

Senate Watch

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MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Motion to postpone items 1-3 [Repeal Drug Industry Immunity] until Oct. 2, 2009.

- Motion to postpone adopted [RC 211: 21 yes, 13 no, 2 excused]

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

[SB 96](#)

(Birkholz)

The bill would amend the Boiler Act to place the authority to promulgate rules for the designation of course content in educational programs for boiler operators and stationary engineers with the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Development instead of with the Board of Boiler Rules.

- IE was ordered

[SB 108](#)

(Kahn)

SB 108 would define a veterans organization allowed to hold charitable gambling events as including an auxiliary of a national veterans organization chartered Congress.

- IE was ordered

GENERAL ORDERS

[HB 4286](#)

(Nerat)

The bill would amend Part 5 (Department of Natural Resources) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the DNR to prevent a net decrease in the acreage of land under its control open to hunting, and submit to the Legislature an annual report on land closed and land opened to hunting. Additionally, the bill would revise the description of the rules the DNR must promulgate..

- **HB 4286 advanced to 3rd Reading**

[SB 426](#)

(Brown)

The bill (S-1) would amend the plant rehabilitation and industrial development Act, to provide for the calculation of the industrial facility tax for a new facility or speculative building that was owned or operated by a qualified modular housing manufacturer. The Act allows local units of government to grant industrial facilities exemption certificates to new and speculative buildings and replacement facilities located in an industrial development district. Industrial property in a district is subject to the industrial facility tax, instead of the property tax. The amount of the industrial facility tax in each year for a new facility or a speculative building is determined by multiplying the taxable value of the facility, excluding the land and the inventory personal property, by the sum of one-half of the total mills levied as ad valorem taxes for that year by all taxing units within which the facility is located other than the mills levied under the State Education Tax (SET) Act, plus, subject to Section 14a, the number of mills levied under the SET Act. (Section 14a allows the State Treasurer may exclude half or all of the number of SET mills from the calculation of the industrial facility tax on a new facility.) Under the bill, beginning for the 2009 tax year, the amount of the industrial facility tax in each year for a new facility or a speculative building that was owned or operated by a qualified modular housing manufacturer would have to be determined by the same calculation, except the multiplier would be 1/10th, rather than one-half. If a local unit approved an exemption certificate before January 1, 2009, for such a facility, it would be extended for 12 additional years beginning when the initial certificate would have expired.

- **Committee substitute S-1 not adopted**
- **Brown substitute S-2 adopted**
- **SB 426 advanced to 3rd Reading**

RESOLUTIONS

[SR 54](#)

(Allen)

A resolution to request that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service extend indefinitely the depredation order for double-crested cormorants.

- **SR 54 adopted**