



Legislative Update

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Dear Friend,

This is another message in my series of ongoing email newsletters on critical issues facing our state. If you do not want to continue receiving these emails, please respond to this email and I will take you off the list.

Sincerely,

Marilyn



Watch your Mailbox

You many have already received in the mail a legislative survey to get your input on critical issues facing you and your family. (The survey will also be available on my website at www.marilynkirkpatrick.com) I hope you will take just a few minutes to fill out the survey, as your input is very important to me. (I sent a similar survey out last spring, but even if you responded then, I hope you will take time to complete the 2008 survey as it contains some new issues).

Interim Committees

As you know, the Nevada Legislature meets every other year, and the next legislative session does not begin until February 2009. We do have interim committees that meet when the full legislature is not in session to discuss critical issues and to prepare legislation for the next session.

You can find a complete list of those committees on the legislative website at www.leg.state.nv.us. There is also a calendar of when those committees will be meeting. Many of the meetings are transmitted via teleconferencing between the Legislative Building in Carson City and the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas, and you can listen to or view many of the meetings on your computer.

A few of these interim committees are:

Legislative Committee on Health Care---This committee recently held a hearing on the Hepatitis C health scare at the endoscopy center in Las Vegas and discussed possible legislation to tighten the regulation and inspection of out-patient surgical centers. The committee meets every month to discuss issues relating to the cost, quality and safety of health care in Nevada.

Legislative Committee on Education---This committee discusses policy issues relating to education. Recent hearings have included discussions of testing, curriculum, teaching conditions and compensation, charter schools, counseling services and the impact of proposed budget cuts. Future hearings will focus on school safety, teacher preparation and accountability of existing programs.

Legislative Commission Subcommittee on Mortgage Lending and Housing Issues---This is a special subcommittee created last fall to look at the foreclosure crisis in Nevada and work to develop policies to help alleviate the housing problems that are severely impacting our state's economy.

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Transportation Issues---This committee is examining possible solutions to a shortfall in Nevada's Highway Fund, the funding source for the building and repair of state roads and highways, as well as looking at future transportation needs of our state and traffic safety issues.

Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Senior Citizens and Veterans---This committee is studying issues that particularly impact senior citizens and veterans in Nevada. The first two meetings have focused on currently available services and crime against seniors; the March 18 meeting will focus on "Independent Living in the Community" and the May 8 meeting on "Veterans Issues."