Things have all of a sudden gotten very interesting in Frankfort. Yesterday the House attached pension reform to Senate Bill 151 dealing with sewage treatment plants. Since the bill was already passed by the Senate it allowed the change to be approved in the House and sent back to the Senate for them to approve. So Pension reform was approved in one day and has been sent to Governor Bevin for his signature. Also House Bill 2 dealing with worker's compensation reform that was changed some in the Senate has been approved by the House and also sent to the Governor for his signature and approval. Both bills are expected to be signed into law. The last major issue that is still under consideration is the state budget and with passage of pension reform it is expected that the House and Senate will come up with a compromise on the budget and get something passed before the mid April deadline that ends the 2018 Session.

House Bill 2 - Legislation that updates the state's workers compensation system, which has seen no significant statutory changes since 1996. This bill will clarify limitation on reopening claims already in Kentucky's law that will be applied, set appropriate limits for filing claims on injuries identified years after exposure, ensure the proper standard of care through treatment guidelines, address the state's opioid addiction problem through formulary guidelines, encourage employers to bring workers back to work quickly and establish appropriate durations of payment of medical claims. Passage of this bill will keep increased costs down in the future. Passed the House and Senate and awaiting the signature of the Governor.

Senate Bill 151 / 1 - Pension reform legislation that was originally contained in Senate Bill 1 and was amended some and attached to Senate Bill 151. The bill would make some changes to future retirement benefits affecting teachers and other state employees to a lesser extent. The bill would limit the future ability to add accrued sick leave payments at retirement to increase lifetime pension payouts and would put future teachers in a hybrid cash balance plan instead of the current guaranteed pension plan. The bill keeps in place the 1.5% cost of living increase for teachers which the original plan would have cut back to 1%. The bill would make changes to address some of the cost issues to move the pension toward proper funding in the future and address the estimated $40 billion shortfall that has been incurred. Passed the House and Senate and sent to the Governor for his signature.

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