-Legislative Update

From State Rep. Danny Ford The fifth week of the Gener ssembly's 2000 Session ended wi ne turn week of the General Assembly's 2000 Session ended with the blustery weather of snow and sket, but the inspiring message from former actor Christopher Reeve the day before filled the Capitol with warmth. In a show of courage and conviction, Reeve addressed a pinit session of the House and Senate with a message of motivation and also of gratitude to Kennuckians for initialing a method of funding research for spinal cord and brain injuries. From a horse riding accident, Reeve suffered a spinal cord injury and remains peanlysed from the fall. The research fundance should be sufficient to the spinal cord and was established in 1994 under legislation that designated a portion of Kennucky traffic teckets for his cause. lation that designated a portion of Kentucky traffic tickets for this cause. Now, some six years large Now, some six years later other states are following suit in legislative attempts to increase the research ing capabilities. Once again Kentucky is considering another initiative. This one would establish the state as the worldwide center for research of spinal cord and brain injury treat-

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in the House to guarantee that the
donation of organs be made available
to Kentucky residents receiving care
in the state before the HB 208, that
would protect a person's wishes to
organ donations. If designation of an
anatomical gift has been made, such as by signing the drivers license or
including such wishing in a living
will, the decendants wishes must be
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Many of the big issues for the
2000 General Assembly, including
health care insurance, education and
the state budget, yet remain for study

and consideration. Special budget briefings about the Governor's very complex and encompassing budget will hopefully provide more substantial details. Tappreciate the comments and messages I have received from so many of you. I am looking for the answers to your questions. For example, as to why additional revenue collection methods are suggested in good economy that continues to produce increases for state and local revenues, and what kind of return we might expect from such large expenditures. Especially important is how the revenue recovery plan will effect the bottom line finances of all Kentuckians.

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Another new program, entitled A New Economy Initiative, was introduced by the Governor this week. Proclaimed to be the plan that will prepare our state for the knowledge-based economy of the 21st centucky is will allow for an aggressive transformation of Kentucky to fit the demands of the Digital Age. While proposing several steps over the next two years to further develop our knowledge-based economy, the initiative provides for a \$20 million fund for projects with a special emind for projects with a special emind. tiative provides for a \$20 million fund for projects with a special emphasis on the creation of high-tech jobs. It provides another \$20 million economic loan fund to build and promote networks of technology-driven and research-intensive industries: and \$4.25 million for commercialization efforts, regional technology-driven of the property of the property of the property of the provides of the property of the property of the provides of the pr 'inise; and \$4.25 million for commer-cialization efforts, regional technol-ogy service corporations, and research and development partner/ships. Also proposed in the Initiative is the crea-tion of a Rural Innovation Fund, a new Department in the Cabinet for Economic Development, and the creation of a Rentucky Innovations Commission. While the Cabinet of-fice would address the recruitment and retention of high-tech employ-ees, it would also provide funding for

small manufacturers to modernize their workplaces, and for further re-

Please continue to share your oughts and concerns with me. Your voice becomes increasingly impor-tant as the budget, health care insurance provisions, state workers pay, workers compensation and other big issues are developing. Call-anytime, or you may leave a message toll free by calling 1-800-372-7181.

"Court News"

(Cont. from B2)
insurance, 5500 fine.
Randel L. Sexton: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
Sharon L. Simpson: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs.

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Pershing Smallwood: Fines due (\$50,100 and \$825,50), bench war-rant issued for failure to appear. Steve Stamper: Driving DUI Sus-pended license, \$100 fine and costs.
Dowell Vanwinkle: Harassment, court costs and 10 days in jail/condi-tionally discharged one year.

Linda Vanwinkle: Harassment, court costs and 10 days in jail/condi-tionally discharged one year.

Dennis J. Williams: Speeding and other charges, suspend license for failure to appear.

Julia L. Childers: Defective equip-ment, \$20 fine and costs.

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d license for failure to appear.

Jason N. Hansel: Speeding, dis-Jason N. Hansel: Speeding, un-issed on payment of court costs. Eddie L. Towe, II: Speeding, sus-end license for failure to appear.

Scott A. Williams: Speeding, paid. Everrick G. Bradshaw: Speeding, 0 fine and costs. Robert C. Burkhart: Fines due

(\$68.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/contempt. Mao Fei Dong: Speeding, \$43 and

Leroy Owens: Speeding, state affic school authorized on payment

of costs.

Virgil S. Perkins: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment

of costs.

Ronald C. Phillips: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund/

Ryan G. Thomas: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 fine and costs.

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Attendants

Julie D. Jacobson: Speeding, \$48 and costs.

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Timothy B. Harding: Speeding, \$48 and c

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censed operator, \$25 fine and costs/ suspend fine.

Danny P. Smith: Assault, 180 days/to serve 2/balance conditionally discharged two years.

Kevin L. Naorr. Lorents.

Greg Penning: Operating license not in possession, \$25 fine and costs;
Possession of marijuana, \$500 fine.

Oneil P. Pussy: Defective equipment, \$52 fine and costs;
Milda M. Ray: Speeding, \$42 fine and costs.

munications, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
Christopher S. Delph: Defective equipment, \$20 fine and costs.
Geoffrey P. Fugate: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.
Michael J. Garrison: Overwidth,

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Robert Lee Hicks: Speeding and Failure to ware seathelt, suspend li-cense for failure to appear.
Joel Kirby Theft by unlawful tak-ing/disp, all others (2 counts), 30 days in jail/credit any time served/condi-tionally discharged 2 years on each offense.

and costs.

Earl R. Smith: Operating motor vehicle under influence, \$350 fine and costs, 30 days/to serve 7/credit 7 days time served.

Marion E. Evans, Jr.: Speeding, \$32 fine and costs.

Roy Darrell Burns: Alcohol intoxication, bench warrant issued for John E. Flannery: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment January 26, 2000

Randy Childress: Harassing comunications, bench warrant issued

James L. Ledford: Possession of marijuana, \$500 fine; Reckless driv-ing, \$50 fine and costs. Kevin L. Nader: Defective equip-

failure to appear.

Gary K. Evans: Operating motor vehicle, controlled substance imvehicle, controlled substance im-paired, \$500 fine, 180 days/to serve 30 consecutive; Driving, DUI sus-pended license, \$100 fine; Possession

of marijuana, \$250 fine.

Joshua D. McClure: Defective

Danny D. Clark: 4th Degree Assault, \$50 fine and costs and 30 days time in jail/conditionally discharged

January 31, 2000 Loukins Ballens: Speeding, \$30

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Stateie J. Brown: No insurance, \$500 fine and costs/uspeed \$450.
Thomas Keith Quarries: Escape, 3rd degree, 15 days in jail/credir 11 days time served; Driving, DUI suspended license, 10 days/concurrent credit 10 days time served, Danny L. Ralph: Reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.
Gerald J. Rominski: Overwidth, dismissed on payment of costs.

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James A. Tomlison: Speeding, paid \$30 fine and \$92.15 costs.
Christopher M. Underhill: Operating motor vehicle contrary to law, \$100 fine and costs.
Robert L. Harrison: Speeding, \$5 fine and costs.
Gwenivere L. Hart: Speeding, \$28 fine and costs.

Billy R. Lunsford: Speeding, \$28 to and costs.

Glenn D. Martin Speeding, \$34 to and costs.

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Glenn D. Mink: Improper passing, \$20 fine and costs.
Thomas Keith Quarrles: Operating, DUI Suspended License, 10 days in jail/concurrent/credit 10 days time

Ronnie Johnson: Escape, 3rd de gree/time served; Alcohol intoxica-tion, \$25 fine and costs.

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Step-Up Night For **Eighth Graders and Parents**

Rockcastle County High School administration, staff and students will be at Rockcastle County Middle School on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 7 P.M. in celebration of STEP-UP NIGHT.

All eighth graders and their parents should plan to attend in order to receive very important information about coming to the high school next year. Learn more about the classes, sports and other extracurricular activities! Hear from students about life at the ROCK!

Pick up your class offering information and be ready to register in February. Let's get your Freshman year off to the right start with STEP-UP NIGHT!



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