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Greetings Fabulous Fortieth District,

Monday, February 26th, will mark the 56th day of the 110th General Assembly. Last week, we had full calendars in most of the committees on the House side. Committee closures are beginning to be announced so that sub-committees can be planned to end by the closing of March. The pace has been kicked up a notch for bills to be put on notice in order to be heard this year.

Visits at the Capitol

Many of those visiting the Cordell Hull Building last week were in awe at the process and the procedure to which bills move into becoming laws. I can't emphasize it enough, how much I enjoy folks from the fortieth joining me in Nashville.

Looking towards the up coming elections.

This year is a big election year for counties. With an open US Senate race, governor's race, various congressional seats on the ballot, plus about a third of the State House seats on the ballot, I am reminded of that song... Sign, Sign, everywhere a sign, by Five Man Electrical Band. Tennessee will have vacancies in seats we have not seen in a while, thus driving a larger turnout.

Remember, if you are not registered to vote you can do so online #GoVoteTN. Look for the GoVoteTN app on your phone to inform you of who your candidates for local, state, and federal offices in your district. The app can also tell you the location of the polling locations.

Legislation

HB2131 is legislation I signed on as a co-sponsor that will withhold state funds to a local government for the next subsequent fiscal year if a local government were to sell, remove, relocate, or destroy a historical memorial after a waiver was denied to them by the Tennessee Historical Commission. What happened in Memphis was unconscionable! Currently there is a court case in the Davidson Chancery Court that needs to play itself out. We will continue to monitor as we work together to protect our history!

Update on IMPROVE Act

One of the first COMPLETED projects under the IMPROVE ACT was the Holmes Creek Road Bridge over Fall Creek in Dekalb County. Under this plan, there are 526 bridges, at a cost of 400M, to be completed within 14 years. That is a heavy lift but things are getting done in the 40th District!

Blessings,
Terri Lynn Weaver