

# The Cope...



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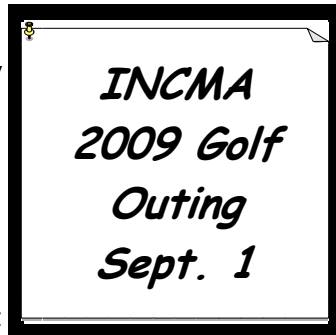
## 2009 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

Below please find a final list of the key bills from INCMA's original tracking list that passed the 2009 General Assembly. As one can see, there are not many and most would argue that what did pass offered little substantive assistance to the foundry or business community. Because a budget agreement was not reached, the Governor is expected to call legislators back for a special session on June 15 (assuming agreement can be reached on the details by working groups in advance). Bills opposed by INCMA that died during the Session have also been included:

- 1) SB 580 Illegal immigrant matters. Status: Died
- 2) SB 21 Increased penalties for scrap metal theft. Status: Signed by Governor
- 3) HB 1166 Required employers with 50-100 employees to provide notice of closure or layoffs. Status: Dead
- 4) HB 1352 Required IN to participate in the Climate Registry. Status: Dead
- 5) HB 1379 Unemployment Insurance Fund

Solvency. Status: Signed by Governor despite representing a major tax on business.

- 6) SB 420 Utility matters related to renewable energy, cost recovery and more. Status: Dead



- 7) HB 1162 Included some anti-degradation provisions supported by business to expedite water quality rule making that were previously in SB 419. Status: Signed by Governor
  - 8) SJR 1 Resolution to allow public vote to amend Constitution with property tax caps. Status: Died
- Log on to INCMA.org to view the total final list.

## AFS DC FLY-IN REPORT

The AFS Washington DC Fly-In held May 4-5 drew more than 100 attendees. Sessions were held on Climate Change, Card Check,

Health Care Reform and Expansion of the FMLA Act. Indiana attendees met with both Senate offices and five House offices.

## FOUNDRY AWARD WINNERS

Two INCMA foundry members were recently recognized for meritorious achievements.

**Thyssenkrupp Waupaca Foundry** was awarded an Indiana Environmental Stewardship Award for reducing their energy consumption which saved the company more than \$700,000 annually and reduced CO2 emissions by nearly 5,000 tons - something that may be very important in the future if further CO2 regulation is adopted.

**Bremen Castings** was recently awarded a 2009 Best in Class Casting by AFS for a unique agricultural hitch casting that consolidated five hitches into one. Congratulations!

## INCMA ENV. COMMITTEE UPDATE

The INCMA Environmental Affairs Committee met May 7 and reviewed several issues including:

- Comment period on the new Green House Gas rules
- EPA's recent policy changes on Subpart UUU that may impact sand drying processes.
- IDEM's attempts to push PSD permit applicants for lower PM BACT limits
- IDEM's lack of regulatory detail on the Semi-annual Fugitive VE reporting
- Issues with the New MACT standards for area sources
- EPA School Monitoring Update
- Foundry sand reuse reforms

The Committee voted to submit comments on the proposed EPA Carbon Emission Reporting rule as well as to engage IDEM on foundry sand and key permitting issues. INCMA will also be sharing more info. on the MACT area source compliance rules.

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