

**THIS WEEK**  
AT THE  
**STATEHOUSE**  
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**Ohio Fact of the Week**

*Ohio produces the most swiss  
cheese of any state*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day

**Sweeping Criminal Justice Bill Tops To-Do List For Senate  
Judiciary Panel**

A massive criminal justice measure will be the top priority for the Senate Judiciary Track Committee when it returns to Columbus in November, according to the panel's chairman.

Sen. Nathan Manning (R-N-Ridgeville), who is also sponsoring the measure said in an interview work is still ongoing to try to finalize the measure for lame duck.

"We've had many hearings on it," he said. "Right now, I think it's trying to get it to the point of a sub bill that more people are comfortable with." The bill touches on several aspects of the criminal code, including judicial release, judicial vetoes over transitional control and expanded earned credit.

**Senate K-12 Chair Expects To Revisit Education Savings  
Accounts**

Finding a way to get more families a share of the \$125 million lawmakers set aside for before- and after-school programming is one lame duck goal of the chair of the Senate Primary & Secondary Education Track Committee.

Sen. Andy Brenner (R-Delaware) said in an interview he expects the panel to largely focus on corrections and revisions to previously passed legislation ahead of session's end, noting lawmakers already approved a raft of K-12 policy in an omnibus bill before summer recess.

**Work On Ratemaking, Solar Energy Bills To Resume In  
Lame Duck**

"Lame duck is always interesting," Rep. Hoops said. "There's always going to be surprises. You just have to be ready for anything and then we just want to make sure that any legislation that is passed is good for Ohio."

Both HB450 and HB317 had been slated for amendments and possible votes shortly before summer recess until Rep. Hoops cancelled the hearings to afford sponsors more time for interested party talks.

"We'll take a look at it to see what they have and see what kind of support is there in the committee and if we need to move forward," Rep. Hoops said.