

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

- On Tuesday the House third read and passed **HB 71** by a vote of 109-46. The bill would allow the City of St. Louis to establish and maintain a municipal police force completely under the city's authority.
- On Thursday the House third read and passed **HBs 14 and 15**, which are appropriations bills.
- On Thursday the House third read and passed **HB 139** by a vote of 154-0. The bill would require the Office of Administration to maintain public school and county and municipal government accountability information and the governor's travel information on the Missouri Accountability Portal.
- On Thursday the House third read and passed **HB 209** by a vote of 109-43. The bill would revise the laws regarding private nuisances when it originates from property used for farming, agriculture, crop, or animal production purposes and when a court must visit an alleged affected property.

## BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions  
as of 2/25/11  
2:00 p.m.

# House Bills Filed	714
# of HBs Referred to Committee	496
# HBs Reported Do Pass	53
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	31
# HBs Perfected	12
# HBs Third Read	12
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0

### Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **March 17 - Spring Break begins**
- **March 28 - Spring Break ends**
- **April 25 - Easter Break**
- **May 13 - Session ends**



Budget Chair Rep. Ryan Silvey, R-Kansas City, speaks on the floor regarding several appropriations bills. Rep. Silvey also successfully proposed an amendment to HB 139 requiring stronger accountability for government offices.



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## FLOOR ACTIONS CONTINUED

- On Thursday the House third read and passed **HB 107** by a vote of 105-50. The bill would require special elections to fill certain vacancies in the positions of United States Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and State Treasurer.
- On Thursday the House third read and passed **HB 205** by a vote of 95-59. The bill would change the laws regarding unlawful discriminatory employment practices as they relate to the Missouri Human Rights Law and establishes the Whistleblower Protection Act.

## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Tuesday the **House Utilities Committee** voted do pass **HB 124**, which would allow an electrical company to recover from ratepayers the costs associated with early site development for certain electrical generation facilities.

## FAST FACTS

- February was Earthquake Awareness Month in Missouri.
- The New Madrid seismic zone is the most active fault line east of the Rockies, and runs along Missouri's southeast border.
- The most violent series of earthquakes in US history occurred on this fault line in 1811-1812 in New Madrid, and reportedly caused the Mississippi River to flow backwards.
- Some scientists predict that there is a 10% chance of a magnitude 7-8 earthquake along the New Madrid seismic zone in a 50 year time interval. The recent earthquake in New Zealand was a magnitude 6.3.

- On Tuesday the **House Health Care Policy Committee** 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.
- On Wednesday, the House **Tax Reform Committee** voted do pass **HJR 8**, which would Propose a constitutional amendment replacing the individual and corporate income tax, corporation and bank franchise taxes, and sales and use tax with a fair sales tax on certain property and services.
- On Wednesday, the **House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** held a public hearing on **HB 473** which would change the laws regarding charter schools and establish the Missouri Charter Public School Commission.



Freshman Rep. Clem Smith, D-Velda Village Hills, speaks on the House floor.