



From the House...

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Because of last Monday being the Martin Luther King Holiday, this week was a short one, but you would never know it by the activity in the capitol. I have said many times that session normally starts slow and keeps gaining speed. This session however is starting at a very fast pace and this week was no exception.



The week started off with a special visitor to the capitol. We were honored to have the Speaker of the House from Pennsylvania, Rep. Dennis O'Brien join us on Tuesday to visit about several issues his state and ours are facing, a great exchange of ideas as both states are working through tough economic times.

On Tuesday evening we passed House Concurrent Resolution 18. A House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) is a way that the Missouri Legislature can communicate and send a message to our federal elected officials. The purpose of HCR 18 was to ask our federal elected representatives to oppose the two health care bills that are being debated in Washington, DC. Some have asked me in the past why a Missouri Representative would care about what the elected officials in Washington are doing. The answer is because of the way the bills are written, they will put over 400 million dollars of extra expense on our state, and we in the legislature are the ones that are charged with making up those funds...funds that we just don't have at this time.

HCR 18 passed the House in a bi-partisan manner with the final vote being 111 to 46. That total included over 20 of our friends on the other side of the aisle joining us in sending a message to Washington.

This week also included Governor Nixon's State of the State Address in a Joint Session on Wednesday evening in the House Chamber. This is the governor's opportunity to present to the legislature his priorities for the upcoming session. Governor Nixon explained that his number one priority is legislation that will bring jobs to Missouri and help businesses currently in Missouri expand. I could not agree more and that has been a top priority of the House in Missouri for a few years now. I look forward to working with Governor Nixon and others to bring jobs to our state. Growing the economy is the real way to have economic recovery. I feel Missouri is poised to do this as well or better than any other state in the nation because of how we have kept our fiscal situation in order in past years.

The governor also stated his support for education and specifically the Career Ladder Program for educators. I have been fighting to keep the funding for Career Ladder for months and the battle is far from over. I was very pleased the governor is also making that a top priority in his office.

This year is going to be a very difficult one because of the tight budget we are facing. However, I have no doubt that working together we can continue to fund the programs that are important to Missourians and in doing so, the governor made it very clear that he agrees with us and has no intention of raising taxes on our citizens.



Rep. Day & Pulaski Co. Realtors

I was also honored to have friends from the Realtors Association come and spend some time with me in the capitol. We had the opportunity to visit about some issues that are important to them and their industry and what we can do at the state level to help their industry.

As always, I hope that you will contact me anytime I can be of service. My office number is (573) 751-1446, my e-mail is david.day@house.mo.gov and my website can be found at www.StateRepDay.com. I look forward to hearing from you during his legislative session.