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NO ENERGY AGREEMENT LEADS TO SENATE CANCELING SESSION

With no imminent agreement on energy and utility regulation, the Senate has cancelled its session on Wednesday.

Senate officials decided to hold off until September to take action, in hopes an agreement on the energy bills will be completed by then.

In the House, a spokesperson for [Speaker Andy Dillon](#) (D-Redford Twp.) said it was uncertain if the House would meet or not on Wednesday.

Delaying Senate session also means the chamber will also not act on the appointment of Colleen Pobur to the Liquor Control Commission. Senate Republicans have said they will reject her appointment, but they have to act before mid-September to prevent the appointment from taking effect.

On energy, several new committee meetings have been posted for [HB 5524](#), the main bill in the package to restructure utility regulation.

Meanwhile, organizations that advocate policies to help the low income - including the League for Human Services and the Michigan Catholic Conference - urged lawmakers not to shuffle higher utility costs onto poorer residents by eliminating deskewing provisions in the main bill in the package, HB 5524. Those provisions would transfer costs to individual customers and cut rates to businesses.