

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House perfected **HB 73 & 47**, which would require certain applicants for and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program benefits to be tested for the illegal use of controlled substances, by a vote of 121-37.
- The House adopted **HR 274**, the House Ethics Committee Rules of Procedure, by a vote of 159-0.

## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Tuesday, the **House General Laws Committee** held a public hearing on **HB 113**, which would lower the age at which a person can obtain a concealed carry endorsement from 23 to 21 years of age if the person is a member of the armed forces.
- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Health Care Policy** voted do pass **HB 196**, which would extend the expiration date on the provisions regarding the Missouri Rx Plan from August 28, 2011, to August 28, 2016.

### Dates of Interest

- **February 2 - State of the Judiciary - 10:30 a.m.**
- **March 17 - Spring Break begins**
- **March 28 - Spring Break ends**
- **April 1 - Last day to file bills**
- **April 25 - Easter Break**
- **May 6 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**
- **May 13 - Session ends**



Rep. Jason Kander, D-Kansas City, speaks on the House Floor.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### House Actions as of 1/28/11 noon

# House Bills Filed	361
# of HBs Referred to Committee	152
# HBs Reported Do Pass	9
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	0
# HBs Perfected	2
# HBs Third Read	1
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



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## MORE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Tuesday, the **House General Laws Committee** held a public hearing on **HB 215**, which would allow a resident of Missouri to purchase a firearm in any state, increases to five years the period that a concealed carry endorsement is valid, and lowers the age to obtain an endorsement to 21 years.
- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety** voted do pass **HB 163**, which would change the laws regarding unemployment compensation benefits in order for Missouri to receive recently approved additional federal funds.
- On Thursday, the **House Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety** voted do pass **HB 91**, which would require co-employees to be released from liability for negligence in performing the nondelegable duty of an employer to provide a safe workplace when the negligence contributes to injury or death.



Rep. Ellen Brandom, R-Sikeston, speaks on **HB 73 & 47**, which was perfected by the House.

## FAST FACTS

Missouri has several state symbols, some of which include:

State Song: Missouri Waltz  
State Animal: Missouri Mule  
State Insect: Honeybee  
State Grass: Big Bluestem  
State Grape: Norton/ Cynthiana

The Great Seal was designed by Judge Robert William Wells and adopted in 1822.

Missouri adopted an official flag on March 22, 1913, almost 100 years after achieving statehood.

- On Thursday, the **House Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety** voted do pass **HB 162**, which would specify that an employer subject to certain workers' compensation provisions must be liable to furnish compensation for injury or death of an employee by occupational disease.
- On Thursday, the **House Agriculture Policy Committee** held a public hearing on **HB 131**, which would change the laws regarding the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act, and **HB 94**, which would repeal the Puppy Mill Cruelty Prevention Act passed as Proposition B by voters in November 2010.
- On Thursday, the **House Ways and Means Committee** held a public hearing on **HB 116**, which would authorize an amnesty from the assessment or payment of all penalties, additions to tax, and interest on delinquencies of unpaid taxes which occurred on or prior to December 31, 2010.