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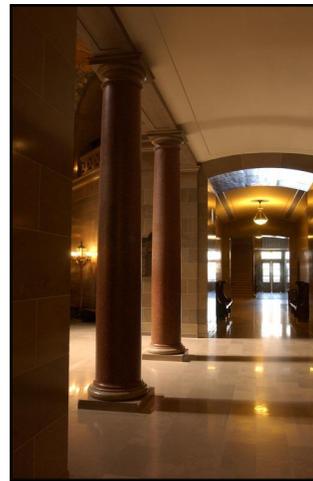


Committee News...

- **Special Committee on Agri-Business** approved legislation (HB 1425) that would among other things increase the cap for the New Generation Cooperative Tax Incentive Credit Program from \$6 million to \$11 million annually and extend the expiration date to 2016. (1.29.08)
- **Crime Prevention and Public Safety** heard a bill (HB 1352) that would require state colleges and universities including community and junior colleges to check the state sexual offender registry for each applicant for student housing. (1.29.08)
- **The Budget Committee** approved supplemental appropriations (HB 2019) for the University of Missouri for the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center at the Columbia campus and a Pharmacy and Nursing Building at the KC campus. (1.29.08)
- **Special Committee on Veterans** approved a bill (HB 1313) that would give preference in state purchasing contracts to certain disabled veterans doing business as Missouri companies. (1.29.08)
- **Special Committee on Tax Reform** approved a bill (HB 1661) that would allow residents from other states who work in MO to deduct property taxes from their state income taxes. This would create property tax equalization across state lines. (1.29.08)
- **Special Committee on Energy and Environment** heard a bill (HB 1326) that would give Missourians who buy hybrid vehicles a break on their state income taxes. (1.29.08)
- **Special Committee on Student Achievement** heard a bill (HB 1480) that would give the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education authority over public school extracurricular competitive activities. (1.30.08)

Did you know?

There are 134 columns in the State Capitol. One fourth of the stone in the entire structure of Missouri's state Capitol building was used to build these columns.



For more information, including video and audio stories and more photos, visit www.house.mo.gov and explore the Media Center.

Fast Facts:

- Out of the 34 current Missouri state senators, 27 served in Missouri House of Representatives, including the Senate President Pro Tem
- 89 current House members are Republicans
- 69 current House members are Democrats
- After the election on 2/5, three House seats will be filled and two will remain vacant - districts 18 and 70

House Actions as of 2/4/08 10:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed 2008	690
# House Bills Referred to Committee 2008	252
# House Bills Reported Do Pass 2008 (Including Consent)	14
# House Bills Perfected 2008	3
# House Bills Third Read 2008	3
# of House Committees (Standing and Special)	50

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Feb 5 - Joint Session - State of the Judiciary Address - 10:30 a.m.
- Feb 6 - Joint Session - State of Transportation Address - 10:30 a.m.
- March 13 - Spring break begins
- March 25 - Spring/Easter break ends - Reconvene at 4:00 p.m.
- April 1 - Last Day for Introduction of Bills
- May 9 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - 6:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Session Ends - 6:00 p.m.

Photo of the Week:

Rep. Robb, R-24, Majority Floor Leader Tilley, R-106, and Rep. Icet, R-84, discuss legislation on the House floor

