

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTION

The following bills were perfected:

- **HB 1550** - Expands the jurisdiction of juvenile courts to include individuals who are 17 years old for the purpose of status offenses by revising the definition of "child" and "adult." (4.8.08)
- **HB 2328** - Changes the laws regarding tax incentives for economic development, including establishing a Regional Economic Development Initiative to promote individual and business investments in economic development within a region. (4.8.08)

The following legislation was third read and passed:

- **HCR 23** - Declares February 6th of each year to be "Ronald Reagan Day" in Missouri. (4.7.08)
- **HBs 1549, 1771, 1395 & 2366** - Changes the laws regarding illegal aliens and immigration status verification, including provisions prohibiting sanctuary cities, requiring citizens detained for crimes to be checked for immigration status and requiring a commercial driver's license examination to be given in English. (4.10.08)
- **HB 1981** - Authorizes a tax credit equal to 100% of the state sales tax paid on any motor vehicle assembled and purchased in Missouri. (4.10.08)
- **HB 1716** - This bill prohibits the violation of a person's privacy rights in order to obtain or renew a driver's license and prohibits the Department of Revenue from amending any procedures for applying for a driver's license or identification card in order to comply with the standards of the federal Real ID Act of 2005. (4.10.08)

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 4/14/08 9 a.m.

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| # House Bills Filed | 1,336 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass | 160 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass Consent | 107 |
| # HBs Perfected | 54 |
| # HBs Third Read | 53 |
| # HBs Third Read Consent | 88 |
| # HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate | 9 |
| # HBs Third Read in the Senate | 2 |



House Speaker Rod Jetton, R-156, discusses the teacher pay bill on the House floor.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **April 23** - Softball Tournament
- **May 9** - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed - 6:00 p.m.
- **May 16** - Session Ends - 6:00 p.m.
- **May 30** - Adjournment per Constitution
- **June 30** - 2008 Fiscal Year Ends
- **July 1** - 2009 Fiscal Year Begins
- **July 14** - Last day governor can veto bills
- **August 28** - Effective date of bills which do not have an emergency clause or effective date



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FLOOR ACTION CONTINUED

- **HB 1319** - Authorizes a tax credit for employers who hire qualified high school students for summer jobs. (4.10.08)
- **HB 2321** - Requires the local offices and resident hunting and fishing permit vendors of the Department of Conservation to make a voter registration application form available to all resident permit applicants. (4.10.08)
- **HB 1321/1695** - Increases the property tax relief for the senior citizens' program known as the circuit breaker and extends the date for the deposit of a percentage of property tax collections into county assessment funds. (4.10.08)
- **HJR 70** - Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting appropriations in any fiscal year from exceeding certain limits. (4.10.08)
- **HB 1332** - Changes the laws regarding pharmacies and pharmacy benefits and establishes guidelines that entities must follow when auditing a pharmacy. (4.10.08)

COMMITTEE ACTION

- The **Elections Committee** heard **SB 1038**, which would repeal campaign contribution limits and modify reporting requirements. (4.8.08)
- The **Special Committee on General Laws** passed **HB 2110**, which would prohibit any governing authority, board, commission, or the personnel of a political subdivision from preventing the display of founding documents with religious content in public. (4.8.08)
- The **House Special Committee on Family Services** heard **HB 2440**, which would change the laws regarding hotline calls reporting child abuse and neglect to the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services. (4.9.08)
- **Higher Education Committee** heard **HB 2582**, which would establish two renewable teacher preparation scholarships to the existing one-year nonrenewable award for certain individuals who commit to teach or currently work with special education students. (4.9.08)

FAST FACTS

- On Thursday, April 10, the House honored 62 former House members who have passed away since 2002.
- Of those remembered, the most recent to serve was Rep. Otto Bean, Jr, who served the 163rd district from 2002 to 2006.
- Several recognized former members had not served in the legislature since the 1940s.
- Years of service for those honored ranged from a year to nearly four decades.
- The longest serving of those remembered was Rep. Gene Copeland, who represented parts of Southeast Missouri for 36 years.



Did you know?

The House this week presented a resolution to Mickey Carroll, one of the stars of "The Wizard of Oz." From St. Louis, Mickey also had stints as the warm-up act for Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman as they campaigned across the country.