

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTION

The following bills were perfected:

- **HB 1319** - Authorizes a tax credit for employers who hire qualified high school students for summer jobs. (4.1.08)
- **HB 1929** - Allows the Executive Director of the Missouri Gaming Commission to levy certain penalties and prohibits the issuance of any new excursion gambling boat license before January 1, 2010. (4.2.08)

The following legislation was third read and passed:

- **HB 1722** - Changes the laws regarding school employee liability, safety practices, and reporting acts of violence - also known as the Teacher Protection Act. (3.31.08)
- **HB 1326** - Authorizes an individual income tax deduction for the purchase of a hybrid motor vehicle manufactured in the United States. (3.31.08)
- **HJR 43** - Proposes a constitutional amendment altering the rollback requirement for the Hancock Amendment, which would help limit property tax increases. (4.1.08)
- **HB 1773** - Authorizes an income tax dependency exemption for a stillborn child for the taxable year in which the child was born. (4.3.08)
- **HB 2188** - Creates civil and criminal penalties for individuals committing mortgage fraud and imposes sanctions upon people who commit the crime. (4.3.08)

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 4/7/08 9 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1,336
# HBs Reported Do Pass	130
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	107
# HBs Perfected	44
# HBs Third Read	46
# HBs Third Read Consent	85
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	7
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	2



Rep. Jeff Roorda, D-102, discusses legislation on the House floor.

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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FLOOR ACTION CONTINUED

- **HJR 41** - Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting state courts from levying or imposing new or increased taxes, licenses, or fees without legislative or voter approval. (4.3.08)
- **HB 1715** - Changes the law regarding watercraft, including lowering from .1 of 1% to .08 of 1% the weight of alcohol necessary in a person's blood in order for there to be a presumption that the person is intoxicated. (4.3.08)
- **HB 1341** - Establishes Ethan's Law which requires the owner of a for-profit, privately owned swimming pool to maintain adequate liability insurance in the event of injury or death of a patron. (4.3.08)
- **HB 1393** - Requires only persons younger than 21 years of age to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle. (4.3.08)
- **HB 1790** - Changes the laws regarding hospital designation to include a STEMI center and a stroke center if it meets the criteria of the Department of Health and Senior Services. (4.3.08)

COMMITTEE ACTION

- The **Special Committee on Student Achievement** passed **HB 2040**, which would change the law regarding various forms of compensation and benefits for educational personnel, including offering awards for certain Missouri teachers. (4.2.08) The committee also passed **HB 2191**, which would clarify that a school district may participate in the A+ Schools Program regardless of its accreditation status by the State Board of Education if the district meets all other requirements.
- The **Special Committee on Family Services** passed **HB 1839**, which would change the laws regarding protections for children and abuse victims and would establish Christy's Law, which requires all health care personnel involved in the forensic examination and medical treatment of a rape victim to inform the victim of his or her right to be tested for the presence of a date rape drug. (4.2.08)
- The **House Tourism Committee** passed **SB 991**, which establishes the ice cream cone as the official state dessert. (4.2.08)



Did you know?

Ben Stein, who hosted "Win Ben Stein's Money" was the 2nd game show host to visit the Capitol in less than a year. Bob Barker from the "Price is Right" was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians in September.

FAST FACTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This session, a record number of bills were filed.• House members filed 1,336 bills, topping the previous record of 1,298 made in 2007. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This means the current record for bills filed during a general assembly (two regular legislative sessions) is 2,634.• The runner-up for this is 2,231, filed during the 91st General Assembly (2001-2002). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representatives passed 68 consent bills Wednesday afternoon and evening.• 85 total House consent bills will now await Senate action.• The Senate has passed 69 consent bills. |
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