The Senate standing in Recess until 4:00PM on Monday, March 13th and the House stands in Recess until 5:00PM on Monday, March 13th.

Several committees have closed for this session including:

- The Senate Energy, Ag. and Natural Resources Committee concluded its legislative business this past Wednesday, March 8th and is closed subject to the call of the Chair.

-The House Education Instruction Subcommittee concluded and is closed subject to the call of the Chair.

Remaining committees have published or are nearing final calendars.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

It is such a joy and honor to work alongside, share friendships, and make cherished memories with these amazing women (and so many not pictured)!

Since 1987, Women's History Month has served as a reminder to amplify women’s impact on the past, present, and future.

This week, on Wednesday, March 8th we celebrated International Women's Day, on this day and everyday Harris Frazier is committed to supporting women in business at every stage of their career!

The Senate Government Operations Committee recommended bills to change the way the Nashville's Metropolitan Sports Authority and the Metropolitan Airport Authority are selected from local selections to selections from Tennessee government, including the governor, lieutenant governor and house speaker.

Rep. Ryan Williams, R-Cookeville, said the reason for the House Bill 1197 was the state was putting $500 million toward a new $2.1 billion Tennessee Titans stadium and the state then has a fiduciary responsibility to oversee the stadium.

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Weekly Legislative Recap

- *On Thursday, lawmakers confirmed a bill to cap Metro city council at 20 members, a move that could cut Metro's 40-member council in half. Gov. Bill Lee signed the proposal into law on Thursday after the Senate confirmation vote*
- *The Legislature confirmed Thurs. the appointment of Knoxville lawyer Dwight E. Tarwater to the TN Supreme Court. Tarwater will take the seat Sept. 1 of Sharon Lee, who is retiring.*
- *Metro Nashville is considering a deal to build a new, enclosed $2.1 billion Tennessee Titans stadium on the East Bank. A bill that would approve deal documents passed its first Metro Council reading Tues., but a final vote is weeks away.*

- *HB 0104, a bill requiring rape kit evidence be processed within 30 days of receiving them from law enforcement is making it's way through the state legislature. The bill will be discussed by the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee on March 15.*
- *Representative John Gillespie's street racing bill to increase the penalties of such offenses is slowly making it's way through the legislature as these threats are increasingly becoming more prevalent and fatal not only in Memphis but across TN.*
- *The Governor's tax reform act (SB275/HB323) received a positive recommendation from the Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee and will be considered in Senate Finance, Ways and Means committee on March 14th and the House Finance, Ways and Means Subcommittee on March 15th*

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Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce 2023 Governor's Address

The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting an event featuring Governor Bill Lee for their 2023 Governor's Address to hear his vision for Tennessee, including his legislative and budget priorities for the 113th General Assembly.

Thursday, March 23

8:00 – 9:30 AM

JW Marriott

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In the News

New Online Resource Connects Tennesseans In Substance-Use Crisis To local Treatment Services

A new substance abuse treatment locator website from the Tennessee Department of Health is available today at FindHelpNowTN.org. This site links individuals directly to care and help if they are struggling with a substance use disorder.

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Opinion: What do the rural Tennessee hospital closures mean for our state and what can we do about them?

Many local communities are concerned about the growing issues arising from rural hospital closures in Tennessee. Rural hospitals provide essential care to patients in remote areas, where access to other medical facilities is very limited. Still, many struggle to meet the demands of providing quality care to patients in remote, rural areas and remain financially stable. With 16 closures since 2005, Tennessee has experienced the second-highest number of closures in the nation, following only the state of Texas. Yet, from a per capita perspective, Tennessee has the absolute record, according to my research. Read More..

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TN legislature files bill requiring evidence to be collected from rape kits within 30 days

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A bill making its way through the state legislature would require the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to perform forensic analysis of sexual assault evidence collection kits within 30 days of receiving them from a law enforcement agency.

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Community Healthcare Trust Inc. announces death of CEO Timothy Wallace

Timothy Wallace had been chairman and CEO of the real estate investment trust since its founding. The company announced plans to go public in May 2015 and has since grown into the 14th-largest public health care company in Middle Tennessee, according to Business Journal research. Read More..

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Some Middle Tennessee road projects more than a year behind

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WSMV) - Governor Bill Lee wants to invest billions to build more roads to accommodate Tennessee's record growth, but how long will the construction take?

WSMV4 found some road projects already underway are lingering far past their completion deadline.

Some of the major offenders are in Middle Tennessee, so WSMV4 asked TDOT what they are doing to make sure projects don't keep dragging out. With growth comes headaches.

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Metro Council approves Tennessee Titans stadium documents on first of three readings

Metro Council approved final documents for a Tennessee Titans stadium on the first of three required readings — here's what comes next. Read More..

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House Speaker pursues bill to eliminate faster path to unionizing at companies receiving state grants

Government data show that 5.5% of the total workforce in Tennessee belongs to a

union. That's barely half the U.S. rate, which has fallen to an all-time low. Last fall, by a more than 2-to-1 margin, Tennessee voters chose to add right-to-work provisions into the state Constitution. Read More..

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