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As I submit this update to you, the Legislature begins its 4th full week of the current Session. So far, lots of "busy work", little action. Committees have been meeting but sessions have mostly devoted to informational presentations such as the DOC presentations made by Commissioner Roy and staff to both the Senate and House this past week. He presented a great PowerPoint with lots of current statistical data on the workings of the DOC. I'm waiting to get a copy of that PowerPoint to forward to you in order to share its great data.

As of this morning, there has been 483 bills introduced in the House and another 327 in the Senate. Of these, 25 have been referred to the House Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance Committee and 21 referred to the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

I am continuing to search for a way to share bill information straight from the Gov't Information center and from the Revisor's office. In this report I'm going to try to paste some information I've received to share, but it doesn't always allow us to share info, so please excuse me for this as we experiment on methods to improve and expedite information. If this method works, you should receive a link to all the bills referred to the House Public Safety Committee and the Senate Judiciary. I will comment on only those bills I feel you would most likely follow or those that are specific to items in our legislative agenda.

Hot Topics so far have included numerous bills regarding the Health Care fiasco which should reach the House and Senate floors this week for full debate. Sunday Liquor bills are also plentiful and it appears this is the year for those advocates. **SF 03** providing for federal tax conformity has passed this Session, which will provide tax relief for certain individuals this year. **SF166**, the REAL ID Act also looks like a sure thing this year. **SF 19**, phases our taxes on Social Security over several years, and this too, definitely is a hot topic likely to pass early this Session. Senator Dibble has introduced **SF 134**, which would require the appointment of a special prosecutor in certain cases of peace-officer initiated use of force cases.

HF 238 (Nash) and **SF 292** (Ruud) clarifies language in use of force in defense of home and person, and includes specific language to include an occupied vehicle.

HF 33 (Brian Johnson and Cornish) Requires Legislative Approval for all sentencing guidelines modifications. I've yet to see a companion bill in the Senate.

HF 179 (Scott, Nash, Lech and 8 others) amends the ignition interlock standards, prohibiting use of devices with tracking capabilities. We've been asked by several to oppose this effort as it would totally defeat the purpose of the program.

HF 188 (Nash, Draskowski and 13 others), **HF 309** (Bahr, Draskowski, and others) and **HF 469** (Cornish) are all bills providing for the right to carry firearms without permits. The Cornish bill would provide for a lifetime permit to carry.

We'll expect to see many of these in Committee hearings in the next few weeks. Let me know if you have bills you'd like to have tracked. Expect another update in early February.

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