



ALABAMA STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT
06-13-2011- Sine Die

The 2011 regular legislative session adjourned "sine die" on Thursday June 9 at midnight. For those who follow state politics through their local media outlets, you are well aware that the new republican leadership claimed the session to be a rousing success. In fact, the Speaker of the House said "when the final gavel of the 2011 Regular Session sounded and the Legislature adjourned, it ended the most productive legislative session in decades, if not ever."

The Republican leadership pushed and passed every single bill proposed in the "Republican Handshake with Alabama," a series of reforms GOP candidates vowed to pass during the 2010 election cycle. The "Handshake" agenda addressed everything from ending corruption in Montgomery to combating illegal immigration to taking control of long-abused state finances. And the parting comments of the leadership in both the House and Senate were "and we are just getting started."

I would expect more of the same in 2012 from this legislature. They have super majorities in both bodies and will continue to push a very conservative agenda which will focus on measures to enact conservative, good-government reforms. The biggest political issue in the 2012 session will be the legislative redistricting; and believe me, this will take all of their political skills to negotiate a successful agreement.

The biggest issue in the 2011 session which will directly affect the TPCA members was the passage of a bill which revamped the law dealing with salvage vehicles. This bill amended existing law to allow vehicles 12 years old and older to be sold without title per certain restrictions; [bill language](#). Full bill text link [SB224 - enrolled](#).

The bill we introduced to address the used motor vehicle licensing provision, HB448, did not receive final passage. We are getting some push back from the new motor vehicle dealers about including language which will require us to sell our vehicles "wholesale only" and this will need to be resolved prior to next session.

As far as preparing for the 2012 session I would suggest we continue to educate the legislature about the industry; especially the 43 new members of the House and Senate. I would make it a point to meet your representatives and senators so that if issues come up in the legislature we can focus on the specifics of the issue and not spend time on getting them to understand who you are and what you do.

Highlighted text denotes recent action and or new bill introduction

Bills of Interest:

Instrument	Sponsor	Subject	In	Status	Comm Assigned	Comm Recomm	Last Action Date
HB285	Wood	Secondary Metals Recyclers	H	Pending Committee Action in House of Origin	Judiciary		03/22/2011
<p>Salvage vehicles, secondary metals recyclers may acquire without title under certain conditions, statement of ownership, value, and identifying characteristics required, lien verification system provided by Revenue Department, penalties, Sec. 32-8-87 am'd.; Act 2010-748, 2010 Reg. Sess. am'd.</p>							
HB448	Hill	Motor Vehicles	H	Indefinitely Postponed in House of Origin	Financial Services	FAV	04/14/2011
<p>Used motor vehicle dealer, licensing of, definition to include credit unions and licensees of State Banking Department, Sec. 40-12-390 am'd.</p>							
HB509	Wood	Secondary Metals Recyclers	H	Indefinitely Postponed in House of Origin	Commerce and Small Business		04/26/2011
<p>Salvage vehicles, secondary metals recyclers may acquire without title under certain conditions, statement of ownership, value, and identifying characteristics required, lien verification system provided by Revenue Department, penalties, Sec. 32-8-64.2 added; Sec. 32-8-87, 40-12-412, 40-12-116 am'd.; Act 2010-748, 2010 Reg. Sess. am'd.</p>							
SB224	Marsh	Secondary Metals Recyclers		Enacted 2011-633			06/02/2011
<p>Salvage vehicles, secondary metals recyclers may acquire without title under certain conditions, statement of ownership, value, and identifying characteristics required, lien verification system provided by Revenue Department, penalties, Sec. 32-8-64.2 added; Sec. 32-8-87, 40-12-412, 40-12-116 am'd.; Act 2010-748, 2010 Reg. Sess. am'd. (2011-21065)</p>							
SB327	Brooks	Secondary Metals Recyclers	S	Pending Committee Action in House of Origin	Small Business		04/05/2011
<p>Secondary metals recyclers, driver's license of seller and additional information, copy required to be maintained, notice to sheriff of proposed business site,</p>							

inspections, purchase of bronze grave markers and catalytic converters limited,
transport of motor vehicle without title across state line for sale to a recycler
prohibited, penalties, Secs. 13A-8-31, 13A-8-35 am'd.
