SLOW START TO SECOND HALF IN THE STATEHOUSE

The second half of the 2020 legislative session got off to a slow start this week in Indianapolis. Draft legislation that passed its body of origin is now eligible to be considered by the other chamber. House bills in the Senate and Senate bills in the House are receiving their committee assignments with activity expected to pick up over the next two weeks. Many anticipate the Session to conclude even earlier than the March 14th deadline.

Lobbyists for the Indiana Cast Metals Association (INCMA) continue to work on and monitor bills of interest to the foundry industry and the manufacturing community at large.

Health Care Reform

Several bills started the session dealing with healthcare and its reform. Billing of patients for charges beyond what is negotiated by the insurance provider is at issue in HB 1004 and SB 3. The bills deal with medical care in general and also emergency services billing.

Pharmacy benefit management would become a licensed occupation under SB 241 and HB 1042. The Indiana Department of Insurance would establish the requirements for Pharmacy Benefits Managers.

Transparency in healthcare contracts would be enhanced by SB 5. If passed, the legislation would prohibit health provider contracts from including provisions that limit disclosure of claims data to employers.

INCMA’s 2020 LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

INCMA held its 2020 Legislative Summit on January 29th in Indpls. Attendees networked and were educated about current issues before meeting with several legislators representing foundry districts. Special thanks to our event sponsors including: Central IN AFS Chapter B&L Information Systems EDF Energy Services Grand Industrial

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FACTORIES LOSE 12,000 JOBS IN JANUARY

From the Alliance for American Manufacturing - Manufacturing lost 12,000 jobs in January, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Friday. Job growth in the sector has been stagnant over the past year. The bulk of January’s loss was seen in the automotive industry.

A recent report released by the Economic Policy Institute showed the U.S. lost 3.7 million jobs to China since 2001. Meanwhile, Commerce Department data released this week revealed that the non-petroleum goods trade deficit is the highest on record: $839.2 billion. Non-petroleum goods exports fell last year by $25 billion.
CUSTOM METAL FABRICATION
- Handrails
- Stairs
- Landings
- Mezzanines
- Catwalks
- Roof Ladders
- Equipment Support Structures
- Pipe Racks
- Structural Embeds
- Material Chutes
- Conveyors
- Vehicle Bodies
- Sheet Metal
- Pipe Welding
- Carbon steel, galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum

GENERAL CONTRACTING
- Design/Build, Plan and Specifications, or Construction Manager Delivery Methods
- Food Service
- Industrial Process
- Manufacturing Process
- Tenant Interiors for Medical Office
- Tenant Interiors for General Office
- Tenant Interiors for Industrial
- Tenant Interiors for Retail
- Office Buildings
- Retail Buildings
- Warehouses
- Distribution Centers
- Manufacturing Facilities
- Additions, renovations, and modifications to existing buildings

DOORS
- Sectional Doors
- Coiling Steel Doors
- Fire Doors
- Fiberglass Doors
- FRP Doors
- Break-away Doors
- Air Curtain Doors
- High-Speed Doors
- Impact Doors
- Clean-Room Doors
- Cooler and Freezer Doors
- Dock Levelers, Seals, and Restraints
- Doorman, Megadoor, ASI, Dynaco, Chase, Cookson, Jamison, Clopay, HCR
- Inspections, Repairs, and Maintenance

CONCRETE
- Interior and Exterior Equipment Foundations
- Floor Slabs
- Door Approaches
- Interior and Exterior Curbs
- Trench Drains
- Retaining Walls
- Pre-Cast Concrete Walls
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Interior and Exterior Pads
- Dock Pits
- Pits and Drains
- Joint Repairs

MILLWRIGHT/STEEL ERECTION
- Structural Steel Packages
- Miscellaneous Steel Packages
- Pre-engineered Metal Buildings
- Equipment Support Structures
- Move and Set Industrial Equipment
- Install and Relocate Racking
- Install Conveyors
- Transport of Equipment
- Selective Demolition

EXCAVATION AND UNDERGROUND UTILITIES
- Demolition
- Erosion Control
- Site Clearing
- Mass Earthwork
- Fine Grading
- Sanitary Sewers
- Storm Sewers
- Site Drainage
- Water Distribution
- Conduits and Sleeves
- Asphalt patching
Design-Build, Turnkey Ventilation Systems

Custom Fabrication

Dust Collector Design and Manufacturing

Dust Collection System Design

Existing System Surveys and Evaluations

Troubleshooting of Underperforming Systems

Drawing Development in Auto Cad

Site Measurement and Detail Drafting

3-D Inventor Drawings and Modeling

Preventative Maintenance Visits

Equipment Application

Electrical Panel Design & Supply

Fan Selection & Evaluation