

Government Affairs Update



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The Illinois Senate has released the [2021 Senate Calendar](#)

Please note the following:

- The new 102nd General Assembly will be sworn in on January 13, 2021.
- We expect that the Senate will convene in “lame duck” session for a few days prior to January 13, but those dates have not yet been released.
- The Governor’s annual Budget Address and State of the State Address have been combined, and will take place on February 17, 2021.
- It is expected that the Senate will take up and approve a measure to allow for remote voting. Under the current rules, committees may meet remotely but no votes may be taken. This measure will allow votes to be taken in committee and on Second and Third Reading.
- Given the pandemic, MCA and the Illinois Pipe Trades Association (IPTA) will not hold our joint annual Springfield event in the month of February.

The Illinois House of Representatives has not yet released the 2021 Calendar. This is highly unusual but is due to the uncertainty surrounding the election of the next Speaker of the Illinois House. A number of House Democrats have publicly indicated that they will not vote for the current Speaker, Michael J. Madigan. At present, Speaker Madigan does not have sufficient votes to be re-elected.

The first order of business after the swearing in of the new General Assembly is always the election of the Senate President - which will be Senator Don Harmon - and of the Speaker of the House. No business may be conducted until those officers are elected by the body.

We will continue to keep you informed as more information becomes available.

Happy New Year!