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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Richardson in the Chair.

Prayer by Reverend Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, Chaplain.

If you believe in goodness, if you value the approval of God, fix your mind on the things which are holy and right and pure and beautiful and good. (Philippians 4:8)

Our God, who has taught us that only the pure in heart can see You, cleanse our hearts of all impurity, all impenitence, and all impatience. Give to us such a love for that which is good, true and beautiful that we may be made strong when tempted, and give strength to those who are tempted as we are.

Let not our strength fail, our steps falter, or our spirits grow weak, as we labor for the good of our people in this great State.

Bless our state Supreme Court, its judges and staff who join us today. May their desire to serve the law with justice and equality, inspire us, from the highest to the lowest.

This day, and every day, may we place our hands in Yours, look up to You, and face the day with faith and courage knowing You are with us and we are with You, as we endeavor to lead our people with the example of bipartisanship and in the path of peace.

And the House says, "Amen!"

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Journal of the eleventh day was approved as printed.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HB 2251, introduced by Representative Fraker, relating to consumer legal funding, with penalty provisions.

HB 2252, introduced by Representative Moon, relating to elementary and secondary education.

HB 2253, introduced by Representative Stephens (128), relating to discrimination based on sexual orientation.

HB 2254, introduced by Representative Korman, relating to product repair requirements, with a penalty provision.

HB 2255, introduced by Representative Korman, relating to the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiative.

HB 2256, introduced by Representative Johnson, relating to broadband internet service.

HB 2257, introduced by Representative Redmon, relating to the petroleum storage tank insurance fund.

HB 2258, introduced by Representative Redmon, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

HB 2259, introduced by Representative Lichtenegger, relating to evidentiary collection kits.

HB 2260, introduced by Representative Sommer, relating to the brain injury fund.

HB 2261, introduced by Representative Cornejo, relating to fines for failing to yield the right-ofway, with penalty provisions.

HB 2262, introduced by Representative Cornejo, relating to court costs.

HB 2263, introduced by Representative Curtman, relating to competitive bids.

HB 2264, introduced by Representative Stacy, relating to the safekeeping of personal information.

HB 2265, introduced by Representative Berry, relating to public utilities.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Concurrent Resolutions were read the second time:

HCR 72, relating to the Task Force on Emergency Management.

HCR 73, relating to the Missouri Gold Star Families Memorial Monument and the Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

HCR 74, relating to the Marketplace Fairness Act.

HCR 75, relating to National Day of the Cowboy.

HCR 76, relating to the Butterfield Overland Trail.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Joint Resolutions were read the second time:

HJR 77, relating to taxation.

- HJR 78, relating to eminent domain.
- HJR 79, relating to labor organizations.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the second time:

- HB 2204, relating to product repair requirements, with a penalty provision.
- HB 2205, relating to licensed professional counselors.
- HB 2206, relating to foreign ownership of agricultural land.
- HB 2207, relating to transportation sensors.
- HB 2208, relating to elections.
- HB 2209, relating to the prescription abuse registry, with penalty provisions.
- HB 2210, relating to elementary and secondary education.
- HB 2211, relating to the Missouri accountability portal.
- HB 2212, relating to ballot offenses.
- HB 2213, relating to public water fluoridation.

HB 2214, relating to the property assessment clean energy act.

- HB 2215, relating to prevailing wages on public works.
- **HB 2216**, relating to the regulation of water resources.
- HB 2217, relating to the trauma-informed care for children and families board.
- HB 2218, relating to repealing the death penalty, with penalty provisions.
- HB 2219, relating to false reports, with penalty provisions.

- HB 2220, relating to school employee salaries.
- HB 2221, relating to registered interior designers.
- HB 2222, relating to electrical energy.
- HB 2223, relating to the ethics commission.
- HB 2224, relating to the plastic bag reduction act.
- HB 2225, relating to emergency services benefit determinations.
- HB 2226, relating to the litigation financing consumer protection act.
- HB 2227, relating to the taxpayer protection act, with penalty provisions.
- HB 2228, relating to income tax deductions for military personnel.
- HB 2229, relating to lobbyists, with penalty provisions.
- HB 2230, relating to the offense of institutional vandalism, with penalty provisions.
- HB 2231, relating to land surveyors.
- HB 2232, relating to safe schools.
- HB 2233, relating to advanced practice registered nurses.
- HB 2234, relating to human sexuality education.
- HB 2235, relating to city civilian review boards.
- HB 2236, relating to the women's right to the pill act.
- HB 2237, relating to the duty of a pharmacy to fill prescriptions, with penalty provisions.
- HB 2238, relating to a social innovation grant program.
- HB 2239, relating to electrical contractors.
- HB 2240, relating to automobile insurance.
- HB 2241, relating to tax increment financing.
- **HB 2242**, relating to the Missouri municipal government expenditure database, with penalty provisions.

HB 2243, relating to county recording fees.

HB 2244, relating to boll weevil eradication funds.

HB 2245, relating to the offense of keeping a dangerous dog, with penalty provisions.

HB 2246, relating to elementary and secondary education.

HB 2247, relating to charter schools.

HB 2248, relating to essential local telecommunications.

HB 2249, relating to background checks for child care providers.

HB 2250, relating to local development incentives.

PERFECTION OF HOUSE BILLS

HCS HB 1408, relating to the Missouri course access program, was taken up by Representative Spencer.

On motion of Representative Spencer, the title of HCS HB 1408 was agreed to.

Representative Spencer offered House Amendment No. 1.

House Amendment No. 1

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1408, Page 3, Section 161.670, Lines 57-72, by removing all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"with such course or courses to be paid by the school district or charter school, if:

(a) The student has attended such district or charter school for at least one semester immediately prior to enrolling in the Missouri course access program;

(b) The school counselor or the person designated by the district or charter school has advised the student who has requested to enroll in a Missouri course access program course and has submitted a recommendation to the school principal or person designated by the school district or charter school. Such recommendations shall be based on the counselor's or designated person's assessment of whether participation in the program and enrollment in a particular course are in the student's best interest and shall be done in consultation with the student's parent or guardian; and

(c) The student has received approval from his or her principal or person designated by the school district or charter school to enroll in the requested course or courses.

(3) Each school district and charter school shall develop a procedure under which a student may appeal the decision made under the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection. In cases of denial, the school district or charter school shall inform the student and his or her parents or guardians of the reason for the decision and inform them of their right to appeal any denial of a request to enroll in a Missouri course access program course to the department of elementary and secondary education. In such appeals the department shall provide a final enrollment decision within seven calendar days. The state board of education shall establish guidelines governing the appeals process."; and

Further amend said bill and section by renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Spencer, House Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Representative Wood offered House Amendment No. 2.

House Amendment No. 2

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1408, Page 2, Section 161.670, Lines 11-13, by deleting all of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"course directly to the Missouri course access program."; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 3, Line 73, by deleting the word "monthly"; and

Further amend said bill and section, Page 4, Lines 81-82, by deleting the phrase "on a monthly basis"; and

Further amend said bill, section, and page, Line 83, by deleting the word "monthly"; and

Further amend said bill, Section 167.121, Page 6, Line 26, by deleting the phrase "on a monthly basis";

and

Further amend said bill, section, and page, Line 27, by deleting the word "monthly"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Wood, House Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Spencer, HCS HB 1408, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Representative Spencer, **HCS HB 1408**, as amended, was ordered perfected and printed.

Representative Vescovo moved that Rule 122 be suspended.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 144

Adams	Alferman	Anders	Anderson	Andrews
Arthur	Austin	Bahr	Bangert	Baringer
Barnes 60	Barnes 28	Basye	Beard	Beck
Bernskoetter	Berry	Black	Bondon	Brattin
Brown 27	Brown 57	Burnett	Butler	Chipman
Christofanelli	Conway 10	Conway 104	Cookson	Corlew
Cornejo	Curtis	Curtman	Davis	DeGroot
Dogan	Dohrman	Ellebracht	Engler	Evans
Fitzpatrick	Fitzwater	Fraker	Francis	Franklin
Franks Jr	Frederick	Gannon	Gray	Green
Gregory	Grier	Haahr	Haefner	Hannegan
Hansen	Harris	Helms	Henderson	Higdon

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Justus	Kelley 127	Kelly 141	Kendrick	Kidd
Kolkmeyer	Korman	Lant	Lauer	Lavender
Lichtenegger	Love	Lynch	Marshall	Mathews
Matthiesen	May	McCann Beatty	McCreery	McDaniel
McGee	Meredith 71	Miller	Mitten	Moon
Morgan	Morris 140	Morse 151	Mosley	Muntzel
Neely	Newman	Nichols	Pfautsch	Phillips
Pierson Jr	Pike	Pogue	Quade	Razer
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Roden	Roeber	Rone	Ross	Rowland 155
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Stacy	Stephens 128	Stevens 46	Swan	Tate
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Brown 94	Burns	Carpenter	Cross	Eggleston
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VACANCIES: 005				

JOINT SESSION

The hour of the Joint Session having arrived, the Senate in a body was admitted, and Lieutenant Governor Michael Parson, presiding, called the Joint Assembly to order.

The Secretary of the Senate called the roll, which showed a majority of the Senators present:

AYES: 31

Brown Dixon Hoskins Munzlinger Romine Schupp Wieland	Cierpiot Eigel Hummel Onder Rowden Sifton	Crawford Emery Kehoe Richard Sater Wallingford	Cunningham Hegeman Koenig Riddle Schaaf Walsh	Curls Holsman Libla Rizzo Schatz Wasson
ABSENT: 2				

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The Chief Clerk of the House called the roll, which showed a majority of the Representatives present:

AYES: 136

Adams	Anders	Anderson	Andrews	Arthur
Austin	Bangert	Baringer	Barnes 60	Barnes 28
Basye	Beard	Beck	Bernskoetter	Berry
Black	Bondon	Brattin	Brown 27	Brown 57
Burnett	Chipman	Christofanelli	Conway 10	Conway 104
Corlew	Cornejo	Curtman	Davis	DeGroot
Dogan	Dohrman	Engler	Evans	Fitzwater
Fraker	Francis	Franklin	Franks Jr	Frederick
Gannon	Gray	Green	Gregory	Grier
Haahr	Haefner	Hannegan	Hansen	Harris
Helms	Henderson	Higdon	Houghton	Houx
Hurst	Johnson	Justus	Kelley 127	Kelly 141
Kidd	Kolkmeyer	Korman	Lant	Lauer
Lavender	Lichtenegger	Love	Lynch	Marshall
Mathews	Matthiesen	McCann Beatty	McCreery	McDaniel
McGee	Meredith 71	Miller	Moon	Morgan
Morris 140	Morse 151	Mosley	Muntzel	Neely
Newman	Nichols	Pfautsch	Phillips	Pierson Jr
Pike	Plocher	Pogue	Quade	Razer
Redmon	Rehder	Reiboldt	Reisch	Remole
Rhoads	Roden	Roeber	Rone	Ross
Rowland 155	Rowland 29	Runions	Ruth	Schroer
Shaul 113	Shull 16	Shumake	Smith 85	Smith 163
Sommer	Spencer	Stacy	Stephens 128	Stevens 46
Swan	Tate	Taylor	Trent	Unsicker
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Mr. Speaker				
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Alferman	Brown 94	Burns	Butler	Carpenter
Cookson	Cross	Curtis	Eggleston	Fitzpatrick
Kendrick	May	Merideth 80	Messenger	Peters
Pietzman				

VACANCIES: 005

The Sergeant-At-Arms announced the approach of the Honorable Zel M. Fischer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri. Chief Justice Fischer was duly escorted to the House Chamber and to the Speaker's dais, where he delivered the following message to the assembly in Joint Session.

STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS BY CHIEF JUSTICE ZEL M. FISCHER

Introduction

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Parson, Secretary of State Ashcroft, President Pro Tem Richard, members of the senate, the executive branch and the judiciary. And a special thanks to Speaker Richardson and members of the house of representatives for hosting me this morning to deliver *my* first, but more significantly, the 45th State of the Judiciary address on behalf of all of Missouri's state judges.

I would like to begin by introducing my colleagues, who collectively – when you include our trial court and court of appeals tenures – have more than 130 years of judicial experience: Judge Laura Denvir Stith; Judge Mary R. Russell; Judge Patricia Breckenridge; Judge George W. Draper III; Judge Paul C. Wilson; and our newest member – appointed last April by Governor Eric Greitens – Judge W. Brent Powell.

One of my first visits to Jefferson City was in the summer of 1985 on the way back from my honeymoon. I remember asking Julie, of the buildings we had toured – the capitol, the governor's mansion or the Supreme Court building – which one she thought I should aspire to. Luckily for my senator, Dan Hegeman, she liked the big oak doors on the ol' red brick building across the street.

What started as a joke later turned into a dream – and now I'm living the dream. I spent most of my legal career as a small business owner and solo practitioner in Atchison County, where I later served as an associate circuit judge until Governor Matt Blunt appointed me to the Supreme Court of Missouri in October 2008.

I am honored and humbled that, as chief justice of the Supreme Court, my role is to protect and advance the judiciary, and its stature as an essential branch of our state's government.

Our founding fathers foresaw the necessity of governance and the privileges and duties self-governance under our constitution would bring. As John Jay, the first chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, told a gathering in 1777, "The Americans are the first people whom Heaven has favored with an opportunity of deliberating upon and choosing the forms of government under which they should live."

Our chosen form of government – consisting of three coequal, co-sovereign branches – is now well-entrenched. And it is up to those of us in this room this morning, whom the citizens of Missouri have entrusted, to carry out its governance.

Core Functions of the Judicial Branch

Socrates said, only four things belong to a judge: to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly and to decide impartially. And so we strive every day, by careful study of the facts and the law, to reach the correct result. Some would say this historical view of judging is not enough for the Supreme Court, because there are the additional obligations to ensure the court system is well-administered and one in which the public has trust and confidence.

A Well-Administered Judiciary

I am happy to report Missouri's judiciary is in good shape. We are nationally recognized as leaders. Two areas I wish to highlight today are the processes we use to determine who is qualified to practice law and our innovative use of technology.

In 2010, I recommended to my colleagues that Missouri become the first state to adopt the uniform bar examination. This innovative concept recognizes that the same bar examination given on the same date in many states generates a score that is portable to other states administering that same exam.

The uniform bar examination is not a national bar. It simply permits an applicant to transfer a bar exam score to another participating state to pursue a law license in that state without the undue delay, stress, and expense of having to retake the bar exam.

My thought was this process would substantially benefit law students – the consumers of legal education – many of whom take the bar exam before they have a job and, therefore, before they know in what state they will need a license. At the same time, states using the uniform bar examination maintain their ability to protect the public – the consumers of legal services – by retaining local control over the character and fitness investigations and the manner of testing local legal issues as conditions of earning a law license in that state.

The idea that states would accept a portable bar examination score faced resistance when it was first raised. Most innovations do.

But the Supreme Court of Missouri recognized the value of the uniform bar exam to law students, their families and their employers and became the first state to adopt it. We believed other states could be persuaded to follow suit. And we were right – as Missouri begins its eighth year administering the uniform bar examination, I proudly report another 29 jurisdictions have now joined us in using it, and we have every expectation that number will continue to rise.

Missouri courts are also continuing their tradition of innovation in technology. More than a decade ago, we became the first state to offer the public access to information from a statewide case management system using Case.net, and last summer, the Missouri Judiciary was ranked third – not nationally but *internationally*! – for the best use of technology to improve court services and access to the public. The award specifically focused on our new Show-Me Courts system, Track This Case tool in Case.net, Pay by Web services, and the mobile optimization of the Missouri Courts website. In case you are counting, we came in behind Arizona and Dubai.

As evidenced by this award, we remain committed to delivering exceptional services and improving public access to our courts. Each of the technology solutions for which we received accolades was designed with Missouri citizens in mind.

Regulating the practice of law, including who is qualified to begin practicing, and using technology to make our courts more open, transparent and efficient are core functions that fall within the supervisory responsibility of your Supreme Court.

We are proud of these successes and strive to improve how we perform our more familiar core functions, and we stand ready to cooperate with the legislative and executive branches in areas of overlapping concern.

I see four particular areas in which we three branches of government can continue to work together to move this great state of Missouri forward: (1) through the work of the Justice Reinvestment Task Force; (2) through the expanded use of drug treatment courts; (3) through continued emphasis on criminal justice reform; and (4) through cooperative evaluation of the efficient management of our judicial resources.

Justice Reinvestment Task Force

As I am sure you are aware, Missouri continues to face challenges in its criminal justice system. While, nationally, violent crimes are decreasing, it is not true for Missouri.

As a result, we are spending more on corrections than ever before. Our total incarceration rate remains well above the national average and is growing. We have joined with you in a call for help.

The Supreme Court joined Speaker Richardson, President Pro Tem Richard and Governor Greitens last May in seeking assistance from the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and The Pew Charitable Trust to find new ways to improve our troubled system. They granted our request for help in collecting and analyzing data to assist in developing policy options. Through this public-private partnership, we hope to keep corrections spending in check, reinvest those savings in evidence-based strategies to reduce recidivism and, ultimately, and most importantly, to enhance public safety for all Missourians.

With representatives of all three branches of government working hand-in-hand, members engaged in months of study and finished their recommendations last month. The task force is developing legislative options for you to consider. We are optimistic these changes will produce significant, sensible and meaningful improvements.

Treatment Courts and the Opioid Crisis

The second area where our work together can pay off is in the use of treatment courts to help break the cycle of crime, and to respond to the opioid crisis now plaguing Missouri and our entire nation.

Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, with the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids continuing to climb. Our state mirrors the national statistics, as opioid use disorder has taken an enormous toll on Missouri. Missouri lost 1,066 people in 2015 and 1,371 people in 2016 to a drug overdose. This is a staggering increase in deaths.

To grapple with this terrible epidemic, Missouri's treatment courts feature multidisciplinary teams offering a twofold solution. First, they are addressing the crimes that often are due to substance use; and second, they are helping those who are addicted, and their families, improve their lives and break the cycle of addiction. We have already seen a steady increase in the number of participants entering our treatment courts who say their drug of choice is heroin or other opioids.

Like they have shown in other intersections of drugs and crime, we anticipate our treatment courts will be on the front lines of the opioid battle. By continuing to reduce drug use and keeping addicted offenders out of prison, those offenders can continue to work and provide for their families.

The success of our treatment courts has largely depended on the cooperation we have had from our partners in the legislature. If we are to break the cycle of drugs and crime, every Missourian in need should have a treatment court program within reach.

Research demonstrates treatment courts are more cost-effective than *any other* criminal justice strategy. But our treatment courts have been able to serve only a small percentage of individuals facing felony drug charges. Those numbers began to drop even more last July, when the 27-percent core reduction to existing programs took effect. Since then, admission into our various treatment court programs has dropped an average of 23 percent. And right now, there are 15 counties with *no* access to *any* type of treatment court. Individuals addicted to opioids and other substances in these areas are restrained by county lines they can't see.

We will work with you over the coming months to expand the reach of treatment courts in hopes of making this resource-saving, life-saving program available in *every* Missouri jurisdiction.

Criminal Justice Task Force

Our work together as three coequal branches of government continues to be essential to improving our criminal justice system. Last June, the Court established a task force focused broadly on criminal justice.

This group is led by Judge Michael Noble of St. Louis, Christian County Prosecutor Amy Fite and defense attorney J.R. Hobbs of Kansas City. They will recommend evidence-based risk-assessment tools for determining a defendant's suitability for pretrial release; recommend ways to improve how courts impose fines, fees and costs; and identify technological opportunities to improve notice, compliance and public safety.

These efforts are part of broader national movement away from bail release decisions based on financial conditions toward considerations of the risks posed by individual defendants. The national experts suggest there are ways to provide effective screening and supervision to monitor those defendants deemed safe for release during the pretrial period.

It seems obvious and important that – before a trial is held and guilt or innocence is determined – we reserve our jail space for those who pose the most danger to the community or risk of fleeing the jurisdiction, and not those who simply may be too poor to post bail. Studies show even *short* stints in jail increase the likelihood of missing school or losing jobs and housing. And, of course, pretrial *supervision* costs a local community substantially less than pretrial *incarceration*.

I will be leading a team to a pretrial justice reform summit in Indianapolis in May. We will learn about reform efforts nationwide and will have an opportunity to develop an action plan for appropriate responses here in our own state. I am pleased to announce that, in addition to our state courts administrator, Kathy Lloyd, and Montgomery County Associate Circuit Judge Kelly Broniec, joining me at the summit will be Judge Jack Goodman, presiding judge of the 39th Judicial Circuit, and Judge Rob Mayer, presiding judge of the 35th Judicial Circuit.

Both Judge Goodman and Judge Mayer are former members of this General Assembly – serving both in *this* house of representatives and in the senate – and they are with us today. I believe their legal education and judicial experience, coupled with practical legislative know-how, will assist the Court in deciding what reforms are good for Missouri and how to shepherd through the legislative process any changes that may require your attention. This also demonstrates I am not opposed to both my hunting dogs *and* my judges being "House"-trained.

Efficient Management of Court Resources

Finally, we look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with the legislative and executive branches to improve our service to the state. We have made significant strides in assessing our own internal operations to find ways to be as efficient and effective as possible.

Ten years ago, we created a "judicial partnership program" designed to help our busiest circuits work through backlogs of cases by partnering them with circuits where judges were available to help meet that demand. This, of course, was important for the citizens and businesses who needed the courts to resolve legal matters of great importance to them – and it was important for us to use our available resources as best we could to meet those needs.

This ability to temporarily transfer judges from one jurisdiction to another is an important design of our state constitution. While judges are assigned to particular local courts – by county, circuit or appellate district – article V, section 6 also provides that the Supreme Court of Missouri may assign *any* judge in the state to hear *any* particular case or serve *any* jurisdiction in addition to the jurisdiction that judge serves daily. As a result, whether elected by county or circuit or selected by nonpartisan commission, every associate circuit, circuit, appellate, and Supreme Court judge is an employee of *Missouri* and can be assigned to serve throughout the state.

The primary reason the judicial partnership program was so successful was because it was locally driven, empowering the partnered presiding judges to determine how and when to share judicial resources. I saw how well this worked first-hand. When I was a trial judge in the 4th Judicial Circuit, in the northwest corner of the state, I joined the other five judges of that five-county circuit in regularly traveling to help the 16th Judicial Circuit in Jackson County reduce its backlog of cases.

I am proud to say, last September, the judicial transfer work group dissolved the last two remaining partnerships and, with it, the formal partnership program itself. We managed our own resources *so well*, and the circuit partnerships had been *so successful* over the past decade, the backlog of cases that called for the Supreme Court's intervention has been eliminated. Please join me in thanking the many hard-working judges who participated in the mandatory transfer program for helping to advance the timely, effective administration of justice for the people of Missouri. And because no good deed should go unpunished, I also offer an ongoing thank you to those judges who continue to accept ad hoc assignments throughout the state.

Your confidence in the judiciary by tasking us with redrawing our circuits is both appreciated and deserved. Your statutorily required realignment study and plan present a unique opportunity to pursue a data-driven evaluation of the multiple factors that impact court operations. These factors include changes in workload, population and technology; increased use of treatment and other problem-solving courts; and access to local courts. The evaluation of these factors will be critical in determining what, if any, changes in circuit boundaries and jurisdiction would enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our courts. This evaluation is also necessary to help us understand the costs associated with any changes.

Given the complexity of this comprehensive evaluation, an order was entered in November creating the "Task Force for the Preparation of a Circuit Realignment Plan." I will chair this task force, which includes a judge from each district of the Missouri Court of Appeals and a mix of circuit and associate circuit judges representing rural and urban courts from every part of the state.

We will deliver to you in 2020, as required, a fiscally responsible plan that will best serve the citizens and businesses of our state while ensuring equal access to our courts by those in need.

Conclusion

I was raised to believe everything works better when everybody does their own job well, but with a recognition that sometimes the big jobs require us all to work together. I look forward to assisting in this big job of governing our state, where each branch focuses on its distinct core functions first but cooperates and works together when challenges and opportunities arise.

One thing we all share is the support of those back home whom we love and who make it possible for us to come here to Jefferson City. I feel blessed to serve as the chief justice ... and I'm thankful that position is term-limited. But I feel even more blessed to be a grandfather of one, a father of four and a husband to Julie for more than 32 years.

I want to thank my local sheriff, Dennis Martin, for agreeing to drive my parents, Bob and Nancy Fischer, to be here with us today. My mother has always been my loudest and most loyal cheerleader, and so the folks back home are not surprised my mom's first ride in the back seat of a police car was to be here this morning with me. My dad has always been my best friend. He was the best man at my wedding, and the bailiff in my court when I was a trial judge. My only regret in transitioning from the trial bench to the Supreme Court of Missouri is I miss starting each day with his coffee and our conversation.

My parents still live where I grew up, in Watson. It's the farthest north and west town in Missouri, with a stated population of 100 on the welcome sign ... and trust me, that surely must include some livestock.

My parents' only measurable wealth when I was growing up was the love they had in their hearts for their children. That I now humbly stand before you as chief justice is a testament to them ... and proof beyond any reasonable doubt the American Dream is alive and well in Missouri.

It has been a privilege to speak with you today. Thank you.

The Joint Session was dissolved by Senator Kehoe.

Speaker Richardson resumed the Chair.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were referred to the Committee indicated:

- **HB 1252** Insurance Policy
- HB 1256 General Laws
- HB 1257 General Laws
- HB 1262 General Laws
- HB 1263 Special Committee on Government Oversight
- HB 1265 Elections and Elected Officials
- HB 1273 Higher Education

	Elections and Elected Officials
	Government Efficiency
	Special Committee on Urban Issues
	General Laws
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 1353 -	
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HB 1368 -	
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	Higher Education
	General Laws
	Crime Prevention and Public Safety
	Local Government
	Judiciary
	Health and Mental Health Policy
	Crime Prevention and Public Safety
	Ways and Means
	Local Government
HB 1517 -	•
	Health and Mental Health Policy
	Crime Prevention and Public Safety
	Insurance Policy
	Agriculture Policy
HB 1553 -	•
	General Laws
	Government Efficiency
	Elementary and Secondary Education
HB 1574 -	Professional Registration and Licensing

HB 1576 -	Government Efficiency
HB 1577 -	Economic Development
HB 1585 -	Special Committee on Tourism
HB 1590 -	
HB 1612 -	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 1613 -	Transportation
HB 1614 -	Agriculture Policy
HB 1616 -	Health and Mental Health Policy
HB 1627 -	Corrections and Public Institutions
HB 1628 -	Crime Prevention and Public Safety
HB 1631 -	Government Efficiency
HB 1637 -	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 1644 -	Government Efficiency
HB 1651 -	General Laws
HB 1654 -	Special Committee on Litigation Reform
HB 1655 -	
HB 1656 -	General Laws
HB 1657 -	Conservation and Natural Resources
HB 1670 -	Elementary and Secondary Education
HB 1673 -	
HB 1689 -	Judiciary
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 1714 -	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 1715 -	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
	Health and Mental Health Policy
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
	Agriculture Policy
	General Laws
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
	General Laws
HB 1779 -	
	Special Committee on Homeland Security
	Conservation and Natural Resources
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 1804 -	
	Local Government
	Health and Mental Health Policy
	Elementary and Secondary Education
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
	General Laws
	Special Committee on Small Business
	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
	Higher Education
HB 1877 -	
HB 1878 -	Utilities

HR 1883		Children and Families
		Ways and Means
		Elementary and Secondary Education
		Elementary and Secondary Education
		General Laws
		Agriculture Policy
		Agriculture Policy
		Special Committee on Small Business
		Economic Development
		Elementary and Secondary Education
		Health and Mental Health Policy
		Local Government
		General Laws
		General Laws
		Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
		Agriculture Policy
		Local Government
		Children and Families
		Professional Registration and Licensing
		Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
		Judiciary
		Conservation and Natural Resources
		Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
		Local Government
HB 1981	-	Special Committee on Government Oversight
		Crime Prevention and Public Safety
HB 1992	-	Professional Registration and Licensing
HB 1999	-	Utilities
HB 2027	-	Special Committee to Improve the Care and Well-being of Young People
HB 2030	-	Local Government
HB 2031	-	Agriculture Policy
HB 2040	-	
		Judiciary
HB 2044		
		Crime Prevention and Public Safety
		General Laws
		General Laws
		General Laws
		Professional Registration and Licensing
HB 2247	-	Elementary and Secondary Education

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Children and Families, Chairman Franklin reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Children and Families, to which was referred **HB 1383**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Cookson, Franklin, Gannon, Justus, Neely, Ruth and Stacy

Noes (3): Meredith (71), Newman and Walker (74)

Absent (1): Moon

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Children and Families, to which was referred **HB 1630**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Cookson, Franklin, Gannon, Justus, Meredith (71), Neely, Newman, Ruth, Stacy and Walker (74)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Moon

Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources, Chairman Anderson reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources, to which was referred **HB 1607**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Anderson, Beard, Engler, Harris, Houx, Love, Meredith (71), Phillips, Pierson Jr. and Remole

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety, Chairman Phillips reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety, to which was referred **HB 1355**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass - Consent**, and pursuant to Rule 24(5) be referred to the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Baringer, Franks Jr., Hill, Lauer, McDaniel, Newman, Phillips and Rhoads

Noes (0)

Absent (3): Barnes (60), Dogan and Hannegan

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety, to which was referred **HB 1411**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** with House Committee Substitute, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Baringer, Barnes (60), Franks Jr., Hannegan, Hill, Lauer, McDaniel, Newman, Phillips and Rhoads

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Dogan

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety, to which was referred **HB 1600**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Baringer, Barnes (60), Franks Jr., Hannegan, Hill, Lauer, McDaniel, Newman, Phillips and Rhoads

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Dogan

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety, to which was referred **HB 1649**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Baringer, Barnes (60), Hannegan, Hill, Lauer, McDaniel, Phillips and Rhoads

Noes (2): Franks Jr. and Newman

Absent (1): Dogan

Committee on Judiciary, Chairman Corlew reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 1250**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (7): Beard, Corlew, DeGroot, Ellebracht, Marshall, Mitten and Roberts

Noes (1): White

Absent (2): Gregory and Toalson Reisch

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **HB 1650**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (8): Beard, Corlew, DeGroot, Ellebracht, Marshall, Mitten, Roberts and White

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Gregory and Toalson Reisch

Special Committee on Government Oversight, Chairman Brattin reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Government Oversight, to which was referred **HB 1370**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Bangert, Barnes (28), Brattin, Christofanelli, Merideth (80), Moon, Taylor, Toalson Reisch and Washington

Noes (0)

Absent (3): Brown (57), Hill and Messenger

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Government Oversight, to which was referred **HB 1605**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass** - **Consent with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(5) be referred to the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Bangert, Barnes (28), Brattin, Brown (57), Christofanelli, Hill, Merideth (80), Moon, Taylor, Toalson Reisch and Washington

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Messenger

Special Committee on Tourism, Chairman Justus reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Tourism, to which was referred **HB 1247**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass - Consent**, and pursuant to Rule 24(5) be referred to the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Bangert, Barnes (28), Brown (27), Cookson, Franklin, Gannon, Justus, Matthiesen and Spencer

Noes (0)

Absent (4): Hannegan, Miller, Nichols and Tate

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Tourism, to which was referred **HB 1375**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass - Consent**, and pursuant to Rule 24(5) be referred to the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Bangert, Barnes (28), Brown (27), Cookson, Franklin, Gannon, Justus, Matthiesen and Spencer

Noes (0)

Absent (4): Hannegan, Miller, Nichols and Tate

Special Committee on Urban Issues, Chairman Curtis reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Urban Issues, to which was referred **HB 1620**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (6): Curtis, Helms, Plocher, Rhoads, Smith (85) and Stacy

Noes (1): Ellington

Absent (1): Roeber

Committee on Transportation, Chairman Reiboldt reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred **HB 1389**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Corlew, Cornejo, Hurst, Kolkmeyer, Korman, May, Reiboldt, Runions, Ruth and Tate

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Burns

Committee on Workforce Development, Chairman Lauer reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Workforce Development, to which was referred **HB 1415**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Evans, Fitzwater, Franks Jr., Hansen, Henderson, Justus, Lant, Lauer and Mosley

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Pietzman and Roberts

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Workforce Development, to which was referred **HB 1455**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House Committee Substitute**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Evans, Fitzwater, Franks Jr., Hansen, Henderson, Justus, Lant, Lauer, Mosley and Roberts

Noes (0)

Absent (1): Pietzman

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Workforce Development, to which was referred **HB 1677**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (9): Evans, Fitzwater, Franks Jr., Hansen, Henderson, Justus, Lant, Lauer and Mosley

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Pietzman and Roberts

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

January 24, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Office #317A Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Gretchen Bangert to the House Subcommittee on Missouri 529 Savings Programs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

January 24, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Office #317A Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Clem Smith to the Subcommittee on Short Term Financial Transactions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

COMMITTEE CHANGES

January 24, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby remove Representative Clem Smith from the Committee on Utilities, and appoint Representative Steven Roberts. I also appoint Representative Tracy McCreery as the Minority Caucus Ranking Member.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

January 24, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Office #317 A Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby remove Representative Rory Rowland from the Committee on Economic Development, and appoint Representative Mark Ellebracht.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

January 24, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Office #317 A Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby remove Representative Clem Smith from the House Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing, and appoint Representative Cora Faith Walker.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Vescovo, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

BUDGET

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 8:15 AM, House Hearing Room 3. Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee. Budget presentations from the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration and the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 5:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 7. Public hearing will be held: HB 1266, HB 1361 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 8:30 AM, House Hearing Room 1. Public hearing will be held: HB 1344, HB 1359, HB 2026 Executive session will be held: HB 1476 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 5. Public hearing will be held: HB 1296, HB 2062, HB 1501 Executive session will be held: HB 1378, HB 1558, HB 1456, HB 1859 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

FISCAL REVIEW Thursday, January 25, 2018, 9:00 AM, House Hearing Room 6. Executive session will be held: HB 1287 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

GENERAL LAWS

Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 5:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 5. Public hearing will be held: HB 1461, HB 1635, HB 1679, HB 1802 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STABILIZING MISSOURI'S HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETS

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 4. Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee. Discussion of the options on what the 1332 waiver would look like. Note that the location may change.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Monday, February 5, 2018, 11:30 AM, House Hearing Room 1. Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

I. Presentation: Missouri Department of Higher Education – Core Curriculum Implementation in Response to SB 997.

II. Discussion: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education - Exclusion of 2017 End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments (i.e., Algebra I, English II) from the Scoring of Annual Performance Reports.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 4. Public hearing will be held: HB 1711, HB 2104 Executive session will be held: HB 1364 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee. Testimony pertaining to homeland security. Pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, and Section 610.021 (10), (19), (20), and (21) RSMo, portions of the meeting may be closed. CORRECTED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TAX POLICY FOR WORKING FAMILIES Monday, January 29, 2018, 1:00 PM, House Hearing Room 5. Executive session will be held: HB 1357 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee. Reconsidering HB 1357 to add amendments.

TRANSPORTATION Monday, January 29, 2018, 2:30 PM, South Gallery. Executive session will be held: HB 1675, HB 1676, HB 1905 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee. VETERANS Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 1. Public hearing will be held: HB 1368, HB 1462, HB 1469 Executive session will be held: HB 1503, HB 2037, HCR 58, HJR 61 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

HOUSE CALENDAR

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING

HB 2251 through HB 2265

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR PERFECTION

HJR 59 - Brown (57)

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

HB 1484 - Brown (57) HB 1769 - Mathews HCS HB 1617 - Barnes (60) HB 1504 - Reiboldt HB 1665 - Swan HB 1744 - Hansen

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING

HB 1465 - Cookson HB 1287, (Fiscal Review 1/23/18) - Engler HCS HB 1381 - Shull (16) HB 1531 - DeGroot

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

HCS HB 1 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 2 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 3 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 4 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 5 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 6 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 7 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 8 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 9 - Fitzpatrick

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