

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES*

The purpose of this document is to inform our clients briefly on those projects and draft bills discussed recently within the Mexican Congress and which we consider might be of their interest. The monitoring of the Congress activities by our firm covers the ordinary and extraordinary periods of both chambers as well as the sessions of the Permanent Commission, during the recess of the others. In our reports we indicate the source, the status of the draft bill in the legislative procedure and a summary of its most important contents. The information contained in this document is obtained by monitoring online the parliamentary gazettes of the House of the Representatives and the Senate. Thus, complete and official information should be consulted directly in the following links:

<http://gaceta.diputados.gob.mx/>

<http://www.senado.gob.mx/gaceta.php?principio=inicio>

Session: July 5th, 2006

- Draft bill proposing to add a clause to fraction II to article 2-A of the Value Added Tax Law.
 - Originated by representative Ms. Irma Figueroa Romero, of the parliamentary group of the Democratic Revolution Party.
 - Turned to the Economics Commission of the House of Representatives.
 - **Synopsis: It aims at supporting the small and medium national companies that are engaged in the organization of summits, conventions and fairs, by granting them same treatment as the foreign companies receive, that is to say, that these services must enjoy the application of a zero Value Added Tax rate.**

Session: July 12th, 2006

- Draft bill for an addition to fraction VIII of Article 5 of the Roads, Bridges and Federal Transportation Law.
 - Originated by Ms. Irma Figueroa Romero, representative of the parliamentary group of the Democratic Revolution Party.
 - Turned to the Communication and Transportation Commission of the House of Representatives.
 - **Synopsis: Highways and bridges have been a fundamental axis in the development of the country. There have been many complaints about the high cost of toll roads and it is considered important to make an addition to fraction VIII to Article 5 of the Law of Roads, Bridges and Federal Transportation. The paragraph would specify that at the time of establishing toll fees, priority must be given to economic conditions of the users of the highways.**

Session: August 2nd , 2006

- Draft bill with additions to articles 21 bis and 30 bis of the Law of Roads, Bridges and Federal Transportation.
 - Originated by senators Héctor Astudillo Flores, Carlos Chaurand Arzate Antonio García Torres y Rubén Zarzúa Rocha, of the Parliamentary Group of the Revolutionary Institutional Party.
 - Turned to the Joint commissions of Communications and Transportation of the Senate.
 - **Synopsis: When the works for the reconstruction, preservation or maintenance of roads and licensed bridges imply disturbing or interrupting the regular transit of vehicles, the Secretariat, after hearing the concessionaires, will have to temporarily reduce the toll fees for the same or exempt the users from the payment of the same, while the conditions that motivated the resolution exist. This provision would be applicable when the repairs or maintenance works of a given highway, is equal to or greater than 5% of its total length, or if shorter, when the operation of the highway does not offer proper conditions of security and comfort to its users.**

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