

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTION

- **HB 1377**, which requires all state elected officials and certain recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits to be tested for the illegal use of controlled substances, was third read and passed by a vote of 114-39.
- **HB 1540**, which requires that judicial procedures for an infraction be the same as for a misdemeanor and requires motorists to obey reasonable signals and directions given by law enforcement in the enforcement of infractions, was third read and passed by a vote of 150-4.
- **HB1497**, which requires special elections to fill vacancies in the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, and United States Senator, was perfected by a vote of 88-59.
- **HCR 38** was adopted by a vote of 137-16. The resolution urgently requests the United States Congress to cease and desist from imposing unfunded mandates on the states.
- **HCR 34 & 35** was third read and passed by a vote of 121-28. The resolution submits to Congress a proposed federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

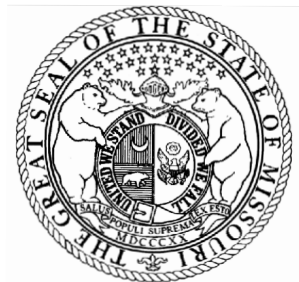
BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 2/15/10
11 a.m.

# of House Bills Filed	991
# HBs Referred to Committee	289
# HBs Reported Do Pass	19
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	3
# HBs Perfected	5
# HBs Third Read	4
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



Photo of the Week
Rep. Shelley Keeney recites the Pledge of Allegiance along with members of the Boy Scouts of America who came to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the organization.



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COMMITTEE ACTION

- On Tuesday, the House Committee on Healthcare Transformation held a public hearing for **HB 1548**, which would establish the High School Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act, which requires school boards to work with the Missouri State High School Activities Association to develop guidelines regarding head injuries.
- On Tuesday, the House Committee on Elections held a hearing for **HB 1966**, which would allow for an advance voting period for an election in which any statewide office is on the ballot. The committee also heard testimony on **HJR 64**, which proposes a constitutional amendment changing the laws regarding voter identification.
- On Tuesday, the House Committee on Public Safety held a public hearing on **HB 1205**, which would prohibit all drivers, regardless of age, from text messaging while operating a moving motor vehicle on any highway in this state.
- On Tuesday, the House Committee on Public Safety held a hearing on **HB 1472**, which adds 1-Pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole to the list of Schedule I controlled substances.
- On Wednesday, the House Committee on Crime Prevention held a public hearing for **HB 1695**, which would change the laws regarding driving while intoxicated.



Rep. Ward Franz holds a sample of synthetic K2 alongside Det. Shawn Rhoades while testifying on the dangers of the marijuana substitute.

FAST FACTS

- More than 1300 love letters from Harry to Bess Truman survive in the Truman Library Collections.
- Walter Cronkite, from St. Joseph, was married to his wife Betsy for 65 years before her death in 2005.
- Poet T.S. Eliot of St. Louis wrote "Love is most nearly itself when here and now cease to matter."
- Actress Betty Grable, a St. Louis native, starred in many romantic movies including *Springtime in the Rockies* and *Moon over Miami*.
- Walt Disney, of Marceline, created cartoon couple Mickey and Minnie Mouse in May 1928.
- Ginger Rogers, a native of Independence, played Fred Astaire's romantic interest in 10 films including *Top Hat* and *Shall We Dance*.
- Hallmark Cards, based in Kansas City, is the source of 152 million greeting cards exchanged on Valentine's Day.