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This draft creates the 2007–2008 biennial session schedule by updating the dates in the 2005–2006 biennial session schedule to work with the dates in 2007 and 2008. This drafter's note is meant to alert you to any variations from the previous schedule and to any potential scheduling conflicts.

Under s. 16.45, the governor must deliver a budget message and submit a budget on or before the last Tuesday in January of the odd-numbered year, unless the governor requests a later date and the legislature approves in the form of a joint resolution. In the past, the legislature has, generally, granted the governor an extension. Governor McCallum delivered his 2001 budget message on Tuesday, February 20. Governor Doyle delivered his 2003 budget message on Tuesday, February 18, and his 2005 budget message on Tuesday, February 8. Consistent with s. 16.45, the preliminary 2007–2008 schedule indicates that the governor must submit a budget by Tuesday, January 30, 2007. Is that okay, or do you wish to give the governor additional time to submit a budget?

There will be three constitutional amendments ready for 2nd consideration during the 2007–08 legislative session (2005 Senate Joint Resolution 33, related to prohibiting partial vetoes from creating new sentences; 2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 68, related to prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto authority to reject any individual word in a sentence of the enrolled bill; and 2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 36, related to requiring a photographic identification for voting). Under s. 8.37, the resolutions must be filed with the Elections Board no later than February 20, 2007, in order for the question of ratification to be placed on the ballot for the spring election. Do the January and February 2007 floorperiods that we have proposed provide sufficient time to consider the resolutions before the filing deadline or do you wish to extend either of these floor periods?

In 2007, Easter falls on April 8. It has been the practice not to schedule floorperiods the week before or the week after Easter. In this proposed session schedule, we have followed that practice. Please advise if this is not your intent.

Under Joint Rule 82 (2) (a), "Any vetoes ... not previously on a calendar in the house of origin shall be shown as pending business on the calendar for the veto review session's first day." Therefore, under the preliminary 2007–2008 schedule, and consistent with the 2005–2006 schedule, vetoes in the odd-numbered year are not

placed on the calendar until May of the even-numbered year, leaving them undecided and subject to consideration at any time until the May veto review session. Please let us know if you wish to schedule additional veto review floorperiods.

Under Joint Rule 81m, the limited-business floorperiod scheduled for May 13 to 15, 2008, is limited to considering revisor's bills, reconciliation bills, bills introduced by the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) ratifying state employee collective bargaining contracts, and resolutions for purposes allowed under Joint Rule 7. Please let us know if you wish to expand or further limit the scope of this floorperiod.

Under Joint Rule 82, the veto review floorperiod scheduled for May 27 and 28, 2008, is limited to considering vetoes, pending nominations for appointments requiring Senate confirmation, revisor's bills, reconciliation bills, bills introduced by JCOER ratifying state employee collective bargaining contracts, and resolutions or joint resolutions introduced by the committee on organization of either house. Please let us know if you wish to expand or further limit the scope of this floorperiod or if you have any questions.

Under Joint Rule 81r, which was adopted in the 2005-06 legislative session, the legislature may schedule a limited-business floorperiod after the last general-business floorperiod in the spring of the even-numbered year that is limited to considering bills introduced by the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules and JCOER. The 2005-2006 session schedule included a limited-business floorperiod under Joint Rule 81r for December 27 and 28, 2006, but the legislature subsequently moved that floorperiod to July 12, 2006. Do you want a limited-business floorperiod under Joint Rule 81r?

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