Here Come the Bills!

No, not the football team — they are not going anywhere this year. We’re talking about the bills that are about to come pouring out of the Office of Legislative Services for the 2013 legislative session. At this writing, there are 820 active “legislative service requests” (LSRs), each of which will become a bill unless it is withdrawn.

The numbers on the LSRs, which can be found here, actually go up to 1006, but 112 LSRs have been withdrawn to date, leaving fewer active ones. We realize those numbers still don’t add up. Part of the difference is likely explained by the option legislators have of keeping LSR titles confidential until the bills are introduced; in addition, a few LSR titles are reserved for the state’s operating budget and capital budget bills. When those additional LSRs are added, it seems likely that there will be close to 900 bills for the 2013 legislative session.

We have not seen any bills yet, but they are likely to start hitting the legislature’s web site any day. When that happens, there should be a link to 2013 bills on the State Legislation Dash Board. If you can’t wait for the link, you can do a quick bill search (also on the State Legislation Dash Board), enter 2013 for the session year, leave all other fields blank, and click on “submit.” This will produce a list of all bills introduced for 2013. (If you do this right now, you will find ten bills, but these are merely House and Senate resolutions that deal with early housekeeping matters like adopting rules and setting salaries and mileage payments.)

As mentioned in last week’s Bulletin, the House and Senate will each meet in session on Wednesday, January 2. After that, many hearings will be scheduled in rapid succession. Please check the House and Senate calendars this week and next, as well as next week’s Bulletin, for hearing notices on bills of municipal interest.
House Committees Announced

Committee assignments for House members were announced last week. Below are the House committees that are of particular interest to municipal officials. The House committee web page is still “under construction,” but a list of all committee assignments can be found in the December 21 House Calendar. If you know, or have a special relationship with, any members of the committees below, please let us know.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

ELECTION LAW

DEMOCRATS
Cote, David, Chairman
Knowles, Mary Ann, Vice Chairman
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Moody, Marcia
Levesque, Melanie
Ward, Gerry
Connor, Evelyn
Gage, Ruth
Till, Mary
Richardson, Gary

REPUBLICANS
Jasper, Shawn
Marston, Dick
Souza, Kathleen
Gray, James
Comerford, Timothy
Sweeney, Joe
Birdsell, Regina
Hoelzel, Kathleen

ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

DEMOCRATS
Sad, Tara, Chairman
Moynihan, Wayne, Vice Chairman
Whittemore, Lisa
Brown, Rebecca
Burns, Scott
Turcotte, Alan
Bixby, Peter
Lauer, Linda
Bartlett, Christy
Gardner, Janice
Miller, David

REPUBLICANS
Haefner, Bob
Comtois, Guy
Johnson, Jane
Palmer, Stephen
Parison, Jim
Groen, Warren
Gordon, Richard
Peckham, Michele
O'Connor, John
House Committees - continued

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

DEМОCRATs
Weber, Lucy, Chairman
Schuett, Dianne, Vice Chairman
Schmidt, Peter
Sullivan, Dan
Jeudy, Jean
Goley, Jeff
Gagnon, Ray
Booras, Efstathia
Moffett, Howard
Nelson, Mary
Hansberrу, Daniel

REPUBLICANS
McGuire, Carol
Pratt, Calvin
Hansen, Peter
Sweeney, Shawn
Beaudoin, Steven
Garcia, Bianca Rose
Sytek, John
Danais, Romeo
Byron, Frank

FINANCE

DEМОCRATs
Wallner, Mary Jane, Chairman
Rosenwald, Cindy, Vice Chairman
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Benn, Bernie
Leishman, Peter
Eaton, Dan
Buco, Tom
Huot, David
Rogers, Kathy
Sпрatt, Steve
Ford, Sue
Walsh, Bob
Hatch, William
Lerandeau, Alfred

REPUBLICANS
Kurk, Neal
Worsman, Colette
Umberger, Karen
Cebrowski, John
Barry, Richard
Ober, Lynne
McGuire, Dan
Allen, Mary
Elliotт, Robert
Гarcia, Мarilinda
Weyler, Kenneth

JUDICIARY

DEМОCRATs
Smith, Marjorie, Chairman
Wall, Janet, Vice Chairman
Sullivan, Peter
Horrogate, Timothy
Watrous, Rick
Hackel, Paul
Woodbury, David
Bерch, Paul
Phillips, Larry
Gale, Sylvia
Heffron, Frank

REPUBLICANS
Rowе, Робеrt
Lurther, Робеrt
Sylvia, Michael
Hopper, Gary
Peterson, Lenette
Takesian, Charlene
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RESOURCES, RECREATION & DEVELOPMENT

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Chandley, Shannon, Chairman
Smith, Suzanne, Vice Chairman
Aguiar, Jim
Gottling, Sue
Thomas, Yvonne
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Beaulieu, Jane
Wazlaw, Brian
Lovett, Sid

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Cormier, Jane
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Ahlgren, Christopher
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Baber, Bill
Mann, John
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Raymond, Ian

REPUBLICANS
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Vadney, Herb
Rappaport, Laurence
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LeVasseur, Richard
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Devine, James

WAYS & MEANS

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Kelley, Jack
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Young, Harry
Ames, Dick
Karrick, David
Menear, Robert

REPUBLICANS
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Ober, Russell
Ulery, Jordon
Sanborn, Laurie
Hess, David
Abrami, Patrick
Griffin, Mary
Azarian, Gary
Sapareto, Frank
Glossary of Abbreviations Used in Bill Descriptions and the Legislative Process

CACR ........................................... Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution
CAP BUDGET ........................................... Capital Budget Committee (Senate)
C&FL ........................................... Children & Family Law Committee (House)
CJ&PS ........................................... Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee (House)
COM-S ........................................... Commerce Committee (Senate)
COM-H ........................................... Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee (House)
E&A ........................................... Environment & Agriculture Committee (House)
ED&A-S ........................................... Executive Departments & Administration Committee (Senate)
ED&A-H ........................................... Executive Departments and Administration Committee (House)
EDUC ........................................... Education Committee (House)
EL ........................................... Election Law Committee (House)
ENR ........................................... Energy & Natural Resources Committee (Senate)
F-S ........................................... Finance Committee (Senate)
F-H ........................................... Finance Committee (House)
F&G ........................................... Fish & Game and Marine Resources Committee (House)
FN ........................................... Fiscal Note
HB ........................................... House Bill
HEHS ........................................... Health, Education and Human Services Committee (Senate)
HHS&EA ........................................... Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs Committee (House)
JUD-S ........................................... Judiciary Committee (Senate)
JUD-H ........................................... Judiciary Committee (House)
L ........................................... Local
LABOR ........................................... Labor, Industrial & Rehabilitative Services Committee (House)
LEGIS ADMIN ........................................... Legislative Administration Committee (House)
LOB ........................................... Legislative Office Building
M&CG ........................................... Municipal & County Government Committee (House)
PMA ........................................... Public and Municipal Affairs Committee (Senate)
PW ........................................... Public Works & Highways Committee (House)
RR&D ........................................... Resources, Recreation & Development Committee (House)
RULES & INT. AFF. ........................................... Rules, Enrolled Bills & Internal Affairs (Senate)
SB ........................................... Senate Bill
S-FR ........................................... State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs Committee (House)
SH ........................................... State House
ST&E ........................................... Science, Technology & Energy Committee (House)
TRANS-S ........................................... Transportation Committee (Senate)
TRANS-H ........................................... Transportation Committee (House)
W&M-S ........................................... Ways & Means Committee (Senate)
W&M-H ........................................... Ways & Means Committee (House)