



The Wicks Law Reform bill was never advanced to the floor for a vote in the Senate, and the Senate stands adjourned at this point. So, even if the Assembly passes its identical bill today, it cannot be considered by the Senate so it will not go anywhere for the time being. However, the Senate is saying that they will reconvene in mid-July to continue to work on some of the issues that they could not agree with the Governor and the Assembly on, so one of those things could be Wicks, especially if it does pass the Assembly. We cannot rest on our laurels and think that we've beat it forever - we have stalled it for now, but we are going to need to continue to educate our elected officials, the Governor, and local school districts and municipalities about how detrimental it could be for them. ABC will be working to develop a plan to continue getting our message out about this legislation. Thanks to all of you who took the time to participate in our Voter Voice email campaign, and for those of you who made personal phone calls to key Republican Senators. I would encourage you to follow up those phone calls with another phone call thanking the upstate Republican Senators for ensuring that the Wicks Law reform bill was stopped, and committing to them our willingness as an organization to work with the elected officials to craft a bill that reflects true reform.



With regard to the IDA bill that we rallied the troops on last week, the legislation that reauthorized IDAs but required prevailing wages and apprenticeship requirements on all IDA was killed in the Senate and at this point, the Senate has passed a simple extender bill that will reauthorize IDAs for two years past the June 30 sunset date of the current authorizing legislation. Not sure what, if anything the Assembly will do, but there will no doubt be some extension of IDA authorization without any "reform" provisions at this point.

A bill that would have increased the penalties for prevailing wage violations died in the Senate as well, and while a bill to expand prevailing wage to offsite fabrication kept rearing its ugly head, it was never acted on either.

A bill requiring all workers on public construction job sites to have OSHA 10-hour certification did pass both houses and will likely be signed by the Governor.

The Assembly is still in session at this moment, and could still potentially pass a Wicks bill or some other prevailing wage bill, but anything they pass will lie dormant until the Senate reconvenes and agrees to take it up. We are continuing to monitor what's happening in the Assembly, and will bring you updates as we have new information.

So, for now, we have most certainly dodged a BIG bullet. Thanks to all of you for all of your efforts, and special thanks to our Govt Affairs Director, Scott, who did an OUTSTANDING job in getting our message to those who could help us the most.

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