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The second week of Veto Session saw wrangling over an energy bill, Uber, and tax bills. It was a busy week as legislators head home for Mother's Day weekend and return Monday for the third week of the Veto Session.

On Thursday, the Senate Tax Committee sent a single pared-down tax bill to the full Senate hoping to pick up revenue-raising amendments in debate next week. The bill is expected to generate about \$30 million in back-tax payments for the state while saving taxpayers penalties and interest on overdue taxes.

The House Tax Committee was told that its bill that would subject so-called "pass-through" income to Kansas income taxation would raise \$232 million in the upcoming fiscal year and \$176 million in Fiscal Year 2017. The bill is a major revamp of the 2012 tax cut bill that virtually eliminated income taxes for LLCs and some corporations, with the hope that the tax exemption would spur economic development, jobs, and more taxable "discretionary" spending in the state.

Earlier this week the Senate Tax Committee also rejected a plan that would increase the state sales tax to 6.3% and the Governor's proposal to increase tobacco and liquor taxes.

On Thursday, for the first time on General Orders in over a month, the House adopted a plan that would make the state's 5-year-old Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) a voluntary goal in return for property tax exemptions for windmills put into service by December 31, 2016. It passed 107-11.

This week the Senate, 35-4, and the House, 96-25, without a single question from the floor, overrode the Governor's veto of the so-called "Uber" bill which placed insurance and security provisions on the Internet-fueled ride-sharing service.

Next week legislators will return on Monday to continue their work. The 90th day of session is May 16.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

Monday, January 12

First day of 2015 session; convene at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 2

Last day for member or members to submit REQUESTS to Revisor's office for bill drafts.

Monday, February 9

Last day for Committees, except House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and Means, Senate Assessment and Taxation, House committees on Calendar and Printing, Appropriations, Taxation



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or select committees of either house when so authorized, to submit REQUESTS to Revisor's office for bill drafts.

Wednesday, February 11

Last day for Individuals to INTRODUCE bills in originating chamber.

Friday, February 13

Last day for Committees, except committees listed above, to INTRODUCE bills in originating chamber.

Friday, February 27 (Turnaround Day)

Last day to CONSIDER BILLS IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and Means, Senate Assessment and Taxation, House committees on Calendar and Printing, Appropriations, Taxation or select committees of either house when so authorized.

Wednesday, March 25

Last day to CONSIDER BILLS NOT IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by committees listed above.

Friday, April 3 (Drop Dead Day)

No bills considered after this date except BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND OMNIBUS RECONCILIATIONS SPENDING LIMIT BILL.

Veto session is anticipated to begin on Monday, April 27.