

OVERVIEW OF A “TYPICAL” LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Pre-legislative Conference for New Members

December 2, 2024

DECEMBER

- Swearing-in Day
- Elect Presiding Officers, Clerk and Secretary, Constitutional Officers
- Adopt Joint Rules, including Cloture, and House Rules, Senate Rules
- Committee chairs appointed
- Committee assignments made
- Bill production continues on bills submitted before the cloture deadline

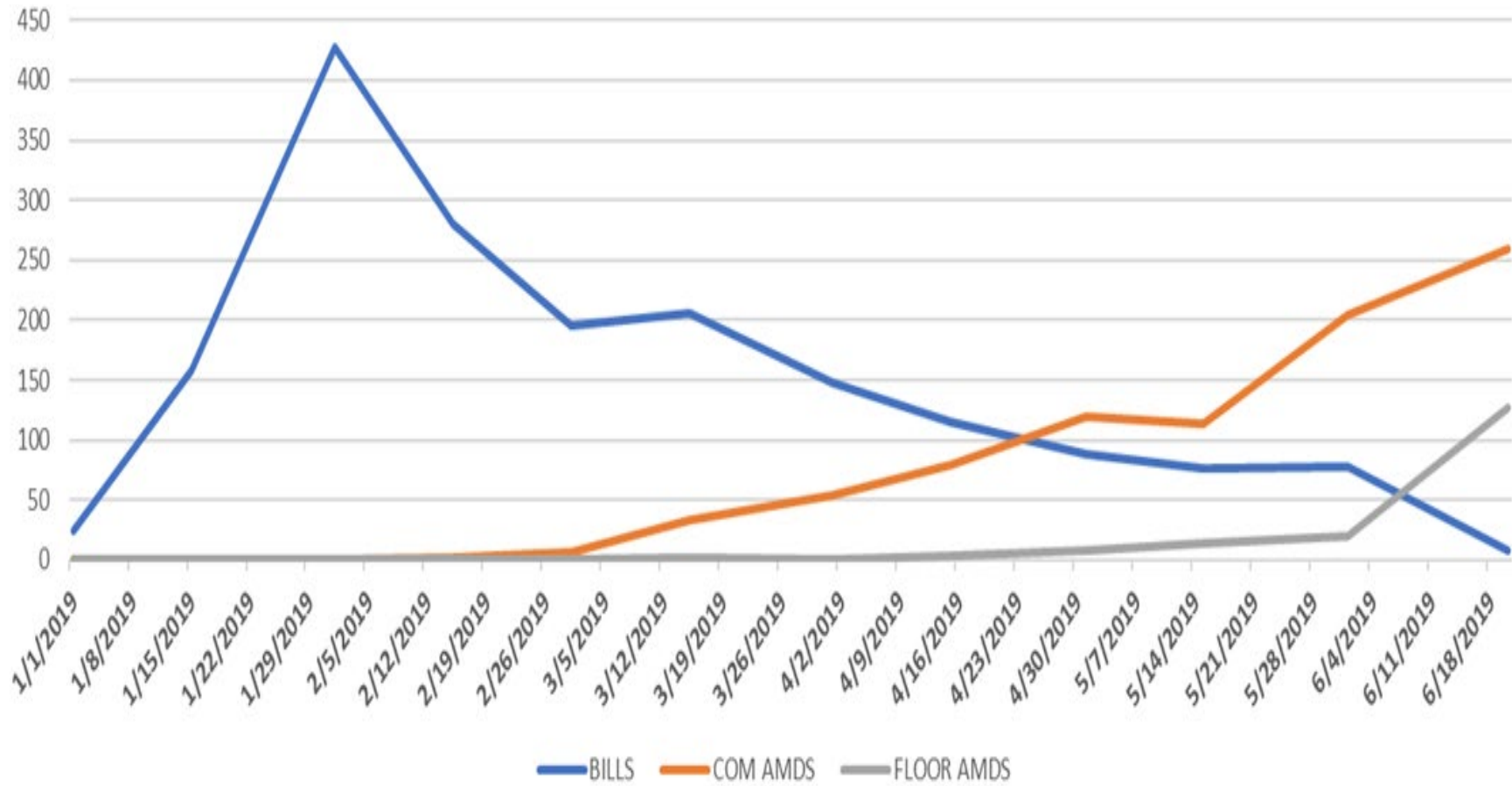
JANUARY

- House & Senate sessions begin
- Reference bills to committees
- Committee chair trainings
- Committee clerks are hired by chairs and begin their clerk training
- Committee chairs begin initial planning meetings with legislative analysts
- Committee orientations and briefings
- Committees adopt their Committee Rules of Procedure
- Begin scheduling public hearings, with requisite 2-weekend notice period

(....STILL JANUARY)

- Governor submits to the Legislature the Biennial Budget bill
- Governor may submit Supplemental Budget bill
- Bill production continues on pre-cloture bills
- Legislative Council begins regularly scheduled monthly meetings at which it may consider & approve submission of “after-deadline” bills
- AFA Committee begins work on Supplemental Budget
- MDF Bus Tour

Flow of Bills Referred, Committee Amendments Reported Out & Floor Amendments



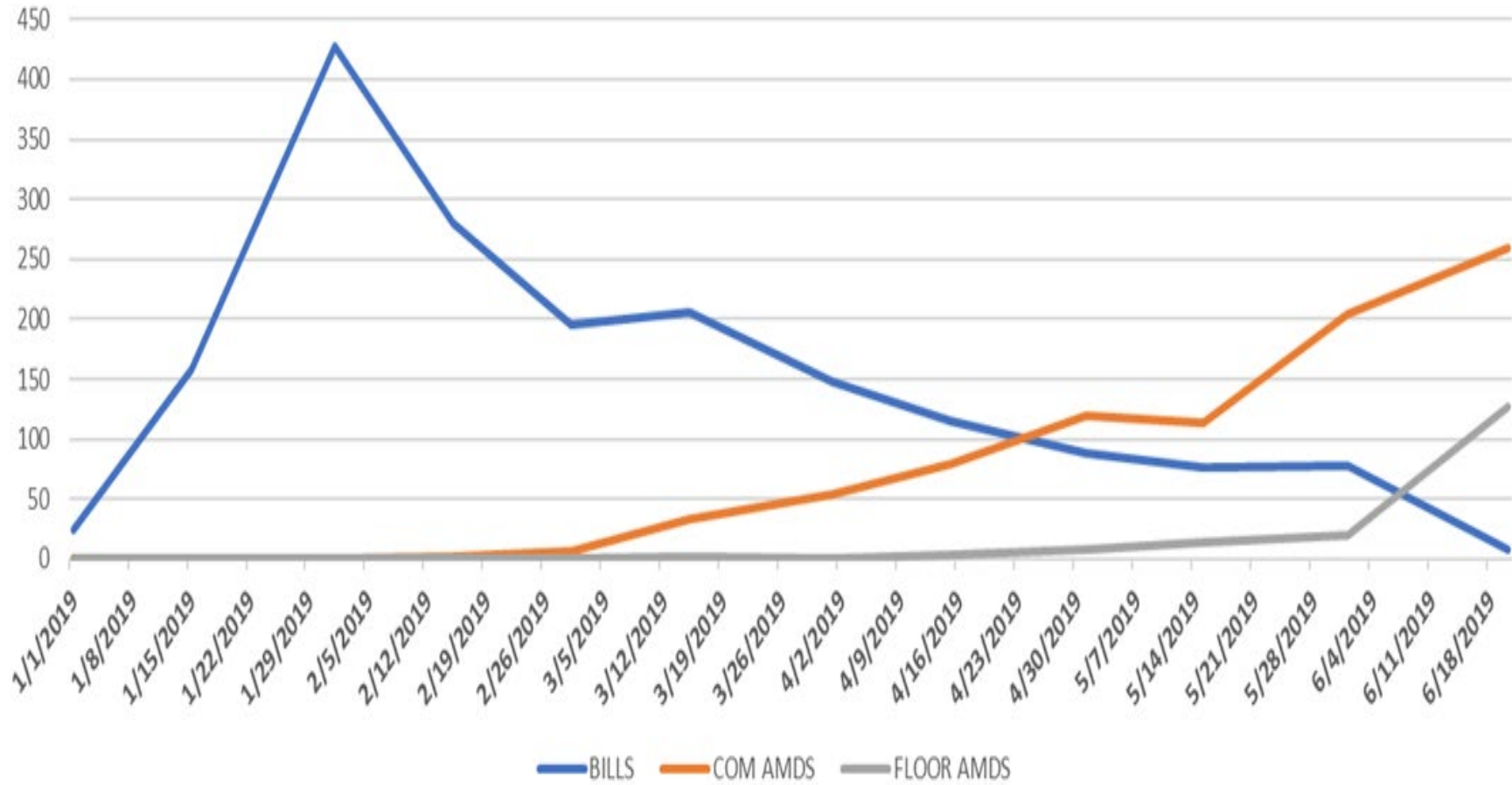
FEBRUARY

- House & Senate sessions
- Reference bills to committees
- “State of the State” address
- Public hearings, with requisite 2-weekend notice period, on referred bills
- Work sessions on bills that have had public hearings
- Committees begin voting bills that have been heard and worked in committee

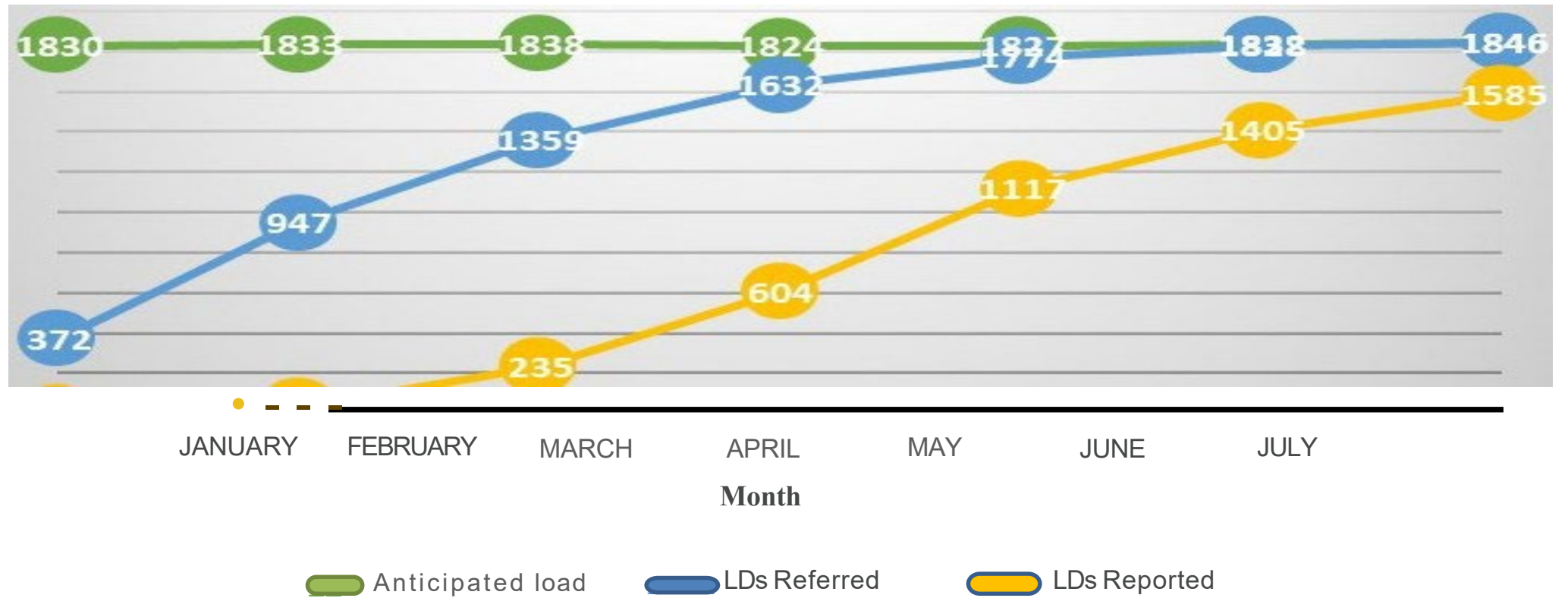
(...MORE FEBRUARY)

- AFA Committee continues hearings and work sessions on Supplemental Budget
- Joint hearings with policy committees and AFA Committee may begin on Biennial Budget
- Policy committees submit budget reports to AFA committee on Supplemental Budget
- Legislative Council meets, and may consider & approve submission of after-deadline bills
- Bill production continues on pre-cloture bills and on any time-sensitive after-deadline bills approved by Council

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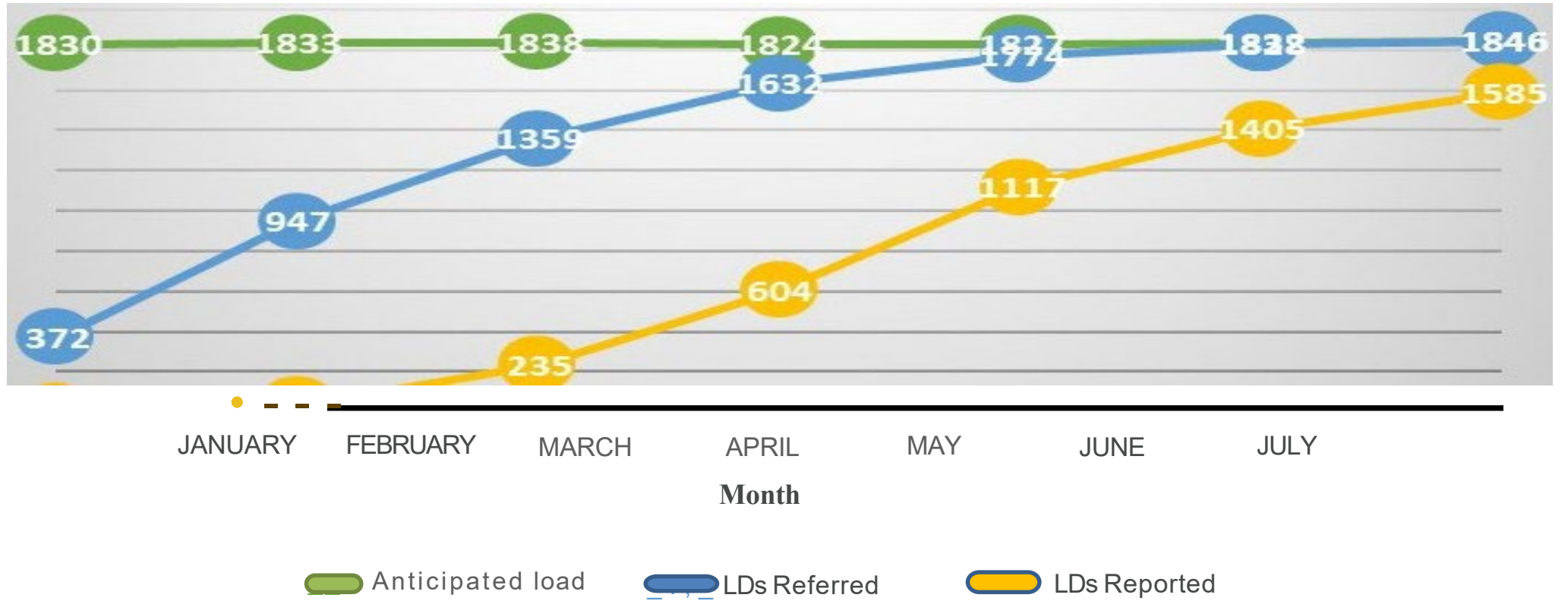
MARCH

- House & Senate sessions
- “State of the Judiciary” address
- Reference bills to committees
- Floor debate/votes on committee reports
- Policy committees submit budget reports on Biennial budget to AFA committee
- AFA Committee continues work on Biennial Budget, including hearings, work sessions, and reports back from policy committees

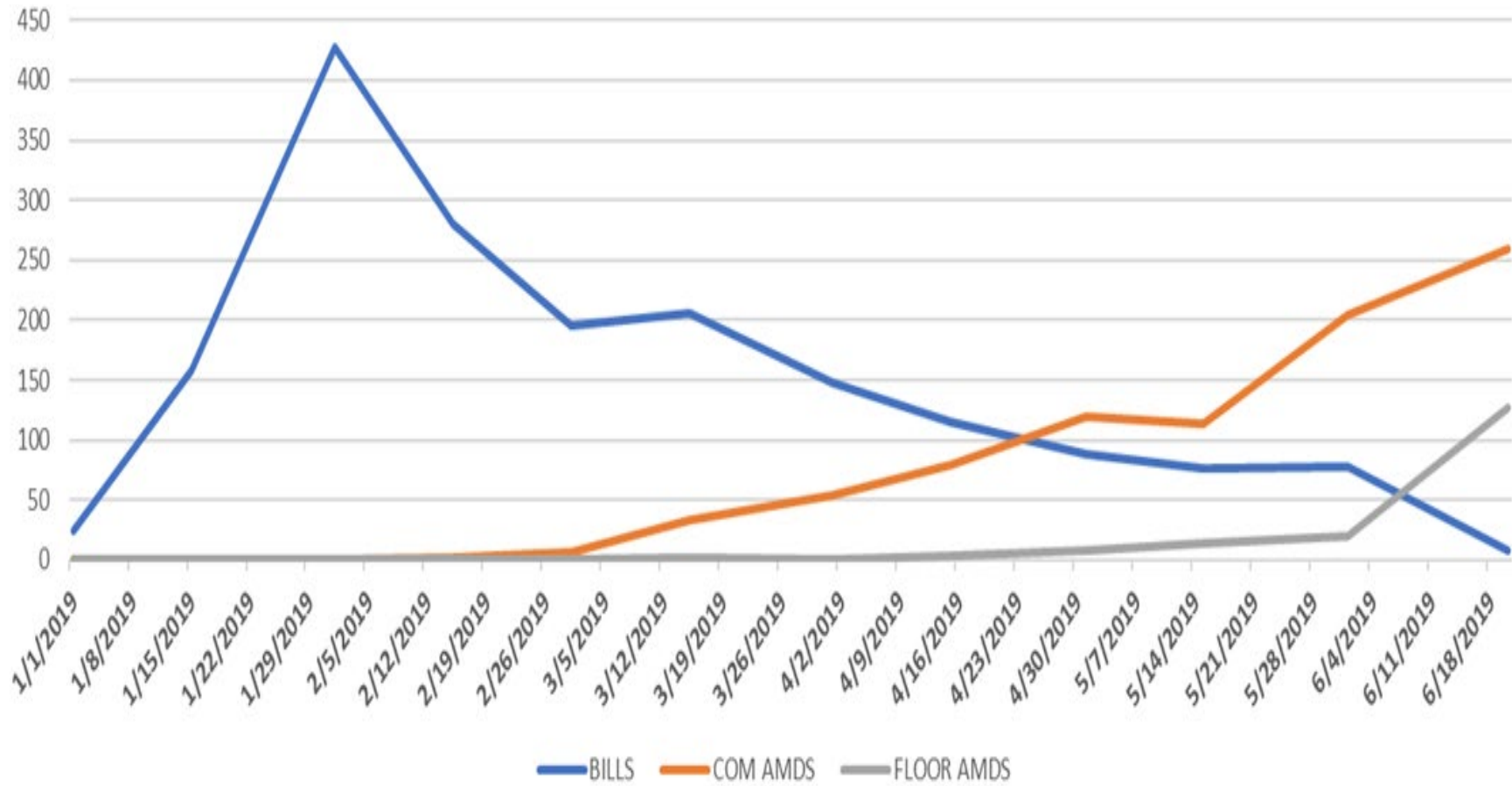
(....MARCHING ON)

- Production continues on pre-cloture bills, after-deadline bills, and committee and floor amendments
- Policy committees hold hearings and work sessions on referred bills
- Policy committees vote on bills, review committee amendment language
- Legislative Council meets, and may consider & approve submission of “after-deadline” bills

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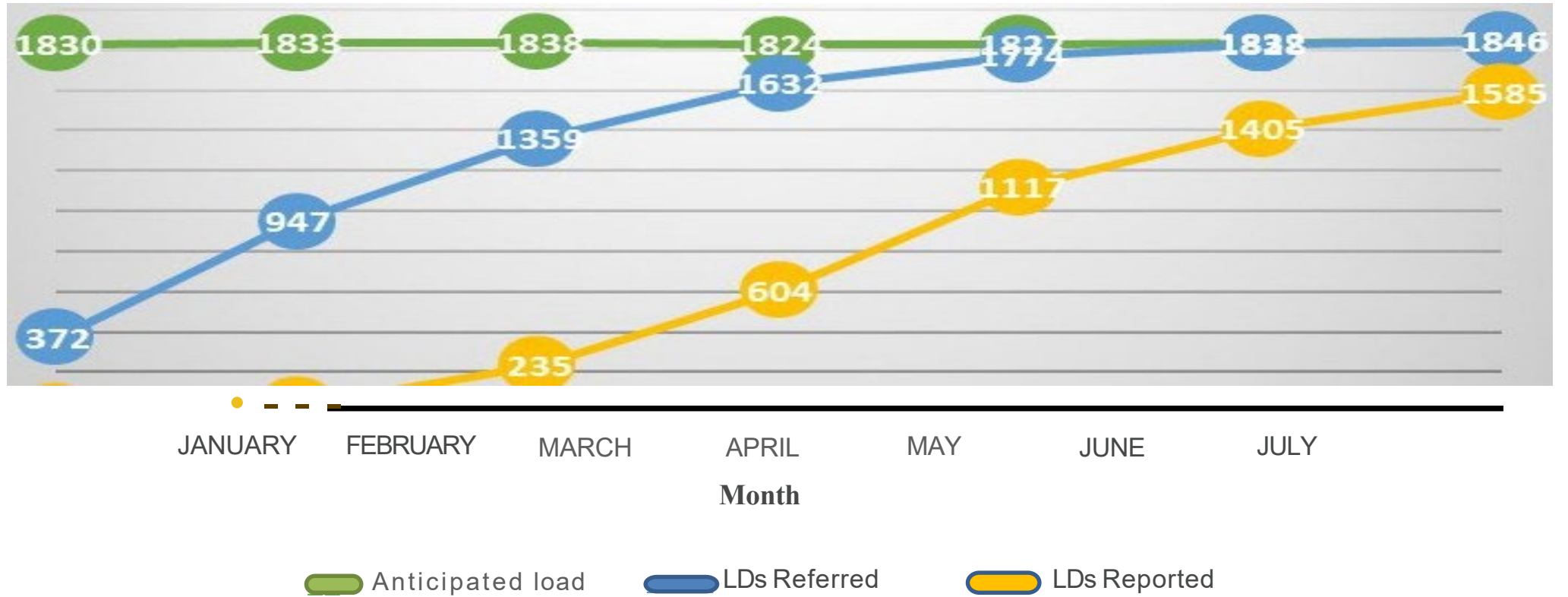
APRIL

- House & Senate sessions
- Reference bills to committees
- Floor debate/votes on committee reports
- Public hearing notice may be reduced from 2 weekends to one
- Policy committees take votes on bills, review committee amendment language
- 1st Committee Deadline (*take votes on 60% of bills referred)

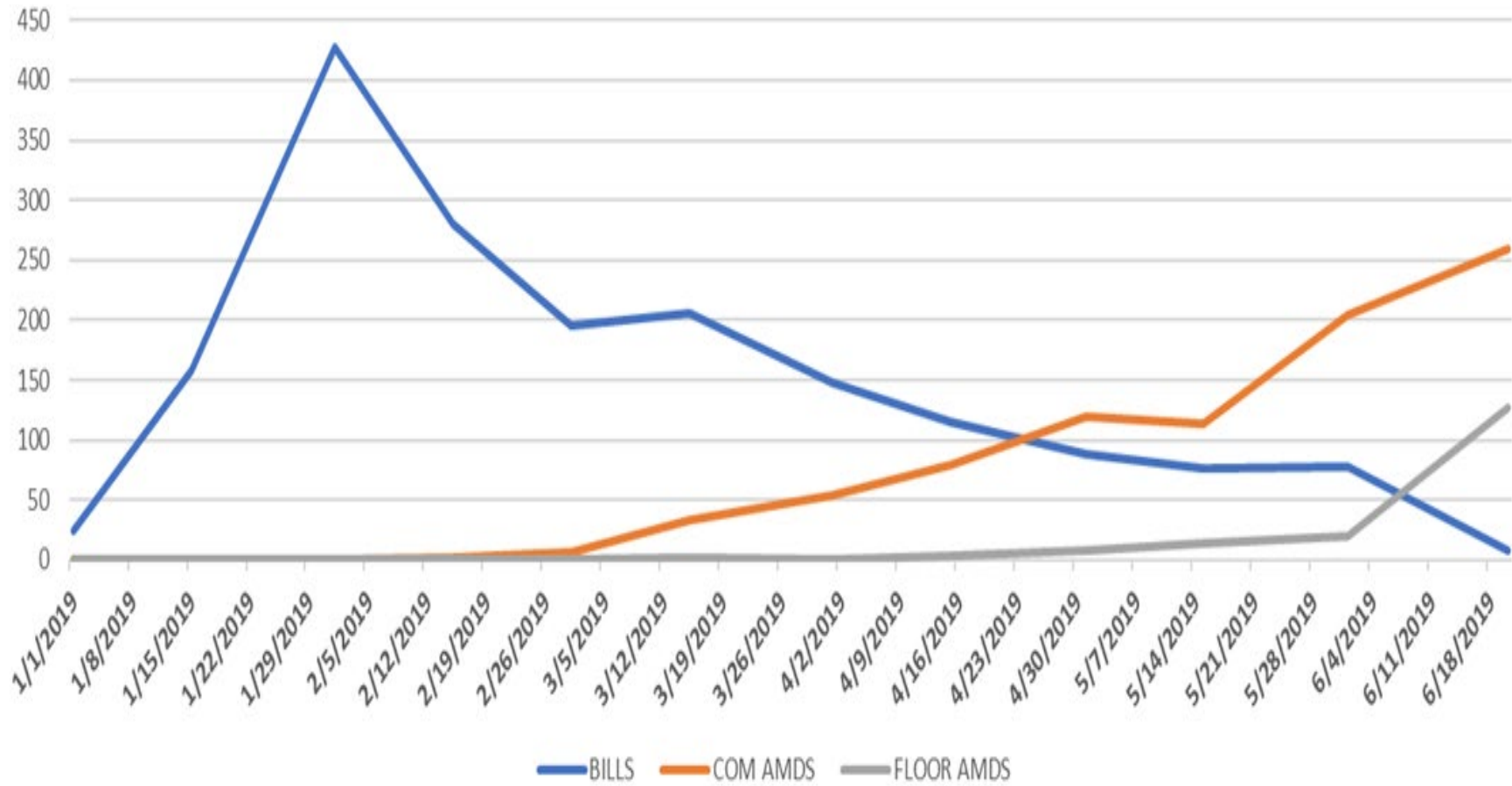
(....STILL APRIL)

- Production continues on pre-cloture bills, after-deadline bills, committee amendments, floor amendments
- AFA Committee continues work on Biennial Budget, including hearings, work sessions, and reports back from policy committees
- Legislative Council meets, and may consider and approve submission of “after-deadline” bills

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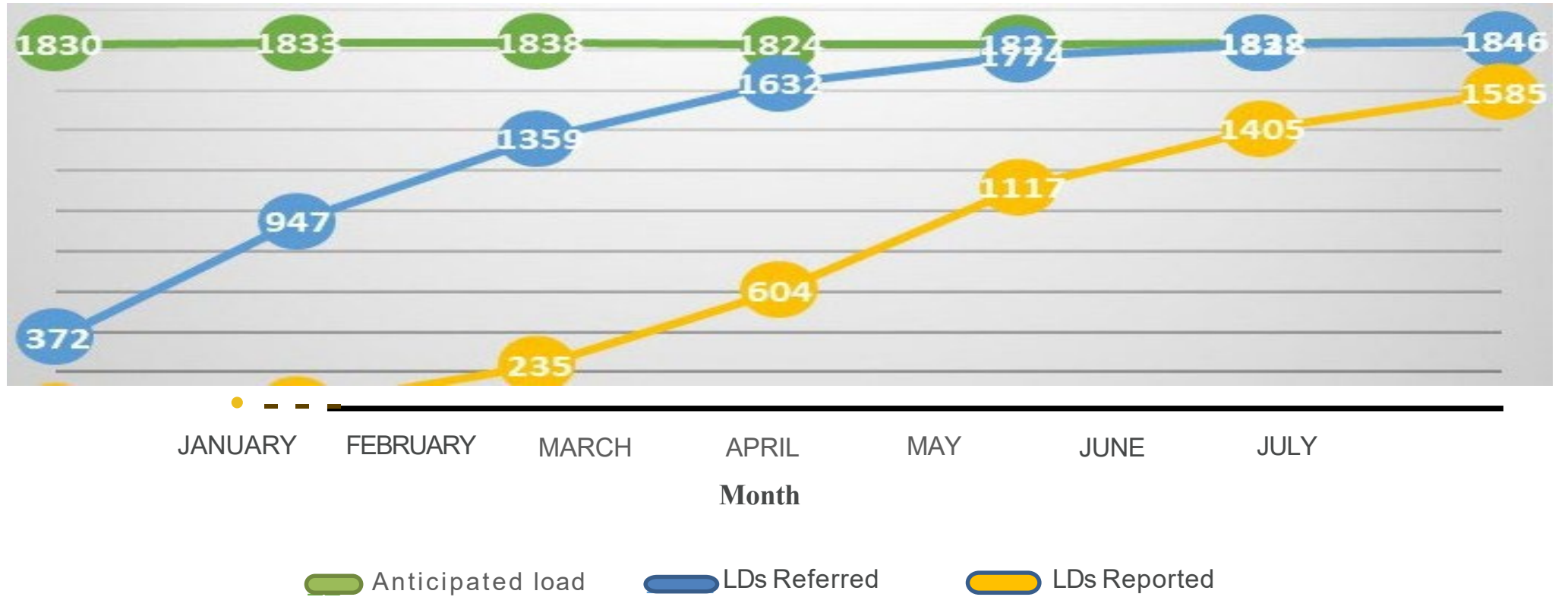
MAY

- House & Senate sessions
- Floor debate/votes on committee reports
- May 1st Revenue Forecast
- Following the May 1st Revenue Forecast, Governor may possibly submit change package to the Biennial Budget
- Policy committees vote on bills, review committee amendment language, report out bills
- 2nd Committee Deadline (*take votes on 100% of bills referred)

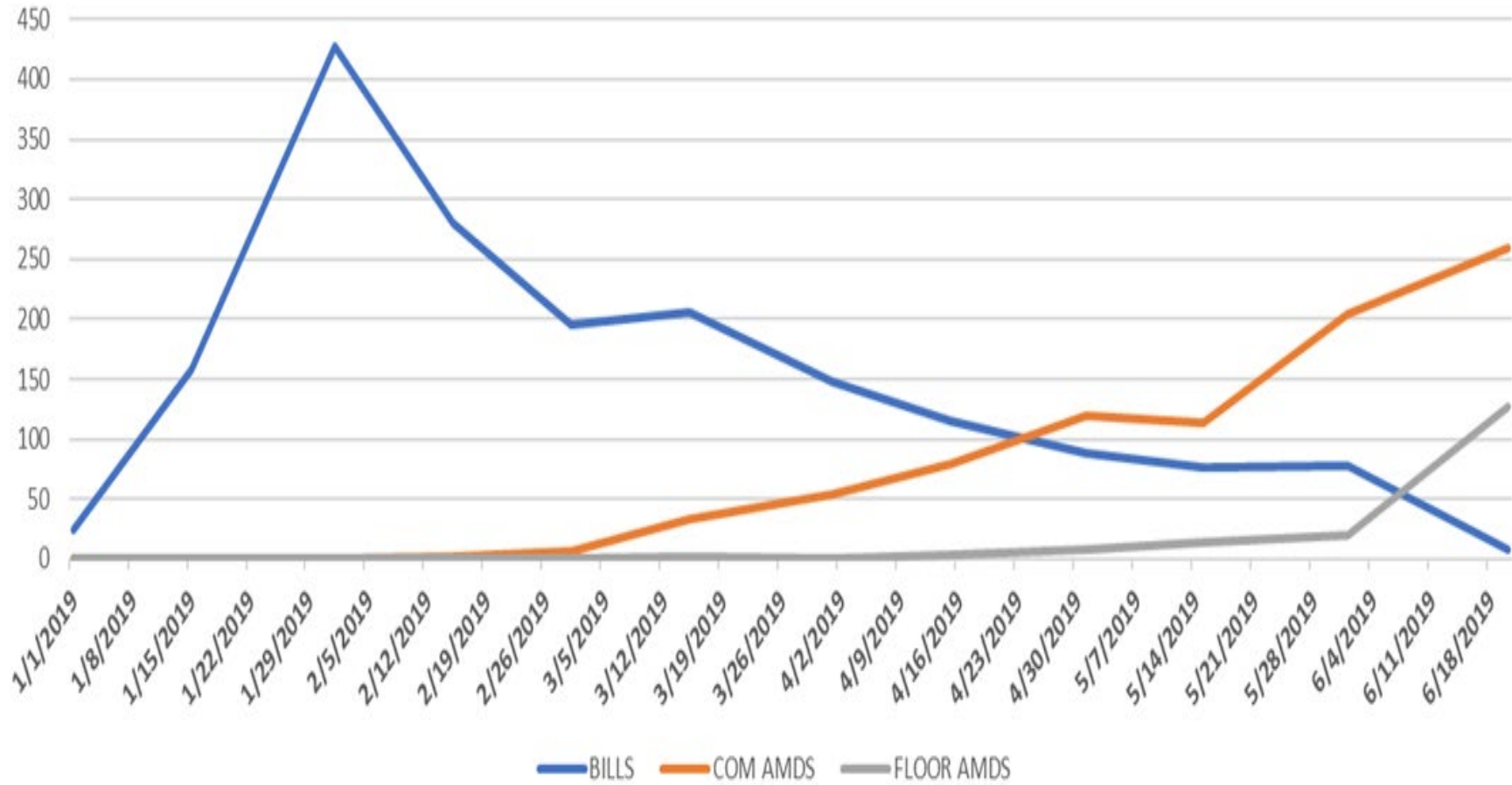
(...ALSO MAY)

- AFA Committee continues work on Biennial Budget, including hearings, work sessions, and reports back from policy committees
- Final Committee Deadline (*report out 100% of bills referred)
- Production continues on pre-cloture bills, after-deadline bills, any other new bills, committee amendments, floor amendments

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Flow of Bills Referred, Committee Amendments Reported Out & Floor Amendments



129th First Session 5/31/2019 (1,027 bills have final disposition)

1815	Total printed bills
788	"Live" bills pending a final disposition (<i>not including bills on Gov desk or carryovers approved</i>)
305	On floor of the House or Senate
135	On AFA, Study or Highway Table
170	In other posture on floor
483	Not yet reported out of committee
281	Voted
202	Not finally voted (includes 79 bills voted to carryover, not yet requested)

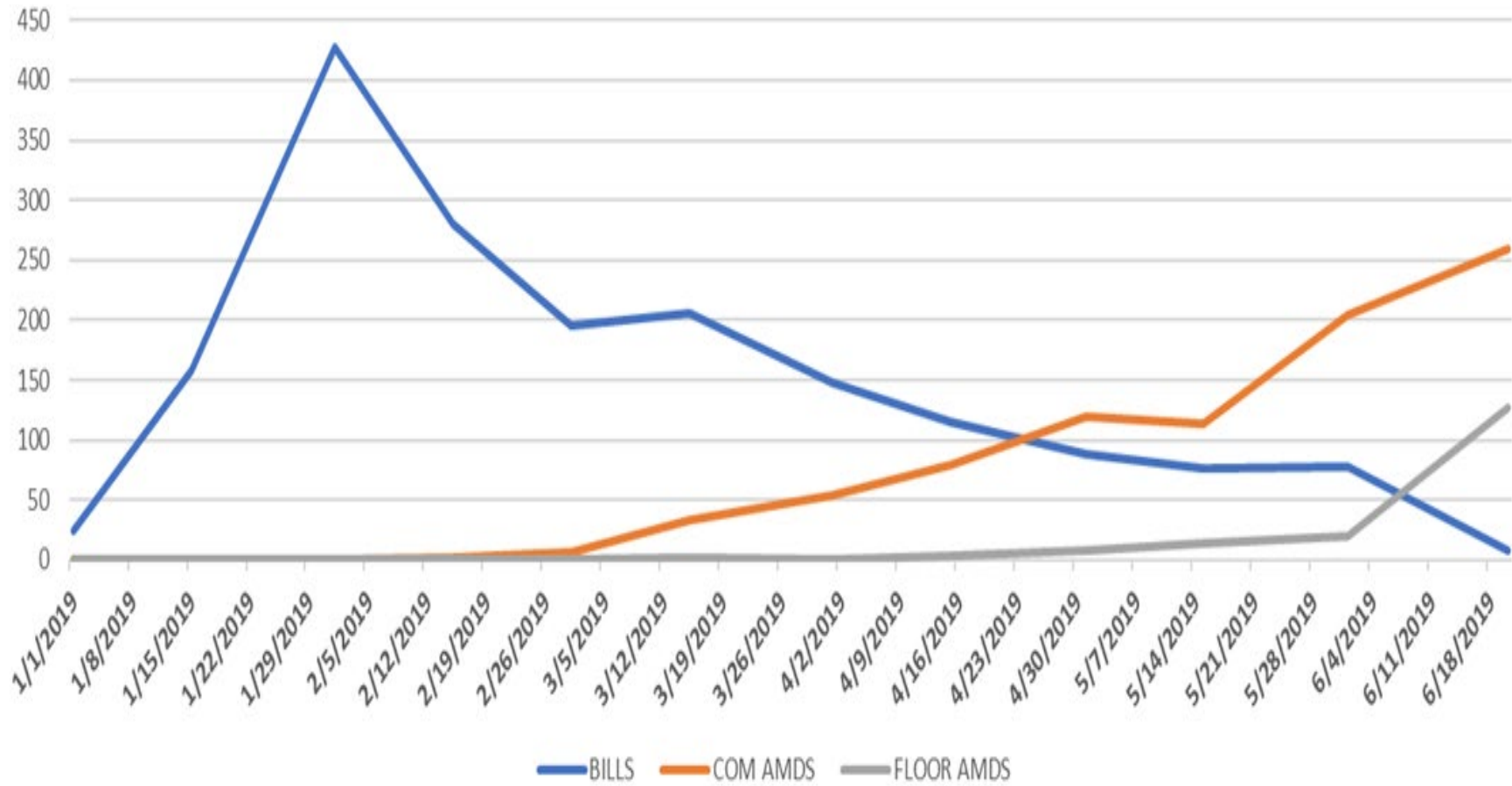
JUNE

- House & Senate sessions
- Floor debate/votes on committee reports
- Most policy committees cease meeting
- Policy committees submit input to AFA Committee re: bills placed on the Special Appropriations Table
- AFA Committee meets to consider legislation placed on the Special Appropriations Table

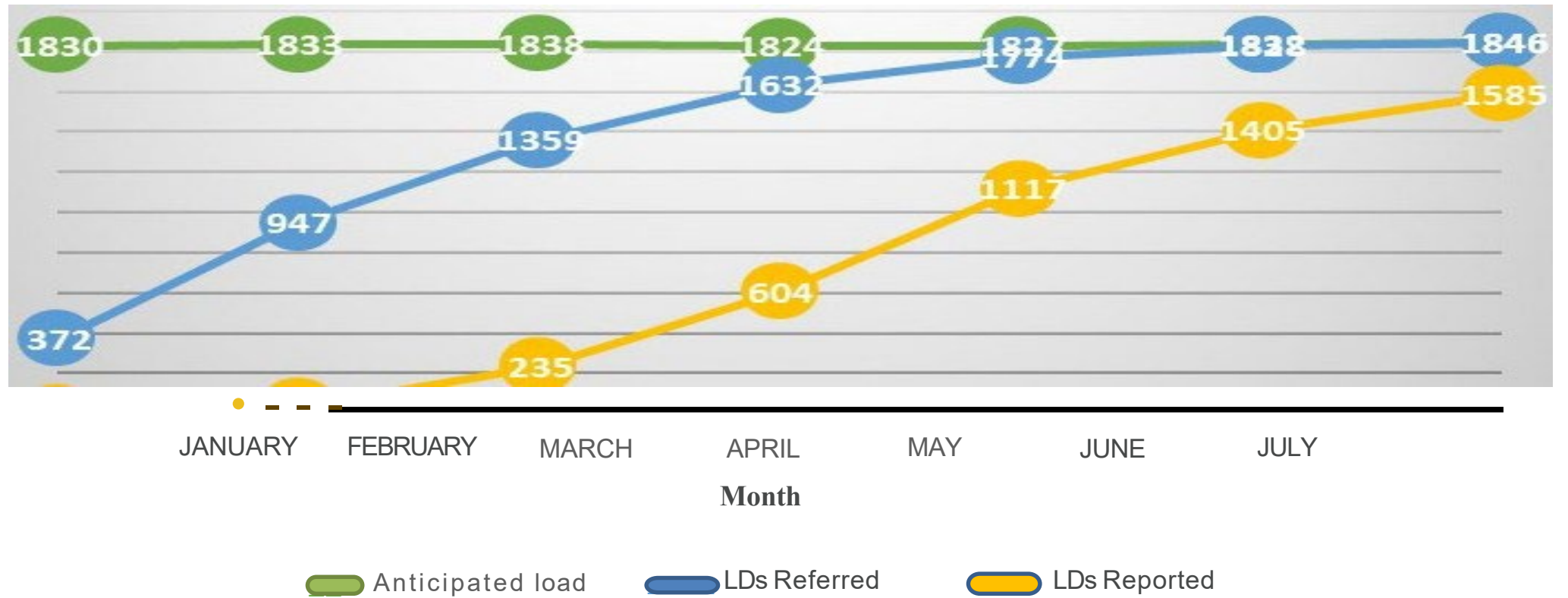
(DESPITE HAVING ONLY 30 DAYS,
JUNE IS A LONG MONTH....)

- Production continues on any bills, committee amendments, floor amendments
- AFA Committee meets to consider legislation placed on the Special Appropriations Table
- Legislative Council meets to consider legislation placed on the Study Table
- Statutory adjournment
- Final Legislative paycheck

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129th First Session June 19, 2019 (1,573 bills have received a final disposition)

1846	Total printed bills
209	Carryovers approved
273	"Live" bills (<i>not including bills on Gov desk or carryovers approved</i>)
221	On floor of House or Senate
161	On AFA, Study or Highway Table
60	In other posture on floor
52	In committee (not yet reported out)
3	Voted
49	Not finally voted

(JULY...??)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ADJOURNS *SINE DIE*