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Weekly Legislative Report



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It has been a busy and hectic week at the North Carolina General Assembly, but it appears that adjournment of the 2009 Session will occur early next week.

On Thursday, the House stayed in session working on various legislative bills until approximately 11:30 p.m. and then adjourned to reconvene next Monday evening. The Senate stayed in town for an unusual Friday session and concluded their work about 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

The current plan is that the Senate has completed their work and will not return until May of 2010. The Senate does plan to have a “skeleton” session of just a handful of senators early next week so that the paperwork can be approved for all of the actions taken this week and those actions taken early next week by the House. However, the Senate does not intend to transact any further substantive business for this session.

The House is scheduled to return next week to consider a number of bills referred to them by the Senate at the end of this week. It is anticipated that the House will conclude their review of bills that are pending early in the week and then adjourn until May of 2010.

While everyone expects the House to adjourn early next week and does not expect the Senate to return for any further action this year, there are no certainties in the legislative process. In the past, on occasion the House and Senate have adjourned on different days and then discovered a need to return to Raleigh for a brief session to reconcile their differences in various legislative bills. To find out the final outcome of this year's legislative session, we will have to wait until next week.

The bills approved and actions taken by the General Assembly this week will be reported in next week's Weekly Legislative Report.

If you would like a copy of any of the legislation introduced or considered by this year's General Assembly, copies are available on the General Assembly's World Wide Web site: www.ncleg.net.

You may also receive one copy of as many bills as you are interested in, free of charge, by calling the General Assembly's Printed Bills office at 919/733-5648. They will need to know if it is a House bill or Senate bill and the bill number. (For example, Senate Bill 8).

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