



From the House...

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Not the Typical Second Week

We just finished the second week of session, and it was anything but a typical second week. Normally, things move slowly this early in session, bills start to be assigned to committees and everyone is getting back into the swing of things. Not this time though; there was a tremendous amount of activity in the capitol and it appears it is just the beginning of how the entire session will be.



During the week one of the largest rallies I have seen in the Capitol happened on Wednesday. An estimated 500 people from across the state came to the Capitol for the Missouri State Sovereignty Rally. The rotunda was overflowing with Missourians that were here to voice their concern about many of the issues happening in Washington, D.C. I have been asked in the past why the state legislature would be concerned about the actions of the federal elected officials.

In the case of Cap & Trade and the Health Care Legislation, the Missouri Legislature will be charged with the tremendous negative fiscal impact both of those bills will have on our state. There are numerous Resolutions and Bills filed this year that address these issues at the state level in various ways. Those issues will be fully vetted this session and, I am sure, will help make it a lively one.

Another event this week was a joint press conference that included members of the House of Representatives, the Missouri Senate, and the Lt. Governor. The purpose of the press conference was to explain some of the priorities we share for this legislative session. Some of the issues mentioned include prompt state income tax refunds, legislative oversight of federal stimulus dollars, making sure unemployment benefits are not being collected from other states if being collected in Missouri, requiring credit agencies to withhold reporting negative information if caused by identity theft, just to name a few.



Of course we will continue to work on 2nd Amendment issues, property rights, not increasing taxes and, one that is important to all of Missouri, finding new and better ways to bring jobs to Missouri. Literally, hundreds of bills have been filed this session from various lawmakers addressing these and many other issues. In a very short time those bills will start being combined and legislation will start taking shape in committee work.

Next week committee meetings will be starting on a regular basis. As I am writing

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this I already have five committee meetings scheduled. One new duty I have this session will be serving on the Committee on Government Accountability and Ethics Reform. There are numerous ethics reform bills filed this session and it will be the duty of this committee to sort through all of those and produce legislation that both sides of the aisle can support that will, in the words of Speaker Ron Richard “remove even the appearance of impropriety.”

As always, if I can ever be of service please contact me. My office number is (573) 751-1446, my e-mail address is david.day@house.mo.gov and my website can be found at www.StateRepDay.com. If you find yourself in the capitol city I hope that you will plan a few extra moments and come by and say hello.