

## 2021 INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEEK 9

- The IN General Assembly kicked off the second half of the 2021 legislative session this week. Overall, this was a very quiet week with not a great deal of substantive activity, as both chambers finished assigning legislation to committees in the second house. That said, both the House and Senate have robust committee meeting schedules slated for next week on bills that were approved by the other chamber during the first half of session.
- The House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee will meet Monday to consider two broadband bills, Senate Bills 352 and 377. The Senate Utilities Committee will likely meeting next Thursday, however, it has not been officially scheduled.
- The one notable activity this week was an informational meeting of the Senate Utilities Committee on the Texas winter storm and subsequent power outages that occurred in mid-February. The purpose of the meeting was to shed light on lessons learned from the Texas experience and to highlight the differences between the Texas utility system and how we operate here in Indiana and in the Midwest. Presenting to the committee were representatives from the IN Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), Midcontinent System Operator (MISO), PJM and the IN Energy Association, with specific comments from NIPSCO.
- On Wednesday this week, Indiana Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger announced that he was stepping down from that post effective immediately. Mr. Schellinger started at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation in 2015 under then-Governor Mike Pence. A Democrat and former candidate for the Governor's office, Mr. Schellinger was appointed as Commerce Secretary by Republican Governor Eric Holcomb in 2016.
- One last item of note for this week, Senator Todd Young announced his intention to run for re-election to the US Senate. Senator Young is Indiana's senior Senator, serving in the US Senate since 2017. He was a member of the US House of Representative prior to that, serving in that body from 2011 until 2017.