



Arizona Pest Professional Organization Legislative Update February 10, 2017

Dear Supporter:

Day 33 – We have reached a critical deadline today and we are fast approaching another. Today is the last day for House bills to be introduced without special permission from leadership. Next Friday will be the last day for House consideration of House bills and Senate consideration of Senate bills. These deadlines are the main cause to the flurry of bill introductions that finally put us past the 1,000 mark, bringing our total bill introductions for 2017 to 1,053 proposed new laws.

And now some numbers.

To date, 135 bills have passed their house of origination (either the House of Representatives or the Senate) and are now awaiting committee action in the second chamber. Additionally, 237 bills have cleared committee and rules and are awaiting final action in their chamber. Conversely, 775 bills have not received any action in their chamber of origin which will result in one of two conclusions next week, either: 1) next week will be just short of complete chaos with hundreds of bills needing to clear committee, and/or 2) many proposed bills will effectively die as they failed to receive a committee hearing (other than Appropriations and Rules). In other words, next week will be a strong indicator as to what bills will remain in the pipeline for further consideration by lawmakers.

As far as the State Budget, we are still waiting for those negotiations to begin. We are hearing that we may not see those discussions pick up for another couple of weeks.

AZPPO's proactive bill, [SB1121 \(certified qualified applicators: fingerprinting requirement\)](#), passed a major hurdle this week after passing the full Senate by a vote of 27 ayes, 2 nays and 1 member not voting. As anticipated, Senators David Farnsworth and Warren Petersen voted against the bill due to their general anti-regulation stances. SB1121 will require fingerprint clearance cards for all qualified applicators. The bill will be transmitted to the House where the process will restart with committee hearings in the next couple of weeks.

[SB1498: pesticides: prohibition](#) introduced by Senator Juan Mendez, has not been scheduled for a committee hearing as expected. The bill, as introduced, would ban the sale of use of pesticides clothianidin, imidacloprid or thiamethoxam in Arizona.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Regards,

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