



## What's Up in the Legislature

(March 9, 2008)

SB 1300 (federal funds; technical correction. (NOW: fiscal year 2007-2008; budget adjustments) By Senator Burns.

This is the Senate feed bill that cuts many essential services. It passed out of Committee of the Whole on a voice vote March 6, after the Majority repulsed a number of Minority amendments. The only amendment to pass was one to place further restrictions in the bill that was offered by Senator Vershooor. It was on the March 6 3<sup>rd</sup> Read Calendar, but the calendar was not read. It may be up on Monday or Tuesday.

The other significant bill was a leadership bill that was supposedly offered to get the Governor to speedup budget negotiations. I

HB 2571 (low income housing; property tax ) BY Representative Driggs passed out of House Human Services on the 6<sup>th</sup> with a 8-0-0-2-0. However, it was also assigned to Ways and Means, and the hearing deadline has passed.

HB 2678 (drug testing; welfare recipients) introduced by Representative Burgess and a number of the Majority was HELD in Approps last week.

A press conference requesting no cuts to the Arizona State Housing Trust Fund will be held on Monday, March 10 at 12:30 on the House Lawn at the State Capitol. A statement from St. Vincent de Paul about the Society's use of a grant from this fund for the Family Assistance Ministry (FAM) will be delivered to every member of the legislature.