



# Daily Legislative Update

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

3<sup>rd</sup> Day of 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

## TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

Senate convenes at 9:00 a.m.

House convenes at 1:30 p.m.

Several committees are scheduled to hold their organizational meetings this morning.

### Committee Meetings:

#### JOINT

None listed.

#### HOUSE

9:45 AM	Room 151	<a href="#">STATE AGENCIES &amp; GOVT'L AFFAIRS- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:45 AM	Room 138	<a href="#">AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

#### SENATE

9:45 AM	Room 272	<a href="#">PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:45 AM	Room 207	<a href="#">EDUCATION COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
9:45 AM	Room 171	<a href="#">JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

## STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

To date the House has filed 68 bills and the Senate has filed 50 bills.

The State Chamber/AIA is tracking 21 bills and resolutions.

New bills added to State Chamber/AIA tracking today:

[HB 1067](#) [Collins, Charlie \(R\)](#) Allows the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to establish a nutrient water quality trading system which may involve credits, offsets, and exchanges; creates a nutrient water quality trading advisory panel.

[HB 1068](#) [Hammer, Kim \(R\)](#) [Johnson, David \(D\)](#) Requires write-in candidates to file notice of their candidacy 90 days prior to the election.

[SB 47](#) [Pierce, Bobby \(D\)](#) [Shepherd, Matthew \(R\)](#) Authorizes the Oil and Gas Commission to designate brine expansion units in areas adjacent to existing brine production units.

For the complete, searchable list of bills being tracked please visit our [tracking site](#). The full text of each bill is available at the site.

## **ASA HUTCHINSON SWORN IN AS 46<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS**

After taking the Oath of Office before a joint session of the House and Senate in the House Chamber, Governor Asa Hutchinson outlined his plans to lead Arkansas in the 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. His first order of business is the creation of economic growth and increase jobs.

Hutchinson's first action will be to seek an income tax cut for the middle class. He plans to present a balanced budget to the General Assembly by the end of this week. His proposed budget will include savings and efficiencies with full funding for education.

Specific plans for education include an initiative to have computer science offered in every high school in Arkansas. He said Arkansas students should not lag behind the nation.

He wants the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to do all it can to make Arkansas competitive.

On healthcare reform, Hutchinson asked the General Assembly to be patient. He will make an address on January 22.

Criminal justice reform was another major issue Hutchinson spoke about in his Inaugural address. He said our prisons are over capacity with related problems in the parole program. Arkansas must take action on jail space, a more effective parole system and change the behavior of parolees.

## **TOMORROW AT THE CAPITOL**

Committee Meetings for Thursday, January 15, 2015

### JOINT

9:00 AM	Room A, MAC	<a href="#">JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a> 
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### HOUSE

10:00 AM	Room 149	<a href="#">JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 130	<a href="#">PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 151	<a href="#">REVENUE &amp; TAXATION- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 138	<a href="#">EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

### SENATE

10:00 AM	OSC	<a href="#">STATE AGENCIES &amp; GOVT'L AFFAIRS-SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	Room 272	<a href="#">CITY, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - SENATE</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>

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