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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Democrat Caucus

From: John J. Cullerton
Senate President

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Re: Session Schedule

Be advised that the Senate plans to return on Wednesday, May 26th at 4:00 pm for Session. Members should make appropriate preparations for Session through Friday, May 28th. I would anticipate not spending Memorial Day weekend in Session, though it may be necessary depending on actions taken in the House of Representatives.

I would like to remind Senators that the Senate, during the 96th General Assembly, has acted in an affirmative manner on the following measures related to the FY 11 State budget that currently await consideration by the House of Representatives:

- Awaiting House Action on Concurrence
HB 859 – FY 2011 Budget (All Funds)
Summary: Effective July 1, 2010, reduces State government operations spending by 5%; appropriates a total of \$26 billion GRF and \$30.8 billion OSF/FF; combined with HB 991, makes no reductions to P-20 education funding, and re-appropriates all Capital spending.
- Awaiting House Action on Concurrence
HB 991– FY 2011 Restoration of Cuts to K-12 Mandated Categoryals
Summary: Effective July 1, 2010 appropriates the amount necessary to fully restore the Governor's introduced reduction to K-12 education, and appropriates mandated categorical grants at FY 10 levels. The funding takes effect only if SB 44, the cigarette tax increase (see below), becomes law.
- Awaiting House Action on Concurrence
HB 2428 – Fiscal Year 2011 Emergency Budget Act
Summary: Authorizes changes in state statutes necessary to implement the FY11 budget, authorizes the sale of the State's rights to tobacco proceeds, institutes furlough days for General Assembly and State Officers and authorizes inter-fund borrowing.

- Awaiting House Action on Concurrence
HB 543 – FY 11 Pension Payment
Summary: Allows the Governor to facilitate cash flow management in the General Revenue Fund by making FY 2011 Pension Payments when the Governor certifies to the Comptroller there are adequate funds available to do so.
- Awaiting House Action on 2nd Reading
SB 44 – Cigarette Tax
Summary: Underlying bill adopted by the Senate on 4/2/09, phases in a dollar per pack increase in the cigarette tax, would generate \$320 million in new revenue that can be used to restore the reductions to K-12 education for categorical grants to school districts.
Note: Would require Senate Concurrence if amended and passed by the House of Representatives.
- Awaiting House Action on 3rd Reading
SB 377 – Tax Amnesty / Debt Settlement
Summary: To generate new FY 11 revenues for GRF, creates a Tax Amnesty program; authorizes state agencies to settle, sell, or enter into a deferred payment plan for all past due debt; authorizes the Department of Revenue to sell state debt that has been certified as “uncollectible” under current law to one or more outside vendors. Estimated FY 11 revenue of \$250 million.
Note: Would require Senate Concurrence if amended and passed by the House of Representatives.
- House Rules Committee / Concurrence
HB 174 – Comprehensive Revenue Reform
Summary: Passed by the Senate on 5/30/09, would provide over \$4.5 billion in new revenue that could be used to address pension payments and the backlog of unpaid bills.
- House Rules Committee / 1st Reading
SB 3707 – Limitation on Medicaid Liabilities / Managed Care 75% Mandate
Summary: Limits the ability of DHFS to carry unpaid medical bills from one fiscal year to the next so that by FY2020, there can be no bills for services which were incurred in one fiscal year carried over into the next, after the lapse period concludes. Requires that at least 75% of all eligible persons receiving full medical assistance benefits must be enrolled into a managed care program.
Note: Would require Senate Concurrence if amended and passed by the House of Representatives.
- Awaiting House Action on 2nd Reading
SB 375 – Reforms to State Contracting
Summary: Prohibits the automatic renewal of contracts over \$249,999 and requires that these contracts must be competitively bid upon expiration of the contract.
Note: Would require Senate Concurrence if amended and passed by the House of Representatives.

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