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Both chambers are scheduled to return 3 p.m. Monday and remain in session through Friday. In addition to final passage of bills, the House has scheduled a Revenue Hearing on Tuesday to consider the percentages allocated to each House Appropriation Committee from the \$33.7 billion available to them for FY 13.

- 2012 Election

Endorsed Candidates Fare Well in Primary

Of the 13 top tier races the state federation focused on for the Primary Election, Labor backed candidates won in 11 of them. The plan focused on live and automated phone calls as well as direct mail to the top targets.

The Illinois AFL-CIO predictive phone operation made live calls for 12 days, logging nearly 50,000 calls. Another 235,000 automated calls were made on behalf of Labor's endorsed candidates.

Additionally, nearly 35,000 mail pieces were sent to union households in the top tier districts.

In the most tracked races for Congress, the winners were: Jesse Jackson Jr. (2nd), Tammy Duckworth (8th), Brad Schneider (10th) and David Gill (13th).

The 8th, 10th, 11th (Bill Foster), 12th (Brad Harriman), 13th, and 17th (Cheri Bustos) will all likely be among the targeted districts for the General Election.

In the General Assembly, most Democrat incumbents survived their primaries with the exception of Annazette Collins, who lost in the 5th Senate District to Patricia Van Pelt-Watkins.

Labor-supported incumbents were helped by a vigorous outreach to union families, including Sen. Michael

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Illinois House and Senate Begin Final Passage of Bills

The House and Senate continue to progress towards the homestretch of passing bills out of the originating chamber this year. While much work was completed this week, next Friday, March 30 is the deadline to pass bills out of their originating chamber.

- HB 3944 (Nekritz) - Clarifies that it is lawful to record a law enforcement officer who is performing a public duty in a "public place". Failed in House 45-59-1. NEUTRAL
- HB 4022 (Nekritz) - Each Class I (UP & BN) and Class II (small carriers) rail carrier must review and update its accident counseling or trauma program filing every three years. Passed House 104-0-0. SUPPORT

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Wisconsin's Anti-Worker Governor Walker Coming to Springfield

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce released details of their lobby day on Tuesday, April 17. They have invited Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to come speak to the business leaders before they lobby in the Capitol. This would be the same Governor Walker who stripped thousands of public employees' collective bargaining rights last year and increased public employees' pension contributions. Union members and citizens of his home state are currently working on recalling Walker. We'd rather he stay in Wisconsin and gnaw on a piece of cheese, but if Governor Walker wants to come to Springfield, we'd like to give him the welcome he deserves.



Right To Work – Won't Work In Illinois: Class, Rally Scheduled April 19 in Champaign

Union members and community allies are set to protest in Champaign on April 19 as Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is set to speak at the Champaign County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner. Daniels recently signed legislation making Indiana a Right to Work state. Right to work laws erode wages and benefits for workers.

Where: Hessel Park, 1401 Grandview Drive, Champaign

When: Thursday, April 19

Time: Gather – 3-4 pm; speakers 4-5:15 pm; march 5:15-7:15 pm

Additionally, the Labor Education Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is holding a class and discussion the impact of Right to Work on workers and unions earlier in the day on April 19.

Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Hawthorn Suites Conference Center

101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign, IL

Call 217-333-0980 for more information.

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- HB 4674 (Rita/Harmon) Extends the repeal date for Elevator Safety and Regulation Act to January 1, 2023. Upgrade requirements for the restricted opening of hoistway doors or car doors on passenger elevators must be completed by July 1, 2014. Passed House 109-0-0. MONITOR
- HB 5321 (Currie/Koehler) - Allows the Architect of the Capitol to sweep CDB's Construction Administration Fund for fees collected within the legislative complex to a newly created Capitol Restoration Fund for improvements around the capitol. Passed House 109-0-0. MONITOR
- SB 2488 (Garrett/May) - Expands the definition of construction speed zone to include an area where IDOT, Toll Highway Authority, or local agency has posted a sign advising drivers that the zone is being approached. Passed Senate 30-20-0. SUPPORT
- SB 2937 (Althoff/Tryon) - Creates the Northwest Metra Commuter Rail District, including all municipalities in McHenry County. Passed Senate 30-19-1. MONITOR
- SB 3393 (Steans/Chapa LaVia) - Changes provisions concerning the reinstatement of a lapsed teaching certificate by providing that lapsed certificates may be immediately reinstated upon payment of fees and penalties by the applicant to the State Board of Education. Passed Senate 54-0-0. NO POSITION

Labor candidates... from front page

Noland, Sen. Dave Koehler and Sen. Gary Forby. Also in the House, Rep. Kelly Cassidy, Rep. Lisa Hernandez, Rep. Toni Berrios, Rep. Pat Vershoore and Rep. Camille Lilly benefited from state and local labor efforts to mobilize voters to the polls.

Also non-incumbents like Mike Smiddy, a union member from the Quad Cities, and Elgie Sims were boosted to victory in Labor-dense districts. Labor candidates lost in the 34th Senate (Dan Lewandowski) and 21st House (Rudy Lozano).

In GOP primaries, Sen. Dave Syverson defeated appointed Sen. Christine Johnson in the 35th and Rep. Jason Barickman beat incumbent Sen. Shane Cultra in east-central Illinois. In other races, Sen. Kirk Dillard and Sen. Carole Pankau survived challenges.

In the Republican Primary for President, Mitt Romney won easily, with 47 percent of the vote. Rick Santorum was next with 35 percent.

Save the date

Illinois AFL-CIO COPE Golf Outing

June 11

Springfield

Call Terri at 217-492-2622 for more info.

22nd Annual Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference

May 30-June 2

University of Illinois-Chicago

Call 312-996-2624 for more info.

Illinois Union Members Featured on Brotherhood Outdoors; Springfield Event Planned

Springfield viewing

March 29. 6-8:30 pm at IL AFL-CIO

Brotherhood Outdoors/Sportsman Channel



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