**End of the line**

Legislative bills face Friday deadline

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DEADLINES — Legislators face a busy week of committee work to give some priority bills from falling prey to a Friday deadline.

Non-priority bills must at least one legislative panel by Friday to stay eligible for consideration after this week.

Some attention likely will be diverted away from the approaching "floor" deadline as new provisions are expected to emerge today to break a school reform impasse. Legislators also will be finalizing their fiscal 1996 budget bills.

**LEGISLATURE** The Capital on Friday with expectations that there could be a break through the week in meeting differences between majority House Republicans and Democrats who caucus the minority since they have increased funding to give public schools next year.

House GOP leaders indicated a willingness to move off their position of a 7 percent allowable local tax and $5 million for school technology upgrades. Senate Democrats have said this is a 52 percent hike to go into base budgets that primarily funds public safety initiatives; welfare reform and re­form of the state's mental health system; and nuisance lawsuits over neighbor and neighbor disputes. The Senate will take up its budget bill this week. Efforts to expand economic stimuli against the recession in areas of federal aid, income tax refunds, and lost revenue are expected to be considered in the Senate committee this week.

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