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PRIMARY SAFETY BELT PROPOSAL HEARD IN COMMITTEE: On Feb. 20, the Senate Transportation Committee heard public testimony on the need for the passage of a primary safety belt law in Missouri.

SB 884, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Graham (D-Columbia), requires all drivers and passengers in cars or trucks to wear a seat belt. Under current law, only the driver and front seat passenger are required to use seat belts. Exemptions are allowed for United States Postal Service employees while performing their duties (a continuation of current law), persons operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities (a continuation of current law), and persons with a medical reason with documentation from a physician (documentation requirement is new in statute).

The bill allows for primary enforcement of Missouri's seat belt law by repealing the provision that prohibited law enforcement from stopping or detaining anyone solely to determine compliance with the seat belt law. The legislation clarifies existing language, which allows a person to ride without a seat belt when there are more persons than there are seat belts. If there are more persons than there are seat belts, the passengers who are unable to wear seat belts because all existing seat belts are in use shall sit on the rear seat of the motor vehicle. The act also makes the seat belt law applicable to trucks with a licensed gross weight under 12,000 pounds or more.

Leading the testimony in support of SB 884, was Dr. Leanna Depue, MoDOT's Director of Highway Safety. Dr. Depue stressed to the committee that it's time for Missouri to pass a primary safety belt law. Dr. Depue testified that a primary safety belt law could save 90 lives a year and reduce traffic related injuries by 1,000. While other states pass primary safety belt laws, Missouri's belt usage rate of 77 percent, remains stagnant and that a primary law must pass in order to save more lives. Dr. Depue stated that safety belt usage for high school students is only 61 percent and that the state must do something to help save the lives of our state's young drivers.

Others testifying in support of SB 884 were: Franc Flotron, Missouri Hospital Association; Dale Findlay, Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety; Jim Russell, Alliance of Missouri Automobile Manufacturers; Harry Gallagher, Property and Casualty Insurers Association of Missouri; Betsy Morgan, Missouri College of Emergency Professionals; Rodney Gray, General Motors; David Skouby, Chrysler; Tracy Weddle, Missouri Chamber of Commerce; Patrick Bonnot, Missouri Municipal League; and Phaedra Marriott, MADD.

There was no opposition to the bill during the committee hearing. Unfortunately, because it's an election year and legislative members don't want to vote on controversial issues that will require them to take a position on such an issue like a primary safety belt proposal, that there will be no real "push" to advance a primary safety belt law this session.

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM: No this isn't a Mazda commercial. That sound comes from the racecar of NASCAR's Carl Edwards who is from Columbia, Missouri; and since Mr. Edwards has gained statewide recognition as a professional race car driver, local folks want to show their appreciation for him by naming a section of highway after him.

SB 1009, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Graham (D-Columbia), designates a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County as "Carl Edwards Drive".

Persons testifying for the bill were Gene Baughman, a local supporter of Mr. Edwards and Laura Steiner, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

There was no opposition to the bill and the committee took no action on the proposal.

SENATE COMMITTEE ADVANCES NUMEROUS BILLS FOR FLOOR DEBATE: On Feb. 20, the Senate Transportation Committee voted to approve several different transportation-related bills out of committee. The bills will now head to the Senate floor to be considered by all members of the Senate. The bills that were approved by the committee were:

- SB 841, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton) – This act provides that the maximum gross vehicle weight limit and axle weight limit for heavy-duty vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology may be increased (up to an additional 400 pounds) to account for the technology.
- SB 811, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton) – This bill creates an income tax credit equal to fifty percent of the amount a taxpayer paid to purchase and install idle reduction technology on a class 8 truck. The maximum amount of the tax credit is \$3,500 per truck. The tax credit is nontransferable and nonrefundable, but may be carried forward up to three years until completely claimed. The provisions of the act automatically sunsets two years after August 28, 2008, unless reauthorized.
- SB 936, sponsored by Sen. John Griesheimer (R-Washington) - This proposal modifies the state emissions law to allow motorists to operate their vehicle for 30 days beyond the vehicle's registration expiration without a current state registration license for the purposes of resetting their vehicle's readiness monitors and passing the on-board diagnostic (OBD) retest. Motorists must keep a copy of the most recent failing OBD test results in their vehicle to present to law enforcement. Motorists would still be liable for late registration penalties.
- SB 919, sponsored by Sen. Scott Rupp (R-St. Charles) – This bill allows shippers shipping radioactive waste in Missouri to be subject to statutory fees established by the bill. State-funded institutions of higher education that ships nuclear waste shall be exempt from the statutory fees but such institutions shall reimburse the Missouri Highway Patrol for costs associated with shipment escorts. The fee structure is described in the act and the Department of Natural Resources in coordination with the Departments of Health and Senior Services and Public Safety may promulgate rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the act.

- SCS/SBs 753, 728, 906 & 1026, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton) – This act designates a portion of state highway 84 from the interstate highway 55 exit to the Caruthersville city limits as the "Corporal Rickey L. Bell Memorial Highway." This act designates a portion of U.S. Highway 169 from its intersection with Missouri Route 6, north to its intersection with Gene Field Road, as the "Deputy Charles M. Cook Memorial Highway". The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs commemorating this portion of U. S. Highway 169, with the cost of such signs to be paid by the St. Joseph Fraternal Order of Police. This act designates a portion of State Highway 87 in Moniteau County as the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway". This act designates a portion of State Highway 13 as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway".
- SB 1067, sponsored by Sen. Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville) – This bill exempts persons 21 years of age or older from wearing protective headgear except when operating or riding motorcycles or motortricycles upon interstate highways. The motorcycle helmet exemption expires on Aug. 28, 2013.
- SCS/SB 809, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton) – This bill goes into affect on the date the commission approves funding for any phase or portion of construction or reconstruction of Interstate 70 or Interstate 44. The rules in effect for outdoor advertising on Aug.27, 1999, shall be reinstated for that section of highway scheduled for construction and there shall immediately be a moratorium imposed on the issuance of state sign permits for new sign structures. Upon the completion of construction on any section of Interstate 70 or Interstate 44, the moratorium on new permits shall be lifted and the rules for outdoor advertising in effect on the date the construction is completed shall apply to such section of highway. Local zoning authorities may prohibit the resetting of qualifying signs which fail to comply with local regulations, but local authorities which choose to prohibit such resetting shall reimburse the commission the cost to condemn such signs less the cost to reset the sign under the act.
- SB 955, sponsored by Sen. Charlie Shields (R-St. Joseph) – This bill allows a motor vehicle owner to receive a refund for the unused portion of a registration fee, provided such unused portion is in an amount of five dollars or greater, when the owner sells the motor vehicle and does not replace it with another. Under the current law, persons can receive credit for the unused portion of a registration fee if they cannot transfer their license plates to a newly acquired vehicle due to a change of vehicle category.

REGIONAL AIR SERVICE PROPOSAL MOVING IN BOTH HOUSES: On Feb. 19, the House Transportation Committee held a hearing on HB 1639, sponsored by Rep. Mark Bruns (R-Jefferson City). Rep. Bruns presented the bill to the committee stating the proposal would make more resources available by removing the cap on the Aviation Trust Fund. In addition to removing the cap, the proposal also allows \$2 million from the Aviation Trust Fund to be used for the study or promotion of expanded scheduled commercial service and allows other money in the Aviation Trust Fund to be used to assist communities to match federal air traffic control tower cost-share program grants.

Testifying in support of the bill was MoDOT's Multimodal Operations Director Brian Weiler. Weiler advised the committee that improving air service is important to the state's economy.

Also testifying in support was Tracy Smith, St. Charles County Smartt Airport; Janice McMillan, Jefferson City Planning and Transportation Services Director; Phil Phillips, Osage Beach Airports Manager; and Brian Grace, City of St. Louis and Lambert Airport; all testifying the proposal would have a strong economic impact on airports and help maintain viable air service in Missouri.

No action was taken by the committee. The companion bills filed in the Senate, SB 930, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton) and SB 947, sponsored by Sen. Harry Kennedy (D-St. Louis), are scheduled to be brought up before the full Senate for debate.

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY NAMING PROPOSAL PASSES IN THE HOUSE: On Feb. 20, HB 1575 sponsored by Rep. Kenny Jones (R-California), was brought up on the House floor for debate and passed by a vote of 148 to 0. This bill designates a 4 mile portion of Hwy. 87 in Moniteau County as the “Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway.” Lance Corporal Deraps, 19, was killed on May 6, 2006 in the Al-Anbar Province of Iraq when the Humvee he was a passenger in struck a roadside bomb.

HB 1575 will now go to the Senate. The companion Senate Bill, SB 906 sponsored by Sen. Carl Vogel (R-Jefferson City), waits on the Senate calendar for debate.

MoDOT BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS: On Feb. 20, the House Appropriations-Transportation and Economic Development Committee finalized recommendations on new decision items it will submit to the full House Budget Committee. Again this year, the committee has not looked favorably on supporting Amtrak. The following are the committee findings and recommendations:

- Reduce funding for Amtrak to \$4.5 million for operation of one train (Missouri Mule);
- Eliminate the \$600,000 expansion for Amtrak for increased fuel and labor costs;
- Reduce the core budget by \$2.9 million and instead make the amount available to MoDOT in the capital improvements bill, HB 2023, to use where it would most benefit Amtrak. The committee feels that, given Amtrak’s poor on-time performance, declining ticket revenue, and continued subsidy increases, it is time to cut the state subsidy for one train out of the Amtrak core budget.
- Springfield City Utilities Transit Division be appropriated through MoDOT \$500,000 in one-time expenditures to replace the lost use of Section 5307 dollars for operating assistance. In FY07 and FY08, Springfield received \$250,000 and \$150,000 one-time appropriations, respectively;
- State Transit Program be appropriated \$500,000 in one-time expenditures. This item will go towards increasing rural public transit service trips and help replace lost federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds. The department requested \$16,254,627 from general revenue for this decision item and the governor recommended \$0. The entire amount of the new decision item shall be appropriated from the State Transportation Fund.

MoDOT will continue to educate the committee members and full general assembly on all multimodal transportation needs. The budget recommendations (of \$4 million) for ports will appear in HB 2023 (capital improvement), which has not yet been filed.

MOTORCYCLE HEADLAMPS: On Feb. 21, HB 1532, sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Davis (R-O'Fallon), was approved by the Committee on House Rules. HB 1532 would allow motorcycle headlamps to be wired to modulate either the upper beam or the lower beam from its maximum intensity to a lesser intensity. Supporters, such as Freedom of the Road Riders, state that modulators allow more visibility of motorcycles and will assist in providing greater motorcycle safety. The bill now waits for floor debate in the House.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROPOSAL BEING CONSIDERED: On Feb. 19, the Special Committee on General Laws held a hearing on HB 1486, sponsored by Rep. Jason Brown (R-Platte City). This bill would exempt a motor vehicle newer than six years old from the motor vehicle safety inspection requirements when renewing or reregistering a vehicle.

No testimony was given for or against the bill. Testifying for informational purposes only was Patrick Baker, Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR); David Perkins, Missouri State Highway Patrol; and Don Gaikins, Sr., Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance. This change in current law would require some change in documentation and a loss to the Highway Patrol Inspection Fund and State Road Fund where the highway patrol receives \$0.50 per inspection sticker and MoDOT receives \$1.00 per inspection sticker.

MoDOT opposes this bill because of safety issues surrounding the lack of inspection of motor vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE MATRIX: Attached is Governmental Relations weekly updated matrix, which shows some of the more important transportation bills that the department is tracking. If you should have any questions about these or any other pending legislative proposals, contact GR at 573.522.9284.

UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION EVENTS:

- March 14 to March 25 – Legislative Spring Break
- May 16 – Last day of the 2008 legislative session



MoDOT
Bill Progress Matrix
 2/22/2008

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Bill	Description	Author	1st-Chamber	Comm Report	Passed	2nd-Chamber	Comm Report	Passed	Signed/Veto
HB 1299	Changes the definition of "all-terrain vehicle" to include certain utility vehicles manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use	Kuessner	3-Dec	5-Feb					
HB 1309	Allows any family member older than 21 years of age to give written permission for a temporary instruction permit application and to occupy the seat beside the driver with a temporary permit	Day	3-Dec	18-Feb					
HB 1326	Authorizes an individual income tax deduction for the purchase of a hybrid motor vehicle	Sater	3-Dec						
HB 1329	Allows a registrant of any utility trailer, recreational vehicle trailer, camper trailer, or boat trailer with an unloaded weight of 3,000 pounds or less to permanently register the trailer for \$52.50	Sater	3-Dec						
HB 1333	Increases the amount that may be recovered through civil action from a landowner who knowingly allows certain noxious weeds to grow on his or her property	Sater	3-Dec						
HB 1338	Prevents any state entity from completely shutting down a state highway with a certain traffic volume for a continuous period exceeding two months	Muschany	3-Dec						

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HB 1354	Exempts certain "implements of husbandry" from the titling, registration, and license plate requirements of Chapter 301, RSMo	Wilson-119	5-Dec	11-Feb	20-Feb	20-Feb			
HB 1363	Exempts motor fuel used for agricultural purposes from sales and use taxes.	Cunningham	5-Dec						
HB 1373	Requires any American or Missouri flag flown over state buildings to be made in the United States	Day	7-Dec						
HB 1376	Establishes the Missouri Universal Red Light Enforcement Act which allows political entities to establish automated photo red light enforcement systems to detect red light signal violations	Portwood	7-Dec						
HB 1388	Prohibits persons from operating a motorcycle or motortricycle while carrying a passenger ten years of age or younger	Cox	11-Dec						
HB 1389	Changes the laws regarding surface mining and gravel excavation	Loehner	11-Dec						
HB 1393	Requires only persons younger than 21 years of age to wear protective headgear when operating or riding as a passenger on any motorcycle or motortricycle	Dusenberg	11-Dec	18-Feb					
HB 1406	Establishes the "drunk driving victim memorial sign program"	Deeken	12-Dec	11-Feb					
HB 1409	Allows persons who have been convicted more than twice of driving while intoxicated to obtain an ignition interlock restricted license for a one-year period if the person meets certain requirements	Deeken	12-Dec						

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HB 1421	Expands the crimes of involuntary manslaughter and assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in all degrees to include highway workers in work zones	St. Onge	13-Dec						
HB 1422	Authorizes the Highways and Transportation Commission to implement and administer a state plan to conform with the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005	St. Onge	13-Dec	19-Feb					
HB 1423	Requires offenders to obtain an ignition interlock device for their first DWI conviction.	St. Onge	13-Dec	13-Feb					
HB 1428	Changes the laws regarding mitigation of damages when the plaintiff was not wearing a safety belt	Kraus	14-Dec	5-Feb					
HB 1429	Prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle on public property while using a wireless telephone with certain exceptions	Smith - 14	14-Dec						
HB 1451	Allows a person to petition the circuit court for a trial de novo as an alternative to seeking judicial review of an agency decision - Identical to HB 1820	Roorda	18-Dec						
HB 1459	Requires applicants for motorcycle endorsements to complete motorcycle training coursework	Faith	18-Dec						
HB 1482	Defines "utility vehicle" and regulates the operation and use of utility vehicles	Wells	19-Dec						
HB 1483	Designates spotted knapweed and sericea lespedeza as noxious weeds	Wells	19-Dec						

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HB 1486	Exempts cars newer than six years old from motor vehicle safety inspection requirements	Brown - 30	19-Dec						
HB 1500	Names a portion of Highway 80 in New Madrid County the "Gene Curtis Memorial Highway"	Hodges	20-Dec						
HB 1525	Requires law enforcement agencies to establish a rotation list of towing truck companies to be used for removing disabled vehicles in their jurisdiction	Franz	3-Jan						
HB 1535	Modifies the state employee payroll deductions for health insurance to include cafeteria plan fees	Deeken	7-Jan						
HB 1545	Increases the cost-of-living adjustment for certain special consultants and retirees from 80% to 100% of the federal Consumer Price Index	Bruns	7-Jan						
HB 1563	Regulates speed limits for certain motor vehicles and the number of consecutive hours a driver may operate a motor vehicle within the state	LeVota	8-Jan						
HB 1564	Repeals the motor vehicle safety inspection program effective January 1, 2009	LeVota	8-Jan						
HB 1575	Names a portion of Highway 87 in Moniteau County the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway"	Jones-117	9-Jan	11-Feb	20-Feb	20-Feb			
HB 1589	Requires commercial vehicle enforcement officers to meet the mandatory standards for basic training and licensure of peace officers	Muzlinger	10-Jan						
HB 1590	Noxious weeds; hazardous substance cleanup; fuel tax exemption for farm equipment and machinery; and establishment of a commission to promote alternative fueled vehicles.	Muzlinger	10-Jan						

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HB 1632	Makes it an unlawful employment practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment or to retaliate against an employee who opposes that type of environment	Wildberger	14-Jan						
HB 1639	Changes the laws regarding the Aviation Trust Fund and air traffic control towers	Bruns	14-Jan						
HB 1642	Relieves a county, city, or agency and its employees from any suit by an offender providing services and said offender shall not be deemed an employee.; relates to intoxication-related traffic offenses and changes age of person who may request an order to expunge records of arrest; and declares commercial motor vehicle officers as peace officers	Lipke	15-Jan						
HB 1646	Designates the Table Rock Lake Bridge on Highway 39 in Shell Knob as the "State Senator Larry Gene Taylor Memorial Bridge"	Viebrock	15-Jan						
HB 1663	Changes the standard for violation of the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, by a governmental body from knowingly to negligently	Young	15-Jan						
HB 1665	Renames the portion of Interstate 70 currently known as "Mark McGwire Highway" to the "John F. Bass Memorial Highway".	El-Amin	15-Jan						
HB 1669	Requires that certain veterans who have been state employees for a specified period of time and who meet certain eligibility requirements be given two years of creditable service in MOSERS	Jones-117	15-Jan						
HB 1679	Specifies that the purchase price for calculating the sales tax of a motor vehicle excludes the cost to modify the vehicle for use by an individual with a disability	Meiners	16-Jan						

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HB 1686	Authorizes a motor fuel tax holiday for gasoline and diesel fuel used in a personal vehicle for a four-day period during the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends	Nolte	16-Jan						
HB 1702	Creates the crime of using a mobile communication device while operating a motor vehicle if the driver is younger than eighteen years of age	Brown - 30	16-Jan						
HB 1708	Increases the penalty for certain commercial drivers who are convicted of operating a commercial vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs from a class B to a class A misdemeanor	Pollock	17-Jan						
HB 1721	Establishes a price cap on the cost of natural gas and gasoline but allows for increases due to inflation	Talboy	17-Jan						
HB 1728	Changes the laws regarding strategic litigation against public participation	Bivins	17-Jan						
HB 1736	Establishes the Missouri Illegal Immigration Relief Act to assist the federal government in enforcing federal immigration laws	Schneider	17-Jan						
HB 1737	Exempts motor fuel used in school buses from motor fuel tax when driven to transport students for educational purposes	Wallace	17-Jan						
HB 1772	Enacts provisions relating to automated traffic control devices	Jones-117	22-Jan						
HB 1776	Prohibits discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation	Talboy	22-Jan						
HB 1779	Changes the laws regarding voice over Internet protocol services and other telecommunications services	Emery	22-Jan	18-Feb					

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HB 1785	Requires railroad corporations and companies to provide or make available counseling to railroad workers involved in an accident which results in a death or serious bodily injury	Meadows	23-Jan						
HB 1786	Requires the department of transportation to develop and implement a pavement management system for each mile of roadway on the state highway system	Meadows	23-Jan						
HB 1800	Establishes additional requirements for individuals younger than 18 years of age to obtain an intermediate driver's license	Smith - 14	23-Jan						
HB 1810	Changes the laws regarding state and local sales taxes, property taxes, and motor fuel taxes	Cooper - 120	24-Jan						
HB 1811	Establishes certain employee rights	Hunter	24-Jan						
HB 1819	Modifies the law regarding the Scenic Byway Program	Roorda	24-Jan						
HB 1820	Allows an employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions to petition the circuit court for a trial de novo as an alternative to seeking judicial review of an agency decision on employment - Identical to HB 1451	Roorda	24-Jan						
HB 1825	Requires government and public agencies to break up a contract into smaller contracts if the size of the overall contract precludes the use of in-state firms or contractors	Komo	24-Jan						
HB 1833	Establishes the Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program to provide a publicly financed, statewide insurance program for all residents of this state	Bland	24-Jan						

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HB 1845	Requires window stickers instead of license plate stickers to show current motor vehicle registration	Low	24-Jan						
HB 1853	Requires any public governmental body to make and retain a verbatim audio recording of any closed meeting	Bivins	24-Jan						
HB 1887	Designates a portion of Highway 13 in Polk County as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway"	Parson	29-Jan						
HB 1905	Adds "tourist attractions" to the list of attractions eligible to receive signs under section 226.525, RSMo	Schlottach	29-Jan						
HB 1908	Allows for automated speed enforcement in work zones	St. Onge	29-Jan						
HB 1926	Exempts all vehicles assembled and sold in this state from state and local sales and use tax	Frame	30-Jan						
HB 1937	Relates to voting methods established a Transportation Development District	Pearce	31-Jan						
HB 1948	Missouri Blasting Safety Act	Skaggs	31-Jan						
HB 1952	Designates the U.S. Highway 63 Gasconade River Bridge in Maries County as the "Roy Bassett Memorial Bridge."	Loehner	31-Jan						
HB 1954	State employee annual salary adjustments in an amount rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars, equal to the percentage of such annual rate based upon the Consumer Price Index.	Dixon	31-Jan						
HB 1974	Authorizes PPPs for all transportation infrastructure needs, including signing, traffic signals and multimodal improvements	Schlottach	4-Feb						

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HB 1981	Authorizes a tax credit equal to 100% of the state sales tax paid on any motor vehicle assembled and purchased in Missouri	Spreng	4-Feb						
HB 1996	Comparative fault for operating a motorcycle	Pratt	6-Feb						
HB 1999	Requires certain wrecker and towing services to be licensed and requires the Department of Public Safety to place a licensed wrecker or towing service on the State Highway Patrol's rotation log	McGhee	6-Feb						
HB 2020	Appropriates money for supplemental purposes for the several departments and offices of state government, for the purchase of equipment, planning, expenses for the fiscal period ending 5-30-2008	Icet	23-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	18-Feb	
HB 2029	Establishes the Legislative Budget Office within the Joint Committee on Legislative Research	Muschany	6-Feb						
HB 2030	Public Employment Relations Act	Lowe	6-Feb						
HB 2044	Names a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County "Carl Edwards Drive"	Baker-25	7-Feb						
HB 2077	Allows spouses of deployed soldiers to take certain amounts of time off from work without pay and without fear of retribution from the employer	Tilley	11-Feb						
HB 2078	Prohibits the issuance of a driver's license or temporary permit to any person 15 to 18 years of age if a school submits information that the student is not in compliance with the eligibility standards	Hubbard	11-Feb						
HB 2125	Creates laws relating to environmental permit coordination	Schad	13-Feb						

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HB 2172	Enacts provisions relating to safety at railroad crossings	Deeken	14-Feb						
HB 2177	Changes provisions relating to the Missouri Sunshine Law	Harris - 23	18-Feb						
HB 2182	Requires the traveled surface of public roads to be no less than twenty feet	Franz	18-Feb						
HB 2185	Establishes the Paid Sick Days Act which requires employers to provide sick days with pay to employees	Low	18-Feb						
HB 2206	Requires the department of transportation to provide full consideration to including bicycle ways and pedestrian ways in the planning and development of transportation projects	Sutherland	19-Feb						
HB 2211	Changes laws relating to state contracts and public works projects	Harris - 23	19-Feb						
HB 2214	Provides that the gross weight of vehicles traveling on non-interstate roads in this state shall not exceed 85,500 pounds	Cooper - 120	20-Feb						
HB 2234	Authorizes an exemption from motor fuel tax on fuel used for school buses	Page	21-Feb						
HB 2236	Requires the Office of Administration to conduct certain audits of contractors and subcontractors performing publicly funded construction projects	Komo	21-Feb						

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HCR 3	State of the State of Transportation on February 6, 2008	Tilley	9-Jan		9-Jan		14-Jan	6-Feb	
HCR 15	Urges the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to establish a controlled pilot program allowing 19 to 21 year-olds to obtain a CDL for interstate commerce	Kuessner	24-Jan						
HJR 50	Proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation	Dusenberg	11-Dec						
HJR 53	Proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation	LeVota	8-Jan						
HJR 62	Proposes a constitutional amendment giving the power of eminent domain to the state and its political subdivisions whose officials are directly responsible to elected officials	Harris - 110	31-Jan						
HJR 67	Proposes a constitutional amendment distributing ten percent of general revenue growth to the State Road Fund and the State Transportation Fund	Davis	12-Feb						
SB 722	This act exempts fuel tax on motor fuel used for school buses, by school districts or persons contracted with school districts to provide school bus services.	Coleman	3-Dec						
SB 725	This act allows taxpayers who trade-in or sell a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, or outboard motor for more than the purchase price of another motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor to apply any excess to any subsequent purchase of such an article within one hundred and eighty days of the original sale of such article.	Scott	3-Dec						

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SB 728	Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 169 as the "Deputy Charles M. Cook Memorial Highway".	Shields	3-Dec						
SB 731	Exempts certain motorists from submitting their motor vehicles to safety or emissions inspections when renewing their registrations if certain conditions are met	Griesheimer	3-Dec						
SB 753	Designates a portion of state highway 84 as the "Corporal Rickey L. Bell Memorial Highway".	Mayer	3-Dec	21-Feb					
SB 760	Authorizes the State Highways and Transportation Commission to take the necessary steps to implement and administer a state plan to conform with the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005	Stouffer	3-Dec	7-Feb					
SB 761	Modifies various laws relating to transportation and the regulation of motor vehicles. Also includes UCR & Annual Bid Bonds.	Stouffer	3-Dec	7-Feb					
SB 774	Regulates the use of utility vehicles upon the highways of Missouri	Shoemyer	3-Dec						
SB 793	Allows Department of Transportation to construct toll roads under certain conditions	Bartle	3-Dec						
SB 809	Imposes various billboard standards to billboards adjacent to Interstate 70 and Interstate 44 during period of interstate construction	Stouffer	3-Dec	21-Feb					
SB 810	Requires all diesel fuel sold at retail in Missouri after April 1, 2010 to be biodiesel-blended fuel	Stouffer	3-Dec						
SB 837	Creates the Public Employee Due Process Act	Bray	3-Dec						
SB 841	Increases weight limit for certain motor vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology.	Stouffer	3-Dec	21-Feb					

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SB 845	Prohibits local governments from annexing certain state-owned land for the purpose of establishing contiguity to other land for annexation	Rupp	3-Dec	7-Feb	19-Feb	20-Feb			
SB 858	Modifies the law relating to illegal immigrants	Rupp	3-Dec						
SB 860	Prohibits the condemnation of property owned by a gun club or sportsmen's club.	Shoemyer	3-Dec						
SB 867	Requires state employee salaries to be annually adjusted by the consumer price index.	Shoemyer	3-Dec						
SB 872	This act provides that signs which were legally erected according to legal standards in effect prior to August 28, 2002, but which fail to comply with new legal standards on that date shall be considered as legal conforming out of standard signs under Missouri law. Such signs shall not be considered nonconforming for failure to comply with subsequently adopted sign standards.	Stouffer	12-Dec						
SB 881	Establishes the drunk driving memorial sign program	Green	18-Dec						
SB 884	Modifies Missouri's seat belt law by making it applicable to all passengers and allows for primary enforcement	Graham	18-Dec						
SB 887	Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone under certain circumstances	Dempsey	18-Dec						

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SB 892	Prohibits local governments from using automated photo red light enforcement systems unless the traffic control signals are also equipped with devices that display the numerical time remaining before the signals will display a red signal	Green	18-Dec						
SB 901	Under the act, all rights to unaccrued compensation for permanent total disability shall cease upon the death of the injured employee. Unpaid unaccrued compensation for permanent partial disability will continue to be paid to dependents.	Loudon	27-Dec	14-Feb					
SB 904	Modifies provisions pertaining to the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act - Adds MoDOT to Missouri One Call	Griesheimer	3-Jan						
SB 905	Establishes the Regional Railroad Authorities Act	Loudon	4-Jan						
SB 906	Designates a portion of state highway 87 in Moniteau County as the "Lance Corporal Leon B. Deraps Memorial Highway"	Vogel	7-Jan						
SB 919	Assesses fee on shippers that transport radioactive waste within Missouri	Rupp	8-Jan						
SB 924	Creates a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of motor vehicles assembled and sold in this state	Koster	9-Jan						
SB 927	Amends law relating to the hiring of unqualified employees on public projects	Green	10-Jan						
SB 930	Removes cap on amount of aviation generated revenue that may be deposited in state aviation trust fund and expands purposes for which moneys in the aviation trust fund may be used	Stouffer	10-Jan	21-Feb					

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SB 937	Allows utility vehicles to be operated upon Missouri highways	Shoemyer	14-Jan						
SB 944	Modifies the fees the Auditor receives for registering bonds	Engler	15-Jan						
SB 947	Increases the cap on amount of aviation generated revenue that may be deposited in state aviation trust fund and expands purposes for which moneys in the aviation trust fund may be used	Kennedy	15-Jan						
SB 953	Extends expiration date for public governmental bodies to close certain security-related records	Scott	15-Jan	14-Feb					
SB 955	Allows motor vehicle owners to receive refunds for unused registration fees under certain conditions	Shields	15-Jan	21-Feb					
SB 961	Repeals existing provisions of law that have expired, sunset, terminated or become ineffective	Goodman	16-Jan						
SB 963	Requires law enforcement agencies to establish rotation lists of towing truck companies to be called for removing disabled vehicles	Stouffer	16-Jan						
SB 981	Designates the plant spotted knapweed as a noxious weed	Purgason	22-Jan						
SB 1019	Prohibits discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation	Bray	24-Jan						
SB 1024	Modifies provisions relating to liability for tort claims against the state or state entities created under the Housing Authorities Laws	Scott	28-Jan						
SB 1026	Designates a portion of State Highway 13 as the "Rick Seiner Memorial Highway"	Scott	28-Jan						

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SB 1067	Provides that persons 21 years of age and older are not required to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle, unless they are on an interstate highway. Any person who operates or rides as a passenger on any motorcycle on the interstate without a helmet may be fined \$25.	Ridgeway	31-Jan						
SB 1077	Under this act, the general prohibition against indemnity agreements is expanded to specifically prohibit agreements to hold harmless the negligence of the other person's officers, employees, or agents.	Goodman	4-Feb						
SB 1091	Requires the MHTC to promulgate rules where railroad corporations and companies are to provide or make available counseling to railroad workers involved in an accident which results in a death or serious bodily injury	Bray	6-Feb						
SB 1096	Establishes spousal shareleave for state employees	Graham	7-Feb						
SB 1099	Designates a portion of Missouri Route WW in Boone County as "Carl Edwards Drive"	Graham	7-Feb						
SB 1101	Establishes the Missouri Universal Health Assurance Program	Bray	7-Feb						
SB 1117	Creates requirements and provides incentives for environmentally sustainable buildings	Smith - 14	11-Feb						
SB 1130	Expands types of projects that may be completed under Public-Private Transportation Act and creates various tax incentives for their completion	Stouffer	12-Feb						

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SB 1133	Repeals the current statutory requirement that a 1st class county hold 3 public hearings and publish notice in 2 local newspapers prior to adopting a traffic regulation	Ridgeway	13-Feb						
SJR 31	This proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the Highway & Transportation Commission to conduct feasibility studies, fund, design, acquire, construct, maintain, and operate toll facilities.	Bartle	3-Dec						
SJR 40	Creates a state-wide sales and use tax to fund the Missouri Highway Patrol.	McKenna	2-Jan						
SJR 41	Prohibits state courts from levying or imposing new or increased taxes, licenses, or fees without legislative or voter approval	Rupp	8-Jan						
SJR 43	Distributes ten percent of general revenue growth to the State Road Fund and the State Transportation Fund	Loudon	17-Jan						