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2018 Kentucky General Assembly

Last night the Kentucky General Assembly adjourned until Monday, April 2, 2018. They will reconvene on Monday and then adjourn for the ten-day veto period and will return on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

The State Budget Conference Committee will be meeting today and possibly tomorrow to finalize the state budget and a potential tax reform package. Kentucky Farm Bureau has been communicating both our budget priorities and our taxation priorities, which include maintaining Kentucky's sales and use tax for agricultural inputs and maintaining Kentucky's current laws regarding property taxes.

When the General Assembly returns on Monday, they are expected to pass the state budget and potentially a tax reform package.

Other bills of interest:

[HCR 7: B. Reed, M. Castlen, M. Hart, R. Heath, DJ Johnson, K. King, R. Rothenburger, B. Rowland, S. Rudy, J. Shell, W. Thomas, J. Tipton](#)

This resolution urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to issue more migratory bird depredation permits and sub-permits to allow Kentucky farmers to legally take black vultures that are depredating their livestock. This resolution has passed the House and Senate and has been delivered to the Governor for his signature.

KFB Policy:

"We encourage a more readily available permit process for nuisance wildlife such as the American black vulture."

[HB 133: Rep. Tipton - AN ACT relating to the transportation of agricultural commodities and supplies.](#)

This bill will amend KRS 281.730 to define "agricultural commodity," "farm supply for agricultural purposes," and "planting and harvesting season". It will exempt drivers of vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and

farm supplies for agricultural purposes within a 150 air-mile radius from a farm or distribution point during the planting and harvesting season from any provisions of 49 C.F.R. pt. 395, relating to hours of service of drivers. This bill will bring Kentucky's air-mile radius up to date with the federal 150 air-mile radius. This bill has passed the House and Senate and has been delivered to the Governor for his signature.

KFB Policy:

"We support legislation that clearly defines the right of farmers to transport their products to market and to move their equipment by the most economically feasible method."

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

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YOUR LOBBYISTS

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2018 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Tony Sholar, extension 5121, and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

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