

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTION

The following budget bills were third read and passed on March 27, 2008

- **HB 2001** - Appropriates money to the **Board of Fund Commissioners.**
- **HB 2002** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**
- **HB 2003** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Higher Education.**
- **HB 2004** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Revenue and Department of Transportation.**
- **HB 2005** - Appropriates money for the **Office of Administration, Department of Transportation, and Department of Public Safety.**
- **HB 2006** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Conservation.**
- **HB 2007** - Appropriates money for the **Departments of Economic Development; Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration; and Labor and Industrial.**
- **HB 2008** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Public Safety.**

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BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 3/31/08
9 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1234
# HBs Reported Do Pass	110
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	107
# HBs Perfected	34
# HBs Third Read	32
#HBs Third Read Consent	17
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	6
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	2

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **April 1** - Last Day for Introduction of Bills
- **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



Photo of the Week

Representatives gather around House Budget Chair Rep. Allen Ictet, R-84, during budget debate on the House floor.



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- **HB 2009** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Corrections.**
- **HB 2010** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Mental Health, Board of Public Buildings, and Department of Health and Senior Services.**
- **HB 2011** - Appropriates money for the **Department of Social Services.**
- **HB 2012** - Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of **statewide elected officials, the Judiciary, Office of the State Public Defender, and General Assembly.**
- **HB 2013** - Appropriates money for **real property leases and related services.**

COMMITTEE ACTION

- **Special Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development** passed **HB 2393** which would increase incentives through the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program for certain large-scale projects that expand economic development in Missouri. (3.26.08)
- **The Special Committee on Healthcare Transformation** heard **HB 1816**, which would establish the Health Care Whistleblower Protection Act to protect certain health care professionals from retaliatory actions by employers for reporting violations regarding improper patient care. (3.26.08)
- **The Special Committee on Workforce Development and Workplace Safety** heard **HB 2302**, which would require all claims filed against the Second Injury Fund after August 28, 2008, to use staff attorneys employed by the Division of Workers' Compensation to provide legal services. (3.26.08)



Did you know?
Missouriopolis was considered as a name for Missouri's capital, which was not incorporated as a city until nearly 15 years after the legislature first met here.

FAST FACTS: THE BUDGET

Summary

- The budget for Fiscal Year 2009, as passed by the House, comes in at \$22.4 billion dollars
- Budget is half-a-billion dollars less than the governor's proposed spending plan
- 13 budget bills now move to the Senate and must be passed by both chambers before 6 p.m. on May 9th

Education

- \$121.3 million increase for the Foundation Equity Formula
- Increase of \$2.5 million for Early Childhood Special Education
- Increased funding to the A+ Schools Program by nearly \$3.5 million
- Increase of more than \$91 million for higher education

Other Provisions

- \$200 million for the "Rainy Day Fund"
- Flat \$1,056 pay raise for state employees
- \$483 million for additional road construction projects
- Increased funding to the state Departments of Health, Mental Health and Social Services by more than \$327 million