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This Week in Illinois



## **House and Senate Legislative Leaders Receive Champion of Free Enterprise Award**

On Wednesday, the Illinois Chamber had the pleasure to welcome Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie, House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, and many more legislators to our Springfield office.

Both legislative leaders were recipients of the Illinois Chamber 102nd General Assembly Champion of Free Enterprise award in recognition of their work at the Statehouse. The pictured trophies are in recognition of these awards which were first released earlier this summer.

Leader Durkin and Leader McConchie are both strong allies of the business community and we are always glad to honor them for their work on behalf of the State of Illinois.

Due to the State Fair bringing many to town, an additional dozen legislators received their awards over the past two days. We appreciate each one of these individuals for their outstanding



contributions to the State of Illinois and will feature them in the upcoming weeks.

Legislative ratings and Chamber awards in all categories were first announced in June. View the full 102nd legislative ratings [here](#).

## **President & CEO Maisch Chicago Tribune Op-ed: It's time to take thoughtful action that won't worsen our nation's energy crisis**

On Monday, an op-ed written by Chamber President & CEO Todd Maisch was published in the Chicago Tribune. Speaking on the nation's ongoing energy struggles, Maisch says the time for action is now.

In part, the op-ed is provided below:

*In the United States, our energy prices and the energy security of our nation have taken hit after hit, starting with the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline — designed to move Canadian crude oil to the U.S. — to the halting of the program that provides new leases for oil and gas companies to drill on federal lands.*

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Read the entire article [here](#).

## State Fair Week

As most of you are aware, the Illinois State Fair is well underway. The 2022 Illinois State Fair in Springfield runs from August 11th-21st. This week featured some notable themes including Governor's Day on the 17th and Republican Day on the 18th. Last year, the 2021 State Fair welcomed [472,000](#) guests to the grounds in Springfield.

If you haven't had a chance yet to attend, be sure to stop by this weekend for all kinds of Illinois-favorite attractions!



### Register Today: Illinois Chamber 2022 Annual Luncheon

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has announced its 2022 Annual Meeting which

will take place on October 6 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. This year's theme is Future of Energy and Impact on Illinois: Actions by the Federal Reserve.

During the luncheon, we will hear a world class panel discussion on *The Future of Energy* by Balvy Bhogal-Mitro, Vice President of Strategic and Corporate Planning, CITGO, Chris Raymond, Chief Sustainability Officer, The Boeing Company and Paul Segal, Chief Executive Officer of LS Power. We are also

thrilled to hear remarks from President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Charles Evans.

For more information and registration please visit us [here](#).

View more about the sponsorship levels [here](#).

With questions, please reach out to Kirsten Constant, Business Services Coordinator, Illinois Chamber of Commerce at [kconstant@ilchamber.org](mailto:kconstant@ilchamber.org)

## **Session Update**

There are still no further updates on when the General Assembly may return. In June, Governor Pritzker called for a special session of the General Assembly in response to the US Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Nothing further has been released but that special session now appears less likely.

When speaking with the [press](#) on Tuesday, the Governor was not forthcoming on when or if this special session will occur.

The General Assembly has released the schedule for veto session. Lawmakers will be back in Springfield on November 15 -November 17 as well as November 29-December 1. View and download the veto calendar [here](#).

## **Legislative Update: Bills of Interest**

*No bills of interest were introduced, passed or signed into law this week.*

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