LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
(TWO YEAR CYCLE)

• FIRST WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY Session Begins
  (House and Senate convene for the first year of the
  biennial Session; second year as well)

• FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS Election of Speaker of the House and President of
  the Senate
  (Each branch elects their minority leaders, appoint
  their Clerk and adopt joint rules)

• THIRD Wednesday of January All Petitions (Bills) must be filed
  (first year of the session only)

• End of January, Early February Appointment of Leadership Teams
  (This is done by Speaker of the House, Senate
  President and the minority Leaders of each branch.
  This includes Joint Committee Members and
  Chairs, and standing committees)

• Late February (typically) Joint Committees begin public hearings
  (the committees review all bills sent to them and
  the process continues through the third
  Wednesday of the second year of the biennial
  session. With certain exceptions, the joint
  committees are comprised of eleven
  Representatives and six Senators)

• Third Wednesday of November Formal Sessions end
  July 31st (second year of cycle)
  (Branches meet at least twice weekly in informal
  sessions during remainder of each year. Bills can
  be passed during these informal sessions without
  objection)

• First Wednesday of February All bills must be reported out of Committees
  of the second year
  (bills are reported to the House or Senate Clerk)

• TUESDAY before the first Session Ends
  Wednesday of January
  (true for first and second annual session)