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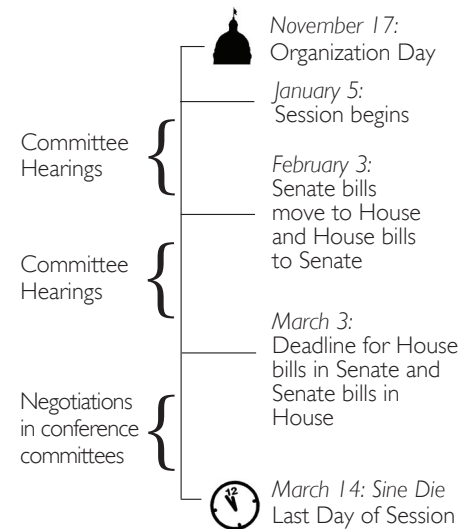
2010 SESSION PREVIEW

The Indiana General Assembly will reconvene the 2010 legislative session on January 5th and all business must be concluded by midnight on March 14th. With many difficult issues facing our state this year, I hope you'll stay connected and share your thoughts on how together we can bring about Indiana's recovery.

Included in this newsletter is a brief summary of my priorities for this session and the top six ways to contact me and track my initiatives.

I am honored to serve Senate District 4, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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FOCUS ON DISTRICT 4



Referendums at general elections: The November referendum on the creation of the Northern Indiana Regional Transportation District cost Porter County \$91,934 and only 15% of registered voters turned out at the polls. Significant savings could be realized if local governments were not required to hold an election for a single issue. This year I plan to propose that all public ballot questions be presented to voters during a general election to save taxpayer money and ensure a greater voter turnout.



Environmental protections: Brownfields, or properties that have been contaminated by potentially hazardous pollutants, can limit community development and threaten the environment. This year I am working on legislation to expedite brownfield cleanup projects, making way for critical reinvestment.

Additionally, a coordinated effort is underway to promote beach nourishment along Lake Michigan. I strongly support the investment in this important local resource and will work to expedite dredging permits along Lake Michigan and Burns Waterway Harbor to continue the area's improvement.

STAY CONNECTED

Six easy ways to stay connected online

- 1. Visit my homepage at www.IN.gov/S4** - Access the latest Statehouse news; browse photos, videos and audio content; download free publications; and contact me directly.
- 2. Watch my videos** - Watch updates from the Statehouse on my homepage or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/INSenDems.
- 3. Sign up for my e-newsletter** - Receive weekly updates regarding legislation, state services and opportunities delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up on my homepage.
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- 6. Track Legislation** - Access daily Senate and committee agendas and watch live or archived video of the proceedings at www.in.gov/legislative.

Not online? Write to me at 200 W. Washington, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or call my office at 1.800.382.9467.



PAGE PROGRAM

Students ages 12 to 18 may apply now to serve as a Senate Page for a day while the legislature is in session, January 5th through early March. Pages generally serve on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Participation in the program is an excused absence from school.

For more information, contact me at my Statehouse office or the Senate Student Services office at 1.800.382.9467, ext. 2-9410.

