

97th General Assembly Legislative Update and Monthly Spotlight–April 6, 2011

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Spotlight: Updating “other” Legislative initiatives.

The Monthly Legislative Update identifies, analyzes, and communicates back to you legislation the Illinois General Assembly is considering which further policies on sustainability. The 97th General Assembly has had a rush of bills we have brought to you thus far in 2011. Very soon we will know which of these bills will have substantive consideration, and we will be keeping you informed on them. But now we briefly turn to other steps some members of the 97th General Assembly have taken to spotlight issues relating to sustainability.

Senate Resolution 142 addressing NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE and sponsored by Sen. John J. Millne urges the United States Congress to restore the funding of the Yucca Mountain Project in Nevada and requests that the spent nuclear waste in the State of Illinois be moved away from Lake Michigan and any Illinois river and be sent to the Yucca Mountain Project as soon as possible. This Resolution has been assigned to Energy.

House Resolution 120 relating to UNIVIVERSITY ENERGY CONSERVATION sponsored by Rep. Chapin Rose resolves that each public university in this State shall report to the General Assembly on its efforts with respect to the use of energy and water at its facilities and have a target goal of reducing its expense footprint for power, gas, and water consumption by at least 15% within 2 years. This House Resolution has been referred to the Rules Committee.

Finally, House Joint Resolution 24 on MASS TRANSIT sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Soto and Sidney H. Mathias requires the House of Representatives' Mass Transit Committee and the Senate's Transportation Committee hold at least one joint hearing to take testimony from the Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Suburban Bus Division, and Commuter Rail Division concerning the provision of a more modern and efficient mass transit system. The Joint Resolution also provides that, on or before December 31, 2011, the committees must jointly report to the General Assembly their findings concerning the creation of a more modern and efficient mass transit system. House Joint Resolution 24 has now been assigned to the Mass Transit Committee.

Get ready for next month to find out which of the many exciting bills we have been following will make it to the other Assembly Chamber, and possibly being presented to Governor Quinn for signing.

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