

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

- On Wednesday, the House passed, by a vote of 140-15, a committee substitute for **HCR 7,3 & 17**, which disapproves State Tax Commission proposed state regulations regarding value of each grade of agricultural and horticultural land for 2011 2012 assessment years.
- On Wednesday, the House perfected by a voice vote **HB 1442**, which changes the laws regarding certain city sales taxes and authorizes certain cities and Montgomery County to impose, upon voter approval, transient guest taxes.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **House Elections Committee** held a hearing on **HB 1497**, which requires special elections to fill vacancies in the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, and United States Senator.
- The **House Special Committee on Government Accountability and Ethics Reform** held a hearing on four ethics reform bills. **HB 1434** changes the laws regarding ethics and lobbying. **HB 1326** and **HB 1337** both propose to reinstate campaign finance limits and **HB 1324** proposes a ban on lobbyist gifts.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Feb. 3- Joint Session - State of the Judiciary at 10:30 a.m.
- March 4 - Spring Break begins
- March 15- Spring Break ends
- April 1- Deadline for filing bills
- April 5- Easter Break
- May 14- Last Day of Session

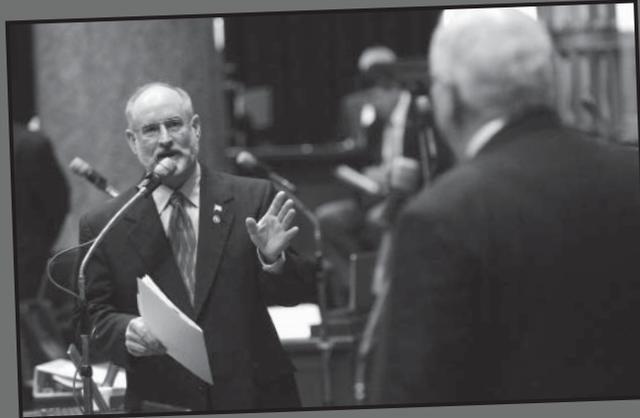


Photo of the Week

Rep. Brian Munzlinger discusses his resolution, HCR 7,3 & 17 on the floor on Wednesday. The House passed his resolution by a vote of 140-15.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 2/1/10 10 a.m.

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| # of House Bills Filed | 733 |
| # HBs Referred to Committee | 108 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass | 4 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass Consent | 0 |
| # HBs Perfected | 1 |
| # HBs Third Read | 0 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate | 0 |
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COMMITTEE ACTIONS CONTINUED

- The **House Job Creation and Economic Development Committee** held a hearing on **HB 1635**, which authorizes the establishment of Missouri Jobs for the Future districts.
- The **House Budget Committee** voted do pass **HCR 34 & 35**, which submits to Congress a proposed federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.
- The **House Crime Prevention Committee** held a hearing on **HB 1210**, which changes the controlled substance classification of all methamphetamine precursor drugs from Schedule IV and Schedule V to Schedule III, requiring a physician's prescription.
- The **House International Trade and Immigration Committee** held a hearing on **HB 1675**, which establishes the Manufacturing Jobs Act. The act establishes incentives for qualified suppliers or manufacturing facilities that create or retain Missouri jobs.
- The **House Special Standing Committee on General Laws** held a hearing on **HJR 57**, which proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting any person, employer, or health care provider from being compelled to participate in any health care system.
- The **House Committee on Tax Reform** held a hearing on **HB 1225 and HB 1227**, which both increase the Missouri dependency exemption for each qualified dependent claimed by a resident.



Did you know?

In 1919, the General Assembly designated the first floor of the east wing of the capitol as the Missouri Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. In 1921, the Missouri Resources Museum was created on the first floor of the capitol's west wing. The two museums were combined in 1923, and designated collectively as the Missouri State Museum. The museum has been part of the Department of Natural Resources since 1978.

FAST FACTS

- February is Black History Month in the United States.
- The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.
- In 1920, Walthall Moore was elected to the House becoming the 1st African American to serve in the Missouri legislature.
- In 1960, DeVerne Lee Calloway became the 1st African American woman elected to the House.
- In the 1960's, 13 members of the General Assembly formed the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus.
- Today, 15 African Americans serve in the House and 3 in the Senate.