

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES JOBS BILL

Last week, the General Assembly finished the 2009 legislative session by finalizing one of the first bills the House sent to the Senate, House Bill 191. The House passed HB 191 on February 5 and sent it to the Senate for its consideration.

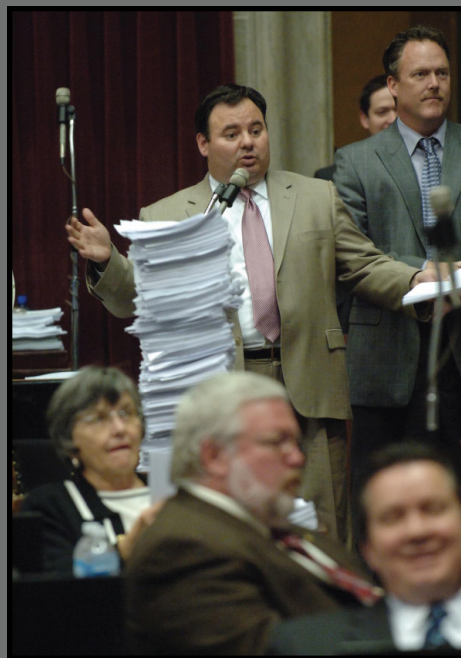
After several months of deliberation and debate, the Senate sent an amended version of HB 191 back to the House Friday morning. The House voted to approve the bill that afternoon.

The final version of House Bill 191 expands the Quality Jobs program and increases the caps on the tax credits available through the program from \$60 million to \$80 million annually. It also increases the caps on the New Markets Tax Credit Program from \$15 million to \$25 million annually; expands the BUILD program and increases the cap on the tax credits offered through the program from \$15 million to \$25 million each year; allows the Missouri Department of Economic Development to include pre-employment training in its new or expanded industry training; and institutes additional tax credit reporting requirements to ensure accountability for all tax credits issued.

**In addition to HB 191, the General Assembly truly agreed to and finally passed 55 House Bills and 26 Senate Bills last week.**

### Dates of Interest

- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16 - Veto session



Rep. Tim Flook speaks about House Bill 191 on the House Floor on Friday. Rep. Flook sponsored the bill, which was truly agreed to on Friday.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### House Actions this session

# House Bills Filed	1,241
# HBs Referred to Committee	957*
# HBs Reported Do Pass	212
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	111
# HBs Perfected	191
# HBs Third Read	188
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	185
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	79
# HBs TAFP	115

\* Number adjusted to remove double counting of bills referred to Rules Pursuant to Rule 25(32)(f)



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## FAST FACTS

Below is a comparison of actions of the House and Senate during the 2009 session.

Year	HBs Filed	SBs Filed	HBs 3rd Read in House	SBs 3rd Read in Senate	HBs TAFP	SBs TAFP
2009	1,241	594	188	123	115	49
2008	1,336	600	174	124	77	62
2007	1,330	732	151	177	77	57
2006	1,207	723	173	196	72	95
2005	991	576	159	167	103	94

## MORE FLOOR ACTIONS

In addition to Economic Development Bill, the General Assembly also truly agreed to and finally passed:

- **House Bill 683**, which ends patronage system used to award fee office contracts and replaces it with a competitive bidding process; authorizes creation of a drunk driving risk reduction awareness program that allows placement of signs by the state at or near the scene of a drunk driving fatal accident; and allows motor vehicle dealers to collect sales taxes at the sale site.
- **House Bill 62**, which adds additional restrictions for certain sex offenders; bans text messaging by younger drivers on Missouri roads; and prohibits certain alcohol-related activities on some of the state's rivers.
- **Senate Bill 291**, which fixes a glitch in the school funding formula to allow approximately \$108 million generated by Proposition A to be distributed to Missouri schools; attempts to reduce the number of high school dropouts by requiring students to earn at least 16 credits or turn 17 before dropping out; and authorizes the Joint Committee on Education to study the issue of open enrollment among all public schools.

## 2009 Session Comes to a Close



Representatives toss paper into the air as they take part in an end of session tradition after adjournment on Friday.