

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House approved **HB1544**, by a vote of 145-12, which extends the state's eligibility to receive federal extended unemployment benefit money to provide unemployed individuals compensation beyond the current unemployment benefit period.
- The House perfected **HB1377**, which requires the Department of Social Services to test applicants for or recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits for the illegal use of controlled substances, by a vote of 113-40.
- The House approved **HB1442**, by a vote of 132-19, which changes the laws regarding certain city sales taxes and authorizes certain cities and Montgomery County to impose, upon voter approval, transient guest taxes.

## BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions  
as of 2/8/10  
11 a.m.

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| # of House Bills Filed               | 875 |
| # HBs Referred to Committee          | 225 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass               | 12  |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass Consent       | 0   |
| # HBs Perfected                      | 3   |
| # HBs Third Read                     | 2   |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate | 0   |
| # HBs Third Read in the Senate       | 0   |

### Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 4 - Spring Break begins
- March 15- Spring Break ends
- April 1- Deadline for filing bills
- April 5- Easter Break



Photo of the Week

House members and staff pose for an official portrait for Go Red Day at the Capitol. Wear Red Day raises heart health awareness and lowers risks for men and women all over the country.



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## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Wednesday, the **House Special Standing Committee on Health Insurance** voted do pass **HB1311** and **HB1341**, which requires health carriers issuing or renewing a health benefit plan to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- On Thursday, the **House Special Standing Committee on General Laws** voted do pass **HJR48**, **HJR50**, and **HJR57**, which propose a constitutional amendment prohibiting any person, employer, or health care provider from being compelled to participate in any health care system.
- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Elections** voted do pass **HB1497**, 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.



Speaker of the House Ron Richard shows Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong the Thomas Hart Benton Mural in the House lounge of the State Capitol.

## FAST FACTS

- Josephine Baker, a St. Louis native, was a civil rights activist who used her musical talents to help the African-American community.
- Tom Bass, from Mexico, was known as the world's greatest saddle trainer who trained horses for U.S. Presidents.
- Charlie "Bird" Parker, of Kansas City, founded the bebop jazz movement and helped put Kansas City on the map for jazz.
- Scott Joplin, who lived in St. Louis and Sedalia, and was known as "The King of Ragtime," wrote the famous "Maple Leaf Rag" after a club in Sedalia.
- Born near Diamond, George Washington Carver, who taught Agriculture at Tuskegee University, was the first African American to be honored with a national monument in Diamond.