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This week's skeleton legislative session yielded little except additional time for leadership to work behind the scenes to plan what many consider the waning days of the 2019 legislative session. Ample reports say that the Senate plans to adjourn by October 31. If you ask the Speaker of the House Tim Moore when he plans to adjourn his chamber, you might think the House will be having turkey and dressing here in Raleigh rather than in their own districts.

Whatever the case whenever they go sine die, there is much left to do before adjournment. The weeks leading up to this current break moved exceptionally slowly with few bills calendared for votes. Within one of those few bills - HB 426 - lives the state retiree bonus for this year. It's crucial for us to get the language in this bill passed and signed by the Governor. Right now, the state retiree bonus is included in a bill allocating teacher raises—a red hot matter given the lines in the sand that Gov. Roy Cooper and the legislature have taken.

A little more than two weeks ago we launched two online petitions, one for local government retirees and another for retired teachers and state government retirees. At last check, we had more than 2,500 signatures! Thank you for standing up. If you haven't signed on, now is the time. Creating one large voice will help us achieve the goals that are so meaningful to you and the hundreds of thousands like you who deserve better. So please, take the minute and join our efforts. Go to <https://www.ncrgea.com> to join.

Next week legislative members come back in what we suspect may be a whirlwind week.

Stay tuned.