

## **SLIP AND FALL UPDATE:**

March 1: The House Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee voted 11/2 on HB 689 by Rep. Aubuchon, and co-sponsored by Rep. Plakon. The bill provides that if person slips & falls on transitory foreign substance in business establishment, injured person must prove that establishment had actual or constructive knowledge of condition & should have taken action to remedy it. The bill also provides that constructive knowledge may be proven by circumstantial evidence; repeals provisions relating to duty to maintain premises & burden of proof in claims of negligence involving transitory foreign objects or substances and has an effective date of July 1, 2010.