



What's Up in the Legislature

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LEGISLATURE

The week of discussion on the 09 budget has ended. I still do not believe that the results mean much without waiting for the result of the negotiations between the conflicting parties. The House has introduced 671 bills and the Senate 126. The House limit on bills started last week. After the limit starts House members can introduce no more than 7 bills. The Senate has no such limit and will continue to make introductions as they please.

COMMITTEES

The House Commerce Committee meets in HHR 5 at 9 a.m. on the 30th. It will hear Pete Hershberger's HB 2206 (unemployment insurance; liability; liens; service). This is a technical bill of little interest to us at this time.

The Senate Rules Committee brings up SB1002 (state equalization property tax repeal). Next stop for the bill is Committee of the Whole (COW) and 3rd Read before transferring to the House. As of now it looks like it is heading for a veto. (Another election bill.)