

# THE TISL TIMES

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## Today's Schedule

**9:00:** 2nd Legislative Session

**10:00:** Committee Meetings

**11:30:** Lunch (on your own)

**1:00:** 3rd Legislative Session

**2:30:** President's Address

**3:30:** Cont. 3rd Leg. Session



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## Governor Brown Connects TISL with other Model State Governments

As Governor Alex Brown's last year at the General Assembly commences, the question asked by many of his well-wishers is, "What's next?" If Brown's goals are met, what's next for him and what's next for TISL will be one and the same.



Brown hopes to become involved with an organization that will be known as the Intercollegiate National Governor's Association (INGA), an organization comprised of the

governors of other model state government associations.

The first tier of this organization will be the creation of a Center for Best Practices, which would serve the purpose of helping the organizations to learn from one another. TISL plans to teach similar groups how to successfully recruit and, in turn, is open to learning from them.

This year TISL has adopted the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature's policy of having a press secretary. The Model Illinois Government has an office of management and budget, which (if implemented) could allow TISL to discuss the actual Tennessee budget in committees and on the House and Senate floors. The South Carolina Student Legislature has an impressive executive branch, and Governor Brown feels that TISL might benefit from a similar system.

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## Delegation Goes International

Every year, TISL unites students from across the country who are studying in TN, but this year, TISL has gone international. Marine Payen is a student from Versailles, France who is currently studying abroad at Rhone State Community College student in Oak Ridge, TN.

Her ambition to become an international lawyer persuaded her to come to this year's General Assembly. "I came to TISL to learn about another type of government and more about how a different country is run, but I am disappointed to find out that it is so similar to France's."

She is still pursuing her interests in law and is "learning a lot and meeting new people." Marine hasn't argued a case, but she is currently shadowing the group of TISL lawyers to learn about the court setting.

-Jenna Francois

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The second tier of this organization will be recruiting other states. Current plans are to create programs like TISL in Iowa, Virginia, Georgia, Arkansas, and Louisiana in the interest of connecting all of the states in which there are currently such programs.

The eventual goal is to have such programs in all 50 states.

Once formed and after proving sustainability, the goal of INGA is to collaborate and form a United States intercollegiate government program.

Governors of the Model Illinois Government and the South Carolina Student Legislature are attending the 44th General Assembly. There will be a signing ceremony for the INGA charter on Friday.

-Ashley Fritz

## Marijuana or Dead Person's Money?

*House of Representatives Debates Estate Tax*

As the First Legislative Session began yesterday afternoon, one very distinctive bill presented itself on the floor. Representative Alex Watson from the University of Memphis brought forth TISL Bill 144, "An Act to Amend T.C.A. 67-8, Repealing the Tennessee Estate Tax Law and the Prevention of Future Estate Tax and Inheritance Tax Laws."

In the state of Tennessee, there is an Estate Tax on a deceased persons goods, money, and will. In Representative Watson's bill, it has been proposed that this tax be repealed for Watson asked his fellow representatives, "Should even our deceased citizens continue to be taxed?"

When asked how the revenue lost from this repeal would be replaced, Watson stated that he hopes that a future bill legalizing marijuana will be passed in order to replace the revenue lost.

TISL Bill 144 was passed with an overwhelming majority.

-Lina Kilani