



## Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update March 23, 2018

Dear Supporter:

Day 75 - It is hard to believe that we are already 75 days into session and have reached the committee hearing deadline. With the exception of Appropriations bills any bill that did not receive a committee hearing by today (Friday) is officially dead. We are now beginning to catch a glimpse of the finish line.

One major signal that the finish line is growing closer is that Governor Doug Ducey has finally begun signing bills. As of today, 83 bills have been sent to the Governor's office and 42 have been signed, 40 of those coming over the past two weeks. When the Governor begins to sign bills, it is often an indication of progress on state budget negotiations between the legislature and the executive.

As the end of the 2018 session nears we continue to watch closely as the budget and bills see their final push.

As for AZPPO, we had several meetings this week regarding the sweep of the Pest Management Trust Fund. At this point feedback from the House and Senate is positive with key members from both chambers expressing strong opposition to the proposed sweep. Next week the legislature will release its draft of the state budget which will give us a much more concrete indication of the progress we have made. We are continuing to meet with members each week and feel that we have made significant headway on the issue.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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