

TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT *Update*

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Friday, June 12, 2009

The House of Representatives, waiting for the Senate to pass the state budget first, recessed Thursday and will not convene again until Tuesday. The Senate Finance Committee worked Wednesday and Thursday on its version of the budget. Decisions to delete the recently announced stimulus-funded solar project and a West Tennessee “megasite” for industrial development [resulted in Governor Bredesen characterizing the actions as “stupid” and threatening to veto the bills](#). Senator Randy McNally, chairman of the committee, later said that both projects will be restored. The committee will continue to meet today in an attempt to complete its work.

Regardless of the final budget adopted by the Senate, House leadership indicates that it will propose an alternative budget, more in line with Governor Bredesen’s most recent proposal.

Governor Bredesen was in Washington Wednesday to meet with General Motors executives about the Saturn plant in Spring Hill. [Bredesen said that it will take at least a \\$200 million incentive payment to keep the plant and that Tennessee might not be able to do that.](#)

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- Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 12:51 p.m. **Senator Kyle tells the Budget Subcommittee he would like to be in a position to vote on the budget bills on Thursday.**
- Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 9:57 a.m. **In House Budget Subcommittee, Technical Corrections and Omnibus bills moved to the next calendar.**
- Thursday, June 11, 2009, 12:50 p.m. **House adjourns until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday next. House Budget Subcommittee will meet at 1:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, June 11, 2009, 12:51 p.m. **House Budget Subcommittee will meet at 1 pm on Monday next.**
- Thursday, June 11, 2009, 8:00 p.m. **Technical Corrections bill passes out of Senate Finance today (10-0) but is not scheduled for 8:00 a.m. floor session [on Friday].**

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