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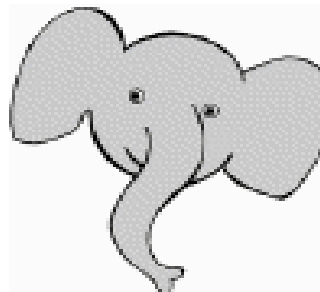
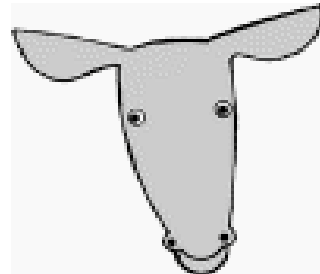
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LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

The 2006 Session begins January 9 and will last 60 days. During that time, RPEC will need your help contacting legislators as key legislation and issues are debated. These contacts are vitally important to the success of our legislative agenda.

Frequently, we ask you more than once to call or write on a bill because we are at different stages in the process. During the chapter leadership workshops conducted last summer, members suggested that it would be useful to have a directory of legislators to use during session and a description of how a bill becomes a law. Having the contact information handy and a description of where the bill is in the process would help them better understand what to do.

We've taken that advice to heart and this newsletter contains both. **PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!** You will need it to contact legislators.

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How a Bill Becomes a Law

1. A bill may be introduced in either the Senate or House of Representatives by a member.
2. It is referred to a committee for a hearing. The committee studies the bill and may hold public hearings on it. It can then pass, reject or take no action on the bill.
3. The committee report on the passed bill is read in open session of the House or Senate, and the bill is then referred to the Rules Committee.
4. The Rules Committee can either place the bill on the second reading calendar for debate before the entire body, or take no action.
5. At second reading, a bill is subject to debate and amendment before being placed on the third reading calendar for final passage.
6. After passing one house, the bill goes through the same procedure in the other house.
7. If amendments are made, the other house must approve the changes.
8. When the bill is accepted in both houses, it is signed by the respective leaders and sent to the governor.
9. The governor signs the bill into law or may veto all or part of it. If the governor fails to act on the bill, it may become law without a signature.

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