

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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

Friday, March 6, 2009

We note with pleasure and confidence the appointment by President Obama of Bass, Berry & Sims alumna Nancy-Ann DeParle to the position of Counselor to the President and Director of the White House Office for Health Reform. Ms. DeParle, a Tennessee native, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Harvard University Law School and a Rhodes Scholar. She was formerly a partner at Bass, Berry & Sims. She served as the Commissioner of Tennessee's Department of Human Services and held a prominent healthcare reform position in the Clinton Administration. <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090303/NEWS02/903030359>

In the Tennessee General Assembly, meanwhile, the House Republican Caucus barred Speaker Kent Williams' participation in caucus meetings. <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/mar/05/speaker-turned-away-from-gop-caucus-meeting/>

In the House Democratic Caucus, a private meeting was held Monday afternoon, March 2, at which Democrats say that the differences between former speaker Jimmy Naifeh and current Democratic leader Gary Odom were resolved. <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2009/mar/03/democrats-resolve-dispute-during-closed-door-sessi/?breakingnews>

In the Senate, Judiciary Committee Chair Mae Beavers appointed a "gun" subcommittee (Subcommittee on Firearms and Ammunition Legislation) to consider the forty or so firearms related bills pending in that committee. The subcommittee members are Mike Faulk (R-Church Hill), Doug Overbey (R-Maryville) and Doug Jackson (D-Dickson).

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- Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 11:43 a.m. [Finance Commissioner Dave] Goetz to Senate Finance: state continues to get different estimates and "daily" guidance from federal agencies [about stimulus provisions].

Notes about Twitter

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