

## **Senate Passes Natural Gas Bills**

This week, the Senate passed two bills regarding the use of natural gas for commercial fleets.

The first bill, S.982, sponsored by Senator **Harvey Peeler** (R-Cherokee) prohibits the imposition of a sales tax on natural gas that will be compressed and used for vehicles. The bill also includes language to establish gasoline and diesel equivalent conversion rates for natural gas.

The second bill, S.1075, sponsored by Senator **Paul Campbell** (R-Berkeley) provides incentives to aid in the development and commercialization of alternative fuel vehicles. The bill is the offspring of recent SCTA-inspired efforts and the work of a Coalition of groups representing commercial fleets and alternative fuel and promotes the use of natural gas for commercial fleets.

Both bills were referred to the House Ways & Means Committee