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Legislative Committee

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To all members of the Legislative Committee, there have been no new bills introduced since the last report. The total number of bills stayed the same at 10,177 for this session. The total number of our tracked bills stayed the same at 180, with 132 bills in Fire & Emergency Services and 48 bills in Pensions. The Governor did sign two bills into law this past week. There are currently thirty-six bills sitting on The Governor's Desk and he has signed 331 bills to date. Two of our bills are currently sitting on The Governor's Desk waiting to be signed (A-5179 & S-861).

There is nothing on the schedule for the rest of this month. The Assembly and Senate Schedule is both out for November 2023 to January 2024. I am sure it will change several times from now till then, and I will share it when it does get updated.

This morning President Ordway, Vice President Hankins, and I met with Senator Gordon Johnson's Legislative Aide to discuss some legislation. We asked the Senator to sign on as a co-sponsor to both the Volunteer Cancer Screening Bills and the \$2,000 Tax Credit Bills. Senator Johnson is working on a draft bill for Volunteer Fire Stipends to not be taxed for State Income Tax. This bill is specific for Volunteer Fire Departments that receive some type of Stipend for either making monthly percentages of calls or covering on call shifts. The general term of Stipend does vary between departments throughout the state however the goal of this legislation is for the State of NJ to not tax this benefit. As soon as I have a bill number, I will share it with everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,



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