



STATEHOUSE SPOTLIGHT WEEK 5

The legislature reached a fever pitch this week with the House 3rd Reading deadline last Monday and the Senate 3rd Reading deadline on last Tuesday. Each chamber found themselves working through extensive calendars with hours of debate each session day. As a reminder, bills must be voted upon on these deadline days or the bill fails to advance to the opposite chamber and is considered “dead.” Many controversial bills died on the calendar, meaning they were listed on the daily calendars but weren’t called down by the bill author and received no further discussion, nor a vote.

Of course, our work focused on the **coal bailout** bill, House Bill 1414 as it awaited deadline on Monday. Wide opposition continued and while the Indiana Energy Association is now listed as neutral on the bill, the Indiana Manufacturers Association joined us in opposition to the bill along with the National Taxpayers Union, Advanced Energy Economy, American Conservation Coalition, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club, Hoosier Environmental Council, and the Indiana State Conference of the NAACP. Although the bill was amended, the amendment did nothing to change the broad opposition to the bill. Despite this large coalition of opposition, the bill passed 52-41.

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HALFTIME REPORT

We updated you back in Week 2 on Senate Bill 229’s disappointing move out of the Senate with a vote of 32-18. SB229 is authored by Sen. Victoria Spartz (R-Noblesville) and the bill’s language will contribute to the damage and possible destruction of wetlands by exempting drain reconstruction from the wetland rule. Indiana has lost more than 85% of its original wetlands according to the EPA and we’re deeply concerned this bill will make things worse. This bill is awaiting a committee placement in the House.

HOUSE VOTE ON THE COAL BAILOUT

Indiana House of Representatives			
SECOND REGULAR SESSION	121ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY	FEB 03, 2020	
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Roll Call 169: Bill Passed			
HB 1414 - Soliday - 3rd Reading		Yea	52
Retirement of electric generation facilities		Nay	41
		Excused	6
		Not Voting	1
Presiding: Speaker			
YEA - 52			
Abbott	Ellington	Leonard	Smaltz
Aylesworth	Engleman	Lindauer	Soliday
Bacon	Frye	Lucas	Speedy
Barrett	Goodrich	Lyness	Steuerswald
Beck	Gutwein	Manning	Stutzman
Behning	Heaton	Mayfield	Sullivan
Borders	Hostettler	Miller	Thompson
Brown, T	Huston	Morrison	Vermilion
Burton	Jordan	Morris	Wesco
Carbaugh	Judy	Moseley	Wolkins
Cherry	Karickhoff	Prescott	Young, J
Cook	Lehe	Pressel	Zent
DeVon	Lehman	Sherman	Mr. Speaker
NAY - 41			
Austin	Fleming	Lauer	Schaibley
Bartlett	Forestal	Macer	Shackleford
Bauer	GiaQuinta	May	Smith, V
Boy	Goodin	Moed	Summers
Candelaria Reardon	Hamilton	Negele	Torr
Chyung	Harris	Nisly	VanNatter
Clere	Hatcher	Pfaff	Wright
Deal	Hatfield	Pierce	Zienke
DeLaney	Jackson	Porter	
Dvorak	Kirchhofer	Pryor	
Errington	Klinker	Saunders	
EXCUSED - 6			
Baird	Campbell	Davisson	Eberhart
Bartels			Heine
NOT VOTING - 1			
McNamara			

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from you!*

KEEPING LEAD OUT OF OUR KIDS' WATER

Eradicating lead from Hoosiers' water has always been a priority for Sen. Lonnie Randolph (D-East Chicago) and his Senate Bill 214, calling for mandatory lead testing of Lake County Schools, received wide support in the Senate last Monday. We are hopeful the bill will be transformed into a statewide bill much like Rep. Carolyn Jackson's House Bill 1265 which is also awaiting committee placement in the Senate.

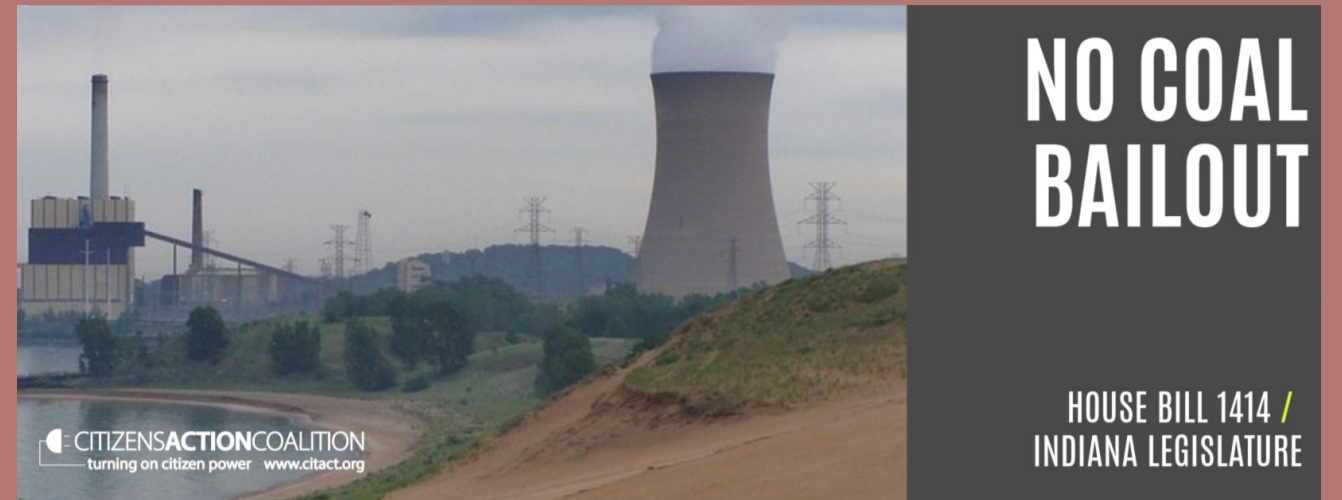
UPCOMING THIS WEEK

- We are awaiting news of which committee will receive the Coal bailout bill, House Bill 1414.
- We are also awaiting news of committee placement for House Bill 1337 which would improve reporting protocols to downstream water users of toxic chemical spills. This bill is especially critical in the Northwest Indiana Region where discharges from industry into Lake Michigan and inland waterways have been rampant. More about the issue here.

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COAL BAILOUT



Click [here](#) to email your legislators about the coal bailout bill, House Bill 1414.

Have you updated your social networks regarding House Bill 1414, the coal bailout bill? Use the hashtag **#NoCoalBailout** and make sure you link here so folks can email their state legislators.

PAYDAY LENDING

Payday lending is an economic travesty that preys on vulnerable Hoosiers. Take action now and call your Congressperson regarding HR5050 which will protect consumers! This legislation would extend the 36% APR cap in the Military Lending Act to **all** consumers.

Rep Visclosky: (202) 225-2461
Rep Walorski: (202) 225-3915
Rep Banks: (202) 225-4436
Rep Baird: (202) 225-5037
Rep Brooks: (202) 225-2276
Rep Pence: (202) 225-3021
Rep Carson: (202) 225-4011
Rep Bucshon: (202) 225-4636
Rep Hollingsworth: (202) 225-5315

Sample call script: "I'm calling to ask Rep XXX to cosponsor HR 5050, the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act. This bill is important to me because 88% of Hoosiers support a 36% APR cap on small loans. Please ask Rep XXX to let me know how he/she plans to vote on this piece of legislation."

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