

LEGISLATIVE ACTION NETWORK WEEK #11
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Wednesday, April 15th is the last day for third reading of House bills in the Senate and the last day for third reading of Senate bills in the House. Committee hearings will most likely end on Thursday April 9th.

This past week, LWVIN testified in support of HB1326 which would allow any precinct election officer to inspect Voter ID. There was discussion among the committee members as to what the language of the bill actually changed.

One of the casualties of this session may be the voluntary establishment of vote centers in each county. Several bills did not receive committee hearings and the Kernan Shepard election provisions bill was defeated. It is uncertain whether vote centers will be amended into another bill.

The LWVIN will testify in opposition to SB89-Physicial admitting privileges, on Wednesday, March 25th. Last week testimony was limited to those supporting the bill.

On Tuesday, March 17th, John D. Rauh, Chairman of the Board, Americans for Campaign Reform, visited Indianapolis to talk about Clean Elections. This week three bill are expected to be introduced in the U.S. Congress that would provide significant funding of candidates for the offices of U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative and President of the United States. Mr. Rauh met with the Editorial Board of the Indianapolis Star and spoke before the Rotary Club. A meeting including the LWVIN, Common Cause and the student group Democracy Matters followed to strategize how best to gain support for these bills from Indiana's congressional delegation.

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