

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

- On Tuesday, the House adopted **HR 39**, which calls on the Attorney General to file an independent lawsuit or join 20 state attorneys general in their lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal health care reform legislation. The resolution passed by a vote of 115-46.
- On Thursday, the House adopted **HR 38**, which is the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 96th General Assembly. The resolution passed by a vote of 157-0.
- Some of the key rule changes include reducing paper use by distributing amendments on the House floor electronically, giving additional power to the minority party to appoint members to standing committees of the House, and placing a ban on smoking in the East Gallery of the House Chamber.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **January 19 - State of the State - 7 p.m.**
- **February 2 - State of the Judiciary - 10:30 a.m.**
- **March 17 - Spring Break begins**
- **March 28 - Spring Break ends**
- **April 1 - Last Day to file bills**
- **April 25 - Easter Break**
- **May 6 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed**
- **May 13 - Session Ends**

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 1/14/11
12:00 p.m.

# House Bills Filed	198
# of HBs Referred to Committee	16
# HBs Reported Do Pass	3
# 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



Rep. John J. Diehl, Jr., R-Town and Country, discusses an amendment with Rep. Paul Curtman, R-Pacific, on the House floor.



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FAST FACTS

- 38 people have been inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians.
- Gov. Warren Hearnes is the most recent inductee to the Hall. Gov. Hearnes was added Sept. 15, 2010.
- Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) was the first person to be inducted into the Hall on September 8, 1982.
- 2006 saw the highest number of inductees including Jack Buck, John Ashcroft, Dale Carnegie and Rose Phillipine Duchesne.
- While the busts of Walt Disney and Gen. John J. Pershing reside approximately 20 ft. from one another on the 3rd floor of the capitol, their boyhood homes of Laclede and Marceline are 16.3 miles apart.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Wednesday, the **House General Laws Committee** voted do pass **HB 73**, which would require certain recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program benefits to be tested for the illegal use of controlled substances.
- On Wednesday, The **House Small Business Committee** voted do pass **HR 45**, which would change the laws regarding the "Big Government Get Off My Back Act" and provides an income tax deduction for certain small businesses that create new full-time jobs.

"I think we have House Rules here for this term that truly do represent a bipartisan effort under which to govern this House."

• **Majority Floor Leader Tim Jones** speaking on the passage of **HR 38, The Rules of the House.**

"I think there are things that could be improved, but I think that the changes that have been made are significant in re-establishing the rights of the minority in this body."

• **Minority Floor Leader Mike Talboy** speaking on the passage of **HR 38, The Rules of the House.**



Rep. Sara Lampe, D-Springfield, seeks to be recognized on the floor.