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INCMA's Monthly Fax Newsletter

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GREEN HOUSE GAS BILL DEFEATED...FOR NOW

A tremendous effort in recent weeks by many groups including the AFS and INCMA resulted in the defeat of US Senate legislation to create a massive "cap and trade" program to regulate CO2 emissions. The bill was estimated to cost nearly \$7 trillion. INCMA staff even flew to Washington DC at the request of the AFS and the INCMA Board to personally lobby Indiana Senators on the matter. In the end, the bill died for lack of support to end debate although proponents vowed to raise the issue again next year when the President, no matter who it is, will likely be supportive of new regulations. It appears that Indiana generated more letters to the Senate than any other state. Thanks to those who wrote those letters and made calls in support of the effort.

INCMA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The INCMA Environmental Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday June 25 at 10:30 am in Indianapolis. Agenda items will include PM 2.5

compliance (including positive changes in the Federal definition), CO2 education and future regulations, IDEM Air permit staff training, INDOT foundry sand update and more. Please contact INCMA if you would like to participate or be on the Environmental email list.



INCMA BUSINESS SURVEY

Watch your email for a request to participate in the INCMA 2008 Business Assessment Survey. The brief survey is intended to update statistics collected a few years ago on foundry priority issues, employment, job growth expectations and more. Please take a few minutes to respond.

MORE TALK - NO ACTION ON CHINA

The U.S. will host the US-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) next week in Annapolis, MD. The Alliance for American

Manufacturing (AAM) foresees little meaningful progress being made on critical issues such as currency manipulation and subsidies but sees some hope for future efforts based on positions taken by both Senator McCain and Senator Obama.

HEALTH CARE SUMMIT

The Indiana Chamber brought together business leaders from around the state this week to focus on the "soaring costs of health care" in support of their continuing efforts to address related issues.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

The IN Legislative Council has created a summer study committee to review the Immigration Issue so heatedly debated during the General Assembly earlier this year.

The IMA reported this week on a June 4th decision from the Oklahoma U.S. District Court which limited enforcement of sections of Oklahoma's recently enacted immigration law that were found to

be unconstitutional in imposing civil sanctions on employers. The decision should have a substantial impact on similar policies being discussed in Indiana. Stay tuned...

FUNDRAISING SEASON

Below are a few fundraisers of note that include some foundry friends and just key leaders. Contributions may also be delivered by INCMA if desired to help build relationships.

>6.30.08 Speaker Bauer's Golf Outing, South Bend. 317-231-6291

>7.9.08 House Republican Campaign Committee Golf Outing, Fishers. 317-610-2016

>8.7.08 Rep. Russ Stilwell Golf Outing, Boonville. 317-231-6291

>8.18.08 Senate Majority Campaign Committee Golf Outing, Fishers. 317-964-5019

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