

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTION

The House perfected the following House Bill:

- **HB 1644** - Authorizes the phasing in of full deductibility of all federal income liability for corporations and a gradual reduction in the annual corporate income tax rate and establishes a motor fuel tax holiday. (4.30.08)

The House third read and passed the following House Bills:

- **HB 1423** - Changes the laws regarding ignition interlock devices. (4.28.08)
- **HB 2260** - Re-authorizes the tax credits for qualified research expenses, establishes the annual cap at \$10 million and limits the qualified research activities. (5.01.08)

The House third read and passed the following Senate Bills:

- **SB 931** - Modifies provisions pertaining to agriculture incentives and programs. (4.29.08)
- **SB 863** - Allows married taxpayers filing joint returns to deduct a portion of contributions to the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program from income and provides similar tax treatment for other qualified tuition savings programs. (4.30.08)
- **SB 1068** - Establishes the Pharmacy Rebates Fund for use with MO HealthNet. (4.30.08)
- **SB 830** - Limits the tuition that may be charged by a higher education institution to certain combat veterans. (5.01.08)
- **SB 724** - Gives advanced practice registered nurses prescriptive authority for scheduled drugs. (5.01.08)

The Senate third read and passed the following House Bills and reported them to the House with amendments:

- **HB 2224** - Modifies certain provisions relating to the training and compensation of law enforcement officers. (4.29.08)

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 5/05/08 9 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1336
# HBs Reported Do Pass (includes consent)	336
# HBs Perfected	88
# HBs Third Read (includes consent)	173
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate (includes consent)	129
# HBs Third Read in the Senate (includes consent)	21
# SBs Third Read in the House (includes consent)	11
# HBs Bills Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed	9

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**



Rep. Rachel Storch, D-64, discusses legislation on the House floor.



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- **HB 1619** - Establishes the Drug Monitoring Act and requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to maintain a real-time electronic logbook on all pseudoephedrine purchases in this state. (4.29.08)
- **HB 1678** - Authorizes Missouri to enter into the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and establishes the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. (4.30.08)
- **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. (5.01.08)

The following bills have been Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed:

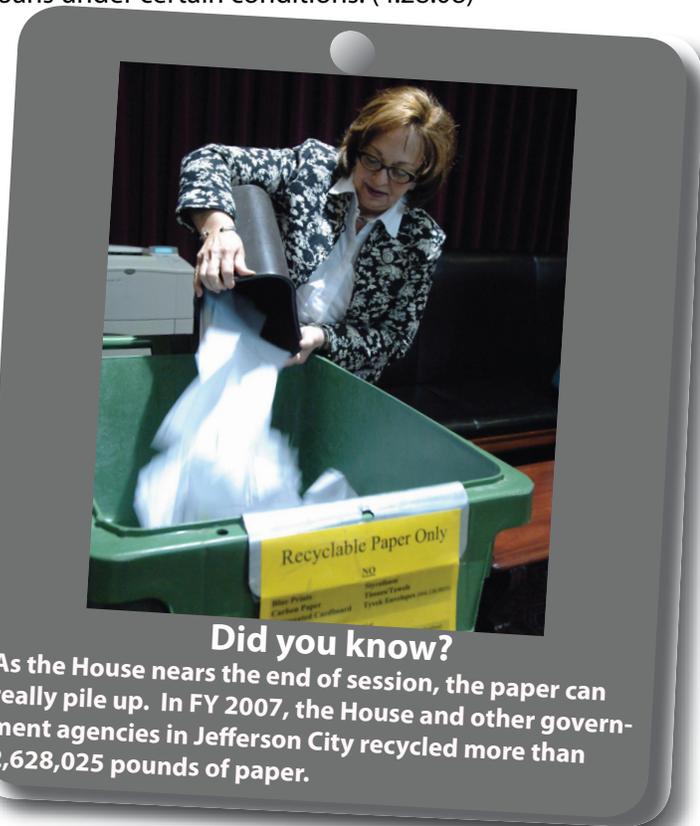
- **SB 967** - Allows MoHELA to originate federally guaranteed student loans under certain conditions. (4.28.08)
- **SB 806** - Requires all government buildings to fly the U.S. and Missouri flags at half-staff when any Missouri resident is killed in combat. (4.28.08)
- **SB 1105** - Creates an income tax check-off for donations to the breast cancer awareness trust fund. (4.28.08)
- **HB 1970** - Prohibits a person from initiating a civil action against any licensed motor vehicle dealer with whom the person did not directly and personally negotiate or communicate. (4.29.08)
- **SB 944** - This act limits the fee paid to the State Auditor to register bonds to \$1,000. Under current law, the State Auditor is paid ten cents for each \$100 of the bonds registered. (4.29.08)
- **SB 748** - Requires property taxes paid by certain non-resident taxpayers to be added-back to adjusted gross income. (4.29.08)
- **HB 2188** - Creates civil and criminal penalties for individuals committing mortgage fraud. (5.01.08)

COMMITTEE ACTION

- **The Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** passed **HB 2554**, which would protect teacher academic freedom to teach scientific evidence regarding biological and chemical evolution. (4.30.08)

FAST FACTS

- There are 7,382 seats in state legislators across the country.
- Many of these elected officials, including Missouri's 195 current representatives and senators, are in session right now.
- Legislatures in 14 states have adjourned for the year.
- Legislators in six states don't have any regular session during 2008.
- One state, Virginia, is currently convened for a special session, and North Carolina will convene on May 13.
- 28 states legislatures are currently in session, with 20 of these adjourning in May or June.
- Eight states meet throughout the year, as do the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands.



Did you know?

As the House nears the end of session, the paper can really pile up. In FY 2007, the House and other government agencies in Jefferson City recycled more than 2,628,025 pounds of paper.