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As the 2026 Legislative session enters its final scheduled week, the anticipated Sine Die resolution to adjourn may still be some distance away. Consistent with most legislative sessions, the closing weeks are marked by both moments of urgency and periods of waiting, alongside swift movement of bills. Leadership continues to advance key policy initiatives while also progressing the state's ten budget bills towards the Governor's desk. This year, like last session, negotiations for policy and budget bills are occurring concurrently. In the Senate, there is consideration to delay budget approval until consensus is achieved regarding the carbon pipeline legislation. This approach adds complexity to negotiations within each chamber and further complicates coordination between the House and Senate.

Before adjournment, lawmakers must address property tax bills in both the House and Senate. Each bill aims to ease property tax burdens for Iowa residents, but the two chambers have taken very different paths. Numerous legislative drafts have been circulated within each chamber to reach a caucus consensus, but finding common ground between the House and Senate has proven even tougher. With tight budget constraining spending priorities, achieving substantial reform becomes nearly impossible. The coming week will be critical, as budget bills advance through committees and preparations begin for floor debate.

As the conclusion of the 2026 legislative session approaches, the exact end date remains uncertain. Some policy bills will be deferred to a future session, as leadership must prioritize key initiatives to facilitate successful negotiations. Achieving consensus on every outstanding issue is not feasible at this stage. Once the final list of policy priorities is established, it is anticipated that there will be expedited action on budget bills and a prompt resolution to adjournment.

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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