

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Week 3
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The General Assembly again increased its work pace and even in the extreme weather held committee and subcommittee meeting that lasted until dark. As of Friday the House had filed 541 Bills and Resolutions and the Senate 238. Senate Retirement did not meet this week but the House Retirement did and gave "Do Pass" to four non educational carryover Bills from 08.

On Friday the House passed legislation and I am confident the Senate will agree that this session will recess on March 25 and return in late June to submit Bills to the Governor and complete the Budget. Committees will continue to meet but the General Assembly will have Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday chamber sessions. Among the Bills scheduled for the next House Retirement Meeting is an Investment Bill that will be a "Hearing Only" (No Voting) and Dr. Sloan and Chairman James Johnston will join me for this meeting.

I'm sure you join with me in welcoming back Rep. Brooks Coleman. He is at full speed and is most interested in our Legislative Objectives. He is a great friend of GREA and I look forward to working with him as we advance our program.

We will be on the new schedule next week and the next Update will be posted on February 16.