

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTION

### The following bill was perfected:

- **HB 1423** - Changes the laws regarding ignition interlock devices and a prior plea to an alcohol-related traffic offense. (4.23.08)

### The following legislation was third read and passed:

- **HBs 1831 & 1472** - Change the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and create the crime of coercing an abortion. (4.21.08)
- **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. (4.21.08)
- **HB 1626** - Prohibits certain illegal aliens from receiving public assistance benefits. (4.24.08)
- **HB 1383** - Establishes the Business Premises Safety Act which prohibits business owners from restricting any person from lawfully possessing a firearm in a motor vehicle. (4.24.08)
- **HB 2250** - Establishes the Show-Me Green Tax Holiday Act, authorizing a yearly state sales and use tax exemption for certain energy efficient products. (4.24.08)
- **HB 2114** - Changes the laws regarding paper ballots at elections and specifies that every individual is allowed the right to cast a paper ballot in state and federal elections. (4.24.08)
- **HB 1756** - Changes the punishment for counterfeiting and requires the forfeiture of counterfeit goods, the materials and implements used to produce them, and the property used in the commission of the crime. (4.24.08)
- **HB 1704** - Increases the appropriation amount for small school grants. (4.24.08)
- **HB 1788** - Authorizes an income tax deduction from a taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income for 100% of any military retirement income, regardless of age or income. (4.24.08)

## BY THE NUMBERS

### House Actions as of 4/28/08 9 a.m.

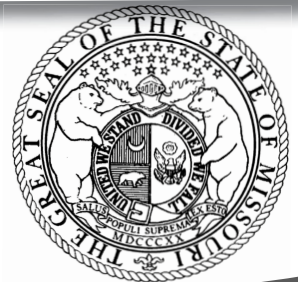
# House Bills Filed	1336
# HBs Reported Do Pass (includes consent)	329
# HBs Perfected	87
# HBs Third Read (includes consent)	171
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate (includes consent)	91
# HBs Third Read in the Senate (includes consent)	14
# SBs Reported Do Pass in the House (includes consent)	85
# HBs Bills Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed	7

### Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **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**



Speaker Rod Jetton, R-156, Rep. Kevin Wilson, R-130 and Majority Floor Leader Steven Tilley, R-106 discuss legislation on the House floor.



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## FLOOR ACTION CONTINUED

- **HB 2059** - Establishes the Professional Relationships Between Teachers and School Districts Act. (4.24.08)
- **HB 2279** - Changes the laws regarding utility regulations and the sale of scrap metal. It authorizes the Missouri Public Service Commission to grant approval, which will have the same effect as approval granted prior to construction of an electric generating facility, to an existing electric generating facility if the commission determines that the approval is necessary or convenient for the public service. (4.24.08)
- **HB 2078** - Prohibits the issuance of a driver's license or permit to anyone 15-18 years of age if a school reports that the student is not in compliance with the eligibility standards. (4.24.08)

## COMMITTEE ACTION

- House Bills **2002 - 2013**, relating to appropriations, have been sent to a **Conference Committee**.
- **Senate committees** heard several House bills, including **HB 1549**, which would change the laws regarding illegal aliens and immigration status verification, and **HB 1321**, which would increase the property tax relief for the senior citizens' circuit breaker program. **Senate committees** passed various House bills, including **SCS HB 1463**, which would prohibit the enrollment of illegal aliens in public institutions of higher education, and **SCS HB 2393**, which would authorize a tax credit for mega-projects and change how property taxes are assessed on property located near the Kansas City International Airport.
- **House committees** heard several Senate bills, including **SB 858**, which would modify the law relating to illegal immigrants, and **SB 765**, which would repeal the provisions which allow villages to incorporate in an alternative way. **House committees** passed Senate bills including **HCS SB 818**, which would modify various provisions relating to stalking and harassment and **HCS SB 901**, which would modify workers' compensation payments to dependents.



### Did you know?

Members of the House Parliamentary Committee meet to discuss a point of order. Under House rules, parliamentary rulings may be made only by the Speaker or the Speaker Pro Tem. At their option or at the request from a member of the Parliamentary Committee they may refer points of order to the Parliamentary Committee for an advisory opinion.

## FAST FACTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To date, the House has Third Read 171 bills, including 90 consent bills.</li><li>• This compares to 118 bills, including 58 consent, that have been Third Read in the Senate.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The chamber with the most bills that are Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed (TAFP) has varied from year to year.</li><li>• Last year, 58 House bills and 57 Senate bills were TAFP.</li><li>• More House bills than Senate bills have been TAFP in 15 of the past 27 sessions.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Since 1981, the largest variance in the number of bills passed in each chamber occurred in 1990, when 118 House bills and 63 Senate bills were TAFP.</li><li>• The runner up was 2003, when 140 Senate bills and 96 House bills were TAFP.</li></ul> |
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