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The Illinois General Assembly is coming up on its last week of session. Both chambers wrapped up their business today. The House will return on Sunday, May 26 at 3pm. The Senate will return on Monday, May 27 at 4pm. The House passed a conceal carry bill today (SB 2193), however the General Assembly still has major issues to consider. Those include pensions, cost shift, responsible bidder, budget and back pay supplemental, Natural Gas Modernization legislation, gaming, hydraulic fracturing, and conceal carry. This is meant to be a brief update of the happenings this week, on June 3 we will provide a larger update of everything that happened over the next week.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This Week in the General Assembly

- AM 75 – Nominates Roger Poole (IAM) to be a member of the Illinois Finance Authority. *Passed Senate Executive Appts. Committee 10-0. To floor.*
- AM 126 - Nominates Lisa Bonnett to be Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. *Passed Senate Executive Appointments Committee 9-0. To the floor.*
- AM 137 – Nominates Joe Costigan to be Director of Illinois Department of Labor. *Passed Senate Executive Appts. Committee 10-0. To floor.*
- AM 139 – Nominates Marc Miller to be Director of Illinois Department of Natural Resources. *Passed Senate Executive Appts. Committee 10-0. To floor.*
- AM 144 - Nominates Ann Schneider to Illinois Department of Transportation. *Passed Senate Executive Appointments 10-0. To the floor.*
- HB 390 (W Davis) - Closes wasteful corporate loopholes that are costing Illinois taxpayers \$445 million each year, punishing small businesses and draining resources from schools, local governments and human service providers. *Passed House Revenue Committee 6-3-0. Second Reading. Labor supports.*
- HB 922 (Hurley/Holmes) – Requires contractors to keep hard copy or electronic versions of certified payroll records for 5 years (was 3). *Passed Senate 40-10. Back to House on Concurrence. Labor supports.*
- HB 923 (Hoffman/Noland) – Requires contractors for which construction services are performed by an individual, sole proprietor, or partnership to report to the Department of Labor all payments made to those entities if the recipient of the payment is not classified as an employee. *Passed Senate 35-19-2. Passed both chambers. Labor supports.*
- HB 1375 (Beiser/Kotowski) - In certain cases where a deceased firefighter left a surviving minor child but no surviving spouse, increases the pension payable to the guardian of the child from 12% to 20% of the firefighter's monthly salary. *Passed Senate 55-0. Passed both chambers. Labor supports.*
- HB 2245 (Chapa LaVia/Delgado) - Provides that within one year of initial employment and at least every 5 years thereafter, school personnel required to report child abuse must complete mandated reporter training by a provider or agency with expertise in recognizing and reporting child abuse. *Passed Senate 57-0. Passed both chambers. Labor supports.*
- HB 2649 (Arroyo/Cunningham) - IDOL initiative. Adds provisions dealing with investigations and provides for a formal hearing process to resolve cases so as to expedite the process for achieving resolutions and to insure both complainants and respondents a fair forum on a more cost effective basis. Distribute 10% of the civil penalties recovered by IDOL to all affected employees, in addition to the remedial benefits for loss of wages and benefits misclassified employees may be entitled under the Act. Lowers the civil penalties for violating the Act from \$1,500 to \$1,000 per violation in the first audit, and from \$2,500 to \$2,000 per violation in subsequent audits. *Passed the Senate 34-20*

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- HB 3063 (Roth/Bertino-Tarrant) - With respect to a provision that provides that a principal shall not be prohibited from evaluating any teachers within a school during his or her first year as principal of such school, adds language to provide that if a first-year principal exercises this option in a school district where the evaluation plan provides for a teacher in contractual continued service to be evaluated once in the course of every 2 school years, then a new 2-year evaluation plan must be established. *Passed Senate 43-12-0. Passed both chambers. Labor supports.*
- HB 3112 (McAsey/Link) - Amends the School Code to provide that any charter school located in a school district that contains all or part of a federal military base may set aside up to 33% of its current charter enrollment to students with parents assigned to the federal military base, with the remaining 67% subject to the general enrollment and lottery requirements. *Passed Senate 51-1-0. Labor opposes.*
- HB 3125 (Mautino/Forby) - Agreed bill between labor, business and the IL Department of Employment Security (IDES). Gives IDES subpoena power to inspect the records of businesses who knowingly refuse to file UI wage reports (will assist IDES in pursuing independent contractor violations). Pursuant to federal funding, specifies a veteran outreach officer in each full service IDES office and requires State contractors (other than construction contractors) to post job vacancies on Illinois JobLink.com. *Passed Senate 58-0. Back to House on concurrence. Labor supports.*
- HB 3223 (Beiser/Frerichs) – Amends the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act to improve compliant investigation and enforcement. Promotes efficient government and expedites the payment of back wages to workers who are underpaid by contractors. Requires contractors to file the hourly overtime wage rate and the annualized hourly benefit rates; the name and address of the fringe benefit funds, and the fringe benefit fund sponsor and administrator. *Passed Senate 35-19-0. Passed both chambers. Labor supports.*
- SB 9 (Cullerton/Lang) - Will provide clarity and explicit statutory guidance to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to bring it into compliance with Public Act 97-616 and Public Act 97-646 which enacted the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (EIMA), otherwise known as the Smart Grid Bill. Governor's Veto Overridden by both chambers this week, PA 98-0015. *Labor supports override.*
- SB 2353 (Steans/Cassidy) - Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides that a facility which is owned by a chain organization as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shall submit annually to the Department of Public Health a copy of the Home Office Cost Statement required to be submitted by the home office of the chain to the United States Department of Health and Human Services. *Passed House 117-0. Passed both chambers. Labor supports.*
- HR 398 (Jefferson) – Mourns the death of Amedeo Andrew Giorgi, longtime head of the Rockford Central Labor Council. Introduced today, will be adopted on Sunday. Similar resolution will be introduced by Senator Stadelman.
- HR 399 (Verschoore)/SR 332 (Jacobs) – Mourns the death of Richard "Dick" Fallow, member of the Quad City Federation of Labor. Introduced today, will be adopted later this weekend.



REPLY BY MAY 31

Illinois AFL-CIO 6th Annual **COPE Golf Outing** Monday, June 10, 2013

For information contact Terri Payne at terrip@ilaf-cio.org or 217-492-2622.

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Immigration Reform Passes Committee; Illinois Unions Mobilize for Floor Vote

Worker-centered, comprehensive immigration reform is gaining momentum in Illinois and across the nation. Thanks to efforts by the Illinois AFL-CIO and the leadership of Illinois' senior senator, Dick Durbin, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed a strong, comprehensive immigration bill on Wednesday.

The centerpiece of the Senate Judiciary Committee bill is our movement's core demand: the creation of a reliable, inclusive roadmap to citizenship for our sisters and brothers who are American in all but paper. Right now millions of workers are treated as second class because of their immigration status and when millions of workers don't have a voice on the job, all working families suffer.

While Senator Durbin has been leading on this issue, Senator Kirk has been silent. Senator Kirk needs to hear from union members about this critical issue. He needs to get the message loud and clear that sitting on the sidelines is not an option with Illinois voters.

Labor will not rest with the Judiciary Committee vote. Join us to help make sure Kirk hears from working Illinoisans about the need to pass worker-centered immigration reform now.

We have already begun phone banking, signing petitions, and writing letters to the editor. You can visit www.laborforcitizenship.com to learn more and to join this important fight.

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Phone Banks for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

The Illinois AFL-CIO and Chicago Federation of Labor have scheduled phone banks to support Comprehensive Immigration Reform. The grassroots effort will focus on local union communication and direct contact with union households by phone, patching through calls to Sen. Mark Kirk's office. Call Bill at 217-494-4014 to volunteer.

Chicago – IUPAT DC 14

1456 West Adams Street
Monday/Tuesday, 3:30-6:30 pm
May 28

June 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25
July 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23

Aurora – IUPAT DC 30

1905 Sequoia Drive, Suite 201
Wednesday/Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm

June 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27
July 10-11, 18-19, 24-25

Burr Ridge – IL AFL-CIO

999 McClintock Drive
Monday/Tuesday, 5-8 pm

June 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25
July 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23

Westmont - IFT

500 Oakmont Lane
Wednesday/Thursday, 5-8:00 pm

June 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27