

State legislative leaders' goals for this week include passing the first half of the governor's highway plan, and trimming the list of proposed constitutional amendments to go on the 2020 election ballot.

The state Senate approved the first part of the highway plan last week, while the House is expected to take it up this week.

According to the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, both chambers are expected to begin choosing which three constitutional amendments to offer to voters in 2020. One of those proposals is a permanent extension of the state's half-percent sales tax for highway upkeep and construction.

The proposal is the second half of Gov. Asa Hutchinson's plan to eventually raise 300 million dollars per year for the Transportation Department.