



Tennessee Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

MEMO

To: TAR Governmental Affairs Committee

From: Chris Sexton, Director of Governmental Affairs

Date: March 15, 2010

Re: State Legislative Update

Thank you to the hundreds of Realtors from across the state for helping make our recent Realtor Day on the Hill such a great success. Our association's political capabilities are strongly on display anytime we can fill the legislative halls and offices with so many Realtors who care about issues important to our industry and private property rights.

As mentioned at last week's Board of Directors meeting by Governmental Affairs Committee Chair John Griess, the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee webpage will stay up to date with movement on the Realtor Focused Legislation throughout the remainder of the legislative session. Visit the webpage (<http://www.tarnet.com/govaff/legaffsub.php>) to view all the official positions concerning legislation and the current week's General Assembly Committee calendar.

One important highlight some may have missed during last week's Hill visits happened in the House Commerce Industrial Impact Subcommittee. In a standing-room-only crowd, dozens were able to witness the power of our combined lobbying and grassroots actions when HB128, a bill to require sellers to provide an energy audit to buyers of property, was defeated when it failed to get a motion and even be brought in front of the committee for a vote.

Many of the other bills important to Realtor efforts were rolled to subsequent weeks, again, not an uncommon practice. Rest assured that your Governmental Affairs team remains steadfast in defending Realtor interests and will keep you aware of any important movements in the coming weeks.

Lastly, we've received many questions regarding our upcoming Hill visits in Washington, DC. We plan to keep a format that is similar to last year, with legislator visits being set up for Wednesday, May 12. Please watch for future email updates as we get closer to the date on how to sign up for specific meetings with your congressmen.

Again, thank you for your support and active participation in the Realtor Party.



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