



January 28, 2022

State of the State: January 31, 2022, at 6 CT

Governor Bill Lee will give his fourth State of the State address on Monday, January 31st at 6:00pm. Find live stream videos of the State of the State address, committee meetings, and other legislative meetings [here](#).

As a reminder, please take note of the following important legislative dates:

- January 31 - Governor Lee's fourth State of the State Address
- February 1 - Committee budget deliberations begin
- February 2 - House bill filing deadline
- February 3 - Senate bill filing deadline
- Late March - Committee closures begin

Rep. Jim Cooper Announces Retirement

Congressman Jim Cooper (D-05) announced that he will not run for re-election, ending his 32-year career in Congress. Congressman Cooper cited the General Assembly's recent redistricting plan which split Nashville into three congressional districts.

"I cannot thank the people of Nashville enough. You backed me more than almost anyone in Tennessee history, making me the state's 3rd longest-serving member of Congress. You allowed me to help millions of people while representing our state capital, as well as 30 of our state's 95 counties.

"Despite my strength at the polls, I could not stop the General Assembly from dismembering Nashville. No one tried harder to keep our city whole. I explored every possible way, including lawsuits, to stop the gerrymandering and to win one of the three new congressional districts that now divide Nashville. There's no way, at least for me in this election cycle, but there may be a path for other worthy candidates.

"I am announcing my decision promptly so that others have more time to campaign. I will return the individual contributions that I have received for this race so that donors can redirect them as they choose."

[Click here](#) to read Congressman Cooper's full statement.

TAACA and Ingram Barge Company Present to Legislative Committees

The Ingram Barge Company and the TN Association of Air Carrier Airports presented to House and Senate legislative committees in recent weeks. Thank you to all the legislators, staff and presenters for helping these clients share some great information!