



Per the Constitution, **the Legislature adjourned sine die at 6 pm last Thursday, June 8th**. However, the House and Senate deadlocked on budget negotiations, failing to pass both the capital and operating budgets prior to adjournment. This triggered a special session, which the Governor had provisionally called in the event of such an outcome.

Throughout the 2017 regular session, LABI is pleased to report that while the Legislature may not have taken proactive steps to help Louisiana's struggling economy, they also did no further harm this session. Thanks to the active voices of our member companies, LABI was able to defeat the Governor's surprise Commercial Activity Tax as well as bills that would have forced more mandates and lawsuits on employers. Watch the video below for highlights of LABI's 2017 regular session efforts.

Because Governor John Bel Edwards issued a call for a special session to convene at 6:30 pm the same night that the regular session ended, the Legislature re-convened for the sixth session in 17 months. The appropriations process must start anew, so the House re-filed the budget bills and began debating them in Committee today. Of particular note, the subject matter of this special session is limited to the budget, and **no tax legislation can be filed**. The special session is required to adjourn by June 19th.