

## **Home rule bill's passage 'miraculous'**

By all accounts, the 2005 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature was stellarly unproductive. Lawmakers passed very few bills. Whether that's a good thing or a bad thing for taxpayers is a different matter.

Those who managed to get

their bills approved in a session that mostly dwindled away in filibuster were downright amazed. Among the amazed was the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. After a decade, or so, of trying, the organization got a limited home rule bill approved. "For this bill to pass in a year in which less than 20 bills passed is nothing short of miraculous," said association spokesman Sonny Brasfield.