

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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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 Referred to Committee	393
# HBs Reported Do Pass	57
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	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 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 endorsement is valid from three years to five years from the date of issuance or renewal. Bills also heard by the committee 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.

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 fault line in 1811-1812 in New Madrid, 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.
- 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.