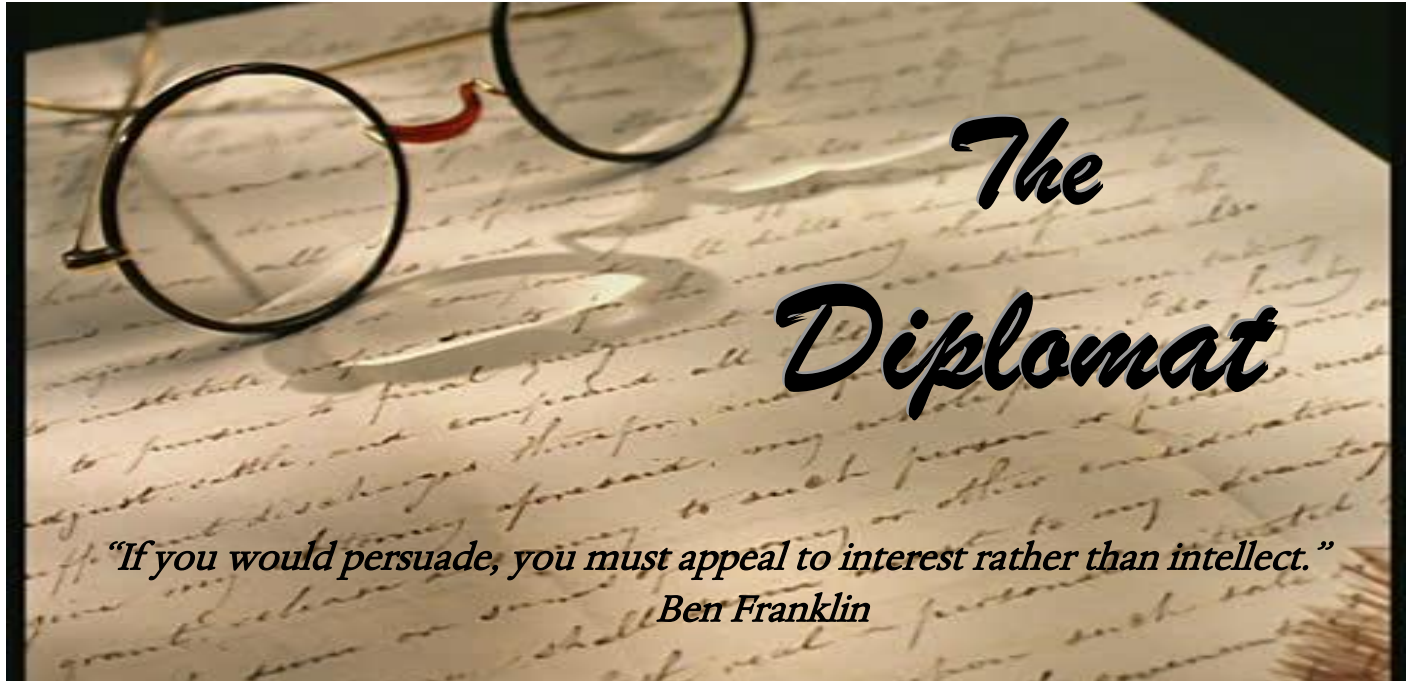


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House Convenes
3/3/2020 at 3:00 pm

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THE SENATE

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Tuesday, the Senate quickly passed the remaining “sunset” bills and another five noncontroversial bills and adjourned.

Returning after lunch Thursday, the Senate went into filibuster mode for the first time this session. House Bill 147 by Rep. Chris Sells (R-Greenville) that would limit municipalities from enacting occupational taxes by requiring any such policy to pass the Legislature as local legislation caused the Senate to come to a crawl. It eventually passed 27 to 7 late in the afternoon. It now goes to the Governor, and if enacted, it will likely set up a legal showdown with the City of Montgomery.

SB57 by Sen. Cam Ward (R-Alabaster), known as “The Open Records Act,” had a very brief public hearing in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Tuesday before being carried over. It is not currently on the committee agenda for next week.

THE HOUSE

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The House adopted its first Special Order Calendar of the 2020 Legislative Session, but only managed to pass a couple of bills before adjourning for the week. HB81, a constitutional amendment, passed by a vote of 105-0 and moves to the Senate. It would create new discretion for judges to deny bail for people accused of violent crimes. The bill is named for Aniah Blanchard, the college student who was killed after being kidnapped from an Auburn convenience store in October.

ELECTION DAY

Polling

Primary elections are Tuesday with all eyes on the GOP race for U.S. Senate and the two open Congressional Seats being vacated by 2nd District Congresswoman Martha Roby and 1st District Congressman Bradley Byrne.

A newly-released poll from the Alabama Forestry Association showed a tightening race in AL-2.

Coleman 30.02%

Taylor 17.62%

Moore 16.63%

King 15.38%

Undecided 19.85%