

## TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT UPDATE

NEWS FOR THE CLIENTS AND FRIENDS OF BASS, BERRY & SIMS PLC

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The governor is in China and Vietnam this week, and the Senate did not meet in floor session. The Senate Finance Committee did not vote on any budget-related bill, and neither did the House Finance Committee. In fact, the Senate Finance Committee adjourned for the week on Wednesday, and senators went home. Meaningful inter-chamber negotiation on the budget is unlikely before Monday, May 24. Rick Locker of *The Commercial Appeal* [has some of the details](#).

The governor vetoed the guns-in-bars bill — again. Proponents of the bill will override the veto — again. Chas Sisk of *The Tennessean* [has that story](#).

Nashville continues to recover from the flood. Private property damage in Nashville alone is now estimated at \$1.9 billion. *The Tennessean* [summarizes Nashville's plight](#), but 42 of Tennessee's 95 counties are now federal disaster areas.

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