p.m.
- January 29 1:30 p.m.
- January 30 1:30 p.m.
- January 31 12:00 p.m.

SENATE

- January 22 10:00 a.m.
- January 23 10:00 a.m.
- January 24 10:00 a.m.
- January 29 10:00 a.m.
- January 30 10:00 a.m.
- January 31 10:00 a.m.

OTHER DATES:

- January 29 (*State of the State 7:00 p.m.*)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced Value Added Producer Grant Workshops to be held across the state. The USDA grant programs help entrepreneurs develop value-added food and fiber businesses. To learn more about the grant programs, farmers and other interested parties can attend the free educational workshops in nine locations offered by the Michigan State University Product Center.

The Value Added Producer Grant Workshop is set for Jan. 24 in Lawrence, Jan. 30 in Saginaw and Clinton Township, Jan. 31 in Bad Axe, Feb. 1 in Hart, Feb. 5 in Escanaba, Feb. 6 in Dafer, Feb. 7 in Alpena and Feb. 8 in Traverse City.

To learn more about the workshops, contact the MSU Product Center at 517-432-8750 or visit www.productcenter.msu.edu. For more information on the grant programs, contact the USDA Rural Development office at 517-324-5157.

STATE MILEAGE INCREASE - MILEAGE RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

Jurors: MCL 600.1344, 600.8351

\$.10/mile minimum, or as set by county board of commissioners.

Witnesses:

Criminal proceedings, MCL 775.13(c)

\$.10/mile to and from the place of attendance, estimated from the residence of the witness if within the state. If the witness is from out-of-state, travel is reimbursed from the Michigan boundary line which the witness passed in traveling to attend court.

Civil proceedings: MCL 600.2552(5), civil

infractions MCL 257.741(1)

Equal to rate for state officers and proceedings, unclassified employees (state premium rate).

Service of Process: MCL 600.2559(4)

1-1/2 times rate allowed for employees in state classified civil service (state premium rate).

State Employee Travel

Standard Rate \$.329/mile

Premium Rate \$.505/mile

MICHIGAN WATER LEGISLATION SEMINAR

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Michigan Chamber, Lansing

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Walsh College, Novi Campus

\$295 - Member and Group Discounts Apply

The Michigan Water Legislation Seminar will cover updates on water withdrawal legislation, Part 201, SPCC, SWPPP, wetlands, streamlining rule, waste water permitting and more. Frank Ruswick of MDEQ is schedule to speak at the seminar.

Complete seminar listings can be found at <http://mcs2.michamber.com/semevent/seminars.asp>.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

House

Appropriations

January 23, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

Chair: Rep. George Cushingberry

Senate

Homeland Security and

Emerging Technologies

January 29, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Room 100, Farnum Bldg.

Chair: Sen. Cameron Brown

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT

Commission On Agriculture

Ann Jousma-Miller of

Gladstone, reappointed for a

term expiring December 31,

2011. The reappointment is

subject to Senate confirmation.

BILLS TO WATCH:

Senate Bill 682, legislation involving pesticides, distributors of agricultural pesticides and licensing. The intention of this legislation is to create equity in the pesticide market. SB 682 has been approved by the house ag committee and sent to the House for a full vote.

House Bill 5034 and 5035, legislation involving fertilizer, environmental protection and pollution prevention. This legislation awaits action by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

For more information on these bills and others visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

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