



## Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update March 30, 2018

Dear Supporter:

Day 82 - Another week has flown by at the capitol and we are seeing the signs of the end of session more and more every day. As the committee hearing deadline has passed legislators shifted the majority of their focus on floor hearings this week. From now until the end of session there will likely be several floor hearings each day along with increasing hours spent in closed door budget discussions.

A week ago we reported that the Governor had signed 42 bills, as of today that number has more than doubled to 89 bills. This is a further indication that budget talks at the capitol are moving along hastily and that the legislature is closing in on an agreement with the Governor. Assuming this is true, we expect to see the 2018 legislative session close within a few weeks.

As Sine Die nears we continue to watch closely as the budget and bills see their final push to the Governors desk.

As for AZPPO, we continue to take meetings and have discussions at the capitol about 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 opposition to the proposed sweep.

We are anxiously awaiting the legislatures 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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