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Timeline

800 Pound Gorillas

State and Federal Issues
January 5, 2010
Legislative Session Began

March 14, 2010 (or before)
Legislative Session Ends

819 Bills Introduced
242 Bills Alive at Mid-Session
(30%)
Deadlines

February 3, 2010
First House Deadline

March 3, 2010 (Was moved up one week)
Second House Deadline
Conference Committees
800 Pound Gorillas

- 2010 November Election
  Census – redraw districts
- State Revenues
- 1, 2 and 3% Property Tax Caps
- Unemployment Trust Fund
- Local Government Reform
- Ethics Reform
Election 2010 Impact
Declining State Revenues

Q: How low can they go?

A: Nobody knows, but the answer will affect Statehouse activities and priorities.
Indiana 2010 Budget Scenarios July '09 to June '10

Cumulative Shortfall $ Millions

- $1,200
- $1,000
- $800
- $600
- $400
- $200
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Continue
Flatline
Flat then growth
Budget
1-2-3% Property Tax Caps in the State Constitution

SJR 1
Year 1 (2008): passed S 40-7 and H 79-20
Year 2 (2009): not voted on in House
Year 3 (2010): Passed
November 2010 election - referendum
Unemployment Trust Fund

- Ran out of money in November 2008; currently borrowing money from federal government.
- $1,500,000,000 borrowed from federal government by end of 2009.
- Negotiations between House/Senate
Local Government Reform

• Reform Township Government - Referendum or Legislation?

• Numerous Options:
  • Anti-nepotism
  • Conflict of interest
  • Better reporting/transparency
Ethics Reform

Indiana Newspapers Crusade (>25)

HB1001 - Lobbyists; campaign contributions. (Bauer)

Conditions:

- Legislators ➔ One-year “time-out”
- Executive Branch ➔ One-year “time-out”
- Reportable expense from $100 to $50
HB1094 *Net metering*. (Dvorak) **Died**
SB0313 *Net metering*. (Merritt) **Moving**
HB1063 *Energy efficient buildings*. (Pierce, Gard, Tallian) **Died**
HB1261 *Agricultural biomass infrastructure grants*. (Friend) **Moving**
Cont. Energy/Utility Issues

- **HB1265**  *Coal bed methane property.*  
  (Battles) Study Committee

- **SB0115**  *Eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipeline.*  
  (Gard, Battles) Died

- **SB0186**  *Transportation of radioactive materials.*  
  (Wyss, Arnold, Tincher) Moving

- **SB0299**  *Agricultural biomass infrastructure grants.*  
  (Hershman, Grubb) Moving (but...)
Federal Issues

- Climate Change/Carbon – likely not moving in 2010 but…

- EPA is moving a CO2 regulation

- Obama seems to be pushing nuclear with loan guarantees