

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

- On Thursday, the House perfected by voice vote **HB 108**, which would change the laws regarding contributions to political action committees.

### The House third read and passed the following bills:

- HB 61**, which would prohibit the state minimum wage from exceeding the federal minimum wage and specifies that every employer must pay each employee receiving gratuities as compensation a wage of \$3.63 per hour, by a vote of 92-60.
- HB 214**, which would change the laws regarding human trafficking, by a vote of 155-0.
- HB 136**, which would allow the spouse of certain active military members to be eligible for unemployment benefits and to receive a temporary courtesy license to practice his or her occupation or profession in this state, by a vote of 154-0.
- HCS HB 116 & 316**, which would change the laws regarding the collection of money owed to the state and authorizes an amnesty from the assessment or payment of the penalties, taxes, and interest on certain unpaid tax delinquencies, by a vote of 154-0.
- HCS HB 276, 233 & 274**, which would change the laws regarding unlawful picketing or protesting of a funeral, by a vote of 142-15.
- HB 76**, which would change the laws regarding the corporate franchise tax, by a vote of 106-52.
- HCR 3**, which would submit to Congress a proposed federal balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution, by a vote of 127-30.

## BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions  
as of 3/4/11  
10 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	793
# HBs Reported Do Pass	67
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	44
# HBs Perfected	19
# HBs Third Read	18
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	3
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0



Rep. John Cauthorn, R-Mexico, presents a resolution to the Mexico High School wrestling team which finished 3rd at the state tournament. Cauthorn's son Andrew is on the team.

### Dates of Interest

- March 17 - Spring Break begins.
- March 28 - Spring Break Ends.
- April 25 - Easter Break
- May 13 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills



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## FAST FACTS

- To date, the House has filed 793 bills and 19 have been perfected. In comparison, the Senate has filed 455 bills and 23 have been perfected. The House has third read 18 bills, while the Senate has third read 19 bills.
- Trout fishing began in Missouri State Parks on March 1. Bennett Springs, Roaring River and Montauk state parks are open for trout fishing until Oct. 31.

## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- On Tuesday, the **House Higher Education Committee** voted to pass **HB 223**, which would establish the Caring for Missourians Program within the Department of Higher Education to award grants to eligible higher education institutions to address nursing shortages.
- On Tuesday, the **House Elections Committee** voted to pass **HB 54**, which would repeal the provision that requires a political party's emblem to be printed on an election ballot above the party caption.
- On Wednesday, the **House Health Care Policy Committee** held a public hearing on **HB 328**, which would establish the Abortion-inducing Drugs Safety Act which places restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs.
- On Wednesday, the **House Corrections Committee** voted to pass **HB 38**, which would require certain administrative officials of jails or detention facilities to notify the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System within five hours of the escape of certain specified dangerous felons.
- On Thursday, the **House General Laws Committee** voted to pass **HB 294**, which would lower the age at which a person can obtain a concealed carry endorsement from 23 to 21 years of age if the person is a member of the armed forces.
- On Thursday, the **House General Laws Committee** voted to pass **HB 123**, which would prohibit the sales tax on firearms or ammunition from being levied at a higher rate than for any sales tax or other excise tax charged on any sporting goods or equipment or any hunting equipment.



Rep. David Day, R-Dixon, speaks on the House floor.