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## The Scoop on the TCAD "eLoop"

*Executive Director Report*

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Welcome to the eLoop, a quarterly newsletter about our agency and partners, designed to keep our partners informed. The TCAD **eLoop** will keep the Aging Network apprised of TCAD activities and accomplishments as well as tracking legislation of interest to the aging network.

To keep up with the 106<sup>th</sup> General Assembly legislations and challenges, **eLoop eXtras** will come out as needed.

The current issue contains Administration bills of interest to the elderly population. You can easily access the bill by clicking on the link that follows each summary.

We will also maintain a calendar to publicize your meetings and special events. Please forward all your activities to be included in this

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## Faces of Our Elders



*Faces of Baby Boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1966, are now part of the Gray Wave*

## 2009 Administration Bills

**SB2310/HB2312 Commerce & Insurance** Makes various changes for several boards within the regulatory division of the department. The bill includes the following: several modifications to the Tennessee Prepaid Funeral Benefits Act of 2007 including the definition of "immediate use" of merchandise and broadens the definition of pre-need sales agents to reflect industry practice.

<http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2310>

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listing.

Additionally, we want to remember that the elders we serve are not just statistics, but individuals who have worked hard, raised families, served this country and contributed to our society. They are loved by their families, respected in their communities and deserve to live with dignity and respect in their golden years. To keep the people we serve in the forefront of our minds, we invite our readers to submit photos of our aging population at any point in their life. The staff will choose the winning entry based on photo content, diversity and compelling story.

We hope you like the **eLoop** and invite you to submit articles, links and information so the Aging Network can all stay in the **eLoop!**■

## 106<sup>th</sup> Senate Committees

### Senate State & Local

Chair: Bill Ketron

Vice Chair: Lowe Finney

Secretary: Joe Haynes

Members: Burchett, Faulk, Harper, Norris, Tracy, Yager

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/government.html>

### Senate Judiciary

Chair: Mae Beavers,

Vice Chair: Doug Jackson

Secretary: Doug Overbey

Members: Black, Bunch, Faulk, Kyle, Marrero, Stanley

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/judiciary.html>

### Senate Government Operations

Chair: Jack Johnson

Vice Chair: Thelma Harper

Secretary: Ophelia Ford

Members: Barnes, Bunch, Crowe, Stanley, Tate, Watson

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/env-tourism.html>

### Senate General Welfare:

Chair: Rusty Crowe

Vice Chair: Bo Watson

Secretary: Beverly Marrero

Members: Black, Ford, Henry, Herron, McNally, Overbey

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/gov-ops.html>

### Senate Environment

Chair: Steve Southerland

Vice Chair: Ken Yager

Secretary: Eric Stewart

Members: Barnes, Burks, Faulk, Jackson, Johnson, Woodson

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/env-tourism.html>

### Senate Finance

Chair: Randy McNally

Vice Chair: Douglas Henry

Secretary: Tim Burchett

Members: Black, Haynes, Herron, Kyle, Norris, Overbey, Watson, Woodson

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/finance.html>

### Senate Education

Chair: Delores Gresham

Vice Chair: Reginald Tate

Secretary: Andy Berke

Members: Burks, Crowe, Haynes, Ketron, Tracy, Woodson

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/education.html>

### Senate Commerce

Chair: Paul Stanley

Vice Chair: Dewayne Bunch

Secretary: Charlotte Burks

Members: Beavers, Burchett, Johnson, Ketron, Stewart, Tate

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/committees/commerce.html>■

## Recommended Links

### National Caregiver Library

<http://www.caregiverslibrary.org/>

The *National Caregivers Library* is one of the most extensive libraries for caregivers that exist today.

### CMS Nursing Home Compare

<http://www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/Include/DataSection/Questions/SearchCriteriaNEW.asp?version=default&browser=IE%7C7%7CWinXP&language=English&defaultstatus=0&pagelist=Home&CookiesEnabledStatus=True>

This tool has detailed information about every Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing home in the country.

## 106<sup>th</sup> House Committees

### Agriculture

Chair: Stratton Bone

Vice-Chair: Dale Ford

Secretary: Willie Butch Borchert

Members: Bass, Faulkner, Halford, Litz, McDaniel, Niceley, Shaw, Weaver, Windle

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/agriculture.html>

### General Sub of Agriculture

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-agriculture.html>

### Calendar and Rules

Chair: Bill Dunn

Vice-Chair: Larry Turner

Secretary: Matthew Hill

Members: Odom, M. Turner, Moore, Towns, Bone, J. DeBerry, Armstrong, Coleman, Fitzhugh, Harmon, Speaker Pro Tem, Harwell, Mumpower, McCord, Casada, Matheny, H. Brooks, Lynn, Todd, McManus, McCormick, Moore, Mumpower, Odom, Todd, Towns, Turner, Williams, <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/calendar.html>

### Children and Family Affairs

Chair: John DeBerry

Vice-Chair: Kevin Brooks

Secretary: Tommie Brown

Members: Bell, Campfield, Hardaway, Jones, Rich, Richardson, Rowland, Shaw Weaver

### Domestic Relations

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-domestic.html>

### Family Justice

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-famjustice.html>

### Commerce

Chair: Beth Harwell

Vice-Chair: David Shepard

Secretary: Steve McManus

Members: Carr, Casada, C. Cobb, Curtiss, Favors, Ferguson, Fitzhugh, Gilmore, Hackworth, Harmon, C. Johnson, P. Johnson, Lundburg, Lynn, Jimmy Matlock, McCord, McCormick, Montgomery, Naifeh, Pitts, Roach, Stewart, Sargent, Todd, Towns, Turner, Yokley <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/commerce.html>

**SB2295/HB2286 Unusual Incident Reporting Limits** what is reported on unusual incident report to incidents of abuse, neglect or misappropriation for all health care facilities to be consistent with Federal law.

<http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2295>

**SB2246/HB2255 Vital Records** Adds grandparents and grandchildren to list of relatives to whom a person's vital records must be issued upon application <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2246>

**SB2316/HB2265 Adult and Child Care Licensing** Allows DHS Child and Adult Day Care Licensing to submit names of potential employees to DCS, Adult Protective Services for a background search to determine if the applicant has committed acts against these populations (similar to the Dept. of Education checks). <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2316>

**SB2295/HB2286 Vulnerable Person Registry** The bill revises the required prerequisite for a name to be placed on the Vulnerable Person Registry so that perpetrators of abuse to children and adults can be more easily placed on the registry to aide in the prevention of abuse. <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2295>

**SB2297/HB2284 Consumer Protection** This bill creates a framework to ensure the appropriate consumer protection for persons receiving long-term care services including background checks, abuse/neglect reporting, public guardianships and HCBS ombudsman. <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2297>

**SB2275/HB2282 Long Term Care** This bill establishes licensing requirements for a new category of long-term care facilities known as adult care homes (ACH). ACH's house no more than 5 elderly or disabled adults in a home setting. <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB2275>

## **Conservation and Environment**

Chair: Joe McCord

Vice-Chair: John Tidwell

Secretary: Richard Floyd

Members: Borchert, Fraley, Hawk, Kernell, Lollar, McDonald, Niceley, Rowland

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/conserv-env.html>

Environment

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-env.html>

Parks & Tourism

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-parks.html>

Wildlife

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-wildlife.html>

## **Consumer and Employee Affairs**

Chair: Judd Matheny

Vice-Chair: Jim Hackworth

Secretary: Mike Bell

Members: Campfield, Eldridge, Hardaway, S. Jones, Kelsey, McDonald, Moore, Richardson, Swafford

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/consumer-employee.html>

Consumer Affairs

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-consaffairs.html>

Employee Affairs

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-empaffairs.html>

## **Education**

Chair: Harry Brooks

Vice Chair: Les Winningham

Secretary: Jim Coley

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/education.html>

Members: Barker, Brooks, Brown, Cooper, Dunn, J. DeBerry, Harwell, Hawk, Haynes, Hill, Hensley, U. Jones, Lollar, Maddox, Pitts, Towns, Turner, Windle, Weaver

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/education.html>

## **Higher Ed**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-highered.html>

## **K-12**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-k12.html>

## **Ethics**

Chair: Ulysses Jones

Members: Casada, L. DeBerry, Fincher, Harwell, Maddox, McCord, McDaniel, Mumpower, Odom, Sargent, Turner

## **Finance, Ways and Means**

Chair: Craig Fitzhugh

Vice-Chair: Charles Sargent

Secretary: Johnny Shaw

Members: Armstrong, Bone, H. Brooks, K. Brooks, Brown, Casada, Coleman, L. DeBerry, Dunn, Eldridge, Harrison, C. Johnson, Maddox, Maggart, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Montgomery, Mumpower, Naifeh, Odom, Roach, Rowland, Sontany, Tindell, Turner, Winningham

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/finance.html>

## **Budget**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-budget.html>

## **Study**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-study.html>

## **Government Operations**

Chair: Susan Lynn

Vice-Chair: Mike Kernell

Secretary: Jim Cobb

Members: Bell, Camper, Campfield, Casada, Cooper, L. DeBerry, Hardaway, Mumpower, Odom, Turner

## **Health & Human Resources**

Chair: Joe Armstrong

Vice-Chair: Joey Hensley

Secretary: Joanne Favors

Members: C. Cobb, J. Cobb, Curtiss, Dean, J. DeBerry, L. DeBerry, Dennis, Evans, Ferguson, Ford, Harrison, Halford, S. Jones, Maggart, Mumpower, Odom, Pruitt, Ramsey, Rich, Richardson, Shepard, Shipley, Turner

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/health.html>

## **Health Care Facilities**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-healthfacil.html>

## **Professional Occupations**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-profoccupations.html>

## **Public Health & Family Assistance**

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-phfa.html>

## **Judiciary**

Chair: Kent Coleman

Vice Chair: Jon Lundberg

Secretary: Janis Sontany

Members: Bass, Camper, Dennis, Fincher, Falkner, Kelsey, Matheny Stewart, Watson

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/judiciary.html>

Civil Practice & Procedure

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-civilpp.html>

Criminal Practice & Procedure

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-crimprocedure.html>

### Rules

Chair: Steve McDaniel

Members: H. Brooks, K. Brooks, Casada, L. DeBerry, Fincher, Fitzhugh, Litz, Maddox, Montgomery, Mumpower, Naifeh, Odom, Roach, Sargent, Turner, Williams

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/rules.html>

### State and Local Government

Chair: Curry Todd

Vice chair: Ulysses Jones

Secretary: Eric Swafford

Members: Carr, Cobb, T. Cobb, Coley, Evans, Haynes, Litz, McCormick, Miller, Moore, Pruitt, Ramsey, Tindell, Watson, West, Yokley

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/governme nt.html>

### Elections

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-elections.html>

### Local Government

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-localgovt.html>

### State and Local Government

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-stategovt.html>

### Transportation

Chair: Bill Harmon

Vice-Chair: Vince Dean

Secretary: George Fraley

Members: Barker, T. Cobb, Fincher, Floyd, Hill, Johnson, Matlock, Rich, Shipley, Tidwell, West

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/transportat ion.html>

### Public Safety

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-ps.html>

### Rural Roads

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/house/committees/sub-rr.html>

## Calendar of Events

### Senior Center, Emergency Services & I & A

March 11-12,2009

Senior Centers Directors Training S.E. AAAD.

March 13,2009 TEMA Training for ESC.

March 25,2009 Conducting Emergency Training work shop at TCSW Conference.

April 23,2009 Conducting Senior Centers Directors training on emergency COOP plans for senior centers.

March & April 2009 Editing ADRC data base.

### 96th TCSW Annual Conference

March 23, 24 and 25, 2009

Franklin Marriott - Cool Springs

Nashville, TN

In these hard economic times, it's more important than ever for those who care about helping others to come together to network and to learn! Please join us! For more information, please go to

[http://www.tcsw.citymax.com/spring\\_09.html](http://www.tcsw.citymax.com/spring_09.html).

### First Tennessee Area Agency on Aging & Disability 2009 Annual Conference on Aging

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Centre at Millennium Park, Johnson City

For information about the conference or an exhibit booth, contact Teresa Sutphin at (423) 722-5120 or [tsutphin@ftaaad.org](mailto:tsutphin@ftaaad.org)

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

NATIONWIDE

APRIL 19-25

Honor your volunteers during this week for the countless hours they serve to help the aging community.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Help People with Medicare Understand their Benefits!** Consider becoming a **Volunteer Medicare Counselor** with the **Tennessee SHIP/SMP Medicare Counseling Program**. Funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the SHIP in Tennessee serves consumers statewide. **Volunteers are needed in every county**. For more information, contact SHIP Aging Program Specialist David Devitt at 615-741-2056, Ext. 127 or at [David.Devitt@state.tn.us](mailto:David.Devitt@state.tn.us)

### SEND IN YOUR FAMILY STORIES

"My favorite thing to eat was beans. That's all we had. At Christmas, Mom would buy oranges and bananas and make a fruit salad. That was as good as it got. When I was in Boy Scouts, the leader owned a store and got us all a steak. We cooked those steaks over a camp fire and it was the most delicious thing I had ever tasted. That was the first time I had beef," said Bob Calonge of his Depression era childhood in rural Indiana.

TCAD is collecting family stories and pictures, like this one, for future publication. Please talk with your seniors and send in their personal stories and life lessons before they are lost forever.

Email submissions to [Janet.Lamb@state.tn.us](mailto:Janet.Lamb@state.tn.us)