

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following bills have been vetoed by Governor Matt Blunt:

- **HB 1689** - Transfers the Governor's Council on Disability from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Office of Administration and provides legislators with a key to access the Capitol dome. (7.10.08 Vetoed by Governor)
- **SB 873** - Provides for a voting student curator on the University of Missouri board of curators if Missouri loses a congressional district based on the 2010 census. (7.9.08 Vetoed)
- **SB 1190** - Authorizes the division of professional registration to reduce licensure fees by emergency rule under certain circumstances. (7.10.08 Vetoed)
- **SB 1061** - Requires county coroners and their assistants to register with the Missouri Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association. (7.10.08 Vetoed)

There have been line-item vetoes on the following appropriations bills:

- **HB 2003** - Appropriates money for the Department of Higher Education. (6.27.08 Vetoed in Part)
- **HB 2008** - Appropriates money the Department of Public Safety. (6.27.08 Vetoed in Part)
- **HB 2010** - Appropriates money for the Department of Mental Health, Board of Public Buildings, and Department of Health and Senior Services. (6.27.08 Vetoed in Part)
- **HB 2011** - Appropriates money for the Department of Social Services. (6.27.08 Vetoed in Part)
- **HB 2023** - Appropriates money for planning, expenses, and for capital improvements. (6.30.08 Vetoed in Part)

## UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- November 4 - Election Day
- December 1 - First day to begin pre-filing bills
- January 7 - Session begins
- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23- Spring Break ends
- April 1- Deadline for Filing Bills
- April 13- Easter Break

## SAYING GOODBYE

To many members of the House leaving due to term limits and other opportunities...

...from the House's current Speaker...

Speaker Rod Jettton, R-156, was elected to the House in 2000. In his second term, he was elected Speaker Pro Tem by his peers. In 2005, he was elected Speaker of the House.



...to the longest-serving member termed out this year.

Rep. Tom Villa, D-108, served in the Missouri House from 1974-1984. He was Majority Whip from 1978-1980 and Majority Floor Leader from 1980-1984. He returned to the House in 2000.



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## FAST FACTS VETO SESSION

- If any bill is vetoed late in or after the end of a regular session, a veto session is held starting the Wednesday following the second Monday in September.
- The governor can veto a bill in full or in part (line-item veto). Governors in all but seven states have this power.
- The last year the legislature made an attempt to override a veto of a bill was in 2004. The attempt failed.
- The last successful attempt to override a veto was in 2003, when two House bills and one Senate bill were overridden.
- During the past 20 years, the year with the most vetoed legislation was 1989, when Gov. Ashcroft vetoed 23 bills.
- A 2/3 majority is required to override vetoes. Prior to 1875, a simple majority in the House and Senate was needed.

## OVERRIDDEN VETOES

Vetoes have been overridden during eight sessions in the history of the Missouri General Assembly.

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| • 1820 (Gov. McNair)   | Legislation relating to -   |
| • 1833 (Gov. Dunklin)  | Compensation of members of the General Assembly   |
| • 1839 (Gov. Boggs)    | Divorce of specific persons   |
| • 1855 (Gov. Price)    | Establishing a criminal court in St. Louis  |
|                        | Construction of Cairo and Fulton Railroad   |
|                        | Completion of certain railroads   |
| • 1976 (Gov. Bond)     | Nursing Practices Act   |
| • 1980 (Gov. Teasdale) | Appropriation line item relating to construction of state office building (Truman Building) |
| • 1999 (Gov. Carnahan) | Crime of infanticide  |
| • 2003 (Gov. Holden)   | 24 hour waiting period for abortion   |
|                        | Concealable weapons   |
|                        | Rights of political subdivisions to sue gun manufacturers                                   |

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUTGOING MEMBERS

Goodbye and best wishes to **ALL** of the members of the 94th General Assembly who will not be returning to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2009. Thank you for your service.

