

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** St. Joseph Area Legislative Partnership

**FROM:** Mark Rhoads and Trent Watson

**RE:** Legislative Report

**DATE:** March 4, 2011

### *In the news...*

- This week, the Missouri House voted 92 -60, passing legislation that would alter the minimum wage law passed by Missouri voters in 2006. The measure strips the automatic cost-of-living escalator provision. Proponents argue that the COLA provision has cost the state jobs.
- The battle over the issue of an Early Site Permit for a second nuclear power plant in Calloway County heated up this week with two additional bills being filed. Senator Jason Crowell and President Pro Tem Rob Mayer jointly sponsored a bill that would allow Ameren to charge ratepayers up to \$40 million to pay for the ESP and which contains various consumer protections (notably an assessment funding mechanism for the Office of Public Counsel). Senator Brad Lager also filed a bill which is identical to SB 50 (Kehoe), the original bill relating to the ESP. All four bills relating to this issue are slated to be heard next week by the Senate Veterans' Affairs, Emerging Issues, Pensions and Urban Affairs Committee (Senator Crowell, Chairman).
- This week, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan certified the election of Representative Kiki Curls as the newly elected Senator from the 9<sup>th</sup> District. Senator-Elect Curls, who won with 83% of the vote, will assume her new office on Tuesday of next week.
- The Missouri House moves forward with bill that restricts funeral protests despite US Supreme Court ruling. Between when the Missouri House began debate on this bill on Monday and its Third Reading on Thursday the US Supreme Court struck down a similar state law in Maryland, saying that the law violated First Amendment Rights.
- Jumping in on the discussion about Governor Nixon's travel habits, this week the Missouri Republican Party launched a new radio spot calling the Governor "Air-Jay". Various media have reported on records showing Nixon billed state agencies for 250 flights and a total of \$400,000 over his first two years in office.

### *Floor Action:*

**PRIVATE NUISANCES:** This week the Senate Third Read and Passed SB 187 sponsored by Sen. Lager (R-Nodaway). The summary of this bill is as follows:

[http://www.senate.mo.gov/11info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=4095340](http://www.senate.mo.gov/11info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=4095340)

Of note, this act adds Buchanan County, Andrew County, and Livingston County to the list of counties that may enact nuisance abatement ordinances regarding the condition of real property.

**CO-EMPLOYEE LIABILITY:** This week the Senate once again took up SS SCS SB 8 sponsored by Sen. Goodman (R-Greene). This act ensures that co-employees shall be released from liability for all workplace injuries under the workers' compensation system except when they engage in an affirmative negligent act that purposefully and dangerously caused or increased the risk of injury. Sen. Goodman withdrew his SS and offered SS#2. This SS states that an employee shall not be liable for any injury or death of another employee for which workers compensation benefits are recoverable unless the employee engaged in a negligent act that purposefully and dangerously caused or increased the risk of injury. This SS also states that an employer is liable if they knowingly cause an employee to engage in conduct which could result in the injury or death to an employee.

This bill was debated for five hours and then laid over on the Perfection Calendar.

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS:** This week the Senate brought up for debate SS SCS HCS HB 163 sponsored by Sen. Pearce (R-Cass). This act allows the state to continue to receive extended federal unemployment benefit funds until August 28, 2013. Under current law, the division of employment security may contract with consumer reporting agencies to provide employing units with a secure means to provide quarterly wage reports to the division. This substitute requires such a contract. Claimants are denied unemployment benefits for any week the claimant has an outstanding overpayment penalty. This act contains an emergency clause.

This bill was debated for three hours on Tuesday and for another two hours on Wednesday before being laid over on the Perfection Calendar. Opponents to the bill object to accepting the federal unemployment insurance money because it is part of the federal deficit.

**MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT:** This week the Senate Perfected SCS SB 188 sponsored by Sen. Lager (R-Nodaway). This bill caps damages that could be paid in employment discriminations and whistleblower cases and raises the standard to prove such cases. This bill also abrogates several circuit court cases. For the full text of this bill: <http://www.senate.mo.gov/11info/pdf-bill/perf/SB188.pdf>

***Committee Action:***

**LONG-TERM LAND LEASE:** This week the House Rules Committee met in Executive Session and Voted HB 137 sponsored by Rep. Thomson (R-Nodaway) **Do Pass Consent**. This bill removes the expiration date of August 28, 2011, from the

provision which allows the board of governors and the board of regents of certain specified state universities to convey or transfer real property, except in fee simple, without authorization from the General Assembly.

**AUDITORS IN CHARTER COUNTIES:** This week the House Rules Committee met in Executive Session and Voted HB 142 sponsored by Rep. Gatschenberger (R-St. Charles) **Do Pass Consent**. This bill increases from \$250 to \$1,000 the minimum original value of county property that must be inventoried annually by the auditor in a charter county.

**INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE:** This week the House Utilities Committee held a hearing on HB 120 sponsored by Rep. Schoeller (R-Greene). This bill changes the laws regarding infrastructure replacement surcharges for water corporations. In its main provisions, the bill: (1) Revises the definition for "eligible infrastructure system replacements" to include energy efficiency projects that are in service, used, and useful; do not increase revenues by connecting the infrastructure replacements to new customers; and were not included in the water corporation's rate base in its most recent rate case and defines "energy efficiency" as measures that reduce the amount of energy required to achieve a given end result; (2) Adds service lines and meters that have worn out, are in a deteriorated condition, or replaced as part of an order issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission, as well as energy efficiency projects, to the list of projects that are allowable water utility plant projects; and (3) Allows, beginning August 28, 2012, all water corporations to file a petition and proposed rate schedules with the commission to establish or change its infrastructure system replacement surcharge rate schedules that will allow for the adjustment of the corporation's rates and charges to provide for the recovery of costs for eligible infrastructure system replacements. Currently, only water corporations in St. Louis County are allowed to file a petition and proposed rate schedules.

Testifying in support of this bill was the President of Missouri American Water, Empire District Electric, Ameren MO, Leclde Gas and Missouri Energy Development Association. No one testified in opposition. The committee moved into Executive Session and voted HCS HB 120 **Do Pass Consent**.

**CITY EARNINGS TAX:** This week the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing on HB 26 sponsored by Rep. Jones 63 (D-St. Louis). This bill changes the reauthorization requirement for any city levying an earnings tax from every five years to every 20 years. Currently, only the City of St. Louis and Kansas City have an earnings tax. Proponents maintained that have a possible drop in revenue of every five years due to the loss of the earnings tax would hurt their bonding rating and would make it tougher to let bonds. Testifying in support was the St. Louis City Comptroller, the St. Louis Downtown Partnership, City of Kansas City and Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters. No one testified in opposition. Testifying for informational purposes only were Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas City Civic Counsel and Travis Brown.

**CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE:** This week the House Ways and Means Committee met in executive Session and voted HCS HB 408 sponsored by Rep. Koeing (R-St. Louis) Do Pass 9-3. This bill reduces the corporate income tax rate from 6.25% to 3.125% of the Missouri taxable income beginning January 1, 2012; authorizes an additional sales tax of .4939% to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund beginning July 1, 2012; and eliminates the corporate franchise tax beginning January 1, 2013.

**CARING FOR MISSOURIANS PROGRAM:** On March 3, The House Higher Education Committee held an executive session on HCS HB NOS. 223 & 231 Rep. Wallingford (R). This bill establishes the Caring for Missourian Program within the Department of Education to award grants to eligible higher education institutions to address nursing shortages. Changes from the committee substitute presented last week include: The removal of HB 232, which changes A+ Schools Program eligibility. Also, the definition of “eligible institutions” was changed to include all nursing programs. The name of the program would also be changed to prevent confusion with past programs. Finally, an awards cap was added to limit a recipient to \$150,000 and no more than one grant per year.

The committee voted the bill “do pass” by a vote of 9-0.

**PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS:** On March 1, the Senate Committee on Small Business, Insurance and Industry held a hearing on SB 175 sponsored by Sen. Munzlinger (R). The bill modifies restrictions of the use of organized labor on public contract projects. Sen. Munzlinger described this as a “clean up” for prior legislation. There were no questions for the sponsor. The first witness in favor was a businessman from Plato, MO and also a member of Associated Builders and Contractors. He argued that the current system is unfair to non-union labor and further that these agreements need to be enforceable, unlike what the current law now provide. The witness expressed his wish to be on a level playing field with union labor. Associated Builders and Contractors testified in favor of the bill next. He also reinforced that the current law was unenforceable and that the courts had also ruled in that opinion. He named several other flaws with the current law including that it was not efficient, which cost taxpayers money. Associated Industries of Missouri went on record in favor of the legislation. Opponents included AFL-CIO and AFT of Missouri. The main point of the opposition was that project labor agreements stabilize the cost of labor and that they save money in the long run. Two Senators on the committee were critical of the proponents of the bill. There was no further action on the bill.

**ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONES:** On March 1, the House Economic Development Committee held a hearing on HB 357 sponsored by Rep. Leara (R). This bill changes the existing enhanced enterprise zones statutes in several ways. Extending the zones to include the former Chrysler manufacturing plant in Fenton, MO is the main purpose, but it also shortens the period in which an entity can receive the tax credit among other smaller provisions. Testifying in support were the St. Louis County Economic Council, the Mayor of Fenton, Chrysler Regional Redevelopment, St. Louis RCGA, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, St. Louis Community College and Associated Industries of Missouri.

Supporters cited the program as another economic development tool for the area to use to stimulate the area and that it could be used for businesses that may be too small to meet qualifications for the Quality Jobs Tax Credit Program.

There were no opponents.

**DATA STORAGE CENTERS FACILITIES:** On March 1, the House Economic Development Committee held an executive session on HCS HB 366 sponsored by Rep. Silvey (R). This bill authorizes a state and local sales and use tax exemption for data storage centers and server farm facilities.

The HCS made definition changes and added telecommunication facilities. Additional language was added to allow municipalities to give a property waiver to the storage centers and farm facilities.

The committee substitute was voted “do pass” by a vote of 23-0.

**LIBRARY DISTRICT FUNDING MECHANISM:** The House Transportation Funding and Public Institutions met on Thursday March 3 for a public hearing on HB 416. HB 416, sponsored by Representative Todd Richardson, authorizes certain public library districts to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax of up to one-half of one cent for the operation and maintenance of the public libraries in the district. Representative Richardson testified he was aiming this legislation at Southeast Missouri, specifically Senate District 25 which includes Butler, Dunklin, New Madrid, Ripley, Stoddard and Wayne Counties. Representative Richardson also stated they were hoping, upon voter approval, for a ¼ cent sales tax. Testifying in support was Poplar Bluff Library Board of Trustees who stated that Property Tax collection had leveled off in recent years and that Poplar Bluff was a retail center which would allow for a steady stream of funding. Also testifying in support was Missouri Library Association. There was no testimony in opposition and the committee took no action.

**TRANSFER OF CASES BETWEEN COUNTIES:** The House Judiciary Committee met on Wednesday March 2 in executive session to reconsider HB 88. HB 88, sponsored by Chuck Gatschenberger, allows public administrators to file petitions to transfer cases to another county and requires the court to transfer the case if certain requirements are met and the receiving county consents to the transfer. Chairman Stanley Cox stated that the committee would be reconsidering the bill to strip off the House Committee Substitute that was voted “do pass” on February 9. The committee voted unanimously to remove the substitute and then voted out the original bill “do pass consent” 12-0.

**SCIENCE AND INNOVATION REINVESTMENT:** On March 1, the House Economic Development Committee held a working session to discuss HB 467 and HB 468 sponsored by Rep. Diehl (R). Both of these bill deal with the establishment of the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act.

The working session consisted of the committee asking a representative of the Missouri Technology Corporation how the program would work, how it is funded and who would make up the board of directors. No specific changes were made at the session, but the chair did say a substitute bill would be worked on for the next hearing and that there

would be some changes but was not specific. The sponsor was unavailable to be at the meeting which limited the work that could be done at the time.

**SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS:** The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday March 1 to give final approval to HB 14 and HB 15. HB 14 and HB 15, both sponsored by Representative Ryan Silvey, are the supplemental appropriations bills. The Departments included in HB 14 are:

- Elementary & Secondary Education – this item was closed with no discussion.
- Higher Education – this item was closed at \$1,489,649 to be distributed to Community Colleges, Linn State, and Four-Year Institutions
- Revenue – \$34,184 was moved to the Department of Economic Development for Downtown Revitalization Preservation Fund and then this item was closed.
- Office of Administration – the committee went with the Missouri Ethics Commission’s recommendation of \$142,065 when it was determined that in the Missouri Constitution neither the Governor’s office nor the legislature may interfere with the Commission’s funding. The Governor’s recommendation was \$51,379 of which the House concurred.
- Economic Development-\$34,184 was added for the Downtown Revitalization Preservation Fund
- Public Safety-the committee removed \$6,400,000 for the Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplementation based upon the Commission having never come before the Senate for confirmation.
- Mental Health-this item was closed with no discussion.
- Health and Senior Services- this item was closed.
- Social Services- the Senate concurred with the House recommendation of \$47,359,237 GR for the Missouri HealthNet Programs

HB 15 pertained only to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This was Federal money provided from the Federal Education Jobs fund. This item was closed at \$189,727,725.

**CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX:** The House took up and Third Read and Passed HCS HB 76 on Thursday March 3. HCS HB 76, sponsored by Representative Jerry Nolte, limits the tax liability of a corporation for corporate franchise taxes to no more than \$2 million annually. The Floor amendments adopted include: amendment 1 changing the start dates of the 1/13 percent tax rate on corporations exceeding \$10,000,000 from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2011 for the first year and changing the start date for the years after to January 1, 2016 from December 31, 2015; amendment 2 allows banking and finance institutions to be eligible for limits on taxes and be eligible for tax credits; amendment 3 allows corporate agricultural institutions to be eligible. The House then voted 106-52. This legislation is currently not on the Senate calendar.

**STATE MINIMUM WAGE:** The House took up and Third Read and Passed HCS HB 61 on Thursday March 3. HCS HB 61, sponsored by Representative Jerry Nolte, prohibits the state minimum wage from exceeding the federal minimum wage. There was a vigorous debate with two Floor amendments being adopted. Amendment 1 deletes the language that required employers to make up the difference between a tipped employees wages and tips if tips did not equal the minimum wage. Amendment 2 defined how minimum wage shall be calculated as “updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services”. The House then voted 92-60. This legislation is not currently set on the Senate calendar.

**AMNESTY FOR UNPAID TAXES:** The House took up and Third Read and Passed HCS HB 116 & 316 on Thursday March 3. HCS HB 61, sponsored by Representative Tom Flanigan, authorizes an amnesty from the assessment or payment of all penalties, additions to tax, and interest on delinquencies of unpaid taxes which occurred on or prior to December 31, 2010. An amendment was adopted which states the director and commissioner of administration may enter into agreements with the federal government regarding debt collection and the federal government may also do the same. This encourages delinquent taxpayers to become current and meet their legal obligations while providing for much needed revenue for the State. Without further discussion the House voted 154-0. An Emergency Clause was attached and voted 155-0. Currently this legislation is not set on the Senate Calendar.

**TAX CREDITS:** On March 3, the Senate Ways and Means and Fiscal Oversight Committee held a hearing on SB 280 sponsored by Sen. Purgason (R). This bill modifies provisions of Missouri tax credit programs in accordance with recommendations made by the Missouri Tax Credit Review Commission Report including the two year sunset of: the Examination Fee Tax Credit; the Missouri Health Insurance Pool Tax Credit; and the Missouri Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Tax Credit. The Chair stated that the banking and insurance tax credit language will be coming out of the bill in the committee substitute.

The Missouri Tax Credit Review Commission provided an overview. No one testified in support. Testifying in opposition was the Alliance for Investment and Jobs, Missouri Girls Town, Missouri Association of Realtors, Missouri Municipal League. Testifying for informational purposes was the National MS Society, Campaign for Life Missouri and Lutheran Family and Children Services. The committee took no action.

**MOSIRA:** The Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee met on Wednesday March 3 for a public hearing on SB 79. SB 79, sponsored by Senator Jolie Justus, establishes the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act, commonly known as MOSIRA. MOSIRA would invest in projects to improve infrastructure, establish workforce development initiatives to meet demand for skilled workers at science innovation companies, promote Missouri's high-tech base and help increase the investment capital available to startups in the state. As Missouri's science and technology companies grow, the act would reinvest a portion of that growth into a fund to help Missouri transition into the new economy. Testifying in support was Missouri Biotechnology Association, saying that the science and technology assets are

here in the state, but we aren't leveraging them to their fullest potential. He referenced several initiatives being done in Kansas that are similar to MOSIRA, which have resulted in Kansas being ranked 5th in the nation for biotechnology. Also testifying in support were Jordan Valley Innovation Center, Missouri Department of Economic Development, St. Louis RCGA, Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc, Washington University, Kansas City Area Development Council, Center for Emerging Technologies, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Monsanto, Missouri Community College Association, Missouri CORE Partnership, Coalition for Plant and Life Science in St. Louis, Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers, KCP&L, City of Kansas City, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking in opposition to the bill was Missouri Right to Life, stating the organization is concerned with the lack of specific protections from stem-cell research that may harm human life and they would request additional safeguards regarding any state funds expended for abortions. The Missouri Press Association spoke for informational purposes. The committee has taken no action on this legislation.

**TAX INCENTIVES FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT:** The Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee met on Wednesday March 3 for a public hearing on SB 279. SB 279, sponsored by Senator Eric Schmitt, provides tax incentives for job creation and retention and capital investment. This is one of two bills that are part of Gov. Jay Nixon's Compete Missouri plan. Testifying in support was Missouri Department of Economic Development, stating the current programs are single-purposed and not very flexible and the state needs programs with broad applicability for projects across the state. They also spoke about the need for an upfront funding mechanism, which many surrounding states already have. Also testifying in support were Kansas City Area Development Council, The Boeing Company, Custom Powder Systems, St. Louis RCGA, Jefferson College, St. Joseph Metro Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Economic Development Corporation, KCP&L, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Monsanto, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Associated Industries of Missouri. There was no testimony in opposition and the committee took no action.

### **HEARINGS OF INTEREST:**

#### **House-Budget**

**MONDAY - 03/07/11**

**12:00 PM, HR 3**

Overview of HCS House Bills 1 through 13

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

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#### **House-Crime Prevention**

**MONDAY - 03/07/11**

**1:00 PM, HR 7**

HB 406

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Prohibits any entity that is authorized to issue traffic tickets from

using an automated red light enforcement system at any intersection within its jurisdiction.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

**Committee Members:** Rodney Schad, Chair / Nick Marshall, Vice Chair / Mike Cierpiot / Mike Colona / Kathie Conway / Gary Fuhr / Galen Higdon / Dave Hinson / Brent Lasater / Eileen McGeoghegan / Sharon Pace / Jean Peters-Baker / Don Phillips / William Reiboldt / Rochelle Walton-Gray

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### **House-Budget**

**TUESDAY - 03/08/11**

**8:00 AM, HR 3**

Overview of HCS House Bills 1 through 13

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**Committee Members:** Ryan Silvey, Chair / Rick Stream, Vice Chair / Sue Allen / Randy Asbury / Eric Burlison / Chris Carter / John Cauthorn / Shalonn "Kiki" Curls / Sally Faith / Tom Flanigan / Jeff Grisamore / Casey Guernsey / Marsha Haefner / Denny Hoskins / Jason Kander / Shelley Keeney / Chris Kelly / Jeanne Kirkton / Mike Lair / Sara Lampe / Genise Montecillo / Jamilah Nasheed / Mark Parkinson / John Rizzo / David Sater / Dwight Scharnhorst / Dave Schatz / Tom Shively / Mike Thomson

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### **House-Agriculture Policy New - 11:28am**

**TUESDAY - 03/08/11**

**12:00 PM, HR 6**

Public hearing:

HB 633	Ruzicka	Establishes the Agritourism Promotion Act which allow registration of any person who is engaged in a business provides agritourism activities in this state.
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**Committee Members:** Tom Loehner, Chair / Bill Reiboldt, Vice Chair / Joe Aull / Tony Dugger / Sue Entlicher / Paul Fitzwater / Delus Johnson / Glen Klippenstein / Bob Nance / Paul Quinn / Ed Schieffer / Tom Shively / Terry Swinger / Billy Pat Wright

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### **House-Economic Development**

**TUESDAY - 03/08/11**

**5:00 PM, HR 7**

Public hearing:

HB 670	Hough	Provides tax incentives for job creation and retention an
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investment.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

**Committee Members:** Anne Zerr, Chair / Caleb Jones, Vice Chair / T.J. Berry / Ellen Brandom / Michael Brown / Wanda Brown / Chris Carter / Paul Curtman / John Diehl / Lyndall Fraker / Lincoln Hough / Michele Kratky / Jeanie Lauer / Mike Leara / Thomas Long / Eileen McGeoghegan / Mike McGhee / Jamilah Nasheed / Craig Redmon / John Rizzo / Dwight Scharnhorst / Ron Schieber / Vicki Schneider / Clem Smith / Jay Swearingen / Wayne Wallingford / Stephen Webber

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**Senate-SC on Redistricting**

**TUESDAY - 03/08/11**

**5:00 PM, Senate Lounge**

Public Testimony

**Committee Members:** Scott Rupp, Chair / Brad Lager, Vice-Chairman / Victor Callahan / Jason Crowell / Jack Goodman / Brian Munzlinger / David Pearce / Robin Wright-Jones

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**House-Budget**

**WEDNESDAY - 03/09/11**

**8:00 AM, HR 3**

Overview of HCS House Bills 1 through 13

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

**Committee Members:** Ryan Silvey, Chair / Rick Stream, Vice Chair / Sue Allen / Randy Asbury / Eric Burlison / Chris Carter / John Cauthorn / Shalonn "Kiki" Curls / Sally Faith / Tom Flanigan / Jeff Grisamore / Casey Guernsey / Marsha Haefner / Denny Hoskins / Jason Kander / Shelley Keeney / Chris Kelly / Jeanne Kirkton / Mike Lair / Sara Lampe / Genise Montecillo / Jamilah Nasheed / Mark Parkinson / John Rizzo / David Sater / Dwight Scharnhorst / Dave Schatz / Tom Shively / Mike Thomson

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**Senate-Jobs, Eco. Devo. and Local Government**

**WEDNESDAY - 03/09/11**

**12:00 PM, Senate Lounge**

SB 249	McKenna	Creates the "Political Subdivision Construction Bidding Standards Act".
SB 364	Pearce	Authorizes the establishment of parks, trails and greenways districts in certain counties.
SB 194	Pearce	Allows Cass County to enact nuisance abatement ordinances.
SB 25	Schaaf	Authorizes Andrew and Buchanan Counties to enact nuisance

abatement ordinances.

Executive session may follow

**Committee Members:** Eric Schmitt, Chair / Ron Richard, Vice Chair / Victor Callahan / Bob Dixon / Jack Goodman / John Lamping / Ryan McKenna / Brian Nieves / Luann Ridgeway

**BILLS OF INTEREST:** Bills of Interest.

Holding down the “Ctrl” button and clicking the bill number will take you to the bills website.

<b><u>HB 730</u></b>	<b><u>McManus</u></b>	<b>Expands the definition of "emergency vehicle" to include any operated by an authorized member of specified groups while responding to an emergency or in route to a fire station or ambulance garage.</b>
<b><u>HB 735</u></b>	<b><u>Hough</u></b>	<b>Restricts municipalities from prohibiting commercial traffic on all streets and provides that it is not a nuisance to legally use a motor vehicle on a public street.</b>
<b><u>HB 744</u></b>	<b><u>Brown-85</u></b>	<b>Changes the 2-year reassessment cycle for real property from every other year to every 6 years until 2017.</b>
<b><u>SB 363</u></b>	<b><u>Justus</u></b>	<b>Modifies provisions relating to crime.</b>
<b><u>SB 387</u></b>	<b><u>Wasson</u></b>	<b>Allows a court of order a criminal offender serve a sentence of confinement on electronic monitoring and to charge the state or the offender up to \$8 a day for such monitoring.</b>
<b><u>SB 390</u></b>	<b><u>Schmitt</u></b>	<b>Authorizes tax incentives to encourage foreign trade.</b>
<b><u>SB 427</u></b>	<b><u>Lamping</u></b>	<b>Repeals state and local use taxes.</b>
<b><u>SB 428</u></b>	<b><u>Ridgeway</u></b>	<b>Allows a sheriff to receive reimbursement for the actual costs of transporting a person to and from a mental health facility.</b>

If you would like the full text of a bill or a bill summary, they will be posted at <http://www.moga.state.mo.us/> as they become available. **This report was distributed by the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce with support from the City of St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Heartland Health.**

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