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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALF TIME & BEYOND

The 2012 Indiana General Assembly completed the first half of this Session and took a break for the Super Bowl. Action got back under way last week as they head toward the finish possibly on March 9th. Bills that did not pass the first chamber are now dead. Only 242 bills are still alive although many ideas may still live on in proposed amendments. Work continues on several issues including:

- 1) **HB 1001 Right-to-Work** was passed and signed into law making Indiana the 23rd Right to Work State in America. This major accomplishment reflects a rare success of this magnitude. Special thanks to all of the INCMA foundry members who contacted their legislators and helped pass this important legislation.
- 2) **SB 130 Consolidates all of the Pollution Control Boards** into one super Board made up of 17 Board members from State agencies and various other

constituencies. Concerns have been raised regarding the challenge of finding Board members versed in all environmental media. The bill passed the Senate and is being heard in House Committee Feb. 15.

- 3) **SB 344 Energy Sales Tax Exemption** bill states that industrial



processors do not have to file a sales tax refund claim if the utility services for energy not used directly for manufacturing are separately metered or it has been determined that the utility service is predominantly used in industrial processing. This would apply the exemption at the point of billing. The bill was heard in committee on Feb. 14 but no vote was

- taken. It is expected to move.
- 4) **SB 311 Fiscal Impact Review for Environ. Rules** would require that fiscal impact statements be prepared for all rules adopted after 6/30/12. Passed the Senate and heard by House Committee Feb. 14. INCMA testified in support.
  - 5) **SB 232 Telephone Hearings** for Unemployment Compensation Claims. Passed Senate but is most likely dead in the House.
  - 6) **SB 293 Inheritance Tax.** Would reduce the state inheritance tax by 50% by 2016. Passed the Senate and is being heard in the House on Feb. 16.

All legislative bills of interest are listed on the INCMA website and updated at least weekly throughout the Session. Please feel free to call INCMA with questions on specific bills or any other legislative issues. Working together will continue to produce good results.

## INCMA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

The 22nd Annual INCMA Legislative Conference was held on Jan. 25th and was a great success. Attendees heard from Pat Kiely, IMA President, Stephanie Salmon, AFS Washington DC Lobbyist, Ann Hathaway, National Political Consultant, Rep. Jerry Torr who authored the Right to Work bill and John Gregg, Candidate for Governor! One final thanks to our 2012 sponsors including:  
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