

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

- On Monday, the House third read and passed **HB 1497** by a vote of 90-62. The bill 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.
- On Thursday, the House third read and passed **HB 1311** and **1341** by a vote of 135-18. The bill establishes provisions regarding the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- On Thursday, the House third read and passed **HB 1750** by a vote of 111-40. The bill requires certain incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies to reduce both its composite originating and terminating intrastate switched exchange access rates.
- On Thursday, the House third read and passed **HB 1675** by a vote of 134-17. The bill establishes the Manufacturing Jobs Act, which provides incentives for qualified suppliers or manufacturing facilities that create or retain Missouri jobs.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 2/22/10 10 a.m.

# of House Bills Filed	1,052
# HBs Referred to Committee	340
# HBs Reported Do Pass	37
# HBs Reported Do Pass Con-sent	20
# HBs Perfected	8
# HBs Third Read	8
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	1

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- 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

The House welcomed one of its newest members last week, Rep. Hope Whitehead, D-St. Louis. Rep. Pat Conway, D-St. Joseph, was also sworn in.



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COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Monday, the **House Special Committee on Urban Issues** voted do pass on **HB 1519**, which changes the laws regarding the crime of assault of a law enforcement or corrections officer, emergency personnel, or highway worker by adding transit operators and employees of mass transit systems
- On Tuesday, the **House Committee on Energy and the Environment** heard testimony on **HCR 46**, which urges the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind its formal endangerment finding on greenhouse gases and urges Missouri's congressional delegation to vote against H.R. 2454 known as Cap and Trade.
- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Crime Prevention** heard testimony on **HB 1695** and **HB 1742**, which change the laws regarding driving while intoxicated.
- On Wednesday, the **House Special Committee on Children and Families** held a public hearing for **HB 2000** and **HB 1327**, which change the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.
- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions** held a public hearing for **HB 1644**, which specifies that use of force by a parent or other caregiver of a minor or incompetent person; a teacher; certain operators of vehicles; or a physician is justifiable if the person is acting in self defense.



Did you know?

George Caleb Bingham is the 36th addition to the Hall of Famous Missourians, a collection of busts lining the halls of the 3rd floor rotunda. Bingham was a 19th century painter and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1848. Bingham also served as State Treasurer and Adjutant-General of Missouri. Sabra Tull Meyer stands next to her bronze sculpture during the unveiling.

FAST FACTS

- February 22, 1817, the first George Washington celebration was held in St. Louis
- February 23, 1853, Westminster College was founded in Fulton.
- February 24, 1853, Missouri adopted the first state act to fund public education.
- February 26, 1941, Forrest C. Donnell was sworn in as Missouri's 40th governor.
- February 15, 2010, George Caleb Bingham, painter, former State Treasurer, and former State Representative, was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians.