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2011 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Since the House Democrats returned from their walk-out, the Session has moved into overdrive as they must complete their business by April 29th. Deadlines were extended and little impact was experienced on most bills (other than the loss of "Right to Work" and general tightening of the time frames for conducting business). Many large issues must still be addressed including adoption of a budget and of the newly proposed redistricting maps.

Following is a summary of the bills still working their way through the process that may have an impact on the foundry industry including:

SB 251 "Clean Energy"

Sen. Bev Gard (R-Greensburg) Rep. Jack Lutz (R-Anderson) authored this bill which passed the Senate with tracker language for federal mandates as well as proposals for renewable mandates and clean energy definitions supporting nuclear and other costly energy sources.

The bill was passed by the House Utilities Committee early this morning with substantial

amendments that were described as amending to 1) remove language related to nuclear power expansion, 2) limit utility recovery of tracker revenue to 80% forcing the remaining 20% to be acquired through a traditional rate case, 3) add language stating that no renewable



energy option could be adopted that would add additional cost to ratepayers beyond what would have otherwise been the cost, and 4) add language strengthening IURC oversight and including statutory reference to necessary and reasonable projects.

The bill was also amended to include language creating eminent domain authority for entities constructing CO2 pipelines. Similar language died in the Senate and is opposed by the Farm Bureau. INCMA is reviewing the

amendments to decide what action if any will be taken as the Session winds down for the year. Stay tuned.

SB 590 Immigration,

Sen. Delph (R-Carmel) Recognizing strong opposition that was building steam, several amendments were added to this bill to keep it alive in the House mostly limiting law enforcement and focusing more on punishing employers who hire illegal immigrants. The bill passed out of the House committee this morning 6-5 and will now move to the floor. INCMA is monitoring.

SB 159 Air Pollution Tailoring Rule

Sen. Bev Gard's bill provides for State rules adopted to implement Federal Green House Gas (GHG) and other related rules to be voided if the referenced federal rule is invalidated. INCMA testified in support of this bill which passed the Senate and House and now moves to the Governor's office.

Log on to INCMA.org each week for updates on all bills on our INCMA tracking list.

AFS DC FLY-IN MAY 4-6

Indiana has 12 attendees currently scheduled to participate in the 2011 AFS Governmental Affairs Conference from May 4-6 in Washington DC. Attendees will be meeting with members of Congress and their staff on May 5. This event offers a critical opportunity to learn about federal issues impacting the foundry industry and to sit down with Indiana's leaders in Congress to convey our concerns and opinions. Primary issues to be raised include: Climate change, health care reform and overall regulatory reform. More information is available online: www.afsinc.org.

INCMA 2011 GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendar for Tuesday August 30th for this year's golf outing!

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