



From the House...

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Another Productive Week in the Capitol

The capitol was full this week of both activity and visitors from the 148th District. Starting with a few bills we worked on during debate on the House Floor, we passed House Concurrent Resolution 34 & 35. This HCR, sponsored by both Rep. Alan Icet (R) and Rep. Chris Kelly (D) sends a strong message to our federal elected officials that we request they pass a Balanced Budget Amendment. Most Missourians I talk to feel that the federal government, just like all state governments, should live within their means. This HCR passed with a bi-partisan vote of 121-28.



Educator Tammy Headrick & Rep. Day

Also on the Floor this week was HB 1497 which will ensure that whenever a statewide elected position vacancy occurs, citizens of our state will be the ones to vote on the replacement, not appointed as the current law states. Currently some statewide elected positions, when left vacant in the middle of a term, are filled by a vote in a special election while others are filled by an appointment by the Governor. This bill will simply bring uniformity to the system and

allow citizens to vote on all of the positions. This bill passed its initial votes on the House Floor and I expect it to be 3rd Read and passed to the Senate with no problem.

This week was also a busy one with committee work. In the House Veterans Committee that I am Chairman of, we heard three bills. Two of those were bills I am sponsoring and they passed out of committee and are ready for debate on the House Floor. The first one, HB 1208, I filed at the request of the Department of Defense which will clarify language about who is responsible for the remains of a deceased active duty member of the military. Currently Missouri law does not recognize DD Form 93, this legislation will clarify that.



Representatives of the Waynesville Career Center

HB 1743 is the other bill we passed out of committee, it is a bill that I am working with the State Treasurer, Clint Zweifel on which will protect military medals from being disposed of when they are unclaimed property. These medals will be protected by law until the owner or a member of the owner's family can be located. If that is not possible, those medals will be kept by the Treasurer's Office and can be used as educational displays for various veterans' organizations upon approval of the Treasurer's Office.



Visiting with members of the Retired Teachers Assoc.

I also presented HB 1209 to the Judiciary Committee, a bill that will lower the inmate population requirement when allowing a Circuit Judge to appoint a Circuit Court Marshall. This will allow our county to have a Circuit Court Marshall appointed at no cost to the county and in turn will also free up man-hours of our Sheriff's Department who currently performs those duties. I am hopeful this bill will be passed out of committee next week.

As I mentioned there were many visitors to the capitol this week. Those visitors included educator Tammy Headrick of the Waynesville Schools, members of the Retired Teachers Association, representatives of the Dental Hygienist School, and educators from the Waynesville Career Center.

Along with the visitors of the Waynesville Career Center came a special treat for all of the legislators, the Culinary Arts Class brought a wide variety of delicious foods to the capitol and served them in the 3rd Floor Rotunda.



Students at the capitol from the Culinary Arts Class in Waynesville

Legislators and visitors from across our state had the opportunity to see what a great group of young people we have in our area and the tremendous work that the Waynesville Career Center does for the entire 148th District. I don't mind telling you that I was very proud to have these young people in the capitol, making Pulaski County shine as they did.

As always, please contact me anytime I can be of service or if you have an opinion on legislation we are working on. My office number is (573) 751-1446, my e-mail address is david.day@house.mo.gov and you can find me on the internet at www.StateRepDay.com.