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With week twelve complete, we are now on the two-week countdown to the scheduled adjournment. At this point in the Iowa legislative session, after the second funnel has cleared out most policy bills, the focus has narrowed to budget negotiations, leadership priorities, and a handful of high-profile issues that survived the deadlines. Among the major items still in play are property tax proposals and the carbon pipeline/ eminent domain legislation, both of which remain priority bills in both chambers and continue to generate intense behind-the-scenes negotiation. Most committee work has wrapped up, and the action has shifted to closed-door discussions between legislative leaders, the Governor's Office, and key stakeholders as they work to finalize language and secure votes. Floor time is now dominated by budget bills, late-session technical fixes, and the few policy pieces still moving.

With adjournment approaching, the pace is fast, pressure is high, and advocates are jockeying to shape the final outcomes before the gavel falls. Although the scheduled deadline for adjournment is April 21st, it is not likely that the session will end on time. The past two weeks, the legislators have been sent home Wednesday afternoon; but that's a sign those closed-door leadership meetings are happening. The late nights are upon us, but the end is now in sight!

The activity on our monitored bills has been updated in the weekly bill tracker document. If you have any questions regarding specific bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us anytime.

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