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Now that the Senate and resolution deadlines have passed, we have a final bill count for the 66th Legislative Assembly. The final tally stands at 907 bills and 54 resolutions. A few highlights from the week include SB 2336, which a bill introduced to raise the oil extraction tax from 5 percent to 6.5 percent. Supporters of the bill argued that taxing the oil companies will take the burden off of individual North Dakotans, while opponents said changes were made to the tax during the 2015 session, which led to oil companies paying nearly a billion dollars more since December of 2015. SB 2336 failed to pass the Senate by a vote of 10-36. The House heard a bill this week which would ban “human dismemberment abortions” except in emergency cases. HB 1546 provided that if such an abortion is performed in a non-emergency case, it could subject an individual to a class C felony charge. The bill passed the House by a vote of 78-13.

This past Monday was School Leaders Day at the Capitol. NDSBA representatives and school board members, along with district superintendents attended committee hearings and participated in a social with legislators. Thank you for all who braved the cold weather and icy roads to attend.

Key Issues

Two bills heard by the Senate this past week addressed drug testing policy requirements for school board members and school district personnel. **SB 2310** would have mandated all elected or appointed school board members to submit to random drug testing at least once a year during their term. NDSBA testified in opposition to this bill before the Senate Education Committee and urged a do not pass recommendation as it violated the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable governmental search and seizure. The Education Committee agreed and issued a Do Not Pass Recommendation. **SB 2337** would have required school districts to adopt and implement a policy to drug test every school district employee during the hiring process and randomly on a yearly basis. NDSBA testified in opposition to the bill on the same basis as SB 2310. The Education Committee agreed again and issued a Do Not Pass Recommendation. Both bills were heard by the full Senate on Thursday and failed by a significant margin.

This past Tuesday, NDSBA appeared and testified on **HB 1347**, which would create a 3-year probationary period for new teachers and would remove the requirements for a school board to meet with a probationary teacher if nonrenewal is pursued during the probationary period and to provide the reasons for nonrenewal. NDSBA testified in support of **HB 1347** as it would likely encourage districts and administrators to put more time into mentoring and developing new teachers before having to decide if they are a good fit for the district or not. Current law makes it easier to nonrenew a teacher in the first year of teaching; this bill would essentially extend that period to 3 years. Other supporters included NDCEL and NDSOS. As expected, this bill was strongly opposed by North Dakota United, the state teachers union. The House Education Committee took no action on the bill at the meeting.

NDSBA also testified this week in support of **SB 2181**, which would add off-campus cyberbullying to the definition of “bullying” under ND law and would allow school districts to investigate and take action against students who engage in cyberbullying in violation of school district policy. NDSBA supported **SB 2181**, but expressed concern about the scope of the definition of cyberbullying and the potential for increased risk of liability to districts who take action against students for off campus conduct protected by the First Amendment. As a result of this concern, NDSBA encouraged the Committee to consider amending the language of the proposed bill to alleviate this concern. Other education stakeholders testified in support of the bill and no one testified in opposition. The Education Committee took no action on the bill at the meeting.

For next week, NDSBA will be attending and/or testifying at hearings on the following bills: **HB 1379** (relates to limitations on property tax levies by taxing districts without voter approval); **HB 1437** (would allow city sales tax revenue transfers to school districts for bonded indebtedness); **HB 1385** (mandatory safety training for school bus drivers); **HB 1369** (relates to payments for school bus driver physical examinations); **SB 2266** (relates to adoption of a restraint and seclusion policy by school districts); **SB 2299** (relates to patriotic society’s

access to students during school hours); **SB 2186** (would require schools to post information regarding child abuse and neglect); and **SB 2199** (relates to issuance of alternative teaching license in areas of documented shortages of teachers).

Primary Bill List and Status Report

This list includes the primary bills NDSBA is tracking and their current status.

Transportation

[HB 1098](#) This bill says the Department of Transportation may not give a commercial driver’s license to an operator unless the person has met entry-level driver training requirements that are set out in federal regulations. **(Passed House 73-19, Senate Hearing Scheduled 2/7)**

[HB 1385](#) This bill relates to mandatory safety training for school bus drivers. **(Hearing scheduled 2/7)**

School Calendar/Instructional Time/Instruction Content

[HB 1170](#) This bill would allow a school district to make up school days cancelled due to inclement weather by offering instruction through virtual means if certain requirements are met. **(Hearing held 1/23, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-2-1)**

[HB 1237](#) This bill would require each school district to make information relating to child sexual abuse available to students and parents/legal guardians of students. **(Hearing held 1/15)**

[HB 1277](#) This bill requires a school district to include, as part of its health curriculum related to sexual health, instruction regarding medically accurate and age-appropriate sexual abuse education. **(Hearing held 1/15)**

[HB 1346](#) This bill relates to the number of hours of instruction by school districts and weather emergencies. **(Amended in Committee; Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Passed House 86-5)**

[HB 1416](#) This bill would repeal NDCC 15.1-06-04.1, which addresses school calendar days and teacher professional development conferences. **(Hearing held 1/23; Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Failed House 14-77)**

[HB 1538](#) This bill would permit instruction on the strengths and weaknesses of scientific theories and controversies. **(Bill Withdrawn 1/22)**

[SB 2136](#) This bill would add instruction on the new and old testament of the Bible to graduation requirements. **(Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 5-42)**

[SB 2149](#) This bill requires mandatory instruction for students in mental health awareness and suicide prevention. **(Hearing held 1/21)**

[SB 2157](#) This bill relates to the age of student allowed to be enrolled in driver’s training courses. **(Passed Senate 47-0)**

[SB 2229](#) This bill relates to making up instructional time if school is cancelled due to a no travel advisory. **(Hearing held 1/22)**

[SB 2299](#) This bill provides for the patriotic society’s access to students during school hours. **(Hearing scheduled 2/6)**

Teacher Contracts

[HB 1347](#) This bill would allow school boards to nonrenew a teacher who has been teaching for 3 years or less without a due process hearing. **(Hearing held 1/29)**

[HB 1414](#) This bill changes the amount of time for a teacher to accept or reject a contract from 14 days to 30 days. **(Hearing held 1/29)**

School Safety

[HB 1162](#) This bill changes the definition of “infraction” under the criminal code. **(Passed House 91-0).**

[HB 1163](#) This bill changes the criminal penalty for possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, including a public school from a class B misdemeanor to an infraction. **(Hearing held 1/30, Do Pass Recommendation 12-2).**

[HB 1262](#) This bill would establish a school safety and crisis hotline program through the office of attorney general whereby persons could report school safety and crisis issues anonymously. **(Hearing held 1/16)**

[HB 1310](#) This bill would except from criminal liability an individual who holds a conceal and carry permit under section 62.1-04-03 and possesses a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, including a public school. **(Hearing held 1/17, Subcommittee created)**

[HB 1317](#) This bill would subject an owner of property to liability for injury or death caused by a firearm or dangerous weapon on the property. **(Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-1, Failed House 19-74)**

<u>HB 1325</u>	This bill would except from criminal liability for possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering, any individual who is not otherwise precluded from possessing a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed under chapter 62.1-04. (Hearing held 1/17, Subcommittee created)
<u>HB 1332</u>	This bill would allow a school district to designate an “armed first responder” to possess a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises. (Hearing held 1/25, Subcommittee created)
<u>HB 1537</u>	This bill relates to the seizure of a firearm by a law enforcement officer and the issuance of a public safety protection order (known as “red flag” law). (Hearing held 1/30, additional hearing scheduled 2/4)
<u>SB 2034</u>	This bill creates exceptions to prohibitions of possession of firearms. (Passed by Senate 46-1)
<u>SB 2052</u>	This bill would allow districts to create a safety plan and levy five mills with voter approval. (Passed Senate 43-3, emergency clause carried)
<u>SB 2172</u>	This bill relates the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering. (Passed Senate 46-0)
<u>SB 2181</u>	This bill adds cyberbullying off school premises to the definition of bullying under ND law. (Hearing held 1/30)
<u>SB 2186</u>	This bill requires school districts to post information regarding child abuse and neglect in school buildings. (Hearing scheduled 2/5)
<u>SB 2209</u>	This bill provides that certain records relating to cybersecurity defenses, threat assessments and response plans and emergency response plans are exempt from open records requirements. (Passed Senate 47-0)
<u>SB 2281</u>	This bill relates to limitations on permissible use of force on a child. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Pass Recommendation 4-2)
Technology & Cyber Security	
<u>SB 2101</u>	This bill changes references to PowerSchool in NDCC to “state student information system,” and allows the statewide longitudinal data system committee to exempt school districts from implementing “state student information system.” (Hearing held 1/7, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0)
<u>SB 2110</u>	This bill would require ITD oversee the cyber security strategy of political subdivisions, including school districts. (Hearing held 1/4)
<u>SB 2340</u>	This bill relates to the protection of records regarding emergency planning and response and provides an exemption to open records laws. (Hearing held 1/31, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 6-0)
Finance & Tax	
<u>HB 1066</u>	This bill makes changes to the oil and gas tax distribution formula. (Hearing held 1/15)
<u>HB 1067</u>	Relating to municipal bid requirements and certificates of indebtedness. (Passed House 85-4)
<u>HB 1125</u>	This bill relates to plans for cooperating school districts. (Passed House 88-0).
<u>HB 1152</u>	This bill would reduce the baseline funding level relating to the determination of the amount of state aid payable to each district. (Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2).
<u>HB 1182</u>	This bill provides that the assessed valuation on any parcel of taxable property could not exceed the value assessed in the previous taxable year by more than 3%. (Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass Recommendation 10-3-1, Failed House 28-61)
<u>HB 1208</u>	This bill establishes a teacher reimbursement program that would reimburse teachers for expenses up to \$200 incurred by the teacher for school supplies. (Failed House 20-72)
<u>HB 1304</u>	This bill relates to bid requirements for public improvements. (Hearing held 1/17, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0, Failed House 2-90)
<u>HB 1321</u>	This bill would provide an income tax credit for taxpayers whose children receive nonpublic school or home education. (Hearing held 1/28)
<u>HB 1350</u>	This bill relates to the common schools revolving loan fund and would permit a school district to apply for loans for school construction projects from fund. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0)
<u>HB 1353</u>	This bill creates the common schools building and renovation grant fund from which school district could apply for grants to fund school construction and renovation project or reduce bonded debt. (Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation, 14-0-0)
<u>HB 1365</u>	This bill would make changes to the baseline funding calculation for state aid payments to school districts. (Hearing held 1/22)
<u>HB 1369</u>	This bill relates to the payment of school bus drive physical examinations. (Hearing scheduled 2/7)

<u>HB 1370</u>	This bill would make changes to the baseline funding calculation for state aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/22, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-1-1)</i>
<u>HB 1379</u>	This bill would require political subdivisions to seek voter approval of preliminary budget statements if certain requirements are met. <i>(Hearing scheduled 2/8)</i>
<u>HB 1380</u>	This bill relates to limitations on property tax levies by taxing districts without voter approval and relates to the determination of state aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/28)</i>
<u>HB 1390</u>	This bill relates to limitations on the true and full valuation of property for tax purposes and limitations on property tax levies by taxing districts without voter approval; bill seeks to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the determination of school district state aid payments. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass recommendation 9-4-1, Failed House 29-60)</i>
<u>HB 1437</u>	This bill relates to city sales tax transfers to school districts for bonded indebtedness. <i>(Hearing scheduled 2/8)</i>
<u>HB 1449</u>	This bill relates to state aid distribution fund and oil extraction tax rate and distributions. <i>(Hearing held 1/23)</i>
<u>HB 1454</u>	This bill relates to bids for school district contracts, increases the threshold amount to \$50,000 and provides an exception for cooperative purchases in the amount in excess of \$50,000 but below \$100,000, and made pursuant to joint powers agreements. <i>(Hearing held 1/23, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation, Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2)</i>
<u>HB 1525</u>	This bill creates a common schools building and maintenance fund to be administered by the board of university and school lands; would require school districts to transfer all real property of the district to the board; the board would retire any outstanding related debt. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 11-3-0)</i>
<u>SB 2013</u>	This bill includes the appropriation for DPI and the K12 funding formula. <i>(Hearings held 1/15)</i>
<u>SB 2040</u>	This bill would prohibit school districts from protesting special improvement districts that included property owned by the district. <i>(Passed Senate 47-0)</i>
<u>SB 2116</u>	This bill would allow higher ed institutions to apply for and receive loans from the infrastructure revolving loan fund. <i>(Hearing held 1/7, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 2-43)</i>
<u>SB 2156</u>	This bill would establish an additional vehicle registration fee (25 cents) to be deposited into a driver's education fund and administered by DPI. <i>(Hearing held 1/14, Amended, Do Pass recommendation 7-0-0, Passed House 41-4)</i>
<u>SB 2160</u>	This bill relates to the state student aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/15)</i>
<u>SB 2161</u>	This bill relates to the rapid enrollment construction grant program and provides for an appropriation. <i>(Hearing held 1/15)</i>
<u>SB 2214</u>	This bill relates to school construction loans, to authorize the use of funds, and to provide a bond issuance limitation. <i>(Hearing held 1/22)</i>
<u>SB 2255</u>	This bill relates to changes in school district tax levies. <i>(Hearing held 1/21, Passed Senate 46-1)</i>
<u>SB 2265</u>	This bill relates to the determination of state aid payable to school district and to provide for a study. <i>(Hearing held 1/21)</i>
<u>SB 2276</u>	This bill relates to the infrastructure revolving loan fund. <i>(Referred to Finance and Taxation Committee, Hearing held 1/28)</i>
<u>SB 2280</u>	This bill relates to state foundation aid payments to school districts. <i>(Hearing held 1/23)</i>
<u>SB 2312</u>	This bill relates to the allocation of revenue from oil and gas production and oil extraction taxes on production and extraction activity on a reservation. <i>(Hearing scheduled 2/6)</i>
<u>HCR 3017</u>	This bill relates to allowable uses of the common schools trust fund. <i>(Introduced)</i>

Early Childhood Education

<u>HB 1104</u>	This bill transfers the responsibility of conducting a quality rating and improvement system for early childhood programs from the Department of Human Services to DPI. <i>(Hearing held 1/8, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 8-4-2)</i>
<u>SB 2250</u>	This bill would require public schools to provide early childhood education services. <i>(Hearing held 1/23)</i>

HR Issues

<u>HB 1509</u>	This bill would provide all private and public employees with paid family medical leave. <i>(Hearing held 1/28, Do Not Pass Recommendation 9-3-2)</i>
<u>SB 2217</u>	This bill relates to a teacher incentives for leadership in education program. <i>(Hearing held 1/22)</i>
<u>SB 2337</u>	This bill would require all school districts to adopt and implement a policy providing for random drug testing of all school district employees. <i>(Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1-0, Failed Senate 8-37)</i>

Elections/School Board Membership Requirements

HB 1117	This bill relates to publication of legal notices in a newspaper and online. (Passed House 89-1)
HB 1201	This bill modifies the time period in which an elected official may be recalled if the recall election would occur within one year of the next regularly scheduled election in which the official would be reelected. (Hearing held 1/25, Do Pass Recommendation 10-4-0, Passed House 80-12)
HB 1375	This bill would require candidates for certain municipal offices to indicate a party designation. (Hearing held 2/1)
HB 1501	This bill would give the superintendent of public instruction authority to suspend a board member pending the results of a forensic, fiscal, or performance audit upon the filing of a petition to remove by the governor; bill would further authorize governor to suspend elected or appointed official if audit ordered due to financial irregularities or allegations of embezzlement and if in best interest of state. (Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass recommendation 13-0-1, Passed House 59-34, Emergency Clause Failed)
SB 2230	This bill would require criminal background checks for all candidates for school board elections and would prohibit individuals with any felony conviction and other convictions from running for office of school board member. (Hearing held 1/21, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-1, Passed Senate 32-15).
SB 2310	This bill would require random drug testing for school board members at least once every 12 months during an individual's term. (Hearing held 1/29, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-1-0, Failed Senate 3-42)
SB 2311	This bill removes limitations on the recall of elected officials. (Hearing held 1/25, Do Not Pass Recommendation 6-0-0, Failed Senate 5-40)
SB 2356	This bill relates to signature discrepancies on absent and mail voters' applications and ballots. (Hearing scheduled 2/8)
Mental & Behavioral Health Issues	
HB 1211	This bill relates to a school district obligation to prohibit a student from participating in any extracurricular activity if the student has pled guilty or been convicted of certain criminal offenses identified in the bill. (Hearing held 1/21)
HB 1249	This bill would increase the amount of required teacher professional development days per year, as well as increase the amount of hours of professional development covering youth behavioral health. (Hearing held 1/15)
HB 1260	This bill would add "mental injury" to a child to the definition of child abuse or neglect under the mandatory reporting provisions of the CC. (Hearing held 1/16, Do Not Pass Recommendation 12-0-2)
SB 2266	This bill relates to restraint and seclusion requirements and limitations, and reporting requirements of incidents of restraint and seclusion. (Hearing scheduled 2/6)
SB 2330	This bill would require DHS to establish a childhood trauma and violence pilot program to address safety and mental health concerns for children and families experiencing trauma and violence. (Hearing held 1/28, Do Not Pass Recommendation 5-1-0)
SCR 4004	This bill would call for a study regarding impact of violent, disruptive, and inappropriate behavior within the educational environment perpetrated by students. (Passed Senate)
Licensure/Workforce Shortage	
HB 1253	This bill relates to state licensure after criminal convictions. (Hearing held 1/15)
HB 1287	This bill would require ESPB to grant an initial teaching license to an individual who possess a bachelor's degree, passes a criminal history record check, and successfully completes the American board for certification of teacher excellence alternative teacher certification program. (Hearing held 1/29)
HB 1429	This bill relates to the administrative authority for teacher shortage loan forgiveness program. (Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation, 12-0-2)
HB 1531	This bill relates to allowing individuals who do not have a teaching license to teach noncore subjects upon meeting certain criteria. (Hearing held 1/29)
SB 2126	This bill would require ESPB to issue a teaching license to a foreign practitioner who is licensed for at least 7 years before submitting an application to ESPB. (Hearing held 1/17)
SB 2127	This bill adds military dependent as defined by section 43-51-11.2(2) as an individual able to engage in profession of teaching without first obtaining a license or approval from ESPB. Also applies to administrative credentials issued by DPI. (Hearing held 1/25)
SB 2171	This bill relates to credentials of teachers of computer and cyber science. (Passed Senate 46-0)
SB 2199	This bill relates to teaching licensing in areas of documented teacher shortages. (Hearing scheduled 2/5)

SB 2316	This bill would allow an individual who does not have a teaching license to teach driver education upon meeting certain criteria. (Hearing held 1/28)
SB 2353	This bill creates a new chapter in Title 43 of the NDCC which would permit the governor to create a board to regulate a particular occupation or profession. (Hearing held 1/31)
Miscellaneous	
HB 1082	This bill aligns state code with federal regulations implemented by ESSA and relates to policy ABCE. (Passed House 72-16, motion to reconsider failed, Received by Senate, Hearing scheduled 2/4)
HB 1228	This bill would give control of education to each local school district, including content standards, required instruction, instruction time, assessments, attendance, graduation requirements, employment, licensure, student discipline, and safety policies. (Failed House 38-54)
HB 1335	This bill would prohibit a school district from adopting a dress code policy that prohibits the wearing of tribal regalia or other objects of cultural significance at school sponsored activities. (Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 11-1-2)
HB 1434	This bill relates to the dissolution of school districts. (Hearing held 1/29, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 12-0-2, Amendment adopted)
HB 1464	This bill calls for a study of a school choice program. (Hearing held 1/21, Amended, Do Pass recommendation 7-5-2, Amendment adopted, Rereferred to Education Committee, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 10-4-0)
SB 2025	This bill directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to call an annual meeting to review the statewide strategic vision for education. (Passed Senate 46-0)
SB 2142	This bill would establish an education savings account program for use by students receiving instruction from nonpublic schools, private tutoring, online learning or other qualified providers. (Hearing held 1/15, Do Not Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Failed Senate 3-42)
SB 2148	This bill implements the requirements of Measure 1 relating to restrictions on lobbyists and public officials and the creation of an ethics commission. (Hearing held 1/30, Hearing scheduled 2/6)
SB 2166	This bill would increase the liability caps for political subdivisions from \$250,000 to \$1M for single occurrence and from \$1M to \$4M for occurrence involving injury to 3 or more persons. (Hearing held 1/17)
SB 2215	This bill creates a kindergarten through grade twelve education commission to coordinate with schools to support elementary and secondary education in the state. (Hearing held 1/23)
SB 2216	This bill relates to the authorization of enrollments to the center for distance education by a school superintendent. (Hearing held 1/23)
SB 2300	This bill relates to the creation of a reading program grant fund. (Hearing held 1/21)
SB 2357	This bill permits the Bank of ND to provide loans to federal workers affected by the federal shutdown. (Hearing held 1/24, Amended, Do Pass Recommendation 7-0-0, Passed Senate 41-4)
HCR 3011	This resolution directs legislative management to consider studying the provisions of the NDCC relating to provision of elementary and secondary education. (Hearing held 1/14)
SCR 4007	This resolution would urge Congress and the FDA to end the marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth. (Hearing scheduled 2/6)

Hearing Schedule (Feb. 4-Feb. 8)

Date	Time	Bill	Committee	Room	Summary
2/4	10:30 a.m.	HB 1537	House Judiciary	Prairie	Red Flag Bill
2/4	2:30 p.m.	HB 1082	Senate Judiciary	Fort Lincoln	This bill aligns state code with federal regulations implemented by ESSA and relates to policy ABCE
2/5	10 a.m.	SB 2199	Senate Edu	Sheyenne River	Alternative licenses for disabled individuals
2/5	10:30 a.m.	SB 2186	Senate Edu	Sheyenne River	Requiring schools to post information regarding child abuse and neglect
2/6	10 a.m.	SB 2299	Senate Edu	Sheyenne River	Patriotic society access to students during school hours

2/6	2:15 a.m.	SB 2266	Senate Edu	Sheyenne River	Restraint and seclusions
2/7	9 a.m.	HB 1369	House Tran	Fort Totten	Payments for school bus driver physical examinations
2/7	9:30 a.m.	HB 1098	Senate Tran	Lewis and Clark	Relating to commercial driver's licenses
2/7	9:30 a.m.	HB 1385	House Tran	Fort Totten	Mandatory safety training for school bus drivers.
2/8	8:30 a.m.	HB 1437	House PoliSubs	Prairie	City sales tax revenue transfers to school districts for bonded indebtedness
2/8	9:30 a.m.	SB 2356	Senate GVA	Sheyenne River	Relating to signature discrepancies on absent and mail voters' applications and ballots
2/8	9:30 a.m.	HB 1379	House PoliSubs	Prairie	Relating to adoption and referral of preliminary budgets of cities, counties, school districts, and park districts

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2019 Legislative Calendar

Date	Topic
February 22	Crossover date for bills
February 25-26	Recess
March 6	Crossover date for resolutions
April 19	Good Friday (In 2017 the House and Senate were in session on Good Friday.)
April 30	Session is limited to 80 legislative days