

OPINION AND ANALYSIS

Kentucky special session considers lottery, Governor optimistic about state's future

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FRANKFORT — The Kentucky General Assembly began its special session in Frankfort Monday to consider legislation that will make a lottery in Kentucky a reality.  
Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson addressed members of the Senate and House of Representatives in a joint session at the beginning of the legislative meeting.  
"The people have spoken," Wilkinson told the legislature.  
The governor thanked the General Assembly for putting the constitutional amendments on the November ballot, and that the voters of Kentucky for passing the lottery question.  
"I am filled with optimism about the future of Kentucky. We're on the road to being a more competitive state."

Governor commends lottery commission

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FRANKFORT — Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson, in a speech last Monday, said Kentucky's lottery will be the best in the country.  
The governor made that comment after he publicly thanked the members of his Kentucky Lottery Commission for the hard work they had done in recommending how Kentucky's lottery should be run.  
"The commission was headed by Frank Kenner and 10 people from the legislature and private industry. The commission visited with lottery officials from Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Ohio, West Virginia and Quebec, Canada."  
The commission recommended the best of all those lotteries had to offer, and steered us away from the worst from those states," Wilkinson said.  
Most of the lottery operations the commission looked at direct their funds to specific programs, most notably education.  
Kentucky's lottery commission recommended that the state's general fund, stating that lottery ticket sales would be higher in states where people can see a direct benefit from the lottery.  
Many legislators want lottery proceeds to go to the general fund, where they believe they will have more control over how that money is spent.

Special session - a waste of time and money?

An AP News Analysis  
By Mark H. Chelgren  
Frankfort, Ky. (AP) — It will cost Kentucky taxpayers upwards of \$25,000 each day the General Assembly is in session to decide how to operate a lottery.  
That is actually a bargain of sorts because the cost is much higher when the legislature invades the Capitol for its regular session during every even-numbered year.  
But is it a bargain? What has prompted the explosion in special sessions? Why can't the legislature do everything it needs to do during its regular 60-day meeting every other year?  
Kentucky is not yet gotten as bad as West Virginia, where legislators go to Charleston almost as often as state employees take long weekends. But it is moving in that direction.  
When the session convened today, it was the second time this year the legislature has been in the Capitol. Granted, this time is slightly different because the lottery is involved.  
The constitutional amendment that is passed by the voters before the legislature could consider a lottery. And Gov. Wallace Wilkinson absolutely refused to listen to reason and delay the session until January so it could coincide with the regular organizational session.  
But Wilkinson has already said he may call the legislature back next month to deal with education. At least the taxpayers can be grateful he did not follow up on a threat earlier this year to call the legislature into special session every week until the legislature passed his education plan.  
In 1987, Gov. Martha Layne Collins called a special session to deal with workers' compensation needs. It can be based on a particular topic during a special session benefits everyone. But it is a waste of time and money.

Thornburgh's management style sits well with Bush administration

AP News Analysis  
By Jeff Horner  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — In Dick Thornburgh, George Bush has selected an attorney general who embodies the "hands-on" management style that the president-elect says will characterize his administration.  
Thornburgh, a two-term Pennsylvania governor who succeeded Attorney General Edwin Meese last August, will join Education Secretary Lauro F. Cavazos as a holdover from the Reagan administration. Bush announced Monday.  
Justice Department managers learned during Thornburgh's three months here what his colleagues at the helm of Pennsylvania's state government already know: that he likes to keep his hand on the wheel without overtly delegating authority. It is a style similar to the one Bush has said he will adopt.  
The president-elect said Monday that he had met with Thornburgh and Cavazos to reinforce his agenda, and that "I'll continue to work hands-on fashion with members of the Cabinet after I am sworn in as president."  
On the management issue, Bush seems to be drawing a line between himself and President Reagan, who was criticized for being too detached and not directly involved in key issues.  
Thornburgh said he learned from his colleagues at the Justice Department, where, after only 72 days as attorney general in 1975, he was faced with the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident, at Three Mile Island near Harrisburg.  
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(Nov. 18, 1988):

School superintendents asking the state to suspend the certificate of a teacher who leaves the system for a better paying job in Ohio just before classes start is just one more commentary on the deplorable condition of Kentucky's pay scale for what should be one of our most valued professions.  
Superintendents are understandably frustrated... Qualified teachers aren't easy to find right before classes resume.  
Dedicated teachers who have committed themselves to our children are likewise frustrated. They need only to look at their counterparts in Ohio or Indiana to know they can make more money somewhere else....  
The superintendent's only recourse - suspension of a teacher's certificate for a year if the teacher breaks his contract 30 days before school begins - is not much more than a slap on the hand since the law has no effect on a teacher's certification in any other state.  
Ideally, we would hope that our teachers be more ethical and live up to their contracts.  
But this issue is much broader, more bitter than a teacher breaking a contract. Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson and the legislators must address the problem on the state level.  
Derek Hamilton went to the class with a layup to give the Colonels a 22-2 score.

The Education-Messenger, Danville

At a recent education forum in Pikeville, state school Superintendent John Brock proposed that the mandatory school attendance age be raised from 16 to 18....  
The mandatory age of 16 was set years ago when the state's economy was basically agricultural and there were plenty of manual labor jobs available for those who couldn't get through high school.  
That, of course, is no longer the case. Today's jobs - largely require a level of literacy and computational skill that is associated with a high school diploma....  
In recognition of the increasing complexity of our society and the increasingly high level of skill demanded by the U.S. job market, the U.S. Census Bureau plans in the next census to raise its standard for adult literacy to include only those people who have completed the 11th grade. Under that new standard, there seems little doubt that Kentucky will remain at the bottom of the barrel.  
As they put together their agenda for a special session of the state legislature on education, we hope the governor and legislative leaders will make increasing the mandatory attendance age a top priority.  
Kentucky's young people can't benefit from any reforms and improvements in the state's education system if they don't stay in school.

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The governor's speech to the legislature was interrupted by applause only once when he said, "Our Vietnam Veterans deserve as much recognition as veterans from other wars. I am making the Department of Military Affairs to begin drafting criteria for those who will qualify for this Vietnam Veterans bonus payment."  
During the first week of the special session house and senate committees will meet to hear testimony from people who operate lotteries in other states.  
The special session is expected to last at least two weeks. No votes will be taken on the lottery in the first week, but can be expected to come after the committee has had a chance to consider amendments to the bills being considered.  
The lottery, according to the governor, is expected to generate between \$70 and \$80 million for Kentucky.  
Veterans on June 30, 1989.  
"Why should we wait to let prevent, infant mortality?" the governor asked reporters in answer to questions about when lottery money will state benefiting taxpayers.  
Although the governor made it clear he wants his commission to review the program, he did tell the legislators, "I've never said I had the best idea. I've never said my idea has to be adopted, but the people have spoken."  
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NICHOLAS COUNTY BASKETBALL TIPOFF

Colonels open big early lead - down NCHS in season opener for both teams, 92-41

PARIS — If the Bourbon County Nicholas County game is any indication for the 1988-89 basketball season, Bourbon County has certainly established itself as one of the top teams in the 10th grade, while Nicholas County struggled in the opener.  
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After three quarters Bourbon led 50-19 and won the season opener, 58-39.  
Nicholas County extended its lead to 72-26 with 6:05 to play when Hamilton connected from the left corner, just inside the three point circle.  
Down the stretch, Bourbon continued to extend its lead in the season opening win for the Colonels. It was the season opener for Nicholas County.  
The Jackets continue on the road. Friday night, with a game in Falmouth against Profferton County. Sparks led scoring for Nicholas with 15, while Anderson added 11. Wells had four, Brown 3, Shud Tibbs 3, Brad Allison 2, Celler, Mathes 2. Scott Barber 1.  
Williams led all scorers with 23. Lee Doyle had 17, Hamilton 16, and Gentry 13.  
In the junior varsity game... Bourbon County raced from a 16-12 lead after one quarter to lead 34-16 at intermission.  
Corey Williams goes for the block in the Nicholas County-Bourbon County game - Mark Bow Photo



Erin Mathes (33) fights for a loose ball in the season opener for the Nicholas County girls. Nicholas dropped the game, 57-26, to the homestanding Lady Colonels. - Hank Bond Photo

Nicholas County's David Sparks goes for two of his 15 points on the night against Bourbon County. Corey Williams goes for the block. Bourbon won the season opener 92-41 in Paris. - Hank Bond Photo

Bourbon girls take season opener, 57-26

PARIS — Bourbon County's girls basketball team got off to a roaring start Tuesday night, posting a no-doubt win over Nicholas County's girls.  
Bourbon jumped to a 35-5 lead at intermission and coasted to a 57-26 decision.  
Nicholas County's offense, young as it is for the 1988-89 season, had a hard time working the ball across the time line and getting into any offensive patterns.  
Bourbon County jumped out to an 8-2 lead with 5:14 to play in the first quarter. The Lady Colonels never scored again. Bourbon County on the other hand connected for 14 points in the period to claim a 35-5 lead at intermission.  
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Kristi Barton topped the first basket of the second quarter to make it 19-5 Bourbon County.  
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At the third stop, the Lady Colonels had control of the game, 43-14.  
Erin Mathes connected on two straight shots in the lane to cut the Bourbon advantage to 45-20 with 5:00 to play in the game, but Bourbon County continued to apply pressure at both ends of the court - pressing end line to end line.  
The Lady Colonels scored some east baskets off the press to extend their lead, but Mathes scored the final bucket of the night with a shot from the free throw line as time expired.  
Nicholas County is on the road Thursday night to play St. Patrick.  
We're young - very young this season," Kenney said from the bench.  
"We have to work on getting the ball inside. We always start out slowly, like tonight, and come back to play better basketball."  
"We have to work on our offense and ball handling," Nicholas County is on the road Thursday night to play St. Patrick.

--- Hoop Schedule ---  
NCHS Girls at Mayville St. Patrick Dec. 1, @ Powell Dec. 5  
NCHS Boys at Pendleton Co. Dec. 2, Home vs. Deming Dec. 9