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The legislature came and left early this week—ending another stalemate week of little action on bills and continued nail biting over the budget's future.

One bill of potential impact to our membership did make it past second reading. House Bill 387 provides \$15 million in funds to pilot and build rural broadband infrastructure into our state's 80 rural counties. Like so many other substantial issues coming through the legislature this session, rural broadband legislation was not without its own bumps coming to fruition.

A cost of living bonus remains in House Bill 426 which is currently residing in House Appropriations. As we remain in limbo—and with officials from the Governor's office saying this bill may very well be vetoed—your calls and posts remain crucial.

Will they ever go home? If you heard Senate Pro Tempore Phil Berger's presser earlier this week, you'd have heard that they'll be home in time to take the grandkids trick-or-treating. He said business will be completed by October 31. When House Speaker Tim Moore was asked if he thought the House could also adjourn, the Speaker wasn't able to confirm.

Whether they adjourn by Halloween (either before or after) we are continuing our efforts to get for retirees what you earned by serving state and local government.

Stay tuned.