

Thursday, March 16, 2017

The NCAA tournament is coming to town....lawmakers have scheduled a few hearings for today but most are returning to their home district as soon as possible. When the City of Indianapolis hosts a round of the NCAA tournament, all hotel rooms are needed, so legislators are required to move out and vacate their housing. Members will be ready to get out of town and not return until Monday morning. Next week you will see another whirl wind of committee hearings, setting the stage for a final opportunity for cross-over legislation to be heard in the 2nd house.

The week ahead: The House and Senate will reconvene at 10:00 am today. Check your committee links below for periodic updates. Don't forget, House and Senate Committee action and floor debate can be viewed online. Your most reliable source is <http://iga.in.gov/>.

Important deadlines to remember: Committee report deadline, **Monday, April 3, 2017**, 2nd reading deadline, **Wednesday, April 5, 2017** and 3rd reading deadline, **Thursday, April 6, 2017**.

Below are articles you may find of interest:

[Roads plan faces pushback on tax increases in Senate hearing](#)

[Local groups push for adding hate crime legislation to Indiana's laws](#)

[Indianapolis Public Schools face \\$21.8 million budget shortfall in 2017](#)

[Butler's interest in Rocky Ripple flood wall raises odds for state funding](#)

[Hate crime bill supporters are 'disappointed' Indiana lawmakers failed to act — again](#)

[Senate confirms former Indiana Sen. Dan Coats to serve as director of National Intelligence](#)

[Dan Coats' legacy will grow in new role](#)

Senate and House Committee Schedules:

Senate: <http://iga.in.gov/documents/85381d73>

House: <http://iga.in.gov/documents/d818d017>

Senate and House Floor Calendars:

Senate: <http://iga.in.gov/documents/874bf9b8>

House: <http://iga.in.gov/documents/5ebc630c>

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