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Amendment to Exclude Electric Generation Equipment from Public Utility Tangible Personal Property Tax under Discussion

A draft bill to exclude electric generation equipment from the public utility tangible personal property (PUTP) tax is being circulated among legislators, electric utilities and local government groups. CCAO understands that legislation may be introduced within the next few days.

The bill draft would exclude electric generation equipment from the PUTP, increase the kilowatt hour tax (KWH) by 16.5 percent and provide for reimbursement payments to school districts and local governments for 15 years (until 2032). Local taxing districts would be reimbursed based on 100 percent of lost revenues until 2022, 80 percent of lost revenues from 2022 – 2026, and 13.3 percentage points per year until reaching zero in calendar 2032. For purposes of making reimbursement payments, 9.0 percent of total KWH tax revenues are to be deposited in School District Property Tax Replacement Fund and 3.8 percent are to be deposited in Local Government Property Tax Replacement Fund. Beginning in 2032, all KWH revenue would be deposited in the state general revenue fund.



Counties with the largest electric utility plants that stand to be most impacted include: Adams, Butler, Clermont, Coshocton, Defiance, Gallia, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Muskingum, Ottawa, Pickaway, Sandusky, Van Wert, Vinton, Washington, and Wood. The map displays counties with the largest electric utility

plants that stand to lose the most property valuation and property tax revenue due to elimination of PUTP on electric generation equipment.

During the recent budget process, language was added to the state budget (HB 64) which would have eliminated the PUTP on electric generating equipment and raised property taxes on electric distribution and transmission property in order to reimburse local governments for lost property tax revenue. This budget language was believed to be constitutionally flawed and was vetoed by the governor with the understanding as conveyed in the Governor's veto message that he would consider signing provisions with the same legislative intent if the constitutional flaws were addressed and the language was better vetted.

Among the problems with the proposed phase out of PUTP on electric generating equipment include: it reduces in some cases dramatically the assessed valuation of property upon which property taxes and services are based, in taxing districts that are heavily electric power plant dependent it raises legitimate questions about whether current revenue streams may be sustained once the phase out begins, and it shifts the burden for funding local services from utility taxpayers to homeowners and other businesses.

CCAO encourages county commissioners from counties that have large electric utility plants to work with their county auditors and other local officials to better understand which taxing districts will be most directly impacted by the proposed phase out of PUTP on electric generating equipment. Commissioners may also want to share any information on the impact of these proposed changes with their members in the General Assembly.

County officials with questions regarding this issue are encouraged to contact CCAO Staffers Brad Cole or Cheryl Subler at bcole@ccao.org and csubler@ccao.org respectively.

Unemployment Reform Bill receives first Hearing



Rep. Sears

A major overhaul of the state's unemployment insurance system designed to provide solvency and stability will increase the taxable wage base for employers and reduce workers' eligibility for benefits. [Rep. Bob Hackett](#) (R-London), chairman of the House Insurance Committee, called the legislation ([HB 394](#)) introduced by [Rep. Barbara Sears](#) (R-Maumee) a "landmark-type bill."

"It is important that we ensure a structural sound unemployment insurance compensation program to lend consistency to our businesses, to allow us to move our unemployment system to an employment system," Rep. Sears said Tuesday in sponsor testimony before the House Insurance Committee.

However, Policy Matters Ohio, while acknowledging the need to overhaul the system, blasted the proposal, saying it will "dramatically reduce benefits and create new hurdles to get them in the first place." Ohio AFL-CIO President Tim Burga also slammed the proposal, saying Ohio workers "will be disproportionately hurt by this lopsided bill."

Andrew Doehrel, president and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, last week characterized the legislation as "a good step forward," saying it is a major step in trying to balance the interests of workers and businesses.

Under the bill, the taxable wage base on which employers pay state unemployment taxes will rise from \$9,000 to \$11,000 until the Unemployment Compensation Fund reached the minimum safe level, which is the lowest amount in the fund for it to be considered solvent, according to a term sheet released by Rep. Sears. Based on current projections, the fund would not reach the minimum safe level until just before 2025. Once the minimum safe level is reached, the taxable wage base returns to \$9,000 and the new employer rate for non-construction employers falls from 2.7% to 1%.

On the employee side, if the Unemployment Compensation Fund is at or below 50% of the minimum safe level, the maximum weekly benefits are frozen at the prior year's level. Based on the project fund balance, Legislative Service Commission analysis anticipates the freeze to go into effect on Jan. 1, 2018. The bill will also reduce the maximum number of weeks a claimant may receive benefits from the current 26 weeks to a range of 12 to 20 weeks, depending on the state unemployment rate at the time the application is filed. Unemployment claims will also be denied under the bill if an employee has three "no-call, no shows" or if he or she is terminated due to the violation of the terms of an employee handbook.

For copies of the committee testimony and additional documents on this legislation, please visit the House Insurance Committee [website](#) and click on the November 10, 2015 Hearing.

While the bill will not serve to speed up the process by which the state retires the debt it owes to the federal government for borrowing for the program during the Great Recession, it will provide solvency that should prevent additional borrowing in the future, according to Rep. Sears.

The state currently owes about \$775 million, down from the \$1.6 billion it originally borrowed. The debt is expected to be retired in 2017, after which the increase in the taxable wage base would go into effect. "Because Ohio is (in its) 22nd consecutive month under the national average with a current unemployment rate of 4.5%, now is the time to make the structural changes necessary to prepare Ohio for the next downturn in the economy," Rep. Sears said.

Other changes in the bill include:

- A requirement that individuals who apply for benefits submit to a drug test as part of the eligibility determination if there is reasonable cause to suspect the individual has used drugs and lost a previous job due to drug use.
- Changes the "base period" to be eligible to file a claim from earned wages in the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters to earned wages in at least three of the four calendar quarters
- A more narrow definition of "unreasonable distance" for those collecting benefits who have been offered work.

For more information regarding this legislation please contact CCAO Staffer Cheryl Subler at csubler@ccao.org.

Ohio Ballot Board Divides proposed Clean Energy Amendment into Two Issues



Secretary of State Husted

The Ballot Board on Tuesday voted 3-1 to split the Ohio Clean Energy Initiative - an issue the board has previously found as a single issue three separate times - into two separate ballot issues. The proposal, which emerged this year for the fifth time, would spend \$13 billion in bond money for green energy projects - \$1.3 billion a year for 10 years.

But on Tuesday, board members zeroed in on a new section in the proposal that would enable supporters to correct any legal challenges in the language by offering new language that would require collecting only a fraction of the signatures currently required under the ballot process. At issue was Section J of [the proposal](#), which states that if any part of the proposal is deemed invalid or voided, the group or its designated successor "shall be permitted to submit subsequent petitions, considered by the petitioner to repair deemed invalid or voided portions of the section, to the Secretary of State, signed by 1,000 electors, to be certified within 10 days, to appear on the next statewide ballot."

"The purpose of this is that when we amend the constitution you cannot always anticipate all the circumstances that may then come up especially on something that's complicated like bond law, which is what we're dealing with here," election attorney Don McTigue, who's representing the petition's backers, told the board. "The petitioners have sought to include a provision to be able to address any provision that is held void by the courts and be able to achieve then in an expeditious process a correction or a remedy."

The new section proved a sticking point for [Secretary of State Jon Husted](#), Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) and member William Morgan, who voted to separate Section J into a separate issue. "They threw in an entirely new section this time that gives them a unique opportunity to effectively amend another section of the constitution within this amendment to give them the ability to have access to the ballot in a way that nobody else has," Mr. Husted said following the meeting.

[Rep. Kathleen Clyde](#) (D-Kent) voted against separating the issues. "I think splitting it up splits up a single issue and adds confusion to the voting process and the Ohio ballot," Rep. Clyde said.

Backers now must either collect 305,591 valid signatures for each ballot item - one consisting of Sections A-I and another consisting of Section J - or contest the board's ruling before the Supreme Court. Mr. McTigue told media he has yet to discuss with his clients which avenue they will pursue.

Should supporters earn the required signatures, the ballot board would then have to determine whether the initiative would apply to the recently passed Issue 2, which is aimed at preventing monopolies from being placed into the constitution. Mr. Husted said he believes Issue 2 would apply in this case.

If the board agrees with him, voters could presumably see three separate questions on the issue on the 2016 ballot: one asking voters whether the anti-monopoly provision should be disregarded in this case, a second to approve Sections A-I of the proposal, and a third to approve Section J.

For more information regarding this legislation please contact CCAO Staffer Brian Mead at bmead@ccao.org.

Casino and Racino Revenue increases in October

Aside from a few outliers, October revenue among Ohio's casinos and racinos took an upturn, according to [figures](#) released Monday by the Casino Control Commission. Statewide casino revenue jumped by nearly \$2.5 million in October with a pair of casinos - Hollywood Columbus and Toledo - showing a slight decrease in net revenue.

Meanwhile, six of Ohio's seven racinos, which operate video lottery terminals, posted a net revenue increase totaling about \$2.1 million over September's numbers. ([VTL Revenue Reports](#)) Those increases come following two consecutive months of declining statewide revenue for both casinos and racinos.

In September, statewide casino revenue was at \$64 million, down from \$69 million in July. And video lottery terminal revenue in September had dropped to \$67 million from \$73 million in July. At casinos, \$45.4 million in adjusted gross revenue came from slot machines with another \$21.2 million coming from table games, the state reported. Both Horseshoe casinos saw revenue increases, while Hollywood casinos saw slight decreases totaling \$247,313.

Adjusted gross revenue at Horseshoe Cincinnati increased \$626,212 last month, giving the casino total year-to-date revenue of \$162 million, state data show. Revenue at the companion Horseshoe Cleveland fared better, jumping \$2 million over September's numbers for a total haul of \$17.9 million in October - giving the casino a year-to-date total of \$177.4 million in revenue. Revenue dropped at Hollywood casinos with Hollywood Columbus bringing in \$63,313 less than in September and Hollywood Toledo bringing in about \$184,000 less than in September. Those casinos have taken in year-to-date revenue of \$174.7 million and \$161.5 million, respectively.

For their part, racinos showed net revenue of \$69.9 million, according to the state. Among racinos, only Hard Rock racino saw a decrease in "credits played" - dropping from \$195.2 million in September to \$185.2 million last month. Overall the racino saw \$17.3 million in net revenue, a \$339,000 decrease from September.

Thistledown and Miami Valley racinos showed the largest increases in credits played - each increasing by about \$10.1 million in October. Those racinos showed net revenue of \$9.1 million and \$10.5 million respectively - up from \$8.3 million and \$9.7 million in September. Of the total racino profit statewide, \$46.2 million will go to the Racino Commission, \$23.4 million to Ohio Lottery and \$232,626 to problem gambling services.

Also in Casino News: Possible change to Promotional Play Credits and Queen of Hearts

[Sen. Bill Coley](#) remains unconvinced that providing more than \$100 million in free promotional play credits to casinos benefits the state of Ohio. It's a key question for the Liberty Township Republican's Permanent Joint Committee on Gaming and Wagering, which is headed toward the issuance of a December report advising the General Assembly on the casino and gaming industry.



Casino owners Spectrum Gaming, Penn Gaming and Rock Gaming all submitted written testimony for the committee's second meeting Tuesday, each lobbying against a move to tax those promotional credits. But their testimony did not, Sen. Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) said, provide satisfactory specifics on just how taxing those credits would harm the state or its taxpayers. Neither did they attend the hearing in person to allow for follow up questions - which Sen. Coley said only reinforced his position. "Nothing says you're right more than nobody telling you you're wrong," Sen. Coley said in an interview following the meeting. "I get it that they love through March \$165 million of free promotions in the state but when we point out they can show no benefit to the state from that they don't argue with us. They just say, 'We really like it.'"

Equine Agricultural Coalition general counsel David Paragas testified in person before the committee, saying that racinos would be "particularly sensitive" to a tax on promotional play credits because the market is still maturing. His group includes three racinos: Belterra Park, Scioto Downs and Miami Valley Gaming and Racing. "It is hard to overstate the importance of promotional play credits because they are the most effective way to create and maintain customers," Mr. Paragas said. "Gaming establishments currently receive at least a \$5 return for every \$1 of promotional credit invested."

Queen of Hearts: Austintown Trustee Ken Carano testified before the committee on the community's runaway game of Queen Hearts that generated national headlines earlier this year. By the end of the months-long saga, the Queen of Hearts game at Barry Dyngles Pub in Austintown had generated a \$1.8 million prize. The winner was named early last month, taking home a \$1,804,079 jackpot - about \$700,000 of which was taken for taxes.

Before that, the game hadn't topped \$400,000 anywhere in the state, according to Mr. Carano. He called the recent game a "blessing and a hindrance" in that it boosted the area's economy but proved a safety and logistical concern as people flooded in from out of the area for a chance to win.

The success of the game prompted questions about the game's lack of oversight from lawmakers, statewide officials, and the media. "I understand your situation because...there really are no rules," Mr. Carano, a former state representative, said. "But I ask you to be very, very diligent with the idea that if you're going to set up rules to set them up (in a way) that you don't squelch all the other 50/50 drawings, football pools and other pools that people have in their schools and everywhere else."

Following the meeting, Sen. Coley said he's leaning toward a committee recommendation to expand the Casino Control Commission's authority to oversee Queen of Hearts.

For more information regarding this legislation please contact CCAO Staffer John Leutz jleutz@ccao.org.

Bills Introduced



SB 240 FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS (Eklund, J.) To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one; and to make an appropriation. Am. 2151.353, 5101.141, and 5103.30 and to enact sections 5101.1411, 5101.1412, 5101.1413, and 5101.1414

SR 256 LAKE ERIE (Brown, E.) To encourage support for the agreement reached between Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio regarding the reduction of phosphorous in the western basin of Lake Erie.

HB 394 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Sears, B.) To temporarily change the taxable wage base under Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, to remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, to temporarily freeze automatic increases for weekly unemployment compensation benefit amounts, to reduce the number of weeks for which an individual may receive unemployment compensation benefits, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and to make other changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law. Am. To amend sections 145.012, 4123.56, 4141.01, 4141.131, 4141.24, 4141.25, 4141.28, 4141.29, 4141.291, 4141.292, 4141.30, 4141.31, 4141.312, 4141.35, 4141.43, and 4141.53; to enact sections 4141.02, 4141.251, and 4141.294; and to repeal section 4141.08

Hearing Schedule



Monday, November 16

Sunset Review Committee (Committee Record), (Chr. **Brown, T.**, 466-8104), Rm. 313, 3:00 pm

- Agency reports from Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Council, Grape Industries Committee, Lake Erie Commission, Armory Board of Control, Ohio Military Facilities Commission, Veterans Advisory Committee, War Orphans Scholarship Board, Development Financing Advisory Council, Credit Union Council, Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission, Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force, Multi-Agency Radio Communications System Steering Committee, State Audit Committee, Forestry Advisory Council, Geology Advisory Council, Farmland Preservation Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 17

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record), (Chr. **Terhar, L.**, 466-8258), Rm. 122, 10:00 am

HB 303 DEED PROGRAM (Dever, J., McColley, R.) To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed Program. --2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute

House Local Government (Committee Record), (Chr. **Anielski, M.**, 644-6041), Rm. 018, 10:00 am

HB 302 ANNEXATION (Henne, M., Butler, J.) To provide that, beginning five years after a type-II annexation is

approved, the annexed territory is subject to a fire, police, or EMS tax levy only if the levy is imposed by the subdivision that provides the fire, police, or EMS service to the territory. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 231

PROPERTY VALUATIONS ([Grossman, C.](#), [McClain, J.](#)) To require counties, municipal corporations, townships, and school boards that file complaints against the valuation of property they do not own to pass a resolution approving the complaint and specifying the compensation paid to any person retained to represent the county, municipal corporation, township, or school board in the matter of the complaint. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 335

COURT JURISDICTION ([Craig, H.](#), [Grossman, C.](#)) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 252

TREASURER FEES ([Hackett, B.](#), [Ryan, S.](#)) To adjust the fees allowed to county treasurers for collecting property taxes. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 277

911 LEVIES ([Brenner, A.](#)) To authorize a county, township, or municipal corporation to impose a 9-1-1 system levy in only the portion of the subdivision that would be served by the 9-1-1 system. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 361

COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING ([Brenner, A.](#)) To authorize boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners to expend funds for the public purpose of presenting community events in their parks and at other recreational facilities. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

House Government Accountability & Oversight ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Brown, T.](#), 466-8104), Rm. 121, 11:00 am

HB 359

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY ([Duffey, M.](#), [Gonzales, A.](#)) To create the address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, sexual battery and other crimes. --**2nd Hearing-Proponent**

House Ways & Means ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [McClain, J.](#), 644-6265), Rm. 116, 11:00 am

HB 166

TAX LAWS ([Green, D.](#)) To extend the deadline for filing an application for the homestead exemption or 2 1/2% property tax rollback to the end of the tax year, to require that auditors certify Local Government Fund allocations to subdivisions by regular or electronic, rather than certified mail, and to repeal laws requiring county auditors to issue permits for traveling shows, issue licenses for new merchandise public auctions, certify the annual state tax interest rate to local courts, and provide certain certifications related to the repealed personal property tax. --**4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**

HB 272

TAX EXEMPTION ([Johnson, G.](#), [Sykes, E.](#)) To exempt from sales and use tax the sale of tampons and other feminine hygiene products associated with menstruation. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

House Session, (Chr. [Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 pm

House Energy & Natural Resources ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Landis, A.](#), 466-8035), Rm. 017, 2:00 pm or after session

HB 349

EMISSIONS PLAN ([Smith, R.](#), [Ginter, T.](#)) To require the Environmental Protection Agency to submit a state plan governing carbon dioxide emissions to the General Assembly prior to submitting it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and to declare an emergency. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HCR 24

CLEAN WATER ([Rezabek, J.](#), [Ginter, T.](#)) To encourage the United States Senate to take legislative action opposing a clean water rule proposed by the United States EPA. --**2nd Hearing-All testimony**

Senate Session, (Chr. [Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 2:30 pm

House Transportation & Infrastructure ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Boose, T.](#), 466-9628), Rm. 018, 2:30 pm or after session

HB 58

WASTE VEHICLES ([Cera, J.](#), [Rogers, J.](#)) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside. --**4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment & vote**

House Judiciary ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Butler, J.](#), 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 pm 2015)

SB 181

FIDUCIARY DUTIES ([Obhof, L.](#), [Schiaivoni, J.](#)) To prescribe the fiduciary duties of corporate and limited liability company officers, to specify that officers are not required for limited liability companies, to permit a written waiver or elimination of the fiduciary duties of limited liability company members, managers, or officers, to clarify when a limited liability company manager's or officer's duties can be the same as a member's duties, to declare the policy of the Limited Liability Company Law generally to give maximum

effect to freedom of contract, and to make other changes regarding corporations and limited liability companies. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 363 JUVENILE HEARINGS ([Reece, A.](#)) To require restraints to be removed from an alleged or adjudicated delinquent child prior to the commencement of a juvenile court hearing or proceeding unless the court determines that the use of restraints is necessary to prevent physical harm to the child or another person or to prevent the child from escaping. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

HB 347 CIVIL FORFEITURES ([McColley, R.](#), [Brinkman, T.](#)) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute

Wednesday, November 18

Senate Government Oversight & Reform ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Coley, B.](#), 466-8072), South Hearing Rm., 8:45 am

SB 204 DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSIONS ([Seitz, B.](#)) To make the suspension of an offender's driver's license for a violation of specified drug offenses discretionary rather than mandatory, to authorize a court to terminate a driver's license suspension imposed for specified drug offenses committed out-of-state, to generally authorize a court to terminate a previously imposed mandatory suspension for specified drug offenses, to provide for the discretionary suspension of an offender's driver's license for possessing nitrous oxide in a motor vehicle, and to make consistent the provisions of law governing the ability of a court to grant limited driving privileges. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

SB 206 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ([LaRose, F.](#)) To require certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically and to require the Secretary of State to make the information in those statements available online. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

SB 236 CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE ([Jordan, K.](#)) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

House Economic & Workforce Development ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Baker, N.](#), 466-0961), Rm. 114, 9:00 am

HB 182 DEVELOPMENT ZONES ([Schuring, K.](#)) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones. --4th Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute

HB 343 TAX EXEMPTION ([Young, R.](#), [Romanchuk, M.](#)) To exempt employment services and employment placement services from sales and use tax. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

House Health & Aging ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Gonzales, A.](#), 466-4847), Rm. 116, 9:30 am

HB 89 MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM ([DeVitis, T.](#)) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote

HB 187 ANIMAL TREATMENT ([Ginter, T.](#)) To authorize a first responder, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or volunteer firefighter to stabilize an injured animal in an emergency. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote

HB 217 MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATIONS ([Ruhl, M.](#)) To authorize certain advanced practice registered nurses to have a person involuntarily transported to a hospital for a mental health examination. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

HB 230 CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY ([Sprague, R.](#)) Regarding the practices of chemical dependency counseling and prevention services. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

HB 248 MEDICAID DRUG COVERAGE ([Sprague, R.](#), [Antonio, N.](#)) To prohibit certain health care plans and the Medicaid program from denying coverage for opioid analgesic drugs with abuse-deterrent technology based solely on cost. --3rd Hearing-All testimony

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Terhar, L.](#), 466-8258), Rm. 122, 10:00 am

- Presentation by Bill Faith, executive director, Coalition on Homelessness & Housing in Ohio

HB 229 TRUST LAW ([Hambley, S.](#), [Bishoff, H.](#)) To create the Ohio Family Trust Company Act. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

House Finance & Appropriations ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Smith, R.](#), 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10:00 am

HB 176 GASEOUS FUEL VEHICLES ([Hall, D.](#), [O'Brien, S.](#)) To create the Gaseous Fuel Vehicle Conversion Program, to allow a credit against the income or commercial activity tax for the purchase or conversion of

an alternative fuel vehicle, to reduce the amount of sales tax due on the purchase or lease of a qualifying electric vehicle by up to \$500, to apply the motor fuel tax to the distribution or sale of compressed natural gas, to authorize a temporary, partial motor fuel tax exemption for sales of compressed natural gas used as motor fuel, and to make an appropriation. --1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-Possible vote-Pending referral

HB 374 **PUBLIC DEPOSITORY** ([Schuring, K.](#)) To authorize the Treasurer of State to determine by rule the total market value of securities that must be pledged to secure the repayment of all uninsured public deposits at a particular public depository, to make other changes relative to the Ohio Pooled Collateral Program, and to declare an emergency. --1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent

House Insurance ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Hackett, B.](#), 466-1470), Rm. 122, 1:30 pm

HB 394 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** ([Sears, B.](#)) To temporarily change the taxable wage base under Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, to remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, to temporarily freeze automatic increases for weekly unemployment compensation benefit amounts, to reduce the number of weeks for which an individual may receive unemployment compensation benefits, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and to make other changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law. --1st Hearing-Proponent