

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

The House third read and passed the following bills:

- **HJR 2** which proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing a citizen's right to pray and worship on public property and reaffirming a citizen's right to choose any or no religion, by a vote of 126-30.
- **HB 167** which would require Missouri driver's license examinations to only be administered in English, by a vote of 102-56.
- **HB 339** which would change the laws regarding telecommunications as they relate to the carrier of last resort obligations, by a vote of 106-43.
- **HB 266** which would change the laws regarding weight limitations for vehicles hauling livestock or agricultural products on state highways, by a vote of 106-46.
- **HB 174** which would change the composition of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, the University of Missouri Board of Curators, and the Missouri State University Board of Governors, by a vote of 142-12.
- **HB 112 & 285** which would classify certain sawmills and planing mills as agricultural and horticultural property instead of commercial property for property taxation purposes, by a vote of 116-40.

Dates of Interest

- **March 17 - Spring Break begins**
- **March 28 - Spring Break ends**
- **Deadline for filing bills - April 1**
- **April 25 - Easter Break**
- **May 7 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**
- **May 13 - Session ends**
- **July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills**
- **September 14- Veto session begins**



Rep. Shalonn "Kiki" Curls, D-Kansas City, presides over the House on her last day as a Representative before being sworn in as a Senator while House Speaker Steven Tilley, R-Perryville, looks on.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 3/11/10
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	874
# of HBs Referred to Committee	653
# HBs Reported Do Pass	89
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	66
# HBs Perfected	45
# HBs Third Read	25
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	3
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



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COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **House Tourism and Natural Resources Committee** voted do pass **HJR 15**, which would propose a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds majority for voter approval of any initiative petition relating to harvesting bird, fish, game, wildlife, or forestry resources.
- The **House Retirement Committee** voted do pass **HB 183**, which would change the laws regarding the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City.
- The **House Health Care Policy Committee** voted do pass **HB 300**, which would establish the High School Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act which requires school boards to work with the Missouri State High School Activities Association to develop guidelines regarding head injuries.
- The **House International Trade and Job Creation Committee** voted do pass **HB 731**, which would add citizenship information to the sexual offender registration form and requires the State Highway Patrol to report to the federal government any non-U.S. citizen on the sexual offender registry.



Rep. Michael Brown, D-Kansas City, testifies for the House Tourism and Natural Resources Committee on HCR 15, a resolution calling for Buck O'Neil Day to be held on Nov. 13, 2011 honoring the famous coach and baseball player.

FAST FACTS

March is Women's History Month.

- Jean Carnahan became the first female U.S. Senator from Missouri when then Governor Roger B. Wilson appointed her to replace her husband, Mel, in 2001.

- Claire McCaskill was the first woman ever *elected* to the U.S. Senate from Missouri in 2006.

- The first female governor of any U.S. state, Nellie Tayloe Ross, was born in Andrew County near Amazonia, Missouri in 1876.

- The **House Tourism and Natural Resources Committee** voted do pass **HCR 15**, which would designate November 13, 2011, as "Buck O'Neil Day" in Missouri in honor of the first African-American coach in Major League Baseball.
- The **House General Laws Committee** voted do pass **HB 641**, which would change the laws regarding controlled substances.
- The **House Committee on Children and Families** voted do pass **HB 143**, which would change the laws regarding hotline calls reporting suspected child abuse and neglect to the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services.
- The **House General Laws Committee** voted do pass **HB 546**, which would require the Missouri Housing Development Commission to have its offices and staff in Cole County and requires the executive director or chief executive officer to reside within 40 miles of Jefferson City.
- The **House Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety** held a public hearing on **HB 658**, which would move the controlled substance classification of all methamphetamine precursor drugs in Schedule IV and V to Schedule III requiring a prescription for them which will be known as Meth Lab Elimination Act.