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2008 MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS: On Jan. 9, the 94th Missouri General Assembly convened. This year's legislative session will focus on many issues ranging from education to real property tax increases caused by reassessments.

On the first day of session, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rod Jetton (R-Marble Hill), presented his vision of this year's legislative activities to the members of the House. Likewise, Senate President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons (R-Kirkwood) also shared his views of the upcoming session with members of the Senate.

Both opening day speeches follow:

Speaker Rod Jetton's 2008 Opening Address

I want to take just a few moments to look back at the past because when you are in your last year you kind of look back and you wonder "have we made a difference up here?" And I will tell you, many of you weren't here back in 2000 when I first was elected but it's a lot different state. It's a lot different House. And I think there are a lot of things that we as a whole, both Republicans and Democrats, can take credit for.

One thing I remember back to when I was elected - Governor Holden, to his unfortunate situation, inherited a pretty big mess to deal with budget wise. We were losing a lot of jobs and while he was governor we lost probably more jobs than any other state in the country. But I am proud to tell you we worked on tort reform, worker's comp, unemployment, a lot of things. There was some controversy within parties but there was a lot of agreement on things within parties - stimulus packages, economic development packages. Today our state has created 90,000 new jobs and we've put people back to work. And in the House we can be thankful for that.

When I was elected, we had a terrible budget situation. Governor Holden had to deal with it. There were no easy answers for him. And three years ago, when you elected me to be Speaker, we had a terrible budget shortfall. And now we have almost 500 to 600 million-dollar surpluses. It's a totally different budget situation that makes our life as House members, as we try to prioritize budget needs, a lot better.

Size of state government - For years our government had 65,000 state employees. Back when we took over - 62,000 state employees. Well today we have actually shrunk the size of the state bureaucracy and I think we've improved the delivery of services and the things that people

depend on. We have less than 60,000 state employees and for the first time in anyone's recent memory we've shrunk the size of state government.

Education funding - something that we all care about in both parties. We've actually increased education funding the last three years 452 million dollars. This last year we passed the largest education budget in the state of Missouri's history and we did it together and I think that's something we should be proud of.

When Governor Holden took over he had to cut higher education. He takes a lot of criticism for that but really he didn't have a whole lot of places to turn to cut. We've added 74 million dollars to higher education in the last few years. Last year we put 45 million dollars into scholarships and I am proud to tell you 37,000 students got a scholarship to go to college this fall based on what we did last year. We can be proud of what we did there.

Let me tell you about transportation. You know we've gone from the 47th worst roads to the ninth best. We totally changed. MoDOT is now spending the third lowest administrative costs per mile. All of those things we can take credit in some of the policies we adopted here in the House. But the thing we should be most proud of is 161 fewer people died on our highways last year in the State of Missouri. And that's a real difference for families all over.

You know last year we cut taxes for seniors and firefighters and teachers. We did that together, both Republicans and Democrats. This year 300,000 people have had their tax burden lifted just a little bit. And we still have budget surpluses even while we've done that. We should be proud of that.

And then something that might make my good friends on the Democrat side of the aisle happy. You know Governor Holden had to cut a lot of programs and it wasn't programs that he wanted to cut. I know that. But we've increased funding for autism; for the SCHIP program by 51 million dollars; for First Steps; and something I care about - the food pantry tax credit we were able to do; and Utilicare for low-income people who need help paying utility bills. These are all things that when Governor Holden was governor, and the budget was tight, he couldn't do. And I have to tell you, both Democrats and Republicans, the last few years we've been able to put money toward those programs. Some of us on the Republican side may not have been as excited about it, but you guys insisted on it and we did it and together we've helped a lot of people that needed help in the State of Missouri.

Now I am going to touch on one thing that might be a little more controversial - abortion. I think President Bill Clinton used to say that he wanted to make abortion safe and rare - safe and rare. Now whether you're pro-life or pro-choice, most people would like to reduce the number of abortions. And I will tell you that in the state of Missouri last year, we did the fewest number of abortions we've done in this state since 1975. And I guarantee you the abortions that were done were done in a lot safer way for those women. That is something we probably all should, and can, be proud of.

When I got elected, we were the number one meth producing state in the country. And if you've got a family, or you've got kids, and you see this drug out there. We've actually lowered meth incidents in this state, since we took over and with the laws we've passed, by 55 percent. And that is impacting kids' lives every day in this state.

I think that in the House, we don't want to shortchange the Senate. We don't want to shortchange the governor. But let's be honest. In my opinion the Missouri House, the people's House; we're elected every two years, we're closest to the people more than anybody in this state. If you look at all these issues, we've produced more jobs; we've produced budget surpluses; we shrunk the size of state government; we've improved our roads; we've put more money into education; we've put more money in higher education; we've put more money into funding programs that could never have gotten money before – Utilicare, SCHIP, autism; and we've actually made our communities safer.

In my opinion, the Missouri House is the one that led these changes and made a difference. And it wasn't just Republicans and it wasn't just Democrats, it was all of us working together on these key issues.

But there's one thing I may be more proud of than all of that. And I will tell you in my last year, it's the fact that I've watched us over the last three years become better friends on both sides of the aisle. I watched the debates last year and there were only two situations that I saw on the House floor last year where members got personal and a little testy with each other. We had our debates and our disagreements but they were professional; they were honorable; they were just the way a Democracy, and I think the founding fathers, designed it to be.

You know last year we had some tragic situations. We had some members who lost their wives, their fathers, their grandfathers. And you know, on both sides of the aisle when that happened we came to the aid of those people. And they were grateful we were with them. That's what friends do. We had some situations where we had some births, new babies, some celebrations, and a few marriages. And we celebrated those times together as friends. And I guess what I'm most proud of is that we've become better friends because we can actually go out to have dinner together – which we used to not do in this building – and that we actually know about each other's families. We may disagree with each other but we know we're all trying to make this a better state.

I think that's what has allowed us to lead this state. I am so proud that we have set an example of putting the partisan differences aside and working together to solve the key issues in a professional way – not that you agree but you did it in a professional way. We really changed this state and to me that's something we should all be proud of. And I thank you because we can't do it by ourselves. It takes all of us together to do it.

Now we have a few issues – I'll talk about a few things I hope we can work on in this last year. I know it's an election year and people say you can't do as much, but I will tell you the gentleman from Jackson, LeVota district, the new minority leader; I can't tell you how many times he and I have talked on the phone this Fall and Summer. Believe it or not, a Democrat and a Republican can pick up the phone and talk about how we're going to deal with an issue. Does that mean we agree? Not always, but we at least talk about what can we do to solve a problem for people in this state.

That's what I always hoped the House could be like because I am telling you, for some of you who are new who weren't here 4, 6, 8 years ago, it was not that way. All we ever did was fight and try to get the upper hand on each other. But that's not the way the new Minority Leader is.

That's not the way I am. And I know, based on what I saw last year, that's not the way any of you are.

What do I think we need to look at? I am going to start with education. We've got the 44th lowest teacher salary in the nation. And I'm going to sponsor a bill myself, and of course it's my bill so I guess I'm a little bit positive on it, but I hope you'll join me in trying to increase the pay of our teachers and stop this teacher shortage so our kids can get a good education in the state of Missouri.

Another issue I think is very important is the teacher protection act. We've worked on it a few years. It would reduce liability for our teachers and our administrators so that they can remove the tough discipline kids out of the classroom. We've had a lot of bipartisan support in the House on it. We've had a little trouble getting it through the Senate. But I think it's something we should try to continue to push as a House and, as we always seem to do, lead the charge on making things better for educators. I think we should pass the Teacher Protection Act again this year.

Another issue we've worked together on – we've got to do something to make sure Missouri is doing what it can to stop and stem the tide of illegal immigration in American and particularly in our state.

Another issue – and if you're like me from Marble Hill or wherever you're from, particularly it seems like St. Louis – we continue to hear horror stories of the increased property taxes and how that is affecting people all over the state, particularly those on fixed incomes. I hope we can work together to get something done to relieve the property tax burden in the State of Missouri especially on our seniors.

Again, I just want to thank everyone for the way things have gone the last few years. I really can't tell you how I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you. We've got such great people up here. And I will tell you when I was a freshman I wouldn't really have wanted people back home, or people around the state, to know how we treated each other and how we acted up here. Now I wish we could take a tour bus around this state and bring them all up here and let them see how we act because I think whether they're a Republican or a Democrat – well maybe some of our more hardcore Republicans and hardcore Democrats want us to fight a little bit more – but most Missourians would be proud and thankful for how we conduct ourselves. I just thank you for the way you treat each other each and every day we try to make this state a better place to live. Thanks.

President Pro Tem of the Senate Michael Gibbons' 2008 Opening Address

Lt. Governor Kinder, members of the Missouri Senate, our families, friends, and people of Missouri: We are honored by your presence Lt. Governor, so soon after the loss of your mother, and on behalf of the entire Senate family, we extend our deepest sympathies. We are gathered again in this magnificent chamber to start another session of work for the people of Missouri. This is an important year and we have much to do. Yes, it is an election year. Nationally, it is the first presidential campaign in 56 years that does not include an incumbent president or vice president, and it appears to be wide open on both sides. In Missouri, five out of the six statewide offices are on the ballot, as well as half of our chamber and the entire House. Some of our

members are running for reelection, some others are seeking new offices, and four of us are term-limited. But there is something more important facing us in the first four and a half months of 2008 - that is doing the work of the Legislature to make the lives of the people we serve better. Political pundits say nothing much will happen here this year. We owe it to the people of Missouri to prove them wrong. It is fitting that we begin in January, because this is the time of year that exudes hope and optimism. The New Year is here, and all things are possible. We meet people every day who come here as advocates, regardless of past disappointments, who believe this is the year their issue will succeed. We owe it to the people who care so much that they travel here to share their ideas to listen to them and take action where we can. Were we elected simply to engage in political posturing? To test the wind or react to the latest poll? Or, are we here to give voice to the hopes and dreams of the people and look for those opportunities to make life better for the people we represent? The answer, of course, is up to us. We owe the people being taxed out of their homes our best effort to protect them from tax increases caused by reassessment. We owe the lawful residents of Missouri our best effort to protect their safety, jobs and benefits, rather than reward illegal immigrants with jobs and public support at the taxpayers' expense. We owe the people our best effort to help them find and afford health insurance through a marketplace that puts them in the driver's seat when it comes to healthcare decisions for their families. These are some of the concerns that people bring up to me from all around our state. It's not a game to the people at home; they expect us to fix these problems. We must give our best effort. The people deserve it. As we sit in this chamber, sometimes it is easy to overlook the messages that surround us. So let's consider the stained glass and paintings our forbearers put here some 80 years ago to speak to us every day. On your right, there's Daniel Boone at the Judgment Tree in St. Charles County considering justice for a man accused of stealing; then Jefferson greeting Lewis and Clark on the porch of the White House upon their return from their Great Expedition to the West. To your left is our first United States Senator, Thomas Hart Benton, giving a speech in St. Louis in 1849 in support of Westward Expansion; and next to that is Frank Blair, who was running for the U.S. Senate giving a speech at Louisiana, Missouri, after he had been threatened that he would be killed if he showed up to speak because of his support for the repeal of the loyalty oath required after the Civil War. Above me is Hernando DeSoto who landed in the Spanish Region of Florida and led his men up the Mississippi River looking for riches. In the seven years I've had the privilege of working in this chamber, I've thought a lot about these historic figures and what they have in common. What I believe they have in common is they were all, in their own way, courageous explorers enduring hardships through the unknown in pursuit of their vision for a better future. These works of art are here to challenge us every day as we work through the unknowns of our time. They challenge us to be courageous, confront the unknown and act to secure a better future for all the people of Missouri. On May 17th, we can take our cases to the people and let them judge how we have done. But from now until May 16th, I challenge all of us to work hard together to better the lives of the people of Missouri.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LEGISLATION IS A PRIORITY FOR GOVERNOR BLUNT:

Gov. Blunt authored the state's first directive to audit all state contractors to ensure that contract employees are legally eligible to work in the U.S. and to terminate contracts if it is determined a contractor employs illegal immigrants. He added a provision in state contracts to allow the state to immediately cancel contracts if it determines the contractor knowingly has employees not eligible to work in the U.S. and to require contractors to certify that all their employees meet state and federal employment eligibility requirements. Gov. Blunt is calling for legislation that would ban the creation of sanctuary cities in Missouri, require all public employers to use a legal

worker verification system, impose new monetary sanctions against contractors who use illegal immigrants and criminalize the transportation of illegal immigrants.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LEGISLATION PROPOSED: Sen. Scott Rupp (R-Wentzville) filed SB 858 and Rep. Will Kraus (R-Raytown) filed HB 1381, both of which prohibit businesses from employing unauthorized aliens. Neither bill has been assigned to a committee for a public hearing.

SB 858 modifies the law relating to illegal immigrants. Under current law, employers who negligently hire unauthorized aliens are ineligible to receive state administered or subsidized tax credits, tax abatements or loans from the state. Those in violation, who knowingly accept such credits, abatements or loans, are, upon conviction, guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, which means they can be imprisoned for no more than one year. This proposal holds employers accountable for their contractors and subcontractors who hire unauthorized aliens.

As outlined in the bill, employers who know or should know that they employ unauthorized aliens on projects involving state-administered or subsidized tax credits, tax abatements or loans from the state would be fined up to \$25,000 per unauthorized alien for a first offense and up to \$50,000 per unauthorized alien for a subsequent offense. Those who intentionally engage in such activity would be banned from further projects administered by the agency administering the program.

This proposal exempts employers from adverse treatment when the employer's contractors and subcontractors hire unauthorized aliens when the employer requires its general and subcontractors, by contract, to actively participate in a status verification system administered by the federal government and designed to verify the work authorization of any individual. Employers enrolled in a status verification system would be exempt from liability.

Illegal aliens would also be barred from attending all public universities in the state. Under federal law, unlawfully present aliens are not eligible for state or local public benefits with certain exceptions. This proposal reiterates federal law stating that such aliens are ineligible and the exceptions. Applicants for benefits would be required to provide proof of citizenship, residency, or lawful presence in order to receive benefits. If applicants could not provide proof, they could sign an affidavit attesting to their status and would be eligible to receive temporary benefits until their status could be determined. If an applicant is an alien, the applicant could not receive benefits until the federal government verified lawful presence.

HB 1381 prohibits business entities from employing, recruiting, or hiring unauthorized aliens to perform work in Missouri. Participation in the federal employment eligibility verification/basic pilot program, which enables employers to electronically verify employment eligibility, would be required for all state employers and any business entity receiving a state contract or grant or using state resources. If a business entity participates in the federal program and is found to have hired unauthorized aliens, there would be a rebuttable presumption that the business entity did not knowingly hire them.

Employing an unauthorized alien more than once, failing to provide identity information on employees when requested to do so, or failing to correct violations within 10 business days

would result in the suspension of a company's state and local business license and registration. Only the federal government could determine whether a worker is an unauthorized alien.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES SUPPORT IN NEW FUNDING FOR PORT AUTHORITY

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Gov. Blunt announced on Jan. 7, that he will recommend \$4 million in new funding for Port Authority capital improvement projects. The funding recommendation will support improvements as follows:

- New Bourbon Regional Port Authority – \$50,000 for ferry equipment upgrade;
- New Madrid County Port Authority - \$650,000 for extension of the rail spur to the dock for direct barge-to-rail access and to the north side of the harbor to serve the north harbor site.
- Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority - \$1,046,558 for dock and street improvements, dike construction and railroad improvements;
- City of St. Louis Port Authority - \$225,000 for dock improvements;
- St. Joseph Regional Port Authority - \$78,442 for installation of a truck scale;
- Pemiscot County Port Authority - \$1,866,000 to complete Phase IV of rail construction at the port for a new industry; and
- Howard/Cooper County Port Authority - \$84,000 for installation of a new truck scale.

Discussions of the Governor’s request for these and other general revenues for other modes of transportation will be brought up during the House and Senate budget debate that will most likely continue until the first week of May when a final state budget is required to be passed by state Constitution.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS SET: On Jan. 9, the House adopted House Concurrent Resolution 1, scheduling a joint session for the State of the State Address. The address given by Gov. Blunt, will take place on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

STATE OF TRANSPORTATION ADDRESS SET: On Jan. 9, the House adopted House Concurrent Resolution 3, scheduling a joint session for the State of Transportation Address. The address given by Director Pete Rahn will take place on Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. This will be the fifth and final annual State of Transportation Address.

RED LIGHT CAMERAS: Two legislative proposals have been filed relating to automated photo red light enforcement.

HB 1376, sponsored by Rep. Charles Portwood (R-Ballwin) places additional responsibility on MoDOT with regard to these systems. The legislation would require all agencies and public subdivisions using red light enforcement to register all photo red light enforcement systems with MoDOT; pay a one-time registration fee of \$500 per light to be collected by MoDOT and deposited into a “Red Light Enforcement Fund” (these funds would be used to audit the program); and submit an annual report to MoDOT stating the number of violations mailed, number of violations paid, number of hearings and the total revenue collected from use of these systems. HB 1376 further prohibits the use of automated enforcement to detect speeding violations. This language, if passed, would impact MoDOT’s ability in the future to consider the use of automated speed enforcement in work zones.

SB 892, sponsored by Sen. Tim Green (D-Florissant), would prohibit the use of automated photo red light enforcement unless the traffic control signal were equipped with a device that displays the numerical time remaining before the traffic control signal will display a red signal.

Neither bill has been assigned to committee for a public hearing.

GOVERNOR CALLS FOR IGNITION INTERLOCK LEGISLATION: On Jan. 10, Gov. Blunt called for ignition interlock legislation that would take Missouri one-step further in making our roads safer. “To protect Missouri families and ensure our roads are as safe as possible, drunk driving offenders simply should not be allowed to get behind the wheel without some assurance they are fit to drive,” Gov. Blunt said during his press conference. The Governor also said “my plan to toughen our drunk driving laws ensures 100 percent of repeat offenders will not be given the privilege to drive without first taking serious precautions to prevent them from again drinking and driving and endangering Missourians”.

Under current law, it is in the courts discretion to issue an order for ignition interlock against a second or subsequent drunk driving offender. The legislation would make it mandatory that repeat drunk driving offenders obtain an ignition interlock. The Department of Revenue will be the agency in charge to enforce compliance.

MoDOT’s Director of Highway Safety, Leanna Depue, was present for the Governor’s announcement. Also present were Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Colonel James Keathley; Missouri Department of Revenue Director Omar Davis; and several legislators including House Transportation Committee Chair, Rep. Neal St. Onge (R-Ballwin), who is expected to sponsor the bill.

RESOLUTION PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY PATROL:

On Jan. 2, Sen. Ryan McKenna (D-Crystal City) filed SJR 40. This constitutional amendment would repeal the provision of Missouri's Constitution which provides moneys from the state Highways and Transportation Fund to pay actual costs of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in administering and enforcing state vehicle and traffic laws. The proposal would instead impose statewide sales and use tax of three-eighths of one percent to fund such activities. Currently, about \$180 million a year in highway funds are appropriated by the General Assembly to the Highway Patrol for highway safety purposes.

The bill has not been assigned to committee for a public hearing.

FEDERAL UPDATE:

On Dec. 26, 2007 Pres. Bush signed the fiscal year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill for 11 of the major federal programs, including transportation. The Highway spending level was passed at \$41.2 billion more than enacted for fiscal year 2007 and \$1.6 billion more than the President requested. The Federal Aviation Administration received \$14.6 billion.

Amtrak funding for FY 08 was approved at \$1.3 billion, about the same as FY 07.

The department is waiting for the official notices from U.S. DOT on Missouri's spending authority as these funding levels will have some take-downs, rescissions and obligation

limitations. Overall, transportation did fairly well considering the budgetary climate in Congress and veto threats from the President.

Congress will be back in full force the week of Jan. 22. Soon after they return to session, MoDOT expects to know their congressional priorities for this session.

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission are expected to issue their report on Jan. 15, 2008. This Commission was mandated in SAFETEA-LU for the purpose of identifying and making recommendations on; short and long term transportation funding, transportation revenue source, insuring the United States remains a world transportation leader, and the role of the federal government in transportation.

On Jan. 18, Kent Van Landuyt, Assistant to Director Rahn and Jay Wunderlich, Governmental Relations Director, along with our District Engineers, will begin meeting with the state's U.S. Congressional staff located here in Missouri to discuss funding status and opportunities to apply for any available FY 09 discretionary funds to viable Missouri projects.

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:

- January 15 – Gov. Blunt's State of the State Address
- February 6 – Director Rahn's State of Transportation Address
- January 24 - Annual Transportation Conference sponsored by MoDOT, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Farm Bureau, and the Missouri Highway Patrol
- March 14 to March 25 – Legislative Spring Break
- May 16 – Last day of the 2008 legislative session



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Bill Progress Matrix
 1/11/2008

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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						
HB 1309	Allows any family member older than 21 years of age to occupy the seat beside a driver with a temporary instruction permit	Day	3-Dec						
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						
HB 1363	Exempts motor fuel used for agricultural purposes from sales and use taxes.	Cunningham	5-Dec						
HB 1364	Requires, subject to appropriation, that retired State Highway Patrol officers be paid a per diem, mileage, and travel expenses when they testify in a court proceeding at least 30 miles from their residence	Cunningham	5-Dec						
HB 1371	Allows rural empowerment zones to exist in any county with 16,000 or fewer residents	Wilson-119	6-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 1391	Designates a portion of Highway 63 in Maries County as the "Roy Bassett Memorial Highway"	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	Loehner	11-Dec						
HB 1406	Establishes the "drunk driving victim memorial sign program"	Deeken	12-Dec						

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HB 1408	Creates the Fund for the Reduction of Alcohol-Related Problems and Underage Drinking	Deeken	12-Dec						
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						
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						
HB 1423	Requires offenders to obtain an ignition interlock device for their first DWI conviction.	St. Onge	13-Dec						
HB 1428	Changes the laws regarding mitigation of damages when the plaintiff was not wearing a safety belt	Kraus	14-Dec						
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	Roorda	18-Dec						

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HB 1459	Requires applicants for motorcycle endorsements to complete motorcycle training coursework	Faith	18-Dec						
HB 1469	Changes the laws regarding certain appeals to the Administrative Hearing Commission	Pratt	18-Dec						
HB 1483	Designates spotted knapweed and sericea lespedeza as noxious weeds	Wells	19-Dec						
HB 1486	Exempts cars newer than six years old from motor vehicle safety inspection requirements	Brown - 30	19-Dec						
HB 1492	Raises the legal driving age from sixteen years of age to eighteen years of age	Smith - 14	19-Dec						
HB 1495	Changes the laws regarding the Aviation Trust Fund and air traffic control towers	Bruns	20-Dec						
HB 1500	Names a portion of Highway 80 in New Madrid County the "Gene Curtis Memorial Highway"	Hodges	20-Dec						
HB 1510	Establishes the Clean American Fuel Board and creates the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund	Darrough	21-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						

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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						
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						
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 747	Prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverage vaporizers and modifies provisions relating to underage drinking	Ridgeway	3-Dec						
SB 752	This act defines the term "job order contract" for the purposes of the construction of public buildings as a firm, fixed price, competitively bid, indefinite quantity type contract designed to accomplish small to medium, multi-traded maintenance or repair projects and minor new construction projects.	Crowell	3-Dec						
SB 753	Designates a portion of state highway 84 as the "Corporal Rickey L. Bell Memorial Highway".	Mayer	3-Dec						
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						
SB 761	Modifies various laws relating to transportation and the regulation of motor vehicles. Also includes UCR.	Stouffer	3-Dec						
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						

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SB 809	Imposes various billboard standards to billboards adjacent to Interstate 70 and Interstate 44 during period of interstate construction	Stouffer	3-Dec						
SB 810	Requires all diesel fuel sold at retail in Missouri after April 1, 2010 to be biodiesel-blended fuel	Stouffer	3-Dec						
SB 811	Creates a tax credit for the use of idle reduction technology.	Stouffer	3-Dec						
SB 837	Creates the Public Employee Due Process Act	Bray	3-Dec						
SB 838	Allows fuel ethanol produced from qualified biomass to be eligible for certain fuel ethanol production subsidies	Engler	3-Dec						
SB 841	Increases weight limit for certain motor vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology.	Stouffer	3-Dec						
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						
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						

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SB 861	This act redefines the term "intoxication-related traffic offense" to include certain traffic offenses involving alcohol regardless of whether the defendant was represented by or waived the right to an attorney in writing.	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 875	This act creates the "Missouri's Civil War Trail Fund". The money in the fund shall be administered by the director of the Division of Tourism at the direction of the tourism commission. The fund shall be used only to reimburse the cost of highway information signage designating the route of driving trails featuring sites associated with the Civil War in Missouri.	Graham	12-Dec						
SB 884	Modifies Missouri's seat belt law by making it applicable to all passengers and allows for primary enforcement	Graham	18-Dec						

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SB 887	Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone under certain circumstances	Dempsey	18-Dec						
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 898	Modifies provisions pertaining to the administration of agriculture incentives and programs	Clemens	21-Dec						
SB 903	Modifies law with respect to the regulation of household good movers	Griesheimer	2-Jan						
SB 904	Modifies provisions pertaining to the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act	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						

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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						