

While the pace picked up dramatically this past week at the Indiana General Assembly, many of the controversial measures have yet to be heard. That will change in the coming weeks.

One of the focal points of this year's session took center stage on Wednesday morning in the House Roads and Transportation Committee. HB 1002, authored by Representative Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso), which addresses long-term infrastructure spending. The bill calls for an immediate 10-cent increase in the gas tax as well as an increase for special fuel and motor carrier surcharge taxes. It would also implement a \$15 annual fee on all vehicles and \$150 annual fee on all electric vehicles registered in Indiana.

After more than four hours of testimony, the Committee passed the bill by a vote of 8-5. The bill has now been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means for further consideration.

Senate Joint Resolution 7, authored by Senator Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek), proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting lawmakers to spend no more in a two-year budget cycle than is expected to come in through tax collections. The resolution passed the Senate on Tuesday by a vote of 43-4. SJR 7 will now move to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Here are some upcoming deadlines for the 2017 Session.

- Tuesday, February 21-Senate/House Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Monday, February 27-Last day for 3rd Reading of Senate bills in the Senate
- Monday, February 27-Last day for 3rd Reading of House bills in the House
- Monday, April 10-Senate/House Committee Report Filing Deadline
- Thursday, April 13-Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in the House
- Thursday, April 13-Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in the Senate
- Saturday, April 29-Last day for adjournment (Sine Die)

Below is a summary of actions taken on this week on key bills included in your Bill Track List:

- **HB 1122 (Critical Incident Stress Management Services)** – Passed Third Reading in the House on Tuesday at a vote of 91-0.
- **HB 1123 (Study of Civil Forfeiture Laws)** – Passed the House Judiciary Committee on Monday at a vote of 13-0 and also Second Reading ordered engrossed. Scheduled for Third Reading on the House floor on Monday.
- **SB 37 (Certifications Concerning Breath Tests)** – Passed Third Reading in the Senate on Monday at a unanimous vote of 50-0.
- **SB 46 (Various Pension Matters)** – Passed Third Reading in the Senate on Monday at a unanimous vote of 50-0.

- **SB 80 (Deferred Retirement of Option Plan Disability Benefit)** – Passed Third Reading in the Senate on Monday at a unanimous vote of 50-0.
- **SB 112 (Hospital Police Departments)** – Passed Third Reading in the Senate on Tuesday at a vote of 45-2.
- **SB 231 (Crisis Intervention Teams)** – Passed the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee at a vote of 9-0 and reassigned to Appropriations Committee.

The following bills on your Bill Track List are scheduled for a committee hearing next week:

- **SB 299 (Offenses Involving Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)** – Scheduled for hearing in the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee on Tuesday.

As is our policy, we have attached an updated Bill Track List, with bills that are of interest to you. Your full Bill Track List is included this week as there are no more outstanding bills.

If you would like to see a full copy of any bill, please visit <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2017/bills/> or let us know if you would like for us to furnish you with a hard copy of a particular bill. As you review the bills, please let us know of any questions or comments you have with the legislation that we may not be aware of.