



Dear Neighbor,

Now that the ceremonial pleasantries are over that included the swearing-in ceremony and the legislative ball, legislative work will officially begin this week.

This week one of the first orders of business will be to consider changes to the House rules. Before proposed House rules changes can be debated by the full House, the Consent and House Procedure Committee will meet beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, January 9, to hear House Resolution 11, containing proposed changes sponsored by Majority Floor Leader Jon Patterson from Lee Summit.

The proposed measure will then sit on the House calendar for

one day, which is required so that the House can debate House Resolution 11 on Wednesday.

House Resolution 11 includes several changes:

- Combining the previously separate committees of Crime Prevention and Public Safety into a single Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee;
- Renaming Downsizing State Government as Government Efficiency and Downsizing;
- Creating a new Healthcare Reform Committee to hear bills “relating to improving the efficiency and cost of healthcare services”;
- Renaming Insurance as Insurance Policy;
- Establishing a third Rules Committee – Rules-Regulatory Oversight;
- Separating Transportation into two committees, with Transportation Accountability overseeing most matters relating to MoDOT, while Transportation Infrastructure handles bills pertaining to highways and multimodal transportation;
- Renaming Workforce Development as Workforce and Infrastructure Development;
- Changing Rule 87 to reduce the amount of time members may speak during initial debate on a bill from the traditional 15 minutes to just 10 minutes;
- Changing Rule 49 (2) to allow no more than three amendments to an underlying amendment;
- Changing Rule 30 (2) to authorize committee chairs to require that amendments be distributed 24-hours prior to a hearing; and

- Adding a new subsection to Rule 39 (1) that, effective July 1, 2023, will limit members to filing no more than 20 bills per legislative session, without permission of the Speaker of the House.

If anyone would like to contact me about legislation they would like me to support or oppose, please email me at Mark.Sharp@house.mo.gov.

Here are my current committee appointments (some of these will change with the new session):

**Crime Prevention
Elementary & Secondary Education
General Laws
Joint Committee on Legislative Research
Special Committee on Urban Issues
Special Committee on Public Policy: Ranking Minority
Member**

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, you can contact my legislative aide Rachael Cunningham at Rachael.Cunningham@house.mo.gov.

Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless.

Yours in Service,
Mark A. Sharp



My family and me during the Grand March which is a tradition in which all sworn-in State Representatives walk from the second floor Capitol Rotunda down to the first floor Rotunda before the Legislative Ball begins. I am joined by my parents and my wife and child. I am eternally grateful for their presence and support.



WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Monday, January 9, 2023

MORE TAX CUTS POSSIBLE

Days after a major income tax cut took effect, new House Speaker Dean Plocher said the General Assembly should consider additional tax cuts during the 2023 legislative session which got underway Jan. 4.

Plocher, R-Des Peres, didn't specify what tax cuts should be considered, saying the legislature should look at all aspects of the state's tax structure.

One idea floated by some Senate Republicans calls for completely eliminating personal property taxes, such as the taxes on vehicles. However, doing so would significantly reduce tax collections for school districts and other local governments and likely face strong opposition.

At the start of the new year, legislation that was passed last year immediately dropping Missouri's main individual income tax rate from 5.3% to 4.8% kicked in, with additional reductions scheduled that will further reduce the rate to 4.5% dependent on net general revenue growth hitting established benchmarks.

Proponents of the tax cuts believe they will encourage more businesses to expand and locate in Missouri, while also attracting and retaining more residents, which will increase overall state income tax revenue despite lower tax rates.

Critics worry that the tax cuts will jeopardize the state's

ability to adequately fund essential state services, many of which such as state aid to public education already are severely underfunded, if the hoped for economic growth doesn't occur.

Missouri currently has a \$6 billion revenue surplus due in large part to federal pandemic relief and other new and expanded federal aid programs that is not predicted to last long. Lawmakers are expected to use much of the surplus to fund vital infrastructure improvements throughout the state and other critical needs. .

BAILEY SWORN-IN AS MO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Andrew Bailey was sworn-in on Jan. 3 as Missouri's 44th attorney general following his appointment to the position by Gov. Mike Parson. He replaces fellow Republican Eric Schmitt who resigned after being elected to the U.S. Senate in November.

He will serve out the remainder of Schmitt's term, which ends in January 2025, and has said he plans to seek election to a full four-year term in 2024.

Bailey, 41, has never previously held elected office. He has worked as an attorney in Gov. Parson's office since 2019, including serving most recently as the governor's general counsel. Before coming to the governor's office he was the general counsel for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Earlier in his career he served as an assistant Missouri attorney general and worked as an assistant prosecutor in Warren County, Mo.

Bailey received his law degree from the University of Missouri School of Law in Columbia.



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South KC Food Pantries

South Kansas City is fortunate to have several food pantries to help less-fortunate residents have enough healthy food to eat. These include:

Community Assistance Council, 10901 Blue Ridge Blvd. on the north end of the Ruskin High School campus, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Persons should call 816-763-3277, ext. 100, or email info@cackc.org for appointments or questions.

Red Bridge Area Food Pantry, 100 W. Red Bridge Rd. in the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday each month. Persons must call 816-908-7800 for appointments by the prior Wednesday.

Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to seven sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Center School District, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as long as food is left on the first Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

Center District Warehouse, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.



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