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General Assembly Overview

The House and Senate concluded committee hearings for the first half of session this week. The House committee report deadline was Tuesday and the Senate committee report deadline was Thursday. The House Ways & Means committee heard a number of bills that were recommits due to a fiscal impact.

Focus now shifts to the chamber floors where bills must pass before the upcoming third reading deadlines. The House finished second reading bills on Thursday. Throughout the week, a number of amendments were offered. Some amendments were purely political in nature; others were pieces of bills that failed to receive a committee hearing.

During this time of bills on second and third reading before the deadline, the House Rules are a frequent reference. Democratic amendments are frequently challenged by the majority party as not being germane to the bill at hand. Occasionally, there is also a bill-pending challenge. Rule challenges require a discussion between the Speaker, Minority Leader and others closely involved in the process.

Next week, the House third reading deadline is Monday, Feb. 5 and the Senate third reading deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 6. The legislature will then return to begin the second half of session on Feb. 12.

USEFUL LINKS

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