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The Governor has now taken action on all bills that passed the 2009 General Assembly. Of the 184 bills [120 House bills, 64 Senate] he has vetoed three—HB 1348 Inheritance Tax Exemption, HB 1491 Courts and Court Officers, and SB 209 Various Election Law Matters.

He allowed HB 1037 Product Transfer Between Beer Wholesalers to become law without his signature.

Preliminary work is beginning on the new budget draft. The Governor's Office/Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be putting together the initial document. A new Revenue Forecast will be presented to the State Budget committee on May 26, and the OMB is slated to present the new budget to the legislative committee on June 1. The committee will have couple of weeks to put its spin on the budget. It is anticipated the Governor will call the special session around June 15.

BILLS THAT DIDN'T FINISH THE PROCESS.

Regulation of pharmacy based NP clinics

This was heard in Senate Committee. The bill was amended in committee to require the Department of Health to study if regulation was needed. Passed 2nd reading but the clock ran out before it could be acted on in the Senate.

CRNA Rx authority

This did not get a committee hearing.

Limiting no more than four APNs to one collaborating physician.

This did not get a committee hearing.

Authorizing APN to do school bus driver physicals

This was amended into a bill in House Public Health Committee. Passed the House. Was amended out in Senate Health and Provider Services Committee.

Certified Direct-Entry Midwives (they first tried for legislation 16 years ago)

Committee hearing but no committee vote in the Senate. Inserted into a "stripped bill in House Public Health Committee. Second reading withdrawn when attempts were made to insert strict abortion requirements in the bill.

That's it for another session. Hope to see you back next year!