

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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This is scheduled to be the last week of the 09 Session of the General Assembly but don't place your bets yet. The state finance numbers are not good and serious questions remain in the Budget. Legislators are meeting all weekend and everyone is waiting on Monday. The plan is for the House and Senate to meet Monday, Wednesday and go home at midnight on Friday but we must have a Budget

There are no more scheduled Retirement Committee meetings but there are filed bills that could become " Piggybacks " and both ears and all four eyes will be on the speaking wells these last 3 days. Thank goodness we have the Gold Dome Advocate connection and alerting cell phones as none of us can be in two places at the same time.

Rumors are a real concern at the Capitol. Health Care, Lay Offs, Furloughs, Venture Capital, and Closed Meetings are just a few. I have always been a facts sender and if I error it will be in caution. We still may need member support but I will be specific when I ask for support. Dr. Sloan and I are in daily contact.

Thank you for the kind expressions to these Updates and I am pleased we have so much legislative interest. This has been a most difficult year and I truly hope it ends Friday night. I do plan to do a Wrap Up Report but it will not be next weekend.