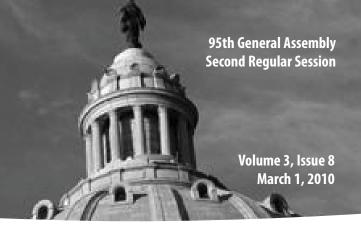
THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE



FLOOR ACTIONS

- On Thursday, the House third read and passed **HB 1741** by a vote of 145-7. The bill would change the laws regarding a meeting of a board of directors or the executive committee of a corporation.
- On Thursday, the House third read and passed **HB 1498** by a vote of 157-0. The bill would change the laws regarding the payment of health insurance claims.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

On Tuesday, the House Committee on Higher Education voted do pass on HB
1473, which revises the grade required for renewing an Access Missouri Scholarship. The committee also voted do pass on HB 1504, which expands eligibility
for the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act scholarship and specifies that
homeschooled students must receive the same financial aid consideration as
non-homeschooled students.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 4 Spring Break begins
- March 15 Spring Break ends
- April 5 Easter Break
- May 14 Session ends

Photo of the Week



House Speaker Ron Richard, R-Joplin, (right) presents a resolution to Daytona 500 winner Jamie McMurray, who was joined by wife Christy and Johnny Morris, owner of Bass Pro Shops, the sponsor of McMurray's car. Mc Murray is a native of Joplin.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 3/1/10 10:00 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1,095
# of HBs Re- ferred to Com- mittee	393
# HBs Reported Do Pass	57
# HBs Reported Do Pass Con- sent	31
# HBs Perfected	13
# HBs Third Read	10
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	2



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MORE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Tuesday, the **House Special Committee on General Laws** held a hearing on **HB 1444**, which requires certain public governing bodies to hold a public meeting and to allow public comment four business days prior to voting on certain issues. The Committee also held a hearing on HB 1445, which changes the laws regarding the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.
- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Local Government** held a hearing on HB 1282, which requires all basic life support ambulances and fault line in 1811-1812 in New Madrid, stretcher vans to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator and be staffed by at least one individual trained in its use.
- On Wednesday, the House Committee on Agri-Business held a hearing on **HB 1291**, which increases the period of time a concealed carry en-

dorsement is valid from three years to five years from the date of issuance or renewal. Bills also heard by the com mittee were HB 1669 and HB 1756, which would allow prosecuting attorneys to carry guns into courthouses.



Rep. Chris Kelly, D-Columbia, receives an autographed soccer ball and softball from The University of Missouri women's teams.

- On Wednesday, the **House Committee on Tax Reform** held a hearing on **HB 2131**, which requires a \$2 deduction each pay period from the governor's personal pay to be deposited into the Governor Nixon's Federal Scratch-Off, Match-Off Fund to purchase a Powerball lottery ticket each week.
- On Wednesday, the House Committee on Health Care Policy held a hearing on HB 1898, which establishes the Women's Heart Health Program to provide heart disease risk screenings to certain uninsured and underinsured women.
- On Thursday, the House Committee on State Parks and Waterways held a hearing on HB 2165, which requires the Department of Natural Resources to post in plain language the results of water quality testing of Missouri rivers, lakes, creeks, public beaches and streams within three days of collecting the sample.

FAST FACTS

- February was Earthquake Awareness Month in Missouri.
- The New Madrid seismic zone is the most active fault line east of the Rockies, and runs along Missouri's southeast border.
- The most violent series of earthquakes in US history occurred on this and reportedly caused the Mississippi River to flow backwards.
- Some scientists predict that there is a 10% chance of a magnitude 7-8 earthquake along the New Madrid seismic zone in a 50 year time interval. The recent earthquake in Haiti was a magnitude 7.