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**Today's the day** ... or not. What was supposed to be the final day of legislative session seems to be crashing to a halt. After an uneventful last weekend, major funding and budget bills are still outstanding. I've got the most up to date information in today's Special Government Relations Update.

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## Session Snapshot



**The big picture:** A special session is coming; the only question remains when it will happen. Multiple budget bills, including Jobs and Economic Development, Taxes, Health and Human Services, and K-12 Education, are still outstanding. The Taxes omnibus bill hasn't been heard in either chamber's floor, a step needed before it can go to conference committee.

- **What's happened:** There are many issues you could point to causing the delay in the session this year. From the DFL boycotting session for the first 5 weeks, to the tie in the House, to the unpredictable nature of the make-up of the Senate, this has certainly been a session for the history books.

**Go deeper:** In a House DFL Press Conference this afternoon, DFL leaders blamed Republicans for breaking the agreement passed by leadership and the governor last week to expand policy issues. Paid Family Medical Leave modifications have become major problem points for conference committees. Earlier today Speaker Demuth announced changes were not off the table, less than a week after she signed an agreement committing to no further changes.

**What's next:** The legislature will continue to meet through this evening and into tonight, but the clock runs out at midnight. After that, the path forward is less certain. A special session will have to take place, but the timing, and what will be included, is less clear. If negotiations are not made by June 1, layoff notices will be sent out to state employees and actual shutdown operations will start July 1.

**By the numbers:** Here's a breakdown of which budget areas have yet to be decided:

- Taxes (no budget bill announced)
- Jobs, Economic Development and Labor
- Health and Human Services Finance and Policy
- K-12 Education
- Environment and Natural Resources
- State and Local Government
- Higher Education
- Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate
- Transportation
- Commerce and Consumer Protection

**Here's the bills** that were passed or finished over the weekend:

- [Agriculture and Broadband Development](#)
- [Judiciary, Public Safety, and Civil Law](#)
- [Legacy](#)
- [Pensions](#)
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