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January can mean many things to many people—the start of a new year; a blustery winter month; beginning of a new tax year; or the month before February, time to order the roses.

But for folks in the legislative arena in Texas, this January means the Texas legislature convenes in Austin for 140 long and tumultuous days.

Your NFIB/Texas team is already hot out of the gates, tracking pre-filed bills, and meeting with legislators and their staff, as well as the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker staff. To be expected, several bills raising the minimum wage have been filed and many other government mandate bills.

Be on the lookout for this legislative report every two weeks in order to stay up to date with the latest happenings at the Capitol. From time to time, you might also receive a member alert by e-mail, imploring you to contact your legislator regarding an important piece of legislation. We encourage members to become a “key contact” on certain issues with their legislators as well, so reach out to us if you’re interested.

The Spilman Report will not only fill you in on the hot topics of the legislative session, but will share the ins and outs of committee hearings and House and Senate debates. Knowledge is power—and that’s why NFIB/Texas is the nation’s leading small business advocacy organization.