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INCMA's Monthly Fax Newsletter

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INCMA BILL VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

INCMA's effort to encourage the use of state castings in public works projects took a major step forward when HB 1496 authored by Freshman Rep. David Niezgodski (D-S. Bend) passed the House Commerce Committee 10-0 Thursday morning. Sen. Robert Meeks (R-LaGrange) introduced SB 96 reflecting the same language in the Senate but may hold the bill in anticipation of the House bill passing over to him. HB 1496 is cosponsored by Reps. Dale Grubb (D-Covington) and Russ Stilwell (D-Evansville). If you would like to assist with the legislation, please contact INCMA.. Log onto www.Incma.org to review the nearly 60 bills being tracked by INCMA this Session. Tracking lists are updated regularly.

07 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE POSTPONED

The 2007 INCMA Legislative Conference was postponed until Tuesday March 6 due to a winter storm that shut down most of the state. Fortunately, all speakers have recommitted to the new date. This date will also immediately follow

the conclusion of action in the first Chamber or the midway point of the Session which will provide an excellent snapshot of what will be considered down the stretch. INCMA members are encouraged to register online if this new date works with previously booked schedules. Special thanks to our sponsors:

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PERMIT FEE INCREASE DEBATE CONTINUES

INCMA, along with the Directors from the Indiana Manufacturers

Assoc., Indiana Builders Assoc., Indiana Coal Council, and a representative of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns all met with IDEM Commissioner Easterly Thursday to discuss the agency's proposed permit fee increases. Lost in the discussion are all references to a fair funding split between fees and general fund tax dollars that was the basis of past fee agreements.

Ultimately, Industry reps. simply asked for assurances that funds would be spent to improve services and not further supplement the general fund. All parties agreed to continue to work to find an equitable solution to long term IDEM funding needs. Stay tuned...

AFS FLY-IN TO TARGET KEY ISSUES

The annual AFS Fly-In to Washington DC will be March 28-30 this year and focus on 4 vital issues to the industry including: Chinese Currency Manipulation; DOE R&D Funding; the Employee Free Choice Act; and Expansion of the Family Medical

Leave Act. These issues all signal significant challenges to the industry and Indiana participation in this year's event is critical. The hotel cut-off date is March 1 and it is expected to sell out. More info. is online at www.afsinc.org/Calendar.htm

STATE HOUSE EVENTS & MORE

During the Session, 100's of groups are vying for legislators' attention. Below is a selected listing of upcoming events by business groups working to influence the process.

IN Chamber Reception -
March 14 317/264-6885

Greater Ft. Wayne
Chamber Day at the
StateHouse - March 21,
260/424-1435 x228

AFS Washington DC
Fly-In to Lobby State
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March 28-30

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