

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTION

The following bills were perfected:

- **HBs 1831 & 1472** - Change the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and create the crime of coercing an abortion. (4.15.08)
- **HB 2393** - Authorizes a tax credit for mega-projects and changes how property taxes are assessed on property located near the Kansas City International Airport. The legislation is meant to bring Bombardier and other large-scale economic development to Missouri. (4.15.08)
- **HB 1626** - Prohibits certain illegal aliens from receiving public assistance benefits. (4.16.08)
- **HBs 1788 & 1882** - Authorize an income tax deduction from a taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income for 100% of any military retirement income, regardless of age or income. (4.16.08)
- **HB 1813** - Repeals the 2% gross receipts sales tax on pull tab cards and the two-tenths of one cent tax on bingo cards sold by charitable organizations. (4.16.08)
- **HB 1649** - Restricts the driver's license of a registered sexual offender to no more than one year and revokes the license if the offender fails to register as required by law. (4.16.08)

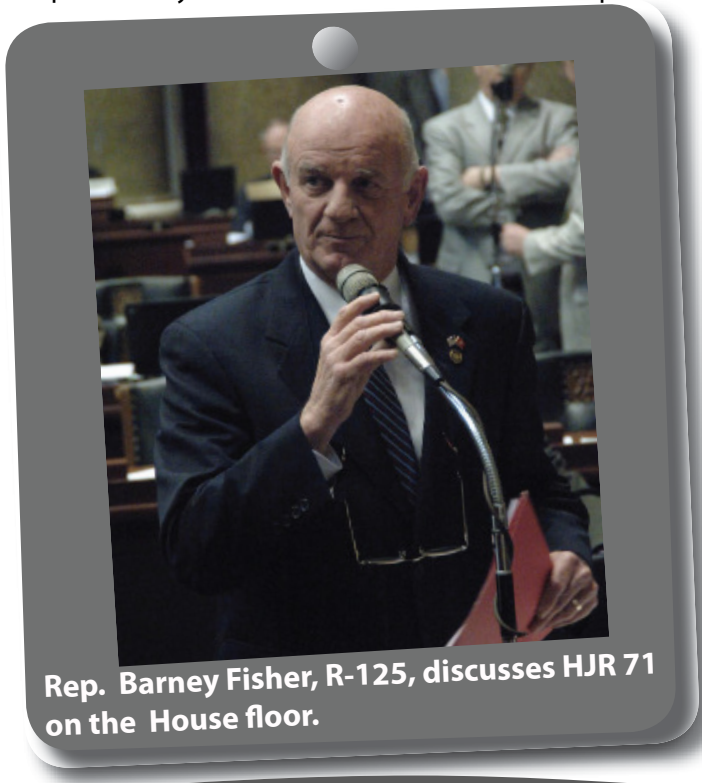
The following legislation was third read and passed:

- **HB 2328** - Changes the laws regarding tax incentives for economic development, including establishing the Regional Economic Development Initiative. (4.16.08)
- **HB 2058** - Changes the laws regarding tax incentives for business development, including increasing the annual cap on the amount of tax credits the Department of Economic Development may authorize for the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program from \$14 million to \$24 million.

BY THE NUMBERS

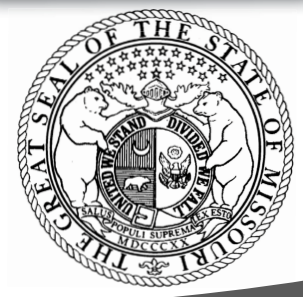
House Actions as of 4/21/08 9 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1336
# HBs Reported Do Pass (includes consent)	294
# HBs Perfected	67
# HBs Third Read (includes consent)	145
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate (includes consent)	86
# HBs Third Read in the Senate (includes consent)	14
# SBs Reported Do Pass in the House (includes consent)	71
# HBs Bills Truly Agreed and Finally Passed	7



Upcoming Dates of Interest

- April 23 - Softball Tournament
- May 9 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed - 6:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Session Ends - 6:00 p.m.
- May 30 - Adjournment per Constitution
- June 30 - 2008 Fiscal Year Ends
- July 1 - 2009 Fiscal Year Begins
- July 14 - Last day governor can veto bills
- August 28 - Effective date of bills which do not have an emergency clause or effective date



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million and eliminates caps on the Quality Jobs Program. (4.17.08)

- **HJR 71** - Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing a sales tax for funding veterans' homes, services, and programs and constitutionally establishes the Missouri Veterans' Commission. (4.17.08)

The following legislation was Truly Agreed and Finally Passed:

- **SB 1066** - Creates an alternative method of obtaining teacher certification from the State Board of Education. (4.16.08)

The following House Current Resolutions were adopted:

- **HCR 21** - Supports the Department of Health and Senior Services' efforts to reform the current funding formula for the senior nutrition program to more effectively meet the needs of seniors. (4.16.08)
- **HCR 26** - Encourages the governor and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to secure additional funding for fine arts education in this state. (4.16.08)
- **HCRs 5, 7, 8, 16, 18, 19, and 25**

COMMITTEE ACTION

- **The Health Care Policy Committee** heard **HB 2265** and **HB 2351**, which would require health benefit plans to include coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. (4.15.08)
- **The Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** heard **HB 1683**, which would revise the definition of "bullying" to include communications over the Internet and prohibit any person from intimidating or harassing another person over the Internet. (4.16.08)
- **The Special Committee on Senior Citizen Advocacy** passed **HB 2259**, which would authorize an income tax credit for food or cash donations to senior citizen services centers. (4.16.08)
- **The Special Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing** passed **SB 724**, which would give advanced practice registered nurses prescriptive authority for scheduled drugs. (4.17.08)

FAST FACTS

- To date, seven house bills have been Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed.
- The number of bills that make it all the way through the legislative process varies greatly from year to year.

- Since 1976, the year when the most bills were Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed was 1986, with 137* bills.
- The least number of bills made it this far in 2000, when just 39* were Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed.

- While the number of bills that are Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed varies greatly from year to year, there does seem to be more consistency with the number of bills filed each year. The average has gradually risen since 1976.

*These numbers do not include appropriation bills, only house bills and joint resolutions



Did you know?

The House this week presented an Outstanding Missourian award to Floyd McComas, who was a prisoner of war in World War II. McComas is one of the oldest surviving POWs in Missouri. Records show that 125,214 Americans survived captivity from World War I up through Operation Iraqi Freedom and about 32,550 were estimated to be alive as of the end of 2004.