

Legislative Update

By State Rep. Danny Ford
A proud moment of history was recorded this week when the Governor, influenced by a legislature that is increasingly more reflective of the citizens it represents, announced that he would no longer pursue most of his controversial tax increase proposals.

Over the years, many of you have voiced your opposition to the tax and spend mentality in Frankfort. Some of us in the legislature heard you, but we needed a greater balance of power to carry out your wishes. Now, a more practical General Assembly is representing your needs and is better able to lead with your direction. You were not fooled, nor were your representatives, by the proclaimed cover of tax reform and a new Kentucky for

the 21st Century. Politicians can always find ways to spend the taxpayer's money, but at some point we have to stop and ask how much is enough? How much government do we really need? How much can we afford?

As you have sent more and more conservative representatives to Frankfort, we have been better able to chip away at government programs that burden us all. During the decade of the 1990's, pension taxes, provider taxes on prescriptions and inheritance taxes were all eliminated. The sales tax on motor vehicles is now based on what you pay for your car, not what the government says it's worth. These tax reductions did not come about by accident. In the 1980's the legislature was dominated

by tax and spend liberals, but with the election of more conservative Republicans and Democrats in the House, and the Republican takeover in the Senate, Frankfort is finally getting the message that the era of big government is over.

A more balanced two-party system in the state legislature is working in favor of all citizens in the Commonwealth. This greater balance will allow us to govern—not through mandated government programs telling you how to live and work—but through better programs emphasizing more efficient use of tax dollars.

There is much that can and will be done in this session of the legislature without a massive tax increase. Programs to help our farm communities, childhood development programs, and a possible solution to the high cost of health insurance may be undertaken by the millions of dollars Kentucky will receive from the national tobacco settlement.

While the Governor has dropped his request for an increase in the gas tax, income tax changes, and levying the sales tax on the cost of many repair services, he continues to pursue other aspects of his tax increase proposal. Limited liability corporations would be taxed in the same manner as regular corporations, the state property tax would increase based on changes in the manner in which the rate can be calculated, and a communication excise tax would replace the current taxes on phone service, cable TV and long distance calls. The communications excise tax would scrap the utilities gross receipts tax paid in most school districts, the franchise fees some local government levy on cable TV and phone companies, and the sales tax paid on phone bills. In place of these taxes, the governor is proposing a flat seven percent tax rate on phone service, in state and out-of-state long distance calls, cable TV service, and satellite TV service. Please give me your thoughts on these and other matters. Call me anytime, or you may leave a message for me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181.

"Court News"

(Cont. from B2)

Ian T. Cleverger: Speeding, \$30 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Rodney J. Coffey: Fines due (\$138.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Johnathon E. Cromer: Drug paraphernalia use/possession, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Robert Allen Dishart: Fines due (\$251.00), issue warrant/suspend license.

Dennis R. Doan: Speeding, paid \$28 fine and \$92.15 costs.

Danny K. Gooding: Fines due (\$1,006), issue warrant/suspend license for failure to appear.

Monte D. Hutchinson: Driving DUI suspended license and other charges, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Brandi Lamb: Fines due (\$244.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Andrew David Lange: No drivers license in possession, \$100 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Douglas E. Lewis: Operating motor vehicle controlled substance impaired, 3rd offense, \$500 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 180 days to serve 30 balance probated for 2 years.

Bobby Lovell: Possession of marijuana, \$250 and costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year. Possession of marijuana, \$250 and costs and 30 days/concurrent, conditionally discharged one year.

Bentley Martin: Harassing communications, \$00 and costs and 10 days/probated one year; Violation of Ky. DPO, 30 days/consecutive/probated on condition.

Bentley Martin: Violation of KY EPO, dismissed with leave on payment of court costs; Violation of KY EPO, dismissed with leave on payment of court costs.

Donovan McGuire: Fines due (\$137.50), issue warrant.

Regina Mink: Simple assault, \$25 and costs.

Donald Ray Monk Jr.: Possession of controlled substance, 3rd, \$100 and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year. Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and 10 days/concurrent, conditionally discharged.

Roy D. Nealey: No Ky. Reg. Plates and no exp. reg. receipt, suspend license for failure to appear.

Brian J. Pearson: Fines due (\$119.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Timothy W. Puckett: Fines due (\$324.50), issue warrant to serve 30 days previously imposed.

Donald E. Wyatt: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days/time served, Possession of marijuana, 60 days in jail/conditionally discharged one year.

charged one year and forfeiture of \$3,054 confiscated at time of arrest. Lewis A. Bishop: Operating motor vehicle controlled substance impaired, \$500 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 180 days in jail to serve 30 balance probated two years; Possession of marijuana, confiscate and destroy contraband.

Derrick C. Bussell: Faulty equipment, \$20 and costs.

William C. Mahaffey: Theft by unlawful taking, 60 days and costs/credit 12 days/balance probated one year plus \$300 restitution.

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Amanda G. Alcorn: No insurance, \$500 and costs/suspend \$450.

Terry W. Bruner: Speeding, paid/state traffic school.

Christopher Fitzgerald: Speeding, paid.

Roy Dale Frederick: Operating motor vehicle impaired, 3rd, \$500 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 180 days to serve 30 weeks authorized; Wanton Endangerment, 2nd degree, 30 days/concurrent.

Bradley W. Frick: Speeding, \$50 and costs/state traffic school authorized on payment of fine and costs.

Terry Gibbons: Failure to send child to school, \$250 and costs/suspend fine on condition child attend regularly.

Wendy E. Hale: No operators license, \$25 and costs.

Stephen M. Hendricksen: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Angela L. Kirby: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Gary B. Miniard: No drivers license, \$100 and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged.

Rant Saylor: Assault, 4th, \$25 and costs.

Walter C. Sizemore: Speeding, \$20 and costs.

Avvin D. Thakkar: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Matthew C. Hardwick: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Dewayne Tommy Isaacs: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Cagelina Bentley: Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs/confiscate and destroy contraband; Escape in the third degree, \$50 fine and 10 days/probated one year.

Jackie H. England: Possession of marijuana, \$250 and costs and 30 days to serve 10 balance probated one year; Contempt of court (slander/libel), \$100 fine and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year; Contempt of court, \$100 fine and 10 days/consecutive.

Troy L. Goforth: Theft, paid \$92.15 court costs.

Randel L. Sexton: Speeding, paid \$42 fine and \$92.15 court costs.

Auction

Fri., March 3rd at 7 p.m. at Conway
Watch for Signs

"What Is Written"

We have been studying the past few weeks on God's plan of salvation in the gospel system of things. Men must hear the gospel, they must believe in Christ, they must turn from sin and turn to Christ in repentance, and they must confess the name of Christ. Today we look at the final step in God's plan to become a child of God. We must be baptized. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16. Notice the Lord did not say, he that believeth is saved and then is baptized. This is the way men teach and practice it in the denominations. On the day of Pentecost they cried out, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37. Then notice what the inspired man said, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. Bible baptism is an immersion, a burial, Col 2:12, and pouring is based on human wisdom and tradition, and is not right. If you have been "baptized" in the wrong way or for the wrong reason, why not obey the Lord's command in this matter, doing it His way, and for His reason.

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Time of Services: Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40 & 6pm, Wednesday 7:00pm Radio program, Sunday 8am 1460 AM

Environmentally Friendly

Jeff Hohman, employee of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

Jeff Hohman creates quite a stir when visiting classrooms across Kentucky. Jeff is an environmental specialist with Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. And when talking with students about the environment, Jeff always introduces them to a few of his friends.

But we don't just talk about the environment. For many years, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have been recognized as leaders on environmental issues. The way we see it, if we can provide a better home for the frogs and salamanders, then we're making a better place for our members.

It's just part of our commitment to do our best for our friends and neighbors—even the little green ones.

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SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO STOMACH THE FACTS ABOUT COLON CANCER

- ✓ Colon cancer is expected to claim nearly 48,000 lives this year—enough to fill Rupp Arena twice.
- ✓ Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, just behind lung cancer.
- ✓ When detected early, the five-year survival rate for colon cancer is 92 percent.*

However, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center knows that only 37 percent of colon cancer cases are found in the early stage.*

That's why the hospital has declared March "Colon Cancer Awareness Month."

Stop by the hospital or your local pharmacy to pick up a free colon cancer screening kit, courtesy of Rockcastle Hospital. The results are confidential and mailed directly to your doctor.

Take a moment for yourself.

Take a moment to save your life.

*Statistics supplied by the American Cancer Society, 1-800-ACS-2345

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