

# Senate Watch

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## MOTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Motion to postpone repealing drug industry immunity, items 1-3 (HB 4316-4318), until Nov. 30, 2009

- Items were postponed [RC 509: 21 yes, 13 no, 3 not voting]

## GENERAL ORDERS

### [HB 4386](#) (Johnson)

The bill (H-1) would amend the Public Service Commission law, to require a municipally owned electric or natural gas provider to postpone a shut-off of service for up to 21 days if the customer or a member of his or her household were a critical care customer or had a certified medical emergency.

- HB 4386 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

### [HB 4655](#) (Wayne Schmidt)

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to require a municipally owned electric or natural gas provider to notify the PSC of any shut-off of service that resulted in death or serious injury. A provider would have to give the Commission any relevant information regarding the death or injury, including the procedures followed during the shut-off. Additionally, upon notification or its own motion, the PSC could investigate any shut-off by a provider that resulted in death or serious injury. After completing its investigation, the Commission could refer the matter to the Attorney General for commencement of a civil action under Section 9p.

- HB 4655 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**HB 4656****(Mayes)**

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to allow the Attorney General, on his or her own motion or upon a referral from the PSC in a case of serious injury or death, or any customer of a municipally owned electric or natural gas utility, to bring a civil action for injunctive relief or imposition of a civil fine against the utility if it failed to meet the applicable requirements of the Act. The bill also would require a municipally owned utility to establish a complaint resolution process for its customers to resolve any allegations of violations that did not result in a death or serious injury.

- Committee amendment-1 adopted
- HB 4656 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**HB 4658****(Neumann)**

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to require a municipally owned electric or natural gas provider, in the ordinary course of business, to make efforts to identify senior citizen customers (i.e., those who are at least 65 years old).

- HB 4658 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**HB 4659****(Sheltrown)**

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission law, to prescribe the conditions under which a municipally owned electric or natural gas utility could shut off service.

- Committee amendment-1 adopted
- HB 4659 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**HB 4673****(Mayes)**

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to do the following:

-- Prohibit a municipally owned electric utility from shutting off service to eligible customers (certain senior citizen and low-income customers) during the heating season if they applied for heating assistance, entered into a winter protection payment plan, and paid any arrearages in monthly installments.

-- Allow the utility to shut off service to a noncompliant customer after giving a notice containing specified information, including that unless he or she made the payments that were past due within 10 days of the mailing date, the utility could shut off service; and that he or she could petition the utility in accordance with its rules disputing the claim before the proposed shut-off date, or bring an action pursuant to proposed Section 9p.

- Committee amendment-1 adopted
- HB 4659 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading