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ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE EXPLORES OPPORTUNITIES FOR

MISSOURI: On Jan. 24, approximately 200 transportation leaders from across the state attended the 2008 Transportation Conference held in Jefferson City. The annual transportation conference was sponsored by MoDOT, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

One of the main speakers for the day was MoDOT's Director, Pete Rahn. Director Rahn told those attending the conference there is a need to understand how our economy functions and the role of transportation in the economy. "We are losing the system that allowed our nation to become what it is today...we need to invest in transportation", Rahn said.

Director Rahn reported Missouri's transportation funding will drop in 2010 to less than half of what it has been, having enough money to barely maintain the existing highway system. This forecasted drop in funding is due to Missouri's stagnant funding sources coupled with increasing construction costs, the need to pay back on bonds issued as a requirement through the passage of Amendment 3, and the uncertainty of future federal dollars. Mr. Rahn stressed that to be globally competitive, the United States needs to commit to an investment in transportation for the next 50 years. Director Rahn asked the audience, "So, the question is whether we are willing to make the same contributions that our grandparents made?"

Also presenting at the conference was the Senate and House Transportation Committee chairs, Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton) and Rep. Neal St. Onge (R-Ballwin). Sen. Stouffer discussed the need to rebuild I-70 and I-44 and stated Missouri must make improvements to these interstates if Missouri is to compete as a national transportation hub. St. Onge commended MoDOT for its work with the public in connection with the I-64 project in St. Louis. St. Onge also stated the need to spread the word about the future decline in transportation funding and how transportation impacts the economy as a whole.

Other presenters included:

- Al Biehler, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Transportation demonstrated to the group the similarities between Pennsylvania and Missouri departments of transportation in that they both have huge transportation needs and are under constrained financial resources. Like Missouri, Pennsylvania works to find a solution to reducing congestion, replacing or repairing its many deteriorating bridges, and accommodating transit operations. Biehler stated that it is important to leverage and preserve current investments and to partner with local groups.

- Col. James Keathley, Missouri State Highway Patrol, spoke of the Patrol's appreciation to MoDOT for the work it has done on the roadways over the past year, which has contributed to the reduction in traffic related fatalities. After the death of one of MoDOT's Motorist Assistants, Ken Hoierman, the Patrol started a program called "Operation PROTECT" where approximately ten patrol cars will set up at a work zone with an aggressive move to ticket speeders in work zones. The purpose of the program is to let motorists know speeding in a work zone will not be tolerated.
- John Vickerman, TranSystems, discussed the global impacts on transportation and its effect on distribution of goods. Vickerman showed how the global market is real to Missouri.
- Ed DeSoigne, Executive Director, Heavy Constructors Association of Greater Kansas City; Ron Leone, Executive Vice President, Missouri Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Operators; and Tom Crawford, President and CEO, Missouri Motor Carriers Association, presented to the group various funding options and how transportation funding directly impacts their industry.
- Steve Billings, MoDOT's Administrator of Transit, provided an overview of the 2008 major transit issues in Missouri. These issues included the St. Louis rail and bus funding, Kansas City rail and bus funding, job access transportation, and rural transit service.
- Bruce Loy, Manager, Cape Girardeau Airport, reported on the recent loss of air service at the Cape Girardeau Airport and the steady decline in regional air service across the state since 2002.
- Ben Jones, Union Pacific Railway Company, spoke of the rail freight issues and how rail faces similar challenges with funding and capacity constraints.
- Dan Overby, Director of Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority, provided a report on the conditions of Missouri ports.

Finally, Bill Owens, former Governor of Colorado was the luncheon speaker. Owens, who is now a private consultant, is known nationally for his support of using private money to fund public transportation needs. Owens encouraged Missouri to consider private investment to advance transportation in Missouri. Owens noted that private investment in transportation infrastructure could be made without the state losing control or ownership of its assets. Owens also applauded MoDOT for its proactive approach with the 800 Bridge Improvement Program.

GOVERNOR ACKNOWLEDGES MoDOT FOR ITS HARD WORK: During his welcoming remarks at the 2008 Transportation Conference, Gov. Matt Blunt commended MoDOT for its hard work meeting the challenge to make Missouri's roads safer and smoother sooner. Gov. Blunt announced to the crowd of approximately 200 attendees that an improved transportation infrastructure has contributed to Missouri being a better state. Gov. Blunt specifically acknowledged MoDOT's commitment to safety through its Smooth Roads Initiative and its work installing guard cable and rumble stripes.

TOLLING INTRODUCED AS A FUNDING OPTION: On Jan. 23, Sen. Matt Bartle (R-Lee's Summit), introduced to the members of the Senate Transportation Committee his idea for rebuilding I-70.

SB 793 would allow MoDOT and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) the option to construct toll roads provided a constitutional measure is passed by the Missouri voters (SJR 31).

As outlined in the bill, the MHTC would be authorized to issue state toll facility revenue bonds to finance toll facility projects authorized by the General Assembly. The bonds issued for toll facility projects would not be deemed to constitute a debt or liability of the state and would be payable solely from the state toll facility fund.

Specifically, the bill would allow a toll facility project to be constructed upon I-70 between St. Louis and Kansas City. The MHTC would be authorized to construct these toll facility projects with the design-build project delivery system. The fee charged for traveling the entire length of Interstate 70 is capped at \$5 (indexed for inflation).

The bill allows the MHTC to use any method for imposing and collecting tolls, including toll tickets, barrier toll facilities, billing accounts, commuter passes and electronic recording or identification devices and outlines the enforcement mechanisms MoDOT may use to ensure that motorists pay for using state toll roads. The Commission may enforce the payment of tolls by using automated enforcement technology, including automatic vehicle license plate identification photography and video surveillance. The use of such automated enforcement technology may be used only for the purpose of recording the image of the nonpaying motorist's license plate.

Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer for MoDOT, testified in favor of the bill. Mr. Keith stated that tolling is an option that the members of the committee should consider as they look at different funding alternatives for transportation purposes. Mr. Keith said, that by tolling I-70, studies indicate that about 10 percent of the traffic that currently uses I-70 would divert to other “free” routes such as Highway 50 or Highway 36.

Ron Leone, Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Operators, lead the charge in opposition to the bill. Mr. Leone testified that tolling an existing “free” highway (such as I-70) could divert traffic from existing convenience stores and gas stations along the interstate to other locations to purchase fuel and/or to buy small food items. Mr. Leone said his association supports a sales tax increase or capturing the growth in state general revenues and earmarking those funds for transportation purposes; but a toll road is a “non-starter” discussion item when talking about funding for transportation.

Tom Crawford, Missouri Motor Carriers Association, also testified in opposition to the bill because commercial motor carriers pay for more than their share of taxes (i.e. registration fees, licenses, etc.) and more than any other entity that uses the interest system.

Others opposed to the tolling proposal were: Todd Spencer, Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association; Trey Davis, Missouri Chamber of Commerce; and Jerry Ford, Missourians for Tax Justice.

The committee took no action on the bill.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ADVANCES OMNIBUS BILL: On Jan. 23, by a 9 to 0 vote, the Senate Transportation Committee voted to approve a Senate Committee Substitute for

SB 761 and SB 744. These bills contain several transportation related measures including, but not limited to the following:

- Allows MoDOT to accept an annual bid bond for its construction and maintenance projects;
- Allows restricted license plates to be issued to drivers whose licenses have been suspended, revoked, or disqualified for a period greater than 60 days;
- Allows for a military member, while driving a vehicle for military purposes, to be exempt from possessing a CDL. Current law provides that the military member must be driving a military vehicle to qualify for the exemption;
- The bill increases driver's license suspension periods for motorists who fail to stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children;
- The bill requires the state patrol to establish a program to certify local law enforcement officers with respect to enforcing commercial motor vehicle laws. The certification procedures established by the Missouri Highway Patrol shall include training, testing, on-the-job experience, data collection and other prescribed components. The certification procedures shall meet the requirements established by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA);
- This act provides that a person operating a motorcycle who enters or crosses an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal against a red light shall have an affirmative defense to that charge if the person establishes all of the following conditions:
 - The motorcycle has been brought to a complete stop;
 - The traffic signal continues to show a red light for an unreasonable time;
 - The traffic signal is apparently malfunctioning or, if programmed or engineered to change to a green light only after detecting the approach of a motor vehicle, the signal has apparently failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle; and
 - No motor vehicle or person is approaching on the street or highway to be crossed or entered or is so far away from the intersection that it does not constitute an immediate hazard;
- Allows that the child passenger restraint law shall not apply to school buses transporting children four years of age or older regardless whether such buses are being used for educational, religious or other purposes. The current exemption only applies to school buses used for educational purposes;
- The bill 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 (UCR Act) of 2005. The federal UCR Act includes provisions to eliminate the Single State Registration System (SSRS) by January 2007 and replace it with the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Agreement;
- Under this act, a vehicle shall not be driven to the left of a solid yellow center stripe except when executing a lawful turn or when overtaking a vehicle that is traveling at a speed less than 25 miles per hour, or when avoiding debris in the roadway, and so long as the action does not create a hazard;
- This act clarifies the CDL exemption for persons driving farm vehicles. In order to qualify for the exemption, the farm vehicle must be controlled by a farmer or family member, be used to transport agricultural products, machinery, or supplies to or from a farm, not be used in the operations of a common or contract carrier, and be used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm; and

- The bill defines the term "utility vehicle" as any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway purposes which is 63 inches or less in width, has an unladen dry weight of 1,900 pounds or less, travels on four or six wheels, and is used primarily for agricultural, landscaping, lawn care, or maintenance purposes. A person operating a utility vehicle on a highway shall have a valid operator or chauffeur's license. The vehicle shall not be operated at a speed of more than 30 miles per hour on a highway. No operator of a utility vehicle shall carry a passenger, except for agricultural purposes, unless the seat of the utility vehicle is designed to carry more than one person. Utility vehicles would be exempt from titling and registration.

The bill now awaits to be debated by the full Senate.

BILL TO STRENGTHEN IGNITION INTERLOCK REQUIREMENT HAS A FIRST HEARING: On Jan. 21, the House Transportation Committee conducted a hearing on HB 1423, sponsored by Rep. Neal St. Onge (R-Ballwin). HB 1423 would require ignition interlocks devices to be placed on all first time offenders of driving while intoxicated and would also allow drivers who are repeat offenders of driving while intoxicated to obtain an ignition interlock in exchange for restricted driving privileges. Gov. Blunt recently announced his support of strengthening the administration of ignition interlocks.

Testifying in support of the bill was Leanna Depue, MoDOT's Director of Highway Safety. Depue reported to the committee that this bill would serve as an additional tool to manage drinking and driving by working to keep drivers with restricted or revoked licenses from driving while intoxicated.

Also testifying in favor of the bill was Mike Boland, former president of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), who introduced to the committee twelve people present at the committee hearing who had family members killed by a drunk driver. Others in support of the bill were: Richard Roth, an expert in research of the effectiveness of driving while intoxicated laws and who was instrumental in New Mexico strengthening its ignition interlock laws; Debra Coffey, Smart Start, (an ignition interlock provider); Gena Ahlers, Missouri Department of Revenue; Col. Jim Keathley, Missouri State Highway Patrol; Patrick Bonnot, Missouri Municipal League; Brian Keedy, Director of Prosecuting Services; Edward Tasch, National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Brad Thielemier, Missouri Trooper's Association; and Dale Findlay, Missouri Safety Council.

No one testified in opposition to the bill. The committee took no action on the bill.

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS HEARD: Sen. Carl Vogel (R-Jefferson City) introduced SB 906 to the Senate Transportation Committee on Jan. 23. SB 906 would name a portion of Highway 87 for Lance Corporal Leon Deraps. Lance Corporal Deraps, 19, was killed on May 6, 2007 in the Al-Anbar Province of Iraq when the Humvee he was a passenger in struck a roadside bomb.

Sen. Charlie Shields (R-St. Joseph) introduced SB 728 to the committee as well. SB 728 would name a portion of Highway 169 in honor of Deputy Charles M. Cook. Deputy Cook died from injuries he suffered in an on-duty wreck on June 23, 2007 during a pursuit of a reported

erratically driven motorcycle. Deputy Cook was a member of the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department.

No witnesses presented testimony and the committee took no action on either bill.

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARS PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNDERGROUND

SAFETY ACT: On Jan. 24, SB 904, sponsored by Sen. John Griesheimer (R-Washington), was heard by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Energy and Environment. The bill modifies provisions pertaining to the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act. Under current law, gas distribution lines, electric lines, telecommunications facilities, cable television facilities, water lines, storm drainage and sewer lines located on private property and owned by the landowner are not considered "underground facilities" for purposes of the Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act. This bill would modify the definition by requiring that if any of the above-mentioned lines were used for vehicular traffic control, the lighting of streets and highways or communications for emergency response, they would be considered an "underground facility." The lines would also be considered an "underground facility" if they cross or lie within a public easement, public right-of-way or another person's property.

Current law provides an exemption for railroads regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration, where the definition of "underground facility" does not include any excavating conducted by a railroad on land owned or operated by the railroad or on adjacent land in an emergency. This bill would remove this exemption.

An owner or operator of an "underground facility" would have no cause of action against an excavator for damage to his or her facility if the owner or operator has not complied with the damage claim notification requirements of the act. Excavators who fail to give required notice of proposed excavations and owners or operators of underground facilities who fail to provide required information to excavators would be presumed negligent under this act. A court would award reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party in a cause of action regarding damage to an underground facility.

Claims for damages to an underground facility would be provided to the excavator by the owner or operator of the damaged facility within the earlier of 90 days after completion of repairs or 120 days after the excavator notified the facility owner of the damage. The claim would be made in writing, itemizing the amounts requested and given to the excavator via personal delivery or certified mail. The time frame could be extended if a lawful authority delays the repair of the damage to the underground facility or in cases involving temporary and final repairs. Claims for damages would not be enforceable if they were not provided in accordance with the requirements of the act.

Actions by the owner or operator of a damaged underground facility against an excavator would be brought within one year of the date of damage, provided the excavator complied with the damage notification requirements.

Proponents for the bill stated the proposal would decrease the amount of time contractors wait for utilities to be marked, ensure costs issued for damaged underground utilities were sent in a timely manner and decrease the occurrences that contractors are erroneously blamed for damaged underground facilities. Testifying in support of the bill was Ray Daub of Kirkwood

Excavating; Michael Jerome with Bi-State Utilities Company and SITE Improvement Association; Terry Briggs with SITE Improvement Association; and Randy Scherr with Missouri One Call System Inc.

MoDOT's Director of System Management, Don Hillis, testified for "informational purposes" before the committee. Hillis informed the committee that MoDOT and One Call will be participating in a second pilot project in Buchanan County this Spring to see if the One Call program can be of any benefit to the department. Also providing information to the committee was Jack Atterberry, Associated General Contractors and John Sondag, AT&T Missouri.

Opposition to the bill stated the proposal would restrict recovery of damages incurred to underground facilities, could increase delay in action associated to damaged underground utilities, which could cause safety issues, and would mandate municipalities and governmental agencies (including MoDOT) to be part of One Call. Persons testifying in opposition to the bill were: John Britton, BNSF Railway Company; Rick Telthorst, Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association; Warren Wood, Missouri Energy Development Association; and Bill Gamble, Missouri Railroad Association, Missouri American Water Company and American Petroleum Institute.

The committee took no action on the bill.

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:

- February 6 – Director Rahn's State of Transportation Address
- March 14 to March 25 – Legislative Spring Break
- May 16 – Last day of the 2008 legislative session



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Bill Progress Matrix
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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 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						
HB 1354	Exempts certain "implements of husbandry" from the titling, registration, and license plate requirements of Chapter 301, RSMo	Wilson-119	5-Dec						

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HB 1363	Exempts motor fuel used for agricultural purposes from sales and use taxes.	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	Dusenberg	11-Dec						
HB 1406	Establishes the "drunk driving victim memorial sign program"	Deeken	12-Dec						
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						

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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						
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						
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						

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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						
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 1597	Requires all entities which ship radioactive waste through or within the state to be assessed a fee	Robb	10-Jan						
HB 1628	Authorizes an exemption from the alternative fuel decal and tax requirement for historical vehicles powered by liquid petroleum or natural gas	Cooper-120	14-Jan						
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 1655	Requires applicants for public benefits to prove citizenship, permanent residence, or lawful presence to be eligible for such benefits	Nance	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						

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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						
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 1728	Changes the laws regarding strategic litigation against public participation	Bivins	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 1747	Removes the current requirement for the Director of the Department of Transportation to give annual state of the state of transportation to a joint session of the general assembly	Lampe	22-Jan						
HB 1772	Enacts provisions relating to automated traffic control devices	Jones-117	22-Jan						

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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 1810	Changes the laws regarding state and local sales taxes, property taxes, and motor fuel taxes	Skaggs	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	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						
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 1865	Changes provisions relating to tax increment financing projects	Curts	24-Jan						

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HCR 3	State of the State of Transportation on February 6, 2008	Tilley	9-Jan		9-Jan		14-Jan		
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						
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						
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						

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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 & Annual Bid Bonds.	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						
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 837	Creates the Public Employee Due Process Act	Bray	3-Dec						

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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						
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 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 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 - 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						

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SB 937	Allows utility vehicles to be operated upon Missouri highways	Shoemyer	14-Jan						
SB 943	Allows cities to annex land within airport zones in Greene County if cities agree to enforce Springfield's airport zoning ordinance	Clemens	15-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						
SB 955	Allows motor vehicle owners to receive refunds for unused registration fees under certain conditions	Shields	15-Jan						
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						
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						

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SJR 40	Creates a state-wide sales and use tax to fund the Missouri Highway Patrol.	McKenna	2-Jan						
SJR 43	Distributes ten percent of general revenue growth to the State Road Fund and the State Transportation Fund	Loudon	17-Jan						