

LEGISLATIVE ACTION NETWORK WEEK #7  
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House and Senate committees are over. The remaining bills that have passed out of committee will now be heard and debated on Monday and Tuesday by the full House and Senate. Those that pass out of their house of origin will go on to be assigned to committee in the opposite legislative body and the process will begin again.

You can watch House and Senate sessions on Monday and Tuesday at:  
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/session/video.html>

The House sent a one year budget to the Senate. State revenues continue to decline and the budget will be impacted by the next revenue forecast which will be out in April. The final budget will be negotiated in conference committee the last days of the session.

Patti O'Callaghan (ICHS) provided the following from the budget hearing:  
Funding for Individual Development Accounts (IDA's) \$1.6 Million  
Medicaid not cut - use \$1.4B from stimulus  
CHOICE is preserved & protected \$48 M - recognizing long waiting list  
Community Health Centers - \$14.5 M in tobacco settlement funds

Laura Arnold, Issue Advocate-Energy, Energy bills moving on:  
HB 1080 sales tax exemption for home energy assistance  
HB 1415 tax deductions for solar attic fans  
HB 1669 geothermal conversion loans for schools  
HB 1347 net metering and renewable energy tax credits  
HB 1348 International energy conservation code  
HB 1554 Alternative fuel incentives and clean energy vehicles  
HB 1254 energy savings contracts  
SB 300 net metering

The content of the bills listed above can be found at the General Assembly website: [www.ai.org/legislative/index.html](http://www.ai.org/legislative/index.html)

Last weeks LAN Update listed Bionca Gambill, LWV of Vigo County as an attendee at the hearing for SB512. Listing her attendance should not in any way infer support for the bill. My apologies to Bionca.

Thank you to those who attended President's Day yesterday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

