

Virginia House of Delegates iPad Pilot Project



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House of Delegates Overview



- **100 MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE**
- **HOUSE MEETS JANUARY – MARCH**
- **STATE LAPTOP ISSUED TO MEMBERS EVERY 4 YEARS**
- **MEMBERS OFTEN HAVE 1 OR 2 ADDITIONAL COMPUTERS FOR WORK AND CAMPAIGN PURPOSES**

Goals of the pilot project



- **IS IT COST EFFECTIVE**
- **ARE MEMBERS MORE LIKELY TO USE IT**
- **WILL IT COMPLIMENT OTHER TECHNOLOGY THEY ARE USING**
- **CAN THE BOOK READER BE USED FOR ELECTRONIC BILL BOOKS**
- **HOW WILL IT IMPACT OUR NETWORK**
- **ARE THERE SUPPORT ISSUES**
- **HOW DO WE DISTRIBUTE SOFTWARE**
- **WHO PAYS FOR WHAT**

House iPad project in a nutshell



•SELECTED PILOT GROUP OF 15 MEMBERS

- Grew to 1 members
- About 10 additional members both their own iPad

•SET UP ITUNES ACCOUNTS FOR EACH

- Installed apps we wanted them to have
- Backed them up to a computer in our office
- Updated iTunes account with member's credit card info

•MONITORED PROGRESS DURING SESSION

- Met with members
- Members agreed we should move forward

•MOVING FORWARD WITH AN APP

- Will be used in committee and subcommittee meetings
- Developed using Appcelerator

Obstacles

- **PRINTING AND MOVING AWAY FROM PAPER**
- **FONT ISSUES WITH PDF'S OF BILLS**
- **SOME PROGRAMMING REQUIRED TO RUN CHAMBER AUTOMATION ON THE IPAD.**
- **FLASH CONTENT**



Successes



- **GREAT INTERFACE FOR DOWNLOADING BUDGET ANALYSIS REPORTS INTO ‘BOOKSHELVES’**
- **UNIFORM EMAIL INTERFACE – HELPED CONSOLIDATE THE VARIOUS EMAIL ACCOUNTS THEY ARE MONITORING**
- **EXPANDING PDF’S MADE READING BILLS EASIER**
- **VERY EASY TO USE MEETINGS AND ON THE FLOOR**
- **MEMBERS SHARED FILES USING DROP BOX**
- **MEMBERS REALIZED BENEFITS OF LESS PRINTING (A HAPPY ACCIDENT)**

Member feedback



- **“I LOVE THIS THING!!!”**
- **“CAN I HAVE AN IPAD FOR BOTH HANDS!?”**
- **98% POSITIVE, WITH SOME HESITATION FROM ONE POWER USER**
- **“I LOVE IT. I NEVER USED MY \$%*&@ LAPTOP. THIS, YOU JUST ZAP TAP IT.”**
- **“YOU WILL HAVE TO PRY THIS OUT OF MY COLD DEAD HANDS.”**

Next Steps



- **WORK HAS BEGUN ON AN APP FOR ELECTRONIC COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDAS – “ELECTRONIC BILL BOOK”**
- **LOOKING AT A PUBLIC APP WITH MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT INFO**
- **KEEPING ON EYE ON THE COMPETITION**

Native App vs Web App



•NATIVE APP

- Gives rich experience
- Must go through the approval process with Apple; downloaded from itunes store
- Provide the most options for rich media and interactivity


WEB APP

- Not platform dependent
- Instant updates
- Leverage existing programming skills
- On the iPad, limited to Safari

Next Steps

Improve CAP interface

08/10/2011 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY • CHAMBER AUTOMATION Daily Calendar

 **House of Delegates Daily Calendar**

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▼ **House Special Session 1**

▼ **Memorial Resolutions**

- SJ5039** ▼ Celebrating the life of James M. Yankovich. (Norment)
 - ▼ Favor - I favor this bill.
- HJ5043** Celebrating the life of W. Raymond Colley. (Surovell)
- HJ5044** Celebrating the life of Jane Elizabeth Martin Givens. (Abbott)
- HJ5045** Celebrating the life of Naomi Orndoff. (Lingamfelter)
- HJ5046** Celebrating the life of Lilyan Y. Spero. (Scott, J.M.)
- HJ5047** Celebrating the life of William Joseph Rechin. (Orrock)
- HJ5048** Celebrating the life of Alma Bryant Fortson. (Surovell)
- HJ5049** Celebrating the life of H. Wallace

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Summary as introduced:
Celebrating the life of James M. Yankovich.

Full text:
06/09/11 Senate: Presented 11200216D pdf

Status:
06/09/11 Senate: Unanimous consent to introduce
06/09/11 Senate: Presented 11200216D
06/09/11 Senate: Laid on Clerk's Desk
06/09/11 Senate: Rules suspended (33-Y 0-N)
06/09/11 Senate: Taken up for immediate consideration
06/09/11 Senate: Engrossed by Senate
06/09/11 Senate: Agreed to by Senate
07/20/11 House: Agreed to by House