

Connecticut Bar Association Capitol Update with Bill Chapman



Capitol Update News

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Justice Andrew McDonald will go before the senate on Tuesday, March 27, for his nomination as chief justice. An 18-18 tied senate has one democrat senator planning to recuse herself from voting. The governor's staff has indicated that he will be going forward with the nomination to the senate.

The General Assembly is rolling into the final two weeks of committee meetings and public hearings. Only four days this week will hold public legislative activities because of Good Friday. The Judiciary Committee will have public hearings on Monday that include 25 bills and 140 claims against the state. This, after going late into last Friday night with gun bills and juvenile justice issues. Wednesday will include Judiciary Committee bills held over from the prior Wednesday when the Legislative Office Building closed down because of an impending snow storm. April 1 to April 6 will include the opportunity for the Judiciary Committee to vote on whether to move bills to the senate and house chambers for votes. A Judiciary Committee meeting could also be held on Tuesday. However, any bills to go forward must be voted on and "stamped" by 5:00 p.m. on April 4. The Appropriations Committee on April 5 and Finance Committee on April 6 are the final legislative committees to JF bills. All other committees

will conclude business by Thursday of this week.

There will be additional committee meetings held if there is a referred bill to a committee, if it has legislative or statutory cognizance in that area. Most of these committee meetings are brief and held outside the house chambers.

The Judiciary Committee will also be holding meetings in April for the governor's newly nominated judges, so that they can complete the process to become judges. These judges should be named shortly. Other judges who are being re-nominated should be approved prior to May 5. The session ends on May 9.

Rules Committee

[The Rules Committee of the Superior Court will be meeting on Monday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court.](#)

File Copies of Bills

Bills should have all been raised and forwarded at this point. From now on we should be seeing file copies of bills. Defined:

A bill that has been JF'ed straight to the floor will be processed in LCO and turned into a file copy, which contains the version of the bill voted upon by the committee with the incorporation of any amendments passed in committee, a fiscal note prepared by the Office

of Fiscal Analysis and a bill analysis prepared by the Office of Legislative Research. This is the version of the bill that the House or Senate votes on. If there is more than one file copy of a bill, the file with the highest number is the most recent.

In Session

Tuesday, March 27

11:00 a.m. - Senate

Public Hearings

Monday, March 26

10:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 2C

Wednesday, March 28

10:00 a.m. - Appropriations Committee
in Room 1E

10:00 a.m. - [Judiciary Committee](#) in Room 2C

Notes of Interest

[2018 YLS Annual Legislative Breakfast](#)

Wednesday, April 11

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section cordially invites all legislators and staff to attend the [2018 YLS Annual Legislative Breakfast](#) at the Legislative Office Building in the Executive Dining Room. The event's guest speaker is Representative Matt Ritter, house majority leader.

Capitol Update Video

[In this week's Capitol Update video](#), Sen. Kevin Kelly (R-Monroe, Seymour, Shelton, and Stratford); co-chair of the Aging and Insurance and Real Estate Committees; vice chair of the Human Services and Housing Committees; and ranking member of the Regulations Review Committee, speaks of how he balances his small firm law practice and legislative responsibilities. He also talks about his legislative priorities and his work as an elder law attorney.