

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House passed **HCS HB 191**, which changes the laws regarding several economic development programs, establishes the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Growth Act and removes the annual cap on tax credits for the Missouri Quality Jobs Program.
- The House adopted **HR 193**, which sets the Rules of Procedure for the House Ethics Committee.

## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Special Standing Committee on Health Insurance** held a hearing on **HB 60**, which allows people who have exhausted their total lifetime benefits to be eligible for coverage under the Missouri Health Insurance Pool. (2.3.09)
- The **Special Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Transportation Funding** held a hearing on **HB 359**, which allows the Highways and Transportation Commission to enter into more than three design-build highway project contracts. (2.3.09)

## BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions  
as of 2/9/09  
9 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	633
# of HBs Referred to Committee	283
# HBs Reported Do Pass	3
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	1
# HBs Perfected	1
# HBs Third Read	1
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



### Photo of the Week

Reps. Tim Flook, Gary Dusenberg and Ed Emery discuss the Quality Jobs legislation on the House floor.



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## MORE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Job Creation and Economic Development Committee** held a hearing on **HB 189**, which establishes provisions to encourage the development of technology-based businesses. (2.3.09)
- The **Rural Community Development Committee** held a hearing on **HB 65**, which allows rural empowerment zones to exist in any county with 18,000 or fewer residents and prohibits more than two rural empowerment zones in any county. (2.3.09)
- The **Appropriations – Public Safety and Corrections Committee** met to discuss funding options for a statewide emergency communications system. (2.3.09)
- The appropriations committees met throughout the week and took testimony from state agencies regarding their 2010 budgets.

## FAST FACTS

- In 2008, members of the House introduced 1,315 bills excluding appropriations bills. This was the most bills filed in the last 32 years.
- In the last 32 years, the 137 bills in 1986 were the most House bills TAFP.
- In 1986, a total of 231 bills were TAFP.
- To date, 633 bills have been filed in the House.
- At this time last year, 786 bills had been filed.

### Dates of Interest

- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23 - Spring Break ends
- April 1 - Last day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins



### Did you know?

The Capitol has nearly 500,000 feet of floor space and contains 9 million cubic feet of space. When built, the cost per cubic foot was 40 cents.