

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Over the past week, the world has watched as the 44th President of the United States took office. Missouri is home of one of the most influential presidents in our nation's history, the 33rd president, Harry S. Truman.

Here is a comparison of the two inauguration events:

- At the time of inauguration in 1953, President Truman was 60 years old. President Obama is 47 years old.
- Approximately, 600,000 people attended President Truman's inauguration in Washington, D.C. In comparison, an estimated 2 million people attended the inauguration events last week.
- President Truman's was the first nationally televised inauguration and drew an estimated 10 million viewers. President Obama's inauguration was the second most watched inauguration, viewed by an estimated 37 million viewers. President Reagan's inauguration was the most watched event.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **January 27 - State of the State - 7 p.m.**
- **January 28 - State of the Judiciary - 10:30 a.m.**
- **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**

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 1/26/09
10 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	382
# of HBs Referred to Committee	74
# HBs Reported Do Pass	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	0
# HBs Perfected	0
# HBs Third Read	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



Photo of the Week

Speaker Ron Richard and Representatives Tim Flook, Michael Corcoran and J.C. Kuessner speak with representatives from Doe Run in the side gallery of the Chamber.



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FAST FACTS

- This year, 8 states in addition to Missouri opened session on January 7.
- 11 states began their session before the Missouri General Assembly.
- 6 states did not hold a regular session in 2008.
- 2002 was the first year legislators could not run for re-election due to term limits.
- Currently 14 other states have term limits.
- Since term limits became effective, 73 members of the House have been unable to run for re-election.
- Assuming continuous re-election, 55 members will not be allowed to run for the House in 2010 due to term limits.
- Last year, 21 members were unable to run for re-election due to term limits.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- **Rules Committee** passed **HCR 5**, which would disapprove the recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials. (1.21.09)
- **Appropriations Committees** met and began taking testimony. There are 6 appropriations committees:
 - Appropriations - Transportation and Economic Development
 - Appropriations - Health, Mental Health and Social Services
 - Appropriations - Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Appropriations - Public Safety and Corrections
 - Appropriations - General Administration
 - Appropriations - Education

FY09 BUDGET REVIEW

- The General Assembly passed a \$22.4 billion Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, which runs from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. The budget is funded from:
 - 38.5 percent from General Revenue
 - 28.4 percent from federal funds
 - 33 percent from other funds
- 21 appropriations bills were passed during the 2008 legislative session, HB 2001-2016 and HB 2019-2023.
- The FY09 Budget included 59,872.8 FTE.



Did you know?

The Capitol Building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1969. It is one of 37 places in Cole County to make the registry.