



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Interested Parties

**From:** John J. Federico, JD  
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**Date:** March 29, 2019

**Re:** Weekly Update - Week of March 25, 2019

Please see our report on happenings this week in the Kansas Legislature:

**Legislators Head Home.** Wednesday marked the final day Legislators were on the floor for the week. They will return Monday. At that time, and for the rest of the week, Conference Committees are scheduled to meet, and some floor work will likely take place. All work is scheduled to end Friday. After Friday, lawmakers will be off the rest of April and will return May 1 for Veto Session.

**Budget Work Begins.** The House and Senate Budget Conference Committee met late Wednesday to hash out a few of their differences in the budget. Key items still being negotiated largely surround social services, including a proviso that would prohibit expenditures from any state agency for the purpose of Medicaid expansion without prior Legislative authorization in FY2019; additional funding for KDOT to accelerate the completion of unfinished T-WORKS projects; and, additional monies for wildfire suppression and prevention. The Conference Committee will meet again Tuesday morning.

**Medicaid Expansion Still in Limbo.** After the House's passage of Medicaid expansion last week, there has been no movement by the Senate to take up the measure. There were some efforts Tuesday to possibly amend language onto a Senate bill, but floor work ended before any action could take place. Additionally, Senate Public Health & Welfare Chairman **Gene Suellentrop (R-Wichita)** has requested several interim days of study on the subject after the Legislature adjourns. As things continue to develop on the subject, we will update you accordingly.

### **Conference Committee Schedule**

*Schedule subject to change*

Legislative Services is no longer sending out Conference Committee Schedules over email.

All schedules will be published on the state's website.

Click [here](#) to view the schedule page, which will be updated as meetings are scheduled.

