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The General Assembly adjourned for the year on May 7, 2013. The Session started a little slow and ended with significant momentum. A total of 621 Bills were introduced with 167 Bills signed and 214 killed. The Governor has several Bills left to consider for signature and the Legislature is considering a Special Session in June. We wanted to give you some thoughts here about the status of certain Bills and campaign momentum.

Governor Candidates

The race is on for the Governor. Bob Beauprez is the rancher/banker who appeals to traditional business Republicans. His supporters are a Fortune 1000 of wealthy Coloradans, including the Coors family and the Anschutz family. Tom Tancredo's base supporters appear to come from out of state, testimony to the Representative's national appeal among certain Republicans. Secretary of State Scott Gessler is a popular state-wide office holder and is a significant primary contender. Former State Senator Mike Kopp took the top spot on the ballot, showing good political savvy.

Of course, all of this begs the question as to whether any of these candidates can beat Governor Hickenlooper. The Governor has raised well over \$2.5 million. He's still raising dollars while the four Republicans are working to beat each other. Add all GOP Governor candidate contributions together and they still reach less than half of Hickenlooper's, as of the last reporting period.

Legislative Candidates

Six Senators and nine House members are term limited. Both House and Senate Ag committee chairs are term limited but will chair and co-chair the Interim Water Committee. The Interim Committee has four of its ten members facing term limits this year. Jerry Sonnenberg (R-Sterling), House Ag and Interim Committee member is the only term-limited House member running for the Senate. We have a complete list attached for Senate and House District for your use. This information will likely change throughout the summer.

The Primary Election in June 24. After the Primary, we will send out information on key races that you may want to watch and/or be involved.

Rumor has it that we will have a Special Legislative Session to address Oil and Gas Regulation by legislative action versus initiative process. There has been no date set yet. A Special Session could affect the outcome of several of these races by November. We know that a number of the initiatives are working through the Supreme Court. We will not know if they will be on the ballot until later in June. Certain initiatives, including HSUS initiatives, have been withdrawn.

We will remain in touch as we receive additional information. Please contact if you have questions.