

2011 Session Tracking Chart

HB 14 – ComEd Infrastructure

Rep. McCarthy (D – Orland Park)

Monitor

ComEd and other State Utilities have proposed regulatory reform that would establish a streamlined annual process to update electric rates on an annual basis. One feature of the proposal would establish the “Return on Equity (ROE)” based on an ICC approved formula that would provide for returns of about 10%, similar to the ICC approved ROE today. Using the stream lined process, rates would be reset every year and every dollar the company spends would be subject to review by the Illinois Commerce Commission in an eight and half month review process in lieu of the current typical 11 month regulatory review. The new regulatory framework is modeled after the successful Federal Energy Regulatory Commission formula rate in use for Transmission investments.

As part of the legislation, according to ComEd, the Utility would invest \$2.6B over ten years to modernize the grid and provide a smart meter in every home. The commitment would include \$5 million for training facilities. ComEd has estimated that the bill, if passed, would mean an annual average rate increase of about 2% for consumers. Consumers would realize benefits from these investments that would help to reduce the impact of the rate increases. This means that the ComEd rate increase over the next ten years would be less than rates increased in the last decade.

The company would guarantee the creation of more than 2000 full time jobs at the peak of the investment period. Utilities would also be required to set up programs to improve performance metrics by 15% over a 10-year period. Metrics include safety, reliability, women and minority spend and customer service. The Illinois Attorney General is ‘strenuously opposed’ to the bill ‘in its current form’.

4/13/11 – Passed House Public Utilities 23-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 111 – PAYGO Budgeting

Rep. Unes (R – Pekin)/Sen. Raoul (D – Chicago)

OPPOSE

Requires PAYGO budgeting. Provides that if a law requires additional spending from State funds, then the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability must certify to the State Comptroller that adequate revenues are available. Effective immediately.

2/24/11 – Passed House 106-4-0.

5/5/11 – Referred to Senate Executive Subcommittee on State Government Operations

HB 180 – Cemetery and Funeral Pickets

Rep. Hatcher (R – Yorkville)/Sen. Wilhelmi (D – Crest Hill)

OPPOSE

The intent of the legislation is to target the groups that protest at a fallen soldier’s services, unfortunately, this could impact union pickets as well. A negotiated senate amendment coming on this bill will move the boundary back for a picket line to 300 (was 200) feet away from any ingress or egress of the funeral site.

3/29/11 – Passed House 114-0-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Criminal Law 5-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 190 – Charter Schools

Rep. Eddy (R – Hutsonville)/Sen. Righter (R – Mattoon)

NEUTRAL

Amends the Charter Schools Law of the School Code. Provides that of the 70 charter schools that are permitted to operate at any one time in a city having a population exceeding 500,000, not more than 5 charter schools devoted exclusively to students from low-performing or overcrowded schools are allowed (instead of allowing an additional 5 charter schools devoted exclusively to students from low-performing or overcrowded schools to operate in a city having a population exceeding 500,000).

4/1/11 – Passed House 83-20-1.

5/10/11 – Passed Senate Education Committee 9-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 225 – Education Employees

Rep. Jakobsson (D – Champaign)

SUPPORT (IFT initiative)

Amends the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides for pre-professional graduate employees to be represented for collective bargaining purposes if a majority of employees choose to do so.

3/9/11 – Passed House Higher Education Committee 6-4-0. Second Reading.

HB 267 – RTA Funds

Rep. Franks (D – Woodstock)/Sen. Wilhelmi (D – Crest Hill)

OPPOSE

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that Cook and collar counties may opt out of the .25% tax increase imposed under PA 95-708 (HB 656 95th GA). PA 95-708 increased Chicago-area sales tax .25% to fund mass transit. HB 267 exempts taxes that are pledged to repay bonds or other long-term debt. Effective immediately.

2/24/11 – Passed House 90-20-0.

5/5/11 – Referred to Senate Executive Subcommittee on State Government Operations

HB 360 – Adding to State Official List

Rep. Franks (D – Woodstock)

Monitor

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that, for specified Articles of the Act, the term "State agency" includes the following entities and their boards: (i) the Regional Transportation Authority created by the Regional Transportation Authority Act, (ii) the Suburban Bus Division created by the Regional Transportation Authority Act, (iii) the Commuter Rail Division created by the Regional Transportation Authority Act, and (iv) the Chicago Transit Authority created by the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Effective July 1, 2011.

4/15/11 – Referred to House Rules.

HB 582 – CTA Employees

Rep. Arroyo (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Except as provided in a collective bargaining agreement, provides that the Chicago Transit Authority may not have a sick leave, vacation leave, or personal leave policy unless the Chicago Transit Board adopts the policy by ordinance or resolution. Except as provided by a collective bargaining agreement, requires that any sick leave, vacation leave, or personal leave policy adopted by the Chicago Transit Board apply uniformly to all employees of the Chicago Transit Authority.

4/15/11 – Referred to House Rules.

HB 1030 – UI Agreed Bill

Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)/Sen. Link (D – Waukegan)

SUPPORT

Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Amends provisions concerning the definition of "wages" during specified calendar years. Reduces the maximum total amount of benefits for an eligible individual, for specified benefit years starting in 2012, to 25 (instead of 26) times his or her weekly benefit amount plus dependents' allowances, or to the total wages for insured work paid to such individual during the individual's base period, whichever amount is smaller. Provides for an employer surcharge with respect to the first quarter of calendar year 2011 and that an amount not to exceed \$90,000,000 in payments attributable to this surcharge shall be transferred to the Title XII Interest Fund. Creates the Title XII Interest Fund, not be commingled with other State funds. Provides that no moneys in the Title XII Interest Fund shall be paid or expended except upon the direction of the Director of Employment Security who, as ex officio custodian of the Title XII Interest Fund, shall expend such moneys only for the payment of interest required to be paid on advances under Title XII of the Social Security Act or for transfers to this State's account in the unemployment trust fund. Alters the procedure for determining if there is a State "on" indicator with respect to benefits for weeks of unemployment beginning after December 17, 2010, and ending on or before the earlier of the latest date permitted under federal law or the end of the fourth week prior to the last week for which federal sharing is provided as authorized by specified provisions of federal law. Makes other changes. Contains applicability provisions. Effective immediately.

3/29/11 – Passed Senate 45-11

3/30/11 – Passed House 109-1.

3/31/11 – Signed by Governor, PA 97-0001.

HB 1032 – Workers Compensation

Rep. Bradley (D – Marion)

SUPPORT

Eliminates the Workers Compensation system as it exists today. Would place workers compensation cases in the judicial system.

4/7/11 – Second Reading in House.

HB 1041 – Prevailing Wage

Rep. Beiser (D – Alton)/Sen. Sullivan (D – Rushville)

SUPPORT

Legislation will help provide uniform application of federal and state prevailing wages on public works projects. It will lead to a safer work environment by deterring an employer from overworking an employee. It will also level the playing field for responsible employers.

5/6/11 – Passed House 65-52-0.

5/19/11 – Senate Labor 10:10am Rm 212 Capitol

HB 1091 – Public Private Partnerships

Rep. Nekritz (D – Des Plaines)/Sen. Steans (D – Chicago)

NEUTRAL

Creates the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Grants to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority the necessary powers for the development, financing, and operation of transportation projects through public-private agreements with one or more private entities. Includes protections for prevailing wage and project labor agreements on construction projects. Provides that the authority shall not use the proceeds from the sale or lease of existing property (as of the effective date of act) towards a public private partnership. Effective immediately.

4/11/11 – Passed House 66-47-1.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Executive 10-1-0. Third Reading.

HB 1228 – Plumbing License

Rep. Saviano (R – Elmwood Park)/Sen. Mulroe (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Adds a provision that in the event a plumber's contractor's registration is suspended or revoked, the Department shall notify the City of Chicago and any corresponding plumber's contractor license issued by the City of Chicago shall be suspended or revoked. Adds a provision that in the event a plumbing contractor's license is suspended or revoked, the Department shall be notified by the City of Chicago.

3/30/11 – Passed House 115-0-0.

5/13/11 – Senate Licensed Activities 2pm Rm 409 Capitol

HB 1283 – Lakeland Community College

Rep. Bradley (D – Marion)

NEUTRAL

Lakeland Community College is the only school in Illinois that is certified by IDOT to provide training for crane operator apprentices on quality assurance and quality control certifications. They receive a grant from IDOT to perform this service. The Operating Engineers are asking, through this legislation, to have IDOT certification to train their own members through their apprenticeship program. This would leave Lakeland Community College, with instructors represented by the Illinois Federation of Teachers, with no program and no funding from IDOT.

4/15/11 – Referred to House Rules.

HB 1292 – Prompt Payment

Rep. Verschoore (D – Rock Island)

SUPPORT (UA, IUOE)

This Bill would require our signatory contractors get paid faster which would allow more money available to pay members and our fringe benefit funds.

4/6/11 – Failed in House 49-60-1.

HB 1310 – Smoking/Duct Work

Rep. DeLuca (D – Crete)

Monitor

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that the local liquor control commissions have the power to issue a smoking license to certain eligible establishments. Provides that an eligible establishment must be able to document that it has an air filtration system that meets certain standards.

4/15/11 – Referred to House Rules.

HB 1375 – Responsible Bidder

Rep. Beiser (D – Alton)/Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)

SUPPORT (IUOE initiative)

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that, in order to be considered a responsible bidder under the Code, a bidder must submit a signed affidavit stating that it will maintain an Illinois office as the primary place of employment for persons employed in the construction authorized by the contract. Effective immediately.

3/30/11 – Passed House 116-0-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Executive 11-2-1. Third Reading.

HB 1377 – Truck Routes

Rep. Zalewski (D – Summit)/Sen. Raoul (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that local units of government shall report to the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Department shall post on its official website all preferred truck routes under the local unit of government's jurisdiction which are not classified as Class II or Class III truck routes.

3/9/11 – Passed House 114-0-0.

5/5/11 – Passed Senate Transportation 8-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 1422 – Renewable Energy

Rep. Nekritz (D – Des Plaines)

Monitor

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that certain electric utilities in Illinois shall procure energy efficiency products (in addition to power and energy) for its eligible retail customers in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act and the Illinois Power Agency Act. Provides that for non-eligible retail customers the utility shall procure any supply requirements, including energy efficiency products, in the applicable markets as needed to serve those customers.

4/13/11 – Passed House Public Utilities 23-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1427 – Firefighter Work Comp

Rep. Bradley (D – Marion)/Sen. Wilhelmi (D – Crest Hill)

SUPPORT

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that a member of a fire department in any city whose population exceeds 500,000 (was 200,000) is considered an "employee" under the Act only with respect to claims for any serious and permanent disfigurement. Seeks to clarify that firefighters in cities with an increasing population will continue to fall under the Workers' Compensation Act.

3/9/11 – Passed House 114-0-0.

5/12/11 – Passed Senate 58-0-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 1462 – Signage on Trucks

Rep. Burke (D – Chicago)/Sen. Harmon (D – Oak Park)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Gives code enforcement officials employed by units of local government the power to enforce a provision relating to the display of company insignia on construction vehicles while the vehicle is being used on a worksite located within the boundaries of the local jurisdiction. Effective immediately. Defines "code enforcement official" as an officer or other designated authority charged with the administration, interpretation, and enforcement of codes on behalf of a municipality or county. Provides that if an alleged violation of a Section requiring that commercial trucks display the company name of the construction contractor or subcontractor using the truck has been corrected prior to or on the date of a hearing scheduled to adjudicate the alleged violation, the code enforcement official shall dismiss the violation.

3/9/11 – Passed House 71-43-0.

5/13/11 – Re-referred to Senate Assignments.

HB 1501 – Health Care

Rep. Harris (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

- Health insurance companies will file premium rate changes with the Department of Insurance for individual and group health insurance plans.

- Health insurance companies will file in writing any changes to rates or classification of risks.
- The burden of proof for justifying the rate increase falls on the insurance company.
- The Department of Insurance will make a decision within 60 days of receiving request.
- Disapproval of rate increases for inadequate benefits, excessive rate increases, and discriminatory practices.
- Any filing must clearly indicate the percent change since the last filing and percent change over the last 12 months.
- Approval and disapproval of rate increases will be in writing and posted on a website.
- Appeals by insurance company or policy holders must be submitted within 30 days of decision.

3/17/11 – Referred to House Rules.

HB 1503 – Higher Education

Rep. Rose (R – Charleston)/Sen. Maloney (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Directs the Board of Higher Education to form a broad-based group of individuals representing the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, public institutions of higher education, State agencies, business and industry, Statewide organizations representing faculty and staff, and others as the Board shall deem appropriate to devise a system for allocating State resources to public institutions of higher education based upon performance in achieving State goals related to student success and certificate and degree completion. Provides that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2013, the Board of Higher Education budget recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly shall include allocations to public institutions of higher education based upon performance metrics designed to promote and measure student success in degree and certificate completion. Provides that these metrics must be adopted by the Board by rule. Requires the metrics to be developed and promulgated in accordance with specified principles. Provides that in devising performance metrics, the Board may be guided by the report of the Higher Education Finance Study Commission.

4/5/11 – Passed House 102-0-0.

5/4/11 – Passed Senate Higher Education 8-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1513 – Garnish Wages

Rep. Dugan (D – Kankakee)/Sen. Holmes (D – Aurora)

NEUTRAL

Amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. Provides that municipalities with populations of less than 500,000 may make deductions from employee wages or final compensation for an excess payment made by the municipality or to collect a debt owed to a municipality after notice to the employee and an opportunity to be heard. Provides that prior to any such deduction to pay a debt owed to the municipality, the municipality shall certify that (i) the employee has been afforded a hearing, conducted by the municipality, to dispute the debt, and (ii) the employee has received notice of a wage deduction and opportunity for a hearing.

4/6/11 – Passed House 110-0-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Local Government 9-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 1573 – First Aid Kits

Rep. Holbrook (D – Belleville)/Sen. Wilhelmi (D – Crest Hill)

SUPPORT (UTU initiative)

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that all passenger trains, engines, and vehicles operated by a contract carrier transporting railroad employees in the course of their employment

shall contain a first aid kit that contains, at a minimum, those articles those articles prescribed by the Illinois Commerce Commission, for first aid to persons who may be injured.

4/6/11 – Passed House 111-0-0.

5/10/11 – Passed Senate Transportation 8-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 1576 – Firefighter Hiring

Rep. Dugan (D – Kankakee)/Sen. Koehler (D – Peoria)

SUPPORT

Creates a standardized hiring process for firefighters across the state. Allows local governments to continue the current hiring process at the local level. Sets forth minimum testing requirements for firefighter hiring to ensure only the most qualified candidates are chosen for this very important profession. Creates a statewide hiring list administered under the Office of the State Fire Marshal and gives local governments the OPTION to hire firefighters from this list. Exempts the City of Chicago.

4/15/11 – Passed House 75-28-3.

5/10/11 – Passed Senate Local Government 9-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1606 – Brownfield Intermodal

Rep. W Davis (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Creates the Brownfields Redevelopment and Intermodal Promotion Act. Provides that the incremental income tax attributable to a new employee of an individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity that is employed within the South Suburban Intermodal Redevelopment Zone shall be deposited into the South Suburban Intermodal Redevelopment Zone Fund.

5/19/11 – House Income Tax Subcommittee 8am Rm 115 Capitol

HB 1656 – Third Party Contracts

Rep. Bellock (R – Westmont)/Sen. Hunter (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, with the cooperation of the Department of Human Services, shall provide a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2012, regarding the feasibility and potential consequences of centralizing administrative functions, to the extent allowable under federal law, for applicants applying only for medical assistance. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis of centralizing administrative functions in a statewide or regional centers administered by either public or private entities, and an analysis of the impact of removing medical assistance only cases from the caseload assigned to employees in local Department of Human Services field offices that accept and process applications for benefits. Effective July 1, 2011.

4/7/11 – Passed House 112-0-0.

5/10/11 – Passed Senate Human Services 7-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1672 – Employee IRA

Sen. Martinez (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Employers with more than 10 employees that have been in business for at least 2 years and do not sponsor any plan for their employees would be required to automatically enroll their employees and allow employees to use the employer's payroll system to channel the employee's own money from their paychecks to an IRA.

4/15/11 – Referred to House Rules.

HB 1703 – Pipelines

Rep. Reitz (D – Sparta)/Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)

Monitor

Amends the Public Utilities Act. In provisions concerning issuance of a certificate of good standing authorizing a person to operate as a common carrier by pipeline, makes changes concerning the factors the Illinois Commerce Commission shall consider in its determination of public convenience and necessity for a proposed pipeline or facility; provides that an application may request either that the Commission review and approve a specific route for a pipeline, or that the Commission review and approve a project route width that identifies the areas in which the pipeline would be located; provides for a consolidated proceeding for decisions on consolidated applications; requires the Commission to make its determination on any application filed pursuant to this Section and issue its final order within one year after the date that the application is filed unless an extension is granted; provides that the rules of the Commission may include additional options for expediting the issuance of permits and certificates. Makes other changes. Effective July 1, 2011.

4/6/11 – Passed House 88-23-0.

5/5/11 – Passed Senate Energy 11-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1879 – Everify

Rep. Mitchell (R – Decatur)

OPPOSE

Amends the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act. Requires every employer, after hiring an employee, to verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. Provides that, in addition to any other requirement for an employer to receive a grant, loan, or performance-based incentive from any government entity, the employer shall register with and participate in the E-Verify program.

4/15/11 – FAILED IN COMMITTEE. Referred to House Rules.

HB 1913 – Public Utilities

Rep. May (D – Highwood)

Monitor

Increases the universe of rooftop owners who can “net meter”, allowing large buildings to benefit from rooftop renewable energy.

4/13/11 – Passed House Public Utilities 23-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1937 – Food Handling

Rep. Mayfield (D – Waukegan)

Monitor

Amends the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act. Provides that an individual with a contagious disease who works in a business establishment dealing in the sale of food items must disclose the disease to his or her employer. Provides that the employer may not terminate the employee due to receiving the information, but must take reasonable precaution to protect the public.

4/8/11 – Passed House 110-0-0. To Senate.

HB 1943 – Renewable Energy

Rep. Williams (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Requires that 1% of the renewable energy already bought to meet our Renewable Portfolio Standards come from distributed generation, or rooftops. Further provides that at least the following percentages shall come from distributed renewable energy generation devices: 0.5% by June 1, 2013, 0.75% by June 1, 2014, and 1% by June 1, 2015 and thereafter.

4/13/11 – Passed House Environment and Energy 17-0-0. Second Reading.

HB 1965 – Smoking in Casino

Rep. D Burke (D – Chicago)/Sen. Sandoval (D – Cicero)

Monitor

Amends the Smoke Free Illinois Act. In the provision concerning exemptions, includes gaming facilities licensed under the Riverboat Gambling Act, if smoking is not banned in gaming facilities located in the nearest neighboring state. Provides that the exemption shall no longer apply to a gaming facility on and after the date that smoking is banned in gaming facilities located in the nearest neighboring state. Effective immediately.

3/29/11 – Passed House 62-52-0.

5/11/11 – Senate Executive 2pm Rm 212 Capitol - Postponed

HB 1966 – High Speed Rail Public Private Partnership

Rep. Burke (D – Chicago)/Sen. Sandoval (D – Cicero)

Monitor

Creates the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission Act. Contains provisions concerning the composition of the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission. Provides that by November 20, 2011, the Commission must prepare and issue a report recommending the best governmental structure for a public-private partnership to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed rail system for the State. Provides that a follow-up report shall be issued by October 1, 2012. Repeals the Act on January 1, 2015. Adds the chairman of the ICC to the commission. Effective immediately.

4/5/11 – Passed House 74-28-0.

5/10/11 – Senate Transportation 4pm Rm 400 Capitol.

HB 2066 – UI

Rep. Jakobson (D – Champaign)/Sen. Frerichs (D – Champaign)

Neutral

Amends the Jury Act and the Jury Commission Act. Provides that lists of claimants for unemployment insurance shall be added to the other lists (Illinois driver's license, Identification Card, Disabled Person Identification Card, and registered voters lists) now used to create jury lists.

4/14/11 – Passed House 116-0-0.

5/12/11 – Passed Senate 54-0-0. Passed both chambers.

HB 2902 – Electric Vehicle Council

Rep. Williams (D – Chicago)/Sen. Garret (D – Highwood)

Monitor

Creates the Electric Vehicle Adoption Act. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to appoint an Electric Vehicle Coordinator for the State of Illinois who will act as the point person for electric vehicle related policies and activities in the State. Creates the Illinois Electric Vehicle Advisory Council to investigate and recommend strategies that the Governor and the General Assembly may implement to promote the use of electric vehicles.

3/31/11 – Passed House 108-2-0.

5/5/11 – Passed Senate Environment 5-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 2903 – Electric Vehicle Manufacturing

Rep. Williams (D – Chicago)/Sen. Steans (D – Chicago)

OPPOSE

Amends the Alternate Fuels Act. Requires \$500,000 of the amount that is appropriated for rebate programs under the Act during fiscal years 2012 and 2013 to be designated instead to fund a grant program to support the adoption of electric vehicles powered by solar generation. Authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency in fiscal year 2012 and thereafter, to make a grant of \$500,000 to a not-for-profit car-sharing organization. Removed the American Made Vehicle provision. Effective immediately.

4/15/11 – Passed House 96-14-0.

5/5/11 – Passed Senate Environment 5-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 2927 – Emergency Employment Development Act

Rep. Mathias (R – Arlington Heights)/Sen. Noland (D – Elgin)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act. Defines "Advisory Committee", "Department", "Director", "Employment Administrator", "service delivery area", and "Workforce Investment Act". Sets forth the powers of the Illinois Emergency Development coordinator and the uses for funds appropriated for the program. Provides that the Department of Employment Security shall publicize the program and that the Board of Higher Education and Community College Board shall review their policies to ensure that specified programs serve the needs of the economically disadvantaged. Provides that an eligible employer may not terminate, lay off, or reduce the working hours of an employee for the purpose of hiring an individual with funds available under the Act. Adds certain small businesses and businesses that produce energy conserving materials or services or are involved in development of renewable sources of energy to the list of businesses that may be given preference under the Act. Removes language allowing certain government agencies to participate in the Act. Makes numerous other changes. Amends the Corporate Accountability for Tax Expenditures Act to include assistance given under the Illinois Emergency Employment Development Act from the definition of "development assistance". Amends the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Act to provide that the Fund is subject to appropriation. Effective July 1, 2011.

4/6/11 – Passed House 111-0-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Labor 6-4-0. Third Reading.

HB 2987 – Project Labor Agreements

Rep. Verschoore (D – Moline)/Sen. Hutchinson (D – Chicago Heights)

SUPPORT (AFL-CIO initiative)

Codifies Governor Quinn's executive order 2010-3, making project labor agreements a statewide policy. In the event that a non-labor friendly Governor is elected, this will make it PLA's the law, as opposed to just an Executive Order.

5/5/11 – Passed House 69-49-0.

5/19/11 – Senate Labor Committee 10:10am Rm 212 Capitol

HB 3014 – Picketing

Rep. Brauer (R – Springfield)

OPPOSE

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961 concerning the offense of disorderly conduct at a funeral or memorial service. Increases, from 200 to 500 feet of any ingress or egress of the funeral site, the distance in which specified conduct is prohibited

4/15/11 – Re-referred to House Rules

HB 3098 – Workers Compensation

Rep. Tryon (R – Crystal Lake)

OPPOSE

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that no employer shall be required to pay temporary partial or total disability benefits to an employee who has been discharged for cause. Provides procedures for notice and hearings. Defines "discharge for cause" as a discharge resulting from the employee's voluntary violation of a rule or policy of the employer not caused by the employee's disability. Effective January 1, 2012.

3/17/11 – Re-referred to House Rules

HB 3103 – Committee Roll Calls

Rep. Tryon (R – Crystal Lake)/Sen. Althoff (R – Crystal Lake)

Monitor

Requires that, on or before July 1, 2011, the floor roll calls taken by the House of Representatives and Senate and the roll calls taken by each of the committees of the House of Representatives and Senate must be posted on the General Assembly's website. Effective immediately.

4/14/11 – Passed House 116-0-0.

5/13/11 – Re-Assigned to Senate Assignments.

HB 3107 – Gaming

Rep. Lang (D – Skokie)

NEUTRAL

The legislation would increase the number of racetracks in Illinois from 10 to 16, and racetracks could expand their slots. The revenue generated, which the sponsor Lou Lang did not have a hard number estimate of, would be put towards capital projects and pay down existing debt. Lang testified there were 40,000 jobs at racetracks in Illinois and this would help keep them. The legislation contains tax incentives for casinos, cutting the table tax in half. Furthermore, racinos may not be licensed until 2,000 video gaming sites are in place.

3/17/11 – Passed House Executive 6-5-0. Second Reading.

HB 3137 – FOIA Public Employees

Rep. Eddy (R – Hutsonville)

SUPPORT

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Exempts the following types of information from disclosure: the date of birth of public employees, medical and health information of public employees, the names of applicants for public employment, applications for public employment, recommendations and opinions regarding the qualification of public employment applicants, investigative notes of public employees, and outlines or drafts of oral statements, presentations, or remarks.

4/15/11 – Re-referred to House Rules

HB 3175 – 3rd Street Rail Corridor

Rep. Brauer (R – Springfield)

Monitor

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that the State may not obligate or expend any amount, from any source, for any project if the project expands, improves, or upgrades freight or passenger rail service using the Third Street rail corridor in Springfield, Illinois. Effective immediately.

4/15/11 – Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 3219 – Tuition Increase

Rep. Pihos (R – Glen Ellyn)

Monitor

Requires each university to submit to the Board of Higher Education, General Assembly, and Governor an annual report no later than June 30 of each year outlining any tuition increases for the upcoming academic year and listing the closure of academic programs and other cost-saving measures undertaken by the university during the previous fiscal year. Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Requires the Board of Higher Education to publicize the reports on its Internet website and to provide an opportunity for public comment on the reports at one of its regularly scheduled Board meetings. Effective immediately.

4/7/11 – Passed House Higher Education 11-0-0. Second Reading. – TABLED BY SPONSOR

HB 3237 – Prevailing Wage

Rep. Phelps (D – Harrisburg)/Sen. Koehler (D – Peoria)

SUPPORT

House Bill 3237 will strengthen the Prevailing Wage Act resulting in tougher enforcement, more widespread compliance with the Act, and less fraud on public bodies. An amendment is pending on this legislation next week that will incorporate the original bill. It will:

- Change the penalty for violating the Act to a Class A misdemeanor across the board.
- Requires the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) to debar those criminally convicted of violations of the Act for a period of 4 years. Currently, there is no such debarment for criminal convictions.
- Permits state, local and federal law enforcement agencies to obtain relevant documents from contractors and subcontractors. Currently, only IDOL and the relevant public body have the right to obtain these documents.

4/14/11 – Passed House 67-49-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Labor 9-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 3339 – Public Labor Relations

Rep. Nekritz (D – Des Plaines)

OPPOSE

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Requires public safety arbitration panels to base their findings, opinions, and orders upon, among other things, the financial ability of the unit of government to meet the costs "directly related to the subject of the arbitration". Authorizes a circuit court to overturn a public safety arbitration panel's order if the panel was inconsistent in its decision-making when producing the order. Provides that if a collective bargaining unit wants to initiate an arbitration procedure and the elected representatives of that unit do not request arbitration on behalf of the unit, then the members of that unit may petition the Illinois Labor Relations Board for review. Provides that if the Board determines that the petition is a qualified petition, then it shall notify the employer and the elected representatives of the collective bargaining unit that it recommends that the petitioned issue be submitted to arbitration. Makes it a Class B misdemeanor for the elected representative of a collective bargaining unit to intentionally fail to submit a qualified petition to arbitration. Defines "qualified petition". Effective immediately.

4/15/11 – Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 3443 – Insurance/Religious Organizations

Rep. Mautino (D – Spring Valley)/Sen. Haine (D – Alton)

OPPOSE

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code in the provision concerning classes of insurance to provides that the insurance laws of this State, including the Illinois Insurance Code, do not apply to a religious organization or members of the organization when the organization meets certain criteria.

4/15/11 – Passed House 86-10-2.

5/16/11 – Senate Insurance 4pm Rm 400 Capitol

HB 3449 – Direct Deposit for State Workers and Retirees

Rep. Mautino (D – Spring Valley)/Sen. Bivins (R – Dixon)

Neutral

Amends the State Comptroller Act. Provides that State payments for an employee's payroll or an employee's expense reimbursement must be made through direct deposit. Sets forth exceptions, including collective bargaining agreements and hardship. Provides that all State payments to a vendor that exceed a certain allowable limit of paper warrants in a fiscal year, by the same agency, must be made through direct deposit. Exempts the legislative and judicial branches of State government from these requirements. Provides that, if a State agency fails to meet the direct deposit requirements, the Comptroller may charge the employee or vendor a processing fee of \$2.50 per paper warrant. Amends the State Prompt Payment Act. Provides that an individual interest penalty for a late payment owed by the State amounting to \$5 or less shall not be paid by the State, except for certain claims under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, or the Children's Health Insurance Program Act to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Effective immediately.

4/13/11 – Passed House 114-2-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate State Government and Veterans 6-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 3451 – UI

Rep. Mautino (D – Spring Valley)

Agreed Bill Process

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. Provides that unemployment benefits paid by the Illinois Department of Employment Security are allocable to this State. Effective immediately.

4/15/11 – Re-referred to House Rules.

HB 3493 - Wind Energy

Rep. Mautino (D – Spring Valley)

OPPOSE

Each electric utility will annually, during its planning period, provide a 20-year forecast for its eligible retail customers and delivery services for its non-eligible retail customers in its service area. This will allow long-term procurement (and price stability) for Illinois customers of renewable energy, and will allow for recovery through charges for the distribution services. This bill also requires that the electric distribution utilities will purchase renewable energy and RECs in a mixture of long-term bundled contracts (power and renewable energy credits) as well as shorter-term REC only contracts (1, 5 and 10-year).

3/17/11 – Assigned to House Rules

HB 3591 – CTA

Rep. Mussman (D – Schaumburg)/Sen. Mulroe (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions concerning the retirement plan for employees of the Chicago Transit Authority and the pension plan for employees of the Regional Transportation Authority, the Suburban Bus Division, and the Commuter Rail Division, prohibits an individual from being paid any benefits provided under the Code if (i) he or she first becomes a participant on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act and (ii) he or she is convicted of a felony relating to, arising out of, or in connection with his or her service as a participant. Effective immediately.

4/6/11 – Passed House 103-5-2.

5/4/11 – Passed Senate Pensions 6-0-0. Third Reading.

HB 3636 – Lien Rights

Rep. Rose (R – Charleston)/Sen. McCann (R – Carlinville)

Monitor

An amendment to this bill addresses a Supreme Court case *LaSalle Bank v. Cypress Creek*. The bank financed the project, under previous law the subcontractors that provided enhancements were preferred to the extent of the value that they added to the property. The lender was preferred before any improvements made. The court decision maintained the bank's position as the financier of the project over the priority of the improvements of the property. The practical effect of the decision, the subcontractors will begin to require up front payments for the project.

4/14/11 – Passed House 114-0-2.

5/10/11 – Passed Senate Judiciary 8-0-0. Second Reading.

HJR 17 – Pension Task Force

Rep. May (D – Highwood)

Monitor

Creates the Pension Reform Force to assess whether a prospective diminution in pension benefits for current public employees is consistent with the prohibition on the diminishment and impairment of pension benefits under Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution.

2/24/11 – Referred to House Rules

HJRCA 5 – Pension Benefits

Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

OPPOSE

Would require a 3/5 vote (now simple majority) of the General Assembly for any bill that authorized an increase in pension benefits for any state or municipal pension system. If a bill were to pass and the Governor vetoed that bill, it would mandate 2/3 vote to override that veto (now 3/5). In addition, it would require a 3/5 vote by a municipality or other public body to ratify pension benefit increases. Most wage/salary increases would trigger pension benefit increases, thus any union contract with a local public body would require a 3/5 vote of the municipal council. *(In order for this to become part of Illinois' constitution, both chambers of the General Assembly would have to approve it by 3/5 majority, and it would then be placed on the ballot for the 2012 election. If either 3/5 of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election approve the question, it becomes part of the constitution).*

5/4/11 – Passed House Pensions 9-0-0. Third Reading.

HJRCA 14 – TABOR

Rep. Bellock (R – Westmont)

OPPOSE

Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution concerning fiscal year budgets. Provides that the general fund expenditures in a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount of the general fund revenues in the immediately prior fiscal year. Effective upon being declared adopted.

5/19/11 – House Revenue Subcommittee on Finance 105/16/2011 10:43 AMam Rm 115 Capitol

HR 110 – Spending Cap

Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

OPPOSE

Places a spending cap on the Illinois House. The Governor's office and COGFA all have different numbers. It was testified in committee that the resolution would cut house spending by \$1.5 billion, from their own revenue projections.

3/9/11 – Passed House 112-0-0.

HR 156 – Appropriations

Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Allocates the following percentages of available general funds revenues to the House Appropriations Committees: 28.742% to Elementary and Secondary Education; 5.158% to General Services; 8.761% to Higher Education; 50.361% to Human Services; and 6.978% to Public Safety.

3/17/11 – Passed House 111-0-0.

HR 252 – Worker Memorial Day

Rep. Williams (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Declares April 28, 2011 as Workers' Memorial Day in the State of Illinois.

4/28/11 – Passed House by a voice vote.

SB 1 – Executive Appointments

President Cullerton (D – Chicago)/Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

Monitor

This legislation would eliminate all gubernatorial appointees on holdover, meaning their term has expired, yet they continue to serve in the same capacity because no one has been appointed to take their place. There are hundreds of holdover positions. This legislation will become effective immediately if the House also overrides the Governor's Amendatory Veto. All salaried positions would cease immediately upon this legislation becoming law. Non-salaried positions would be given 30 days to vacate position upon this bill becoming law. For those whose term will become "heldover", they will have 30 days after term expires.

AV: Recommends that the provisions of the bill that amend the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and that pertain to a salaried office apply on and after July 1, 2011. Recommends that the provisions of the bill that amend the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and that pertain to an office other than a salaried office apply on and after October 1, 2011.

2/10/11 – Passed Senate 48-0-0.

2/17/11 – Passed House 103-6-1.

4/19/11 – Governor Amendatory Veto

5/13/11 – Senate Votes to Override Veto 55-0-0. House Placed on Calendar Order of AV.

SB 3 – Restructuring Debt

Senate President Cullerton (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Increases total authorized amount of General Obligation Bonds. Provides that the \$8,750,000,000 of Bonds authorized by this Act shall be used to pay vouchers that are at least 60 days past due, medical expenses incurred by the State under its health plans, corporate income tax refunds, and other operating expenses of the State.

3/18/11 – Senate Re-referred to Assignments

SB 4 – Film and Edge Tax Credit

Sen. Forby (D – Benton)/Rep. Bradley (D – Marion)

Neutral

This legislation allows Continent Tire, based in Mount Vernon, to apply for a tax credit that would be used for a \$200 million investment and the creation of 350 jobs and retaining 250 full time jobs. The investment will be used for an expansion of their existing facility. Sunsets the EDGE tax credit on December 31, 2016. Sunsets the Film Production Services Tax Credit five years after the effective date of the Act.

2/17/11 – Passed the Senate 50-0-0.

3/17/11 – Passed the House 90-20-1.

4/13/11 – Senate concurs with House Amendment #3, 53-0-2. Passed both chambers.

5/6/11 – Signed by Governor, PA 97-0002.

SB 7 – Education Code Overhaul

Sen. Lightford (D – Chicago)/Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

Monitor

- Implement a new Survey of Learning Conditions to obtain teacher, student and administrator input about school conditions and effectiveness.
- Require that school board members receive training in critical areas of responsibility, including financial oversight, education and labor law and accountability.
- Ensure that experience and performance are taken into account in layoff decisions.
- Grant tenure to high-quality teachers in a reasonable time frame, as well as establish an expedited tenure process for new teachers who receive excellent reviews.
- Streamline the dismissal process for underperforming teachers while protecting teachers' due process through the addition of a highly-qualified evaluator.
- Improve the mediation process to include a more public disclosure of the final contract offers while protecting members' right to collectively bargain and have a voice at the table to advocate for students.

4/15/11 – Passed the Senate 54-0-0.

5/12/11 – Passed House 112-1-1. Passed both chambers.

SB 21 – Cigarette Tax/Capital

Senate President Cullerton (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Increases cigarette tax to raise \$1.6 billion over 5 years to be bonded and put towards capital construction. The tax would increase by \$1 a pack, and would be spread over two years. The cigarette tax could replace video poker as a source of construction money. This legislation is in response to the pending court case before the Illinois Supreme Court, *Wirtz v. Quinn*, regarding the capital construction plan passed in 2009.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate Executive 9-6-0. Third Reading.

SB 38 – Rainwater/Plumbing Code

Sen. Garret (D – Highwood)/Rep. Sente (D – Lincolnshire)

Neutral

Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law. Provides that "plumbing" includes rainwater harvesting distribution systems, but does not include any rainwater harvesting distribution system or rainwater harvesting collection system unless otherwise required by the Illinois Plumbing Code. Requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to adopt and publish a minimum code of standards for rainwater harvesting collection systems and rainwater harvesting distribution systems by January 1, 2012.

2/17/11 – Passed Senate 49-0-0.

3/28/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 68 – One Day Rest in Seven

Sen. Silverstein (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Amends the Illinois Human Rights and Minimum Wage Act. Provides that the employment discrimination Article and overtime provisions of the Act applies to domestic workers. Amends the One Day Rest In Seven Act. Provides that every person employed as a domestic worker shall be allowed at least 24 consecutive hours of rest in every calendar week. Domestic worker means a person employed in a home for the purpose of caring for a child, elderly person, housekeeping, or for any other domestic service purpose.

3/30/11 – Failed in Senate 19-35-1.

SB 79 – Charter School Commission

Sen. Steans (D – Chicago)/Rep. Burns (D – Chicago)

OPPOSE

Amends the State Finance Act to create the State Charter School Commission Fund. Makes changes concerning the appointment of members to the State Charter School Commission, gifts, grants, and donations to the Commission, a Commission fee, transferring charter school authorization to the Commission from the State Board of Education, State Board rules, civil and criminal immunity, and charter school appeals. Allows the Commission to reverse a school board's decision to deny a charter school proposal based upon certain findings. Provides that final decisions of the Commission are subject to judicial review. With respect to a charter school proposed to be jointly authorized by 2 or more school districts, provides that the school boards may deny the charter school proposal in order to yield to the Commission. Removes provisions concerning funding for Commission charter schools.

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 56-0-1.

5/11/11 – Passed House Executive 11-0-0. Second Reading.

SB 83 – Water Systems

Sen. Wilhelmi (D – Crest Hill)/Rep. McAsey (D – Romeoville)

SUPPORT

Amends the Municipal Code to allow a water system owned by a public utility that provides water to 2 or more municipalities to be acquired by a *majority* of the municipalities it serves by eminent domain, so long as there is an intergovernmental agreement in existence between the acquiring municipalities. *Requires that all work performed on the acquired water system must be done by employees who are members of a collective bargaining unit or by contractors whose employees are members of a collective bargaining unit. The unit recognized must be one that has historically represented those employees.*

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 34-21-0.

4/25/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 115 – Equal Pay Act

Sen. Sandoval (D – Cicero)/Rep. Berrios (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Increases the civil penalty up to \$5,000 for a violation of the Equal Pay Act.

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 36-18-0.

5/18/11 – House Judiciary I Hearing 9am C-1 Stratton

SB 398 – Film Tax Credit

Sen. Martinez (D – Chicago)/Rep. Dunkin (D – Chicago)

NEUTRAL

5/16/2011

SB 4 (Forby/Bradley) contains a sunset provision for the film services tax credit five years after the effective date of the bill. Senator Forby filed a motion this week to concur with House Amendment #3 to SB 4.

SB 398 was filed in the Senate. The language will only take effect "if and only if" SB 4 becomes law. SB 398 would extend the sunset of the film production services tax credit by ten years, and allow future General Assemblies to extend it further by five year increments.

3/30/11 – Passed Senate 53-0-3.

4/8/11 – Passed House 110-0-0.

5/6/11 – Signed by Governor, PA 97-0003.

SB 400 – Construction Stimulus

Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)

SUPPORT (as amended by SA#2)

This Bill is intended to be a private stimulus measure. In the current environment, not-for-profit entities are finding it difficult to raise capital through commercial lenders for construction of new facilities. The alternate is to undertake a sale/leaseback of their property with a private developer, but under current law, this would jeopardize the tax-exempt nature of the property. With a sale/leaseback, as long as the property continues to be used for charitable purposes, the leasee is treated as if it were still the owner for purposes of evaluating the tax-exempt nature of the property. This bill should receive a full floor vote next Tuesday. Currently, there are an estimated \$1 billion in not-for-profit hospital projects alone that ready to be built if private capital can be made available. This legislation contains protections for prevailing wage and project labor agreements.

5/13/11 – Senate Amendment #3 passed Senate Judiciary 8-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 628 – Extending School Year

Sen. A Collins (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amendment filed 4/8/11. Amends the School Code. Increases both the minimum length of the school term and the minimum number of days of actual pupil attendance by 7 days; makes related changes. In the State aid formula provisions, provides that days of attendance by pupils shall be counted only for sessions of not less than 6 (instead of 5) clock hours of school work per day; makes related changes. Effective July 1, 2011.

4/11/11 – Passed Senate Education 10-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 630 – Education Code Overhaul

Sen. Lightford (D – Chicago)/Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

Monitor

- Implement a new Survey of Learning Conditions to obtain teacher, student and administrator input about school conditions and effectiveness.
- Require that school board members receive training in critical areas of responsibility, including financial oversight, education and labor law and accountability.
- Ensure that experience and performance are taken into account in layoff decisions.
- Grant tenure to high-quality teachers in a reasonable time frame, as well as establish an expedited tenure

- process for new teachers who receive excellent reviews.
- Streamline the dismissal process for underperforming teachers while protecting teachers' due process through the addition of a highly-qualified evaluator.
 - Improve the mediation process to include a more public disclosure of the final contract offers while protecting members' right to collectively bargain and have a voice at the table to advocate for students.

4/14/11 – Passed the Senate 59-0-0.

4/25/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1122 – Civil Rights

Sen. Link (D – Waukegan)/Rep. Franks (D – Woodstock)

SUPPORT

Makes it a civil rights violation for any employer to refuse to hire, to segregate, or to act with respect to recruitment, hiring, promotion, renewal of employment, selection for training or apprenticeship, discharge, discipline, tenure or terms, privileges or conditions of employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. Effective immediately.

3/30/11 – Passed Senate 32-21-1.

5/18/11 – House Labor Committee 11am Rm 114 Capitol

SB 1149 – Quality Jobs

Sen. Link (D – Lake Bluff)/Rep. Sente (D – Lincolnshire)

Monitor

Amendment #1 - Creates the Illinois Quality Jobs Act. Provides tax incentives, for qualified companies, for 5 defined business projects: small and expanding business projects, technology business projects, high impact projects, job retention projects, and small business job retention and flood survivor relief projects. Provides that no tax credits shall be issued for job retention projects or small business job retention and flood survivor relief projects approved by the Department after August 30, 2014. Provides that qualified companies include for profit or not-for-profit entities registered to do business in Illinois that are the owners or operators of a project facility, that offers health insurance to all full-time employees of all facilities located in this State, and pays at least 50% of such insurance premiums. Provides that certain specified establishments and employment and service sectors shall not be considered qualified companies under the Act. Provides that any qualified company that is awarded benefits under this program may not simultaneously receive tax credits or exemptions under the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act, the Business Location Efficiency Incentive Act, and the Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit Act. Provides that the maximum calendar year annual tax credits issued for the entire program shall not exceed \$80,000,000. Provides the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity with the authority to adopt rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act and requires that the Department shall report annually to the Generally Assembly on the impact of the program. Creates the Quality Jobs Advisory Task Force to make specified economic determinations, recommendations, and to approve specified Department proposals. Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to make reference to the new Act concerning tax credits.

4/13/11 – Passed Senate 59-0-0.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1150 – Higher Education – Civil Service Employees

Sen. Sullivan (D – Rushville)/Rep. Dunkin (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Restores the decision on classification of employees at state universities to the Civil Service Merit Board, or its executive director.

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 34-18-0.

4/27/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1258 – Transportation

Sen. Sandoval (D – Cicero)

Monitor

Amends the State Finance Act. Changes the name of the State Rail Freight Loan Repayment Fund to the State Rail Freight Fund. Creates the Building Our Economy Transportation Fund. Provides that money in the Road Fund shall be used for public transportation and for the payment of debts incurred in construction of public transportation facilities. Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Law.

Provides that an amount of the motor fuel tax shall be deposited into the Building Our Economy Transportation Fund. Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that a county board or municipality may use motor fuel tax money for construction of public transportation facilities. Effective immediately.

5/3/11 – Failed in Senate 18-31-2.

SB 1322 – Capital Projects

President Cullerton (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

The amendment reenacts provisions of P.A. 96-34 (Capital Revenue) and of P.A. 96-38 (Capital Clean-up) that were invalidated by the Appellate Court in *Wirtz v. Quinn*. Specifically the amendment reenacts legislation pertaining to: allowing candy, health and beauty aids and certain non-alcoholic beverages (e.g., flavored teas and waters) to be taxed at the higher rate of 6.25%, and increases to various driver services fees. Restores the Illinois State Lottery to its status as an independent Department (currently, the Lottery is a division of the Department of Revenue). Provides for the Superintendent of the Lottery to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate Executive 9-6-0. Third Reading.

SB 1323 – Capital Projects

Senate President Cullerton (D – Chicago)/Rep. Mautino (D – spring valley)

SUPPORT

The amendment reenacts provisions of P.A. 96-37, the FY2010 Capital Budget Implementation Act, P.A. 96-34 (Capital Revenue) and P.A. 96-38 (Capital Clean-up) that were invalidated by the Appellate Court in *Wirtz v. Quinn*, as well as makes changes to the Department of Lottery. Specifically, it reenacts language pertaining to: safety net hospitals, downstate hospitals, community health facilities, public libraries, parks, private colleges, school construction, early childhood construction, charter school construction, urban weatherization, fiber optic lines, minority participation in trades, vehicle license cost recovery fees. The amendment also adds the Department of the Lottery to the list of State agencies not subject to the Governor's executive reorganization powers. Removes references to the Department of the Lottery and the Lottery Superintendent as part of the Department of Revenue from the Civil Administrative Code and related laws.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate 33-24-0.

4/11/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1342 – Nursing Plan

Sen. Lightford (D – Chicago)/Rep. Gabel (D – Evanston)

SUPPORT

5/16/2011

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that a copy of the written staffing plan for nursing care services shall be provided to any member of the general public upon request.

5/3/11 – Passed Senate 54-0-0.

5/18/11 – House Human Services 9am D-1 Stratton

SB 1349 – Firefighter Workers Compensation

Sen. McCarter (R – Decatur)

OPPOSE

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Defines "accident" and "injury." Deletes language allowing rebuttable presumptions for an employee employed as a firefighter, emergency medical technician (EMT), or paramedic. Deletes language allowing an employee to secure his own physician, surgeon and hospital services at the employer's expense. Provides that the employer shall choose all necessary medical, surgical and hospital services reasonably required to cure or relieve from the effects of the accidental injury at the employer's expense, except upon a finding by the Commission that the employer's choice of medical care threatens life, health, or recovery, then the employee may choose a second physician, surgeon, and hospital services at the employer's expense.

4/14/11 – Failed in Senate 25-6-28.

SB 1352 – CDB Expansion

Sen. Schoenberg (D – Evanston)/Rep. Currie (D – Chicago)

Monitor (CDB initiative)

Expands the number of contracts that the CDB can bid out as a package, as opposed to bidding each part of construction out individually.

4/13/11 – Passed Senate 35-18-0.

5/11/11 – Passed Senate Executive 10-0-0. Second Reading.

SB 1353 – Department of Aging Responsibilities to AG

Sen. Schoenberg (D – Evanston)

Monitor

Amends the Attorney General Act and the Illinois Act on the Aging. Transfers provisions concerning the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman from the Department on Aging to the Office of the Attorney General. Provides for the transfer of employees, records, unexpended funds, and other matters.

3/29/11 – Passed Senate Public Health 9-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 1416 – Public Labor Relations

Minority Leader Radogno (R – Lemont)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Requires manning levels to be collectively bargained in municipalities with a population of over 1,000,000. Authorizes manning levels to be considered in the decisions of arbitration panels deciding cases that involve peace officers in municipalities with a population of over 1,000,000. Prohibits manning levels from being considered in the decisions of arbitration panels deciding cases that involve peace officers in municipalities with a population of 1,000,000 or less.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate Executive 15-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 1422 – Workers Compensation

Leader Radogno (R – Lemont)

OPPOSE

Senate Republicans workers compensation proposal.

4/13/11 – Be approved for consideration by Senate Assignments. Third Reading.

SB 1511 – Prevailing Wage

Sen. Righter (R – Mattoon)

OPPOSE

Amendment #1 - Amends the Prevailing Wage Act. Defines "compensatory damages" and "actual damages" as the sum of economic and non-economic damages. Provides that any individual, contractor, or subcontractor who has been aggrieved by a falsely filed complaint may institute a civil action for damages, including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, legal fees, administrative fees, penalties assessed by the Department of Labor pursuant to the complaint, injunctive relief, and other appropriate equitable relief. Provides that no public body, including a home rule unit, is authorized to use as a basis for denying a contract to a contractor or subcontractor any complaint filed with the Department or any determination by the Department that the contractor or subcontractor has committed a violation under this Act, unless the contractor or subcontractor is debarred at the time of the bid.

3/17/11 – Passed Senate Executive 15-0-0. Second Reading.

4/6/11 – Assigned Senate Subcommittee on Special Issues.

SB 1549 – Health Care Exchange

Sen. Haine (D – Alton)

Monitor

Creates the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Act. Shell bill.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate Insurance 7-1-0. Third Reading.

SB 1555 – Insurance Code

Sen. Haine (D – Alton)/Rep. Mautino (D – Spring Valley)

OPPOSE

Insurance laws of this State, including the Illinois Insurance Code, do not apply to a religious organization or members of the organization when the organization meets certain criteria.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 52-0-0.

5/10/11 – Passed House Insurance Committee 12-3-0. Second Reading.

SB 1559 – American Made Vehicles

Sen. Koehler (D – Peoria)

SUPPORT (AFL-CIO initiative)

Requires drivers' education vehicles and municipal vehicles to be American made.

3/16/11 – POSTPONED - Senate Local Government 10:30am Rm 409 Capitol

SB 1566 – Illinois Aviation Trades Association

Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)/Rep. Holbrook (D – Belleville)

Monitor

Amendment #1 - Creates a sales tax exemption for mechanical aviation parts sales and service providers. This legislation will help correct the competitive disadvantage for Illinois based aviation sales and service providers. In 2006, it was reported that Illinois loses 3 out of every 4 proposals for aircraft service to states with a more favorable sales tax advantage. For every \$100,000 worth of aviation service provided in Illinois, the state receives \$3,488 in tax revenue on parts and materials (7.75% average tax). The hope with this legislation is to capture 2 out of every 4 proposals for aircraft service in Illinois, creating additional state revenue.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 56-0-0.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1567 – Carbon Sequestration

Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)/Rep. Holbrook (D – Belleville)

Monitor

As amendment #1 - Creates the Carbon Capture and Sequestration Legislation Commission Act. Specifies that the Carbon Capture and Sequestration Legislation Commission shall consist of 10 members that are appointed in a specified manner. Provides that the Commission shall file a report no later than December 31, 2012 with the General Assembly that meets specified requirements. Abolishes the Commission after the report is filed. Provides that the Act is repealed on January 1, 2013. Effective immediately.

4/14/11 – Passed House 52-3-0.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1577 – Hospitals

Sen. Holmes (D – Aurora)/Rep. Golar (D – Chicago)

Monitor (INA bill)

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act in the provision concerning safe patient handling policy. Sets forth definitions for "safe lifting equipment and accessories" and "safe lifting team". Makes changes to the provision concerning the minimum requirements of a hospital's policy with regard to strategies to control the risk of injury to patients and nurses and other health care workers associated with the lifting, transferring, repositioning, or movement of a patient.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 54-0-0.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1578 – Professional Development for School Employees

Sen. Holmes (D – Aurora)/Rep. Mussman (D – Schaumburg)

SUPPORT (IFT initiative)

This legislation will provide access to professional development training for educational support personnel (custodians, teaching assistants, secretaries, bus drivers, cooks, etc) to upgrade their skills and prepare them to assume greater responsibilities in our schools.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 55-0-0.

5/18/11 – Senate Elementary and Secondary Education 9am Rm 118 Capitol

SB 1669 – Bus Drivers

Sen. Holmes (D – Aurora)/Rep. Williams (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Does not allow bus drivers under court supervision for a traffic offense to obtain a permit to drive children in a vehicle. Also places a burden on the school district not to allow these drivers in their vehicles.

3/31/11 – Passed Senate 51-0-0.

5/6/11 – Passed House 110-1-1.

SB 1729 – Healthcare Exchange

Sen. Koehler (D – Peoria)

SUPPORT

SB 1729 establishes an Illinois Health Benefits Exchange to facilitate the purchase of affordable health insurance coverage by Illinois families and small employers beginning January 1, 2014.

The Exchange created by SB 1729:

- Meets all requirements established by the federal Affordable Care Act;

- Is based on a model law adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and
- Was developed with input from all Illinois stakeholders, including insurance companies, insurance agents, healthcare providers, employers, and patient and family advocates.

3/23/11 – Referred to Senate Assignments

SB 1735 – Lakeland Community College

Sen. Jacobs (D – Moline)

NEUTRAL

Lakeland Community College is the only school in Illinois that is certified by IDOT to provide training for crane operator apprentices on quality assurance and quality control certifications. They receive a grant from IDOT to perform this service. The Operating Engineers are asking, through this legislation, to have IDOT certification to train their own members through their apprenticeship program. This would potentially impact Lakeland Community College, with instructors represented by the Illinois Federation of Teachers, and affecting funding from IDOT.

3/9/11 – Passed Senate Labor 9-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 1750 – Nurses

Sen. Crotty (D – Oak Forest)

Monitor

Amends the Personnel Code. Creates the Registered Nurse Registry Pilot Program to be administered by the Department of Central Management Services. Provides that the Department shall create and maintain an in-house registry of extra help employees for certain State operated facilities to improve staffing needs and to avoid the use of mandatory overtime. Provides that the in-house registry shall meet certain requirements, including collaborating with a labor organization that has historically represented nurses. Provides that a State operated facility may appoint a Registered Nurse I or Correctional Nurse I as an extra help employee if certain conditions are met. Effective January 1, 2012. Provides that the in-house registry shall be developed in collaboration and by negotiation with a historical representative of RN stakeholders currently employed by the State at State operated facilities. Defines "historical representative" as a labor organization that has historically represented nurses classified as Registered Nurse I or Correctional Nurse I and that has been found by the Illinois Labor Relations Board to be the exclusive representative of nurses classified as Registered Nurse I or Correctional Nurse I who participate in the program.

3/16/11 – Passed House State Government 7-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 1754 – Offense Against Juvenile Detention Employee

Sen. Mulroe (D – Chicago)/Rep. McAsey (D – Romeoville)

SUPPORT

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Makes it an offense of aggravated assault when an inmate attacks an employee of a county juvenile detention center who provides direct and continuous supervision or who supervises recreational activity for residents of a juvenile detention center. Effective immediately.

3/30/11 – Passed Senate 53-0-0.

5/6/11 – Passed House 110-2-1. Passed both chambers.

SB 1773 – Higher Education

Sen. Maloney (D – Chicago)/Rep. Pritchard (R – Sycamore)

Monitor

Amends the Board of Higher Education Act. Directs the Board of Higher Education to form a broad-based group of individuals representing the Office of the Governor, the General Assembly, public institutions of higher education, State agencies, business and industry, unions, and others as the Board shall deem appropriate to devise a system for allocating State resources to public institutions of higher education based upon performance in achieving State goals related to student success and certificate and degree completion. Provides that, beginning in Fiscal Year 2013, the Board of Higher Education budget recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly shall include allocations to public institutions of higher education based upon performance metrics designed to promote and measure student success in degree and certificate completion. Provides that these metrics must be adopted by the Board by rule. Requires the metrics to be developed and promulgated in accordance with specified principles. Provides that in devising performance metrics, the Board may be guided by the report of the Higher Education Finance Study Commission.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 59-0-0.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1821 – Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration

Sen. Sullivan (D – Rushville)/Rep. Holbrook (D – Belleville)

Monitor

Currently, there is no identifiable permit or approval process for the construction or operation of pipelines used to transport carbon dioxide for sequestration. The purpose of this legislation is to enact a process for applying for and obtaining a certificate in good standing and a certificate of authority to construct and operate a carbon dioxide pipeline in Illinois; and to exercise eminent domain authority, pursuant to current Illinois law, only in those instances where all good faith negotiations with the landowners have been exhausted. This legislation is NOT intended to, nor does it ask the General Assembly to approve any particular project.

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 50-4-0.

5/4/11 – Passed House Environment and Energy 20-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 1826 – Employee Deferral Plan

Sen. Schoenberg (D – Evanston)

Monitor

Amends the State Comptroller Act. Authorizes the State Comptroller to create, administer, manage, and operate a supplemental employee deferral plan to supplement and enhance the retirement income of employees of public school districts and community colleges.

4/14/11 – Failed in Senate 19-30-5.

SB 1853 – Cemetery Bill of Rights

Sen. E Jones (D – Chicago)/Rep. Nekritz (D – Des Plaines)

OPPOSE

Creates the Cemetery Consumer Bill of Rights Act. Provides that consumers have the right to purchase cemetery merchandise or cemetery services directly from a cemetery authority or third-party vendor of the consumer's choice without incurring a penalty or additional charges by the cemetery authority. Provides that all prices for cemetery merchandise and cemetery services must be disclosed to the consumer in writing on a standardized price list. Amends the Counties Code to provide that for any abandoned cremated remains where the owner cannot be located, the county coroner of the county where the human cremated remains were found shall cause the human remains to be disposed of according to the Act. Effective immediately.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 54-2-1.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 1918 – State Tech Employees

Sen. Trotter (D – Chicago)/Rep. Biss (D – Evanston)

OPPOSE

Amends the Personnel Code. Provides that the technical and engineering staff (now, the technical and engineering staff providing architectural and engineering services) in the Department of Central Management Services shall be exempt from jurisdictions A, B, and C. Effective January 1, 2012.

5/3/11 – Passed Senate 54-0-0.

5/11/11 – Assigned to House Executive

SB 1932 - Vouchers

Sen. Murphy (D – Palatine)

OPPOSE

Creates the Illinois School Choice Program, which shall be administered by the State Board of Education. The bill establishes a Chicago-only voucher plan, with the potential to expand elsewhere in Illinois. Provides that any State-certified, non-public school may enroll eligible students and be reimbursed with vouchers paid by state tax dollars. The bill's stated goal is to take vouchers statewide, skimming state tax dollars for public schools in suburban and downstate communities. The Illinois State Constitution clearly outlaws state dollars supporting or sustaining any school or academy controlled by any church or sectarian denomination (Article X, Section 3)

3/9/11 – Passed Senate Education 7-3-0. Third Reading.

SB 1952 – Repeal Labor Arbitration Services Act

Sen. Althoff (R – Crystal Lake)/Rep. Reis (R – Olney)

Monitor (IDOL initiative)

Repeals the Labor Arbitration Services Act. Authorizes IDOL to assist labor and management groups in resolving grievances, negotiating contracts and conducting representation elections through the Illinois Arbitration Service. IDOL receives about 30 arbitration requests each year, enforcement of this law requires a significant amount of time and detracts from the Department's core mission. The same conciliators that conduct investigations under the Prevailing Wage Act and the Employee Classification Act conduct these arbitrations.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 59-0-0.

5/4/11 – Passed Senate Labor Committee 19-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 2014 – Public Safety Employees

Sen. Haine (D – Alton)

OPPOSE

Amends the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that if a full time law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officer, or firefighter suffers a catastrophic injury or is killed in the line of duty, and, as a result of that injury or death, the employee, or his or her beneficiary, is awarded a benefit, other than an interim benefit, under the federal Public Safety Officers' Death Benefits Act, then the employer shall pay the entire premium of the employer's health insurance plan for the injured employee, the injured employee's spouse, and for each dependent child of the injured employee until the child reaches the age of majority or until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 25 if the child continues to be dependent for support or the child is a full-time or part-time student and is dependent for support. Effective immediately.

4/8/11 – Referred to Senate Assignments

SB 2037 – Elevator Safety

5/16/2011

Sen. Sullivan (D – Rushville)/Rep. Pihos (R – Glen Ellyn)

Monitor

Amends the Elevator Safety and Regulation Act. Provides that the provisions of the Performance-Based Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators (ASME A17.7) shall be included in the standards and criteria for licensing of elevator mechanics, inspectors, and installers of elevators. Provides that a certificate of operation is renewable every 3 years (rather than annually) for a conveyance (i) that is located in a building owned and occupied by any church, synagogue, or other building, structure, or place used primarily for religious worship and is the only conveyance in the building, (ii) that is under the jurisdiction of the Administrator, (iii) that is limited in use to 2 levels, and (iv) for which the church, synagogue, or other building, structure, or place used primarily for religious worship has an annual maintenance examination that includes the applicable category tests. Makes corresponding changes. Effective immediately.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 58-0-0.

5/4/11 – Passed House Business & Occupational Licenses 9-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 2039 – Legislative Liaisons

Senate President Cullerton (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Vehicle bill for legislative liaisons legislation.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate Executive 13-0-0. Second Reading.

SB 2148 – Wage Claims

Sen. Jones (D – Chicago)/Rep. Mathias (R – Buffalo Grove)

Monitor

Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Department, when paying a wage claim, shall not include interest if the interest owed would be less than \$5. Effective January 1, 2012.

4/14/11 – Passed Senate 56-0-0.

5/18/11 – House State Government Hearing 11am C-1 Stratton

SB 2155 – Work Comp

Sen. Brady (R – Bloomington)

OPPOSE

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that the maximum weekly benefit if, after the accidental injury, an employee becomes partially incapacitated from pursuing his or her usual and customary line of employment, shall be 66 2/3% of the State's average weekly wage in covered industries under the Unemployment Insurance Act; such awards being known as wage differential awards shall cease when the employee reaches age 67 or 15 years after the accident. Provides that permanent partial or total disability shall be certified by a physician and demonstrated by use of medically defined objective measurements, that subjective complaints shall not be considered unless supported by and clearly related to objective measurements, and that a specified publication shall be applied in determining the level of disability. Provides that temporary total disability payments shall not exceed 104 weeks if the injured employee's medical impairment rating determined as a percentage of the whole person is less than 70%. Provides that the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission may recall a decision or settlement when fraud has been determined to be committed related to the case. Provides that the fraud and insurance non-compliance unit of the Division of Insurance of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall employ one or more attorneys as special prosecutors who shall initiate and prosecute any necessary criminal or civil actions. Makes numerous changes regarding employee intoxication, the Attorney General and State's Attorney, posting information on the web regarding unlawful acts, and other changes.

5/16/2011

3/3/11 – Approved for consideration by Senate Assignments. Third Reading.

SB 2169 – Pipelines

Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)/Rep. Holbrook (D – Alton)

Monitor

Amends the Public Utilities Act. In provisions concerning issuance of a certificate of good standing authorizing a person to operate as a common carrier by pipeline, makes changes concerning the factors the Illinois Commerce Commission shall consider in its determination of public convenience and necessity for a proposed pipeline or facility

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 59-0-0.

4/25/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SB 2172 – Responsible Bidder

Sen. Clayborne (D – East St. Louis)/Speaker Madigan (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT (IUOE initiative)

Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that, in order to be considered a responsible bidder under the Code, a bidder must submit a signed affidavit stating that it will maintain an Illinois office as the primary place of employment for persons employed in the construction authorized by the contract. Effective immediately.

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 37-21-0.

5/2/11 – Assigned to House Executive.

SB 2203 – FOIA

Sen. Koehler (D – Peoria)

Monitor

Shell bill.

3/16/11 – Passed Senate Executive 14-0-0. Third Reading.

SB 2279 – Teacher Pensions

Sen. Raoul (D – Chicago)/Rep. Caveletto (R – Salem)

SUPPORT

Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Extends the period during which an annuitant receiving a retirement annuity other than a disability retirement annuity may accept employment for up to 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in a school year without impairing his or her retirement status. Effective immediately.

4/15/11 – Passed Senate 48-0-5.

4/21/11 – Referred to House Executive.

SJRCA 13 – Abolish Office of Comptroller and Treasurer

Sen. Raoul (D – Chicago)/Rep. Winters (R – Rockford)

Monitor

Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Eliminates the Offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer. Creates the office of Comptroller of the Treasury. Provides that the Comptroller of the Treasury shall be assigned the duties of the office of Treasurer and Comptroller. No Comptroller or Treasurer shall be elected in 2014 and thereafter. *(In order for this to become part of Illinois' constitution, both chambers of the General Assembly would have to approve it by 3/5 majority, and it would then be placed on the ballot for the 2012 election. If either 3/5 of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election approve the question, it becomes part of the constitution).*

2/16/11 – Passed Senate 55-0-0. Referred to House Rules.

SR 25 – Senate Rules/Appointees

Senate President Cullerton (D – Chicago)

Monitor

The resolution will require each appointee to be given a number. They will be designated “Appointment Message 1, Appointment Message 2...”. The appointment messages will be searchable on the www.ilga.gov website. Each appointment message will contain the agency the individual is appointed to, length of term, name of the person and their address, salary and per diem expenses, and the appointee’s senator.

2/9/11 – Passed the Senate 57-0-0.

AM 28 – Doug Scott to Illinois Commerce Commission

Sen. Munoz (D – Chicago)

Monitor

Nominates Douglas Scott to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

3/10/11 – Passed Executive Appointments Committee 7-0-0. Calendar Order of Executive Appts.

AM 51 – Joe Costigan

Sen. Munoz (D – Chicago)

Nominates Joseph Costigan to be Director of the Department of Labor.

4/7/11 – Confirmed by Senate 44-6-2.

AM 73 – Warren Ribley

Sen. Munoz (D – Chicago)

Nominates Warren C. Ribley to be Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

5/5/11 – Passed Senate Executive Appointments Committee 6-0-0. To Senate Floor.

AM 96 – Dan Seals

Sen. Munoz (D – Chicago)

Nominates Dan Seals to be Assistant Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

5/12/11 – Assigned to Executive Appointments Committee.