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FROM: Deanne Siemer

MESSAGE

Rex --

As you probably know, the House today approved the Senate's new legislative initiative to set a new budget cap at \$7.5 million, and also approved a bill to postpone the Con-Con election until June. The Senate will be in session tomorrow and is expected to take up the postponement bill. Apparently the idea is to give enough time to put the legislative initiative on the same ballot with the Con-Con Amendments.

Any ideas about the best way to deal with this?

Deanne

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FOR: ALICIA GUERRERO

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FROM: Deanne Siemer

MESSAGE

Alicia --

You probably heard that the House passed the Senate bill with respect to a new legislative initiative setting a \$7.5 million funding cap.

The House also passed a bill postponing the Con-Con election until June. This goes to the Senate today and is expected to pass.

Will you try to reach all the delegates and tell them this. We need to have a meeting on Saturday to decide what to do.

Thanks.

Deanne

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MESSAGE

Travis --

Apparently I was right and the legislation has been passed. Late last Friday, before the three-day weekend, the Senate passed a legislative initiative to set the cap on the budget for the Legislature at around \$7.5 million (vs. the \$9 million in the initiative that was defeated in November and \$4.5 million in the Con-Con's proposed Amendment #2). Today, late in the session after your (or someone's) news cameras left, the House passed this initiative bill as well.

The House also passed a bill postponing the Con-Con election until mid-June, allegedly for more time for public education, but in fact to provide enough time to put the legislative initiative on the ballot with the Con-Con amendments. The postponement bill went to the Senate this afternoon. Apparently the Senate will be in session tomorrow and will try to slide this by late in the day so as to avoid your last news program for the weekend. They need to get it to the Governor quickly.

We have a copy of the legislative initiative if you need it. We don't yet have a copy of the House bill postponing the Con-Con vote. You can probably get that faster than we can.

If you need any details, give us a call at 233-0465 or 234-7241. We will try to rustle up one of the Post-Con Committee members if you need an interview.

Always interesting!

Deanne