

2019

Indiana General Assembly Report

Week Twelve

Week twelve was indeed one of our busiest at the Legislature. The Statehouse is the proverbial horse who has seen the barn, running towards *sine die*, or final adjournment, on or before April 29th (by state statute).

CAC attended multiple stakeholder meetings in addition to monitoring meetings of the House Natural Resources Committee, the House and Senate Utilities Committees and the House Judiciary Committee.

We saw changes made to [Senate Bill 442](#) (the study committee language and the public trust fund language was removed by Rep. Morrison, the House sponsor), which was [passed by the House Committee on Natural Resources](#). SB442 deals with the underground storage of carbon dioxide and is related to the proposed [Wabash Valley Resources project](#) in Terre Haute. Our Kerwin Olson testified on the bill, expressing concerns about the harmful effects of carbon capture, both fiscally and environmentally. The bill will be on Third Reading, for approval of the House, on Monday.

An incredibly concerning piece of legislation, [Senate Bill 471](#), which was on the [front page of the Indy Star](#), was heard by the House Judiciary Committee Monday. We worked with an alliance of First Amendment supporters on the bill including the ACLU, Hoosier Environmental Council and many others. The bill [passed committee](#) despite hours of testimony—most of which revealed the bill is in search of a problem. SB 471 has [earned the ire of activists all over the state](#), and is on Third Reading, for approval of the House, on Monday.

After hearing [House Bill 1470](#) two Thursdays ago, The Senate Utilities Committee voted and [passed the bill](#) last Thursday. HB 1470 further protects monopoly utility profits in state code, and acts as a follow up bill to a controversial 2013 bill, [Senate Enrolled Act 560](#). For more on HB1470 head [here](#). The bill will be on Second Reading before the Senate Monday. Monday's Senate Calendar is available [here](#).
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Upcoming Redistricting Rally

March 26th is Transit Day at the Indiana Statehouse. Advocates for transit will gather for a press conference at 10:30am and legislator meetings throughout the day. [Click here to RSVP](#) or learn more [here](#).

Also on March 26th the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in two landmark gerrymandering cases. Redistricting reform activists from all over the state will gather in Indianapolis at the corner of Meridian and Ohio Streets to rally and show solidarity with our colleagues who are fighting this battle at the Supreme

Court. After some short speeches, we will march to the Capitol Ave. steps of the Statehouse to call for a hearing on redistricting reform legislation, [Senate Bill 105](#), that passed the Indiana Senate last month and is still awaiting a hearing in the Indiana House Elections Committee. RSVP [here](#).

Respectfully Submitted,
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