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NEWS & NOTES



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MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE TO MEET

Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. the Michigan Commission of Agriculture will meet at Constitution Hall in Lansing, Mich.

Several agenda items include a Michigan Horse Council update, Bovine TB program update, budget update, final GAAMPs draft review and farm markets discussion.

If you have a matter to present to the commission contact Cheri Ayers at (517) 335-3402.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

House

Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

February 12, 2008
10:30 a.m.

521 House Office Building
Chair: Rep. Joel Sheltroun

Appropriations: Agriculture

February 13, 2008
9:00 a.m.

307 House Office Building
Chair: Rep. John Espinoza

Senate

Appropriations: State Police & Military Affairs

February 14, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Rooms 402 & 403,
Capitol Building
Chair: Sen. Valde Garcia

Appropriations: K-12, School Aid, Education

February 19, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Senate Appropriations Room,
3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Chair: Sen. Ron Jelinek

2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- February 12 1:30 p.m.
- February 13 1:30 p.m.
- February 14 12:00 p.m.
- February 19 1:30 p.m.
- February 20 1:30 p.m.
- February 21 12:00 p.m.

SENATE

- February 12 10:00 a.m.
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2008-2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Jennifer Granholm presented her 2008-2009 budget to legislators on Thursday. The budget, while restrained, still makes some important additions in education, job training and social services sectors.

In her message to the Legislature given in conjunction with the budget, Gov. Granholm emphasized the budget continues the state's efforts to reform government and invest in education and other services "that make us competitive as a state."

"This budget, of all budgets I've had the privilege of proposing as governor, this budget is the best," Gov. Granholm said. "It is structurally sound, it has no new taxes, no new fees and invests in the things citizens value.

To view the Executive Budget, visit www.michigan.gov/budget.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE COX: LEGAL IMMIGRANTS ALLOWED TO GET LICENSES

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox recently issued Opinion 7210 which bans illegal aliens from receiving drivers licenses, aligning Michigan's practices with 43 other states. The Opinion has proved to be controversial and has initiated much discussion amongst the AG, legislators and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Cox emphasized the ban will not affect Michigan's ability to compete for businesses and jobs.

Cox, in a letter to MEDC CEO Jim Epolito, stated immigrants living in the United States are still entitled to a drivers license. Additionally, immigrants living in the country legally, but are restricted by their visa from establishing residency can still drive using their home country's license.

As a result of the discussions, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, has instructed her clerks in the meantime to issue new driver licenses or state IDs to only those who are permanent legal Michigan residents, which means anyone in the state on a temporary work visa or otherwise in the country legally would not qualify.

For more information on the AG's opinion, visit www.michigan.gov/ag.

ANR WEEK AT MSU SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 8, 2008

Michigan State University and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources are welcoming visitors to the 92nd Agriculture and Natural Resources Week. ANR Week has become one of a kind as farmers, researchers, agriculture professionals and supporters come together to celebrate the agriculture industry and gain knowledge of important issues and attend special events.

For a complete program guide and schedule of events visit www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek or contact Megghan Honke, program coordinator, at honkemeg@msu.edu or 517-353-3175, ext 229.

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