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Week thirteen has wrapped up, and we are now entering the scheduled final 10 days of the 2026 Legislative session. However, if recent trends continue, it's unlikely the legislature will adjourn as planned. Since 1990, the Iowa legislature has only finished on schedule a handful of times—with the most recent being the 80-day session in 2010. In 2020, the Legislature was sent home early due to the pandemic but reconvened briefly in June to complete their work and adjourn.

An indication that the session is drawing to a close is the progress budget bills are making through their committees. While there are still major policy bills in progress, passing the budget bills is essential for adjournment. Out of ten budget bills, all except Standings and Transportation Infrastructure and Capitols have advanced out of subcommittee. The Senate has taken the lead on most of these bills, basing them on the Governor's recommendations, though they have not yet shared their specific budget targets. Next week will likely see an increase in activity as both chambers hopefully release their proposed budget targets.

Over the past two weeks, the Legislature has concluded its work by Wednesday, allowing members to return to their districts for an extended weekend. Meanwhile, leadership has remained onsite to negotiate final budget figures and address priority policy matters slated for end-of-session debate. This routine is expected to continue until the last effort to wrap up the session and pass the Sine Die resolution.

The activity on our monitored bills has been updated in the weekly bill tracker document. If you have any questions regarding specific bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us anytime.

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