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I hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather between the snow on Saturday and the resumption of fires on Monday or Tuesday, or whenever they resumed in your neck of the woods. It's that strange time of year in Virginia when you don't know if you need an umbrella, a winter coat, flip-flops, or Nomex. Hopefully the choice won't have to be Nomex for you too often, but between the wind and the temperatures, I am sure it is for many of you. Thanks for all the hard work many you have done on protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth during the first part of Spring Fire Season.

For those of you who don't follow politics out of Richmond, the legislature has wrapped up the majority of their work, but the budget remains up in the air as the Senate and the House struggle to see whose version will prevail or who will propose the first compromise. They will reconvene soon to vote on a budget to send to the Governor. We will send an update of the VDOF critical items in the final version once that debate is settled.

Have a great week, pray for a little rain, and be safe!

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