

## **Legislative Update - June 22, 2010**

As you are probably aware, last week Governor Nixon called a special session of the legislature to consider tax incentives to encourage Ford to add a new production line to its Claycomo assembly facility. He also included in his call that the cost of these incentives should be offset by several revisions to pension benefits for all new state employees.

I want to provide you with some expanded explanation of what to expect during this time.

The special session will convene this Thursday, June 24, at noon when House leadership and staff will begin the procedural steps required to file the bills and assign them to committees. It is expected that the House committees will hear the bills on Monday and potentially have them ready for floor debate with the full membership on Tuesday. If all goes as planned, the bills should move to the Senate on Tuesday where they will be heard in committee on Wednesday and on the floor on Thursday. The session should conclude by the end of next week.

Because the scope of a special session is relegated to the specific issues called for by the Governor, there will not be an opportunity to expand or reform other tax incentives. However, we do anticipate that some senators will use this forum to voice their calls for tax credit reform and possibly attempt to derail the legislation because reform is not included. The proposed schedule is dependant on leadership's ability to focus these legislators on the tasks at hand and either squelch or outlast any attempts of filibuster.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me. I will be in the Capitol and will keep you updated on the legislative activities.

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