

Teamsters Joint Council 25 Political Department Update



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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The 2008 Spring Legislative Session is scheduled to conclude on May 29, 2008. However, there is still much to be done before the Session can be adjourned, primarily passing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Below are updates on legislation Joint Council 25 has been following:

HB 773 (Prev. Wage Expansion)

SUPPORT

Expands prevailing wage law to cover Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts.
Passed the House 64-49-0. Moved to Senate 2nd Reading.

HB 1702 (Alt. Pension Formula)

SUPPORT

House Bill 1702 authorizes toll highway maintenance mechanics to be eligible for the alternative pension formula due to the dangerous nature of their work. The bill is expected to pass the Senate next week and will return to the House for final concurrence.
Passed the House 116-0-0. Passed Senate Pensions Committee 8-0-0. Senate 3rd Reading.

HB 2094 (Const. Safety Act)

SUPPORT

Creates the Construction Safety Act of 2008, which promotes construction safety and provides remedies for injured construction workers in order to obtain fair compensation. House Bill 2094 re-creates the repealed Structural Work Act (Scaffold Act) which protected workers exposed to the hazards of construction in Illinois for 88 years.

House 2nd Reading.

HB 2482 (Film Tax Credit)

SUPPORT

Creates the Film Production Services Tax Credit of 2008, which renews the annual tax credits for the encouragement of film production in Illinois. This bill needs the Governor's signature to become law or after 60 days, with no action from the Governor, will automatically become law.
Passed House 108-7-0. Passed Senate 56-0-0. Sent to Governor.

HB 6339 (IDOT Funding)

SUPPORT

Provides a \$20 million supplemental appropriation to the Illinois Department of Transportation for purposes relating to vehicle and other expenses needed to function for the remaining fiscal year.
Passed the House 108-0-0. Moved to Senate 1st Reading and referred to Senate Rules Committee.

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