

GCA – Legislative Report - March 16th, 2018

The Georgia General Assembly finished Day 33 of the Legislative Session on Thursday, March 15. The legislature was in session Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

With two busy committee workdays, sandwiched in between days on the Floor, legislators are attempting to move last-minute propositions through the legislative process before adjournment on March 29. Approximately 200 bills are currently pending in the Senate and House Rules Committees.

Members of the Senate's "Green Door" committee sequestered themselves yesterday to hammer out the details on the FY 2019 Budget, but there is no news yet as to when the Senate's budget proposal is likely to be released.

Among the high-profile measures being considered by the General Assembly is Senate Bill 403. This legislation was intended to replace Georgia's electronic voting machines with a more secure paper-back up system. However, voting security groups are raising serious concerns about the integrity of the machines contemplated under the legislation.

Legislation coined the "Brunch Bill" passed the State House yesterday and heads to Governor Deal for his signature or veto. The legislation will allow voters, in the form of a referendum, to decide in every municipality or county, whether they want to extend the house of restaurant liquor sales on Sundays.

Vice President Mike Pence will visit Savannah on Saturday and attend the city's famous St. Patrick's Day parade. At least two presidents have visited Savannah on St. Patrick's Day to participate in the festivities: William Howard Taft and Jimmy Carter.

The legislature will be in session Monday, Wednesday and Friday of next week.

Following is a link to the bills that ConnectSouth is tracking for the Georgia Cemetery Association: http://galobby.com/sites/default/files/pdf-reports/form-1S1-CB0NMrJEpmIJzJvtrAMTyGd0NFJTduj_S22SjEQ.pdf