



## Week 3 Recap

Last week at the Capitol Governor Reynolds appointed Dana Oxley to the Iowa Supreme Court. Oxley fills the opening left by the death of Chief Justice Mark Cady. The focus in both the House and Senate chambers appears to be wrapping up much of the unfinished business from the last session, with subcommittees moving both carry-over bills and new priorities along consistently.

As the pace of the legislature picks up, IEC is tracking on a number of bills at the Capitol. Please see [this week's bill tracker](#) for an up-to-date list of the bills IEC is registered on or monitoring.



## Energy Program Activity

IEC is now [registered on or monitoring eight bills](#) on topics like utilities board proceedings, wind energy conversion assessments, and electric vehicle charging stations. Please see [this week's bill tracker](#) for more details.

Last Wednesday marked Solar Day on the Hill organized by the Iowa Solar Trade Association. IEC Organizational Member 1 Source Solar was an exhibitor. IEC staff were there to support the industry and share information. There was a great turnout from legislators excited to learn more about the [growth of solar](#) in Iowa.

We are anticipating a bill will be introduced and subcommittee held in the coming weeks on the energy cost disclosure bill for certain rental properties though there is no bill number yet. There is no news on the solar energy front as we continue the process of working toward a possible solution with MidAmerican and things have been quiet on the wind and solar siting front this week as well.



## Water Program Activity

The Council is now [registered on or monitoring seventeen bills](#) on topics such as hemp acreages, hunting licenses, and native prairie credits. For more details please see [this week's bill tracker](#).

Last Monday the Iowa Rural Water Association held their Water Day on the Hill. It coincided with news about the Missouri River Agreement signed by the Governors of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. The agreement specifies a commitment to address flood recovery and flood control to mitigate impacts of future weather-related events. On Tuesday, the University of Iowa Flood Center Co-Founder Larry Weber, joined Iowa Geological Survey State Geologist Keith Schilling and Iowa Flood Center Director and Co-Founder Witold Krajewski for a presentation on 100 years of the Iowa Flood Center to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee.

Regarding IWILL, no bill language has come out yet, which leads to some speculation on how the integration of the Nutrient Reduction Strategy will be handled, as well as the approach to use IWILL as a permanent funding source to replace some existing programs, such as REAP. IEC continues to meet with analysts and legislators at the Capitol to learn more about how the Governor's proposal will be implemented. There is some anticipation that draft language

would be available in the next couple of weeks, but there has not been firm confirmation on when an official draft would be out.

## Stay Connected This Session:

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- Review the [Energy Program Legislative Priorities](#) and [Water Program Legislative Priorities](#)
- Make sure you're [signed up to receive Action Alerts](#) from IEC during session. We send alerts as needed about legislation that needs your voice or action
- Sign up to attend IEC's free [Environmental Lobby Day](#) on March 11
- Legislative forums are a great way to interact with your elected officials. See our [2020 Legislative Portal](#) for resources on upcoming legislative forums.

## Dates of Interest:

- February 21: First funnel deadline (6th week)
- March 20: Second funnel deadline (10th week)
- April 21: 100th calendar day of the session; legislators' per diem expires

## Legislative Events:

- March 11: [Environmental Lobby Day](#)



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