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Legislators spent their second full week of Veto Session attempting to work out the tax plan. Saturday will be the 90th day of session and legislators are planning to return Monday for another week prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Both Tax Committee Chairs said they would be happy with a motion to forward a tax bill without recommendation that it be passed, just to get something to the floor for amendment and debate.

Senators failed to advance a tax bill to the Senate floor, and no vote was taken on a bill after an hour of debate in the Senate Tax Committee. The committee sorted through a number of tax proposals. Sen. Jeff Melcher proposed imposing a new excise tax on land, it would impose a \$3 per acre tax on land. Senator Melcher has touted similar proposals this session that would make agriculture industry contribute more to state coffers. Another proposal was introduced to end the sales tax exemption on farm machinery. An effort to remove a sales tax increase from the bill also failed. One of the few proposals that was adopted is the elimination of the repeal of an exemption that shielded the first \$20,000 of a home's value from a statewide school mill levy. However, striking the repeal from the bill eliminated \$43 million of potential revenue.

Additionally, Kansas Department of Revenue officials told the House Tax Committee that the \$4 million shortfall of revenues received in April—from estimates made 10 days earlier by the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group—have come up to that estimate. Basically, it was just \$4 million but Revenue said after opening envelopes last week- after the April 30 release of revenues received in April—the estimate of \$515 million was reached.

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 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



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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.