

# This WEEK in the Missouri HOUSE

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## Committee Updates...

- **The Health Care Policy Committee** heard a bill (HB 1625) that would provide pharmacies with liability immunity for refusing to participate in any act or in connection with any drug or device that causes a pregnancy to end prematurely resulting in an abortion. (2.12.08)
- **The Special Committee on Veterans** passed HB 1678, which would create the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, seeking to remove barriers on children in military families who move often. (2.12.08)
- **The Election Committee** considered two proposed constitutional amendments (HJR 45 and HJR 46) that would reduce the size of the Missouri House of Representatives. (2.12.08)
- **Special Committee on Tourism** passed a bill (HB 1824) that would designate the ice cream cone as the official state dessert. (2.13.08)

## Floor Action...

The following bill was third read and passed:

- **HB 1661** - reinstates a tax break that allows Kansans working in Missouri to deduct their Kansas property taxes from their Missouri income taxes. (2.12.08)

The following bill was debated:

- **HJR 55** - proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing a citizen's First Amendment right to pray on public property and reaffirming a citizen's right to choose any or no religion. (2.14.08)

## Did you know?

There are 31,000 square feet of glass in the Capitol, including the glass used to create the "Glory of Missouri in Peace" window located in the House Press Galley.



## Fast Facts:

- **3** new members were elected to the House this month. Pending official election certification, there will now be -
- **91** Republican House members
- **70** Democrats in the House
- **33** women and **128** men serving in the House
- **2** seats remain vacant - districts 18 and 70

## More Committee Updates...

- **The Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety** passed HB 1619, which would establish the Drug Monitoring Act in the Dept. of Health and Senior Services and change laws regarding drugs and controlled substances. (2.13.08)
- **The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education** heard a bill (HB 1722) that would change the laws regarding school employee liability, safety practices, and reporting acts of violence. (2.13.08)

## Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 13 - Spring break begins
- March 25 - Spring/Easter break ends - Reconvene at 4:00 p.m.
- April 1 - Last Day for Introduction of Bills
- April 15 - Deadline for Senate consent bills to be placed upon the consent calendar
- May 9 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - 6:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Session Ends - 6:00 p.m.

## Photo of the Week

Rep. David Day, R-148 (right), listens as a Missouri veteran presents testimony on his bill.



## House Actions as of 2/18/08 9:00 a.m.

# House Bills Filed 2008	890
# House Bills Referred to Committee 2008	442
# House Bills Reported Do Pass 2008 (Including Consent)	52
# House Bills Perfected 2008	6
# House Bills Third Read 2008	6