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Legislative Update
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From Cress:

As the session clock ticks down it was a very busy week for some final committee hearings, retirement honors and floor readings. A few committees will conduct final hearings next week and leadership is still hoping to adjourn a week early, shooting for March 8. The Senate Ag Committee held its last hearing Monday, posted was 1417 Ag matters. At the same time, 1399 PFAS, was heard in the Senate Environmental Affairs. On Tuesday in Room 156-B, SB 149 Tobacco, will be the final bill heard in the House Public Policy Committee. All the other bills on our Tracker are seeing 2nd and 3rd reading floor votes or now on the Governor Holcomb's desk for consideration. Watching for amendments or surprises!

Please note that **HB 1108 Development restriction on slopes, has been added to our Tracker this week.** I was alerted to this bill by Martha Miller, Monroe County SWCD. She presented testimony Monday in the Senate Natural Resources Committee expressing **serious concerns about possible soil erosion and water quality impacts on new building proposals in the county** if this bill becomes law. It passed out of committee 6-2 and is now on final reading in the Senate. Like the wetlands issue, builders are supporting. Thanks Martha!

House:

- * HB 1108: Development restrictions on slopes
- * [HB 1383: Wetlands](#) << This bill was signed by the governor and is now law.

See previous tracker for more information.

- * [HB 1401: Various natural resources matters](#)
- * [HB 1417: Agricultural matters](#)

Senate:

- * [SB 105: Updated Indiana Drainage Handbook.](#)
- * [SB 140: Logjam removal.](#) <<Drainage continues to be a hot topic
- * [SB 149: Tobacco sales.](#) <<Very small portion of this revenue goes to CWI
- * [SB 206: IDEM agency bill.](#)

- * [SB 246: Assessment of wetlands classified as wildlands](#). <<IASWCD supports this bill as it incentivizes voluntary conservation practices
- * [SB 247: Water and wastewater utility infrastructure](#).
- * [SB 1399: PFAS Chemicals](#) <<"Forever chemicals" regulation in Indiana