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The weeks following the first funnel deadline can tend to be slower as both chambers are discussing what bills they intend to move forward. Not all bills that make it past the funnel are “greased” and set up to move to the Governors desk. Some are passed with the intention of crafting amendments to improve the language and bring consensus for passage in the full chamber. This is why you won’t see a flurry of activity in the weeks following the funnels. With that being said, there is a large amount of time spent working the chambers to advance or kill those bills that do indeed need more work.

As you all know, the process of passing legislation is multi-faceted. There are many steps involved and with each successful step, there is another one that brings in a larger and more diverse group into the process. Many times there is a lot of progress being made although it does not necessarily show up on the bill tracker.

We are two weeks away from the second funnel so it’s safe to say that there will be plenty of behind-the-scenes activity between leaders of the two chambers. We are making progress on many of our monitored bills and still working all angles on 411. With 411, we know what the hurdle is, and we continue to press for the Senate to take up the bill. Once we get the OK to move the bill forward, we are confident it will pass with a strong bipartisan vote. If that opportunity doesn’t present itself, we will work to put other options in motion to bring this bill to the floor.

If you have any questions regarding bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us any time.

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