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Memo

To: Ronald D. Earl, General Manager & CEO, IMUA members,
From: Doc Mueller
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RE: Bill introductions in the Illinois General Assembly

As you know, bills have begun to be introduced in the Illinois General Assembly. To date almost 400 bills have been dropped in the House. None have been introduced in the Senate yet, but that will change very shortly.

Attached is a list of the bills we are watching at this time. We will update this report on an irregular but routine basis as the session continues. We will also flag bills of particular interest.

With one exception we have not included any so-called shell bills. These are bills without any substantive language that are usually introduced as a place holder for later action. We are watching a number of shells, but will only list them as their intent become clear.

The exception is House Bill 319, a shell that would amend the municipal code section that deals with municipal natural gas agencies. It was introduced by Rep. Jim Watson (R-Jacksonville) and we will be asking him what his intentions for the bill are.

Other bills you might want to take a look at are HBs 112, 170, 188, 219, 244, and 358.

Remember that, in general, amendments to the Public Utilities Act do not affect our interests, but we watch them since they affect the industry. In the future we will begin to categorize these bills into types (electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and so forth) for ease of review.

Those of you who wish to have additional information on any bill can find it on the General Assembly's web site at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp>

And please feel free to call at any time.