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JANUARY 29, 2010



2010 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 1:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010 1:30 PM
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010 12:00 PM

SENATE

- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 10:00 AM
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STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS, Governor Granholm, Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 6:00pm

TEXTING BAN PASSES SENATE

The Senate passed a texting ban after weeks of debate within the majority GOP caucus. SB 0402 sponsored by Sen. Buzz THOMAS (D-Detroit) establishing the texting-while-driving ban passed. SB 0468 sponsored by Sen. Roger KAHN (R-Saginaw), which provides the enforcement guidelines, also passed. The texting ban will be a secondary offense.

TRAIL HORSE BACK RIDING-BILL MOVES

The House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources reported SB 578 unanimously. The bill allows for more control by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, said Rep. Joel Sheltrown (D-West Branch), the committee chair. The legislation, which essentially sets timelines and provides for the process for trails that have been closed to riders to be reviewed and possibly reopened now goes to House for full vote and then returns to the Senate. Thank you to all that have been involved in this very important legislation.

CARP DANGEROUS TO THE GREAT LAKES

President Barack Obama and three Great Lakes governors, including Governor Jennifer Granholm will meet to discuss the threat of the Asian carp to the Great Lakes on February 8. Representative Arlan Meekhof, member of the newly created Michigan House Shoreline Caucus is filing a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court regarding state intervention regarding the Asian carp's threat to the Great Lakes after that court recently rejected Michigan's request to close the shipping locks.

REGIONAL MEETINGS AND SPEAKERS' BUREAU TRAININGS

Please join the Campaign for Justice for our upcoming regional meetings and speakers' bureau trainings! These meetings will include public defense reform legislative and grassroots updates, speakers' bureau training to share the core messages and tools to garner support for reform, local updates, and next steps to continue building the movement in Michigan. Please RSVP to Amit Weitzer at aweitzer@mijustice.org or 248.672.5426. Stay tuned for Lansing area and West Michigan meetings coming soon!

And YouTube too....

Today the Campaign for Justice launched a YouTube channel! This YouTube channel features Campaign videos and will be used in our continued outreach and education efforts. Current videos include a Campaign for Justice informational video that gives an overview of our reform efforts and a video of testimonials from individuals explaining why they support public defense reform.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MICHIGAN CORN GROWERS ASSOC.
Annual Meeting
February 2, 2010
Cooley Law School

NALI
Mid-Winter Conference
February 4-6, 2010
Cottonwood Resort
Scottsdale, AZ

MI FMAT Meeting
February 9, 2010
10:00 a.m.
Michigan Farm Bureau

MEP Meeting
February 16, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MCSA Meeting
February 17, 2010
JV Offices

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world"

- Harriett Tubman

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