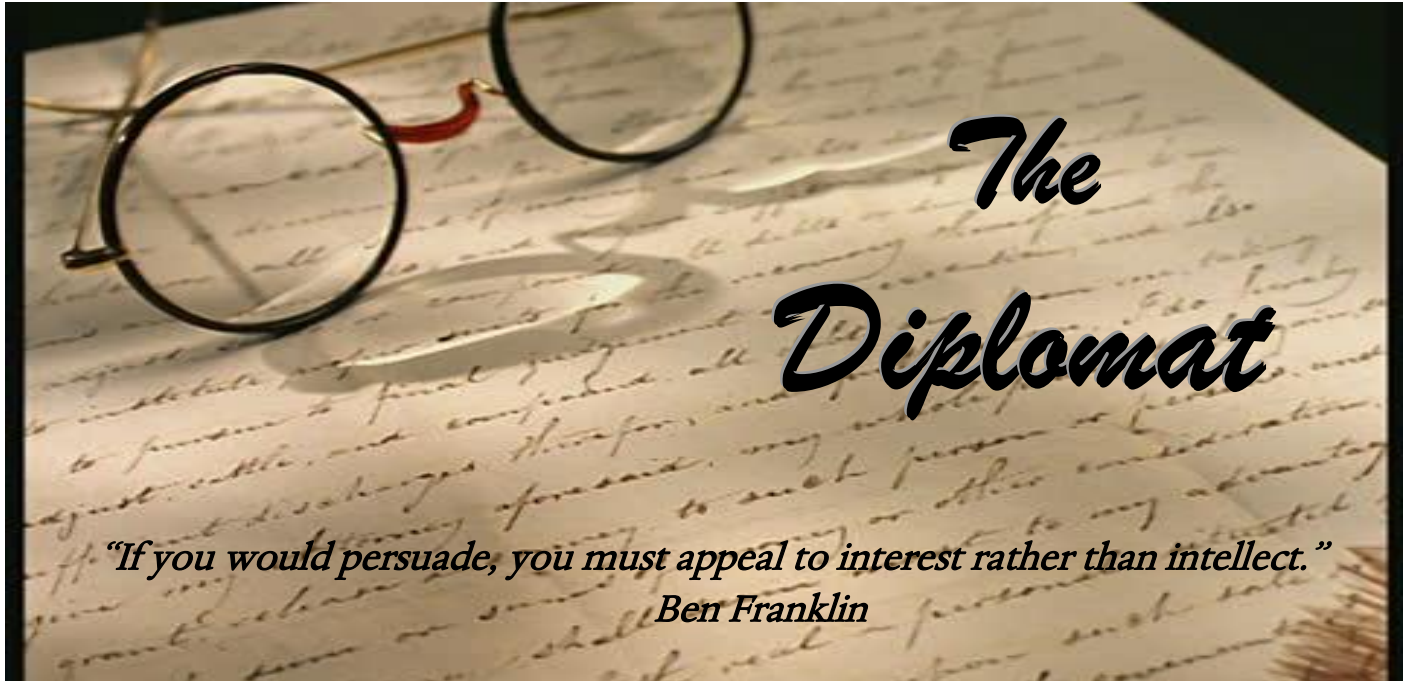


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THE SENATE

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It was a typical second week of a legislative session, as few bills have gotten far enough through the process to be debated in either of the two chambers.

The Senate had a quick third day adjourning Tuesday after quickly passing three bills, but in its defense, there is not much to debate this early in the legislative session. Thursday morning the Senate gavelled in and went straight to work. The Senate confirmed several appointments before adopting a 7-bill special order calendar, including SB70 by Sen. Cam Ward (R-Alabaster) that would reduce the number of signatures of qualified electors required for political parties and independent candidates for statewide office to gain ballot access. The legislation was carried over when, as in years past, it became obvious the votes for passage were not there.

Next week SB165 by Sen. Tim Melson (R-Florence) will receive a public hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The legislation, named the Compassion Act, would allow for the medical dispensing of cannabis. The committee is also expected to vote on the bill at the conclusion of the public hearing.

THE HOUSE

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The House spent Tuesday afternoon debating legislation that would prevent municipalities from enacting new occupational taxes without legislative approval. The bill eventually passed 74-27 and goes to the Senate for consideration. Thursday, the House continued to work from the regular order calendar passing five bills.

Due to the untimely death Sunday night of Tom Collins, husband of state Rep. Terri Collins (R-Decatur), most House committees were cancelled to allow house members time Wednesday to make the trip to Decatur to show their respect.

U.S. SENATE RACE

New Polling

New polling in the U.S. Senate race from AlDailyNews.com shows if the election were held today, 31% would vote for former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, 29% would choose former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville and 17% would choose Congressman Bradley Byrne.

Five percent said they would choose former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, and no other candidate registered more than 1%. Sixteen percent of voters said they were undecided.