

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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This draft creates the 2011–2012 biennial session schedule by updating the dates in the 2009–2011 biennial session schedule to work with the dates in 2011 and 2012. 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 Doyle delivered his 2005 budget message on Tuesday, February 8, and his 2007 budget message on Tuesday, February 13, and his 2009 budget message on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. The preliminary 2011–2012 schedule does not include an extension of the deadline under s. 16.45. Please let us know if you wish to extend the budget message deadline.

In 2011, Easter falls on April 24. In 2012, 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.

Also, please note that the preliminary 2011–2012 schedule does not provide floorperiods during the spring recess periods for UW–Madison. Please advise if this is not consistent with your intent. The 2011 spring recess is from March 12 to 20 and the 2012 spring recess is from March 31 to April 8.

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 2011–2012 schedule, and consistent with the 2009–2010 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 8 to 10, 2012, 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 22 and 23, 2012, 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.

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