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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

Legislative Update

The Senate this week passed three bills during session on Wednesday. Those are Senate Bill 20, which requires additional prison terms for those convicted or plead guilty to permanently disabling the victim, Senate Bill 33, a law enforcement data disclosure bill, and Senate Bill 88 that relates to protocol for fiscal emergencies. The House this week had their amendment deadline for the budget. Both chambers are now on break through April 24th with session resuming April 25th. During break, the Speaker's office will be reviewing the amendments for a sub-bill introduction when the House returns.

Hagan Announces Congressional Bid

State Representative Christina Hagan on Monday announced her candidacy for Ohio's 16th Congressional District. Currently occupying the seat is U.S. Rep Jim Renacci, who announced his bid for governor last month. In an email and video announcement, Hagan cited promoting personal responsibility, protecting tax payers, and backing anti-abortion laws as her priorities if elected.

Political News and Notes

ODI Director Mary Taylor Steps Down

Lt. Governor Mary Taylor has stepped down as the Director of the Ohio Department of Insurance to focus on her gubernatorial campaign. Governor John Kasich appointed Jillian Froment to succeed her as director. Froment was previously the deputy director, a position she has held since 2011. She was also formerly a Marysville city administrator.

State of the State

Governor John Kasich delivered the State of the State Address this past Tuesday in Sandusky. Key points included embracing future technologies, education and workforce training programs, and building success for the future. Read the full transcript of the Governor's speech here: http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2017/04/heres_the_full_transcript_from.html#incart_river_index

President Trump Launches Missiles in Syria

Late last evening, the United States launched missile strikes in the air zone of the Bashar Assad regime in Syria in response to the chemical weapons attack earlier this week. Captain Jeff Davis, a pentagon spokesman, commented the strike targeted aircrafts, aircraft shelters, petroleum and logistical storage, air defense systems, ammunition storage and radars on the Shayrat Airfield and occurred at 4:40 in the morning Syrian time to avoid casualties. Davis added the goal was to render the airfield unusable and to deter from future chemical attacks.

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