

## Legislative Report April 4, 2015

1. Governor signs major AARP Legislative Objectives for 2015: Care Act (patient protections) and Work and Save (a study group to determine how best to help individuals who today do not have a pension.) These are major achievements for our citizens.

2. Governor does not sign Ethics Reforms because he believes it was not effective enough to motivate appropriate behaviors. Requests Assembly to re-submit with appropriate changes.

3. Redistricting. Governor does not sign any bills (six submitted to him) because he considers them to be unconstitutional. AARP strongly supported those bills which would have created an independent redistricting Commission which would have started the process for an amendment to the Virginia Constitution.

The Assembly will reconvene on April 15 to consider the Governor's actions and determine if they should revise bills or veto his decisions.

1. Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Governor supports an appropriate located pipeline which should attract more investments in the State and create jobs in companies which have left the State and/or those companies which would now feel Virginia is an attractive place to set-up operations. Some of the proposed pipelines may pass thru private property of local residents in Montgomery and Giles Counties.

2. Senior citizen scams. Still a major problem. One of the most frequent one is grandparent scams. There now is a federal hot line to report these scams and get help: 1-855-303-9470. (toll free) During the holidays these scams tend to "spike."

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