

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

- The House third read and passed **HB 45**, which would change the laws regarding the Big Government Get Off My Back Act and provide an income tax deduction for certain small businesses that create new full-time jobs. It was passed by a vote of 136-21.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- **The House Committee on Urban Issues** voted do pass **HB 71**, which would allow the City of St. Louis to establish and maintain a municipal police force completely under the city's authority.
- **The House Workforce Development & Workplace Safety Committee** heard testimony on **HB 162**, which would specify that an employer subject to certain workers' compensation provisions must be liable to furnish compensation for injury or death of an employee by occupational disease.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 1/21/11
noon

# House Bills Filed	271
# of HBs Referred to Committee	103
# HBs Reported Do Pass	5
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	0
# HBs Perfected	0
# HBs Third Read	0
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	0
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- February 2 - State of the Judiciary - 10:30 a.m.
- March 17 - Spring Break begins
- March 28 - Spring Break Ends
- April 1 - Last Day to file bills
- April 25 - Easter Break
- May 6 - Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 13 - Session Ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the Governor to sign bills



Rep. Chris Kelly, D-Columbia, speaks on the House floor while Rep. Mike Talboy, D-Kansas City, and Rep. Jacob Hummel, D-St. Louis, look on.



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FAST FACTS

- The General Assembly is starting to craft the 2012 state budget, which runs from July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012.
- In the House, the budget is handled by 7 committees, 6 appropriations committees and the budget committee.
- The U.S. government's fiscal year begins on October 1 of the previous calendar year and ends on September 30 of the year with which it is numbered.
- Prior to 1976, the fiscal year began on July 1 and ended on June 30. The Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 stipulated the change to allow Congress more time to arrive at a budget each year.

STATE OF THE STATE FACTS

- The governor gives the State of the State address to a joint session of the Missouri Legislature each year.
- The first annual address to both the House and the Senate was held by Missouri's 1st governor, Alexander McNair, on Nov. 6, 1821.
- The first prime time State of the State was held January 28, 2005 by Matt Blunt, the state's 54th governor.



Governor Nixon gives the State of the State address.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS CONT.

- The House Workforce Development & Workplace Safety Committee heard testimony on **HB 191**, which would require co-employees to be released from liability for negligence in performing the nondelegable duty of an employer to provide a safe workplace when the negligence contributes to injury or death.
- The House General Laws Committee heard testimony on **HCR 9**, which submits an official application by the State of Missouri for the calling of a federal amendment convention.