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FIFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Richardson in the Chair.

Prayer by Reverend Monsignor Robert A. Kurwicki, Chaplain.

Thou shalt remember all the way the Lord thy God led thee. (Deuteronomy 8:2)

Eternal God, who did lead our ancestors to these shores that they may bring forth a just and free nation, give Your grace to us their children that we may be ever mindful of Your presence and ever eager to do Your will, without whom people cannot prosper, politicians cannot reason correctly, and citizens cannot live together in peace.

Grant that by the aid of Your spirit true bipartisanship may come to new life in our Capitol, that government, industry, and labor shall faithfully serve our people, and that our citizens in a real spirit of unity shall love Missouri with undying devotion.

Bless our Governor who speaks before us this evening, make him wise with Your wisdom, strong in Your strength, good through Your goodness and may he lead us in the paths of prosperity.

And the House says, "Amen!"

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Speaker appointed the following to act as an Honorary Page for the Day, to serve without compensation: Sydny Welcher.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Representative-elect Barbara Washington advanced to the bar and subscribed to the oath of office, which was administered by the Honorable Todd Richardson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Representative-elect Herman Morse advanced to the bar and subscribed to the oath of office, which was administered by the Honorable Todd Richardson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Journal of the fourth day was approved as printed by the following vote:

AYES: 141

Adams Alferman Anders Anderson Andrews Austin Bahr Bangert Baringer Arthur Barnes 60 Barnes 28 Basye Beard Beck Bernskoetter Berry Black Bondon Brattin Butler Brown 27 Brown 57 Burnett Burns Conway 104 Carpenter Chipman Christofanelli Conway 10 Cookson Corlew Cross Curtman Davis DeGroot Dogan Dohrman Eggleston Ellebracht Engler Evans Fitzpatrick Fitzwater Fraker Francis Franklin Franks Jr Frederick Gannon Gray Green Grier Haahr Hannegan Hansen Harris Helms Henderson Higdon Houghton Houx Hurst Justus Kelley 127 Kelly 141 Kendrick Kidd Kolkmeyer Korman Lavender Lynch Lauer Lichtenegger Love Marshall Mathews Matthiesen McCann Beatty McCreery McDaniel McGee Meredith 71 Merideth 80 Messenger Miller Mitten Moon Morgan Morris Morse Mosley Muntzel Neely Newman Nichols Pfautsch Phillips Pierson Jr Pike Redmon Plocher Pogue Quade Razer Reiboldt Reisch Rhoads Roberts Rehder Roeber Rone Rowland 155 Runions Ruth Schroer Shaul 113 Shull 16 Shumake Smith 163 Sommer Spencer Stacy Stephens 128 Stevens 46 Swan Tate Taylor Trent Unsicker Vescovo Walker 74 Walsh Walker 3 Washington Wilson Wessels White Wiemann Wood

Mr. Speaker

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 002

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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 015

Brown 94 Curtis Gregory Haefner Hill
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VACANCIES: 005

ESCORT COMMITTEE

The Speaker appointed the following select committee to act with a like committee from the Senate pursuant to **HCR 50**: Representatives Haefner, Lant, Johnson, Cookson, Conway (104), McGee, Carpenter, Franks Jr., May and Meredith (71).

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

Representative Barnes (60) offered House Resolution No. 4899. Representative Lant offered House Resolution No. 4901.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Concurrent Resolution was read the first time and copies ordered printed:

HCR 68, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to a condemnation of hate groups.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the first time and copies ordered printed:

- **HB 2050**, introduced by Representative Austin, relating to the champion for children tax credit.
- **HB 2051**, introduced by Representative Miller, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2052**, introduced by Representative Kidd, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2053**, introduced by Representative Berry, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2054**, introduced by Representative Francis, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2055**, introduced by Representative DeGroot, relating to the public service commission.
- HB 2056, introduced by Representative McDaniel, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2057**, introduced by Representative Fraker, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2058**, introduced by Representative Plocher, relating to the public service commission.
- **HB 2059**, introduced by Representative Ellebracht, relating to sunshine law.
- **HB 2060**, introduced by Representative Chipman, relating to vacancies in elected office.
- **HB 2061**, introduced by Representative Kidd, relating to false emergency responses, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2062**, introduced by Representative White, relating to mutual aid agreements with Kansas and Oklahoma.
- **HB 2063**, introduced by Representative White, relating to jury duty.
- **HB 2064**, introduced by Representative Walker (74), relating to the Missouri premium security plan.
- **HB 2065**, introduced by Representative Neely, relating to hate offenses, with penalty provisions.

HB 2066, introduced by Representative Roberts, relating to criminal proceedings.

HB 2067, introduced by Representative Cornejo, relating to Missouri whiskey.

HB 2068, introduced by Representative Rehder, relating to the Medicaid per diem reimbursement rate for nursing homes, with an emergency clause.

HB 2069, introduced by Representative Rehder, relating to guardianship appointments.

HB 2070, introduced by Representative Corlew, relating to the base annual compensation of certain police officers.

HB 2071, introduced by Representative Neely, relating to terms of imprisonment, with penalty provisions.

HB 2072, introduced by Representative Neely, relating to terms of imprisonment, with penalty provisions.

HB 2073, introduced by Representative Kelly (141), relating to the treatment of traditional celebrations by school districts.

HB 2074, introduced by Representative Kelly (141), relating to student associations at public institutions of higher learning, with a penalty provision.

HB 2075, introduced by Representative Lauer, relating to professional employer organizations.

HB 2076, introduced by Representative Chipman, relating to health care for students at public institutions of higher education.

HB 2077, introduced by Representative Carpenter, relating to long-term care insurance rates.

HB 2078, introduced by Representative Carpenter, relating to public assistance.

HB 2079, introduced by Representative Houx, relating to coroners.

HB 2080, introduced by Representative Baringer, relating to temporary motor vehicle permits.

HB 2081, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to a ban on the sale of continuous fire weaponry, with penalty provisions.

HB 2082, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to permits to purchase firearms, with penalty provisions.

HB 2083, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to abortion.

HB 2084, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives.

HB 2085, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to insurance coverage for postpartum services.

HB 2086, introduced by Representative Newman, relating to insurance coverage for abortion services.

HB 2087, introduced by Representative Higdon, relating to high-risk driving offenses committed by intermediate driver's license holders, with penalty provisions.

HB 2088, introduced by Representative Frederick, relating to covenants not to compete.

HB 2089, introduced by Representative Gregory, relating to civil actions.

HB 2090, introduced by Representative Gregory, relating to the scope of practice for physical therapists.

HB 2091, introduced by Representative Reiboldt, relating to taxation of motor fuel, with a referendum clause.

HB 2092, introduced by Representative Reiboldt, relating to taxation of motor fuel, with a referendum clause.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following House Concurrent Resolutions were read the second time:

HCR 66, relating to the updating of state department forms.

HCR 67, relating to relevant military education procedures to streamline certification and licensing.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were read the second time:

HB 1974, relating to leave from employment.

HB 1975, relating to the permissible conduct of certain businesses.

HB 1976, relating to child abuse.

HB 1977, relating to grants to assist in financing certain utility projects.

HB 1978, relating to street light maintenance districts.

HB 1979, relating to the creation of subdistricts in certain school districts.

HB 1980, relating to the use of credit scores by insurance companies.

HB 1981, relating to annual leave for state employees.

HB 1982, relating to traffic-related offenses, with penalty provisions.

HB 1983, relating to license plates and windshield placards for permanently disabled persons.

HB 1984, relating to blind pension asset limits.

HB 1985, relating to workers' compensation for firefighters.

HB 1986, relating to improving the ability of inmates to obtain employment upon release from incarceration.

HB 1987, relating to statute of limitations for certain offenses against a child, with penalty provisions.

HB 1988, relating to charges imposed by utilities on customers.

HB 1989, relating to marijuana.

HB 1990, relating to motor vehicles abandoned by persons under arrest.

HB 1991, relating to the deployment of wireless facilities infrastructure.

HB 1992, relating to the Missouri state board of nursing.

HB 1993, relating to towed vehicles.

HB 1994, relating to internet provider practices.

HB 1995, relating to the joint committee on unsolved civil rights cases.

HB 1996, relating to law enforcement training on racial or identity profiling.

HB 1997, relating to campaign finance, with a delayed effective date and penalty provisions.

HB 1998, relating to the comprehensive state energy plan.

HB 1999, relating to rate adjustments outside of general rate proceedings for certain public utilities.

HB 2000, relating to the public service commission.

HB 2026, relating to persons confined in jails.

- **HB 2027**, relating to parental search efforts by the children's division.
- **HB 2028**, relating to the registering of roofing contractors, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2029**, relating to reciprocal resident bidding.
- **HB 2030**, relating to fire protection districts.
- **HB 2031**, relating to service dogs, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2032**, relating to travel hardships of public school pupils.
- **HB 2033**, relating to elections.
- **HB 2034**, relating to industrial hemp, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2035**, relating to the transportation project fund.
- **HB 2036**, relating to charities partnering with government entities.
- HB 2037, relating to Congressional Medal of Honor license plates.
- **HB 2038**, relating to the salaries of elected county officers.
- **HB 2039**, relating to the Missouri Route 66 centennial commission.
- **HB 2040**, relating to child abuse investigations, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2041**, relating to solid waste management.
- **HB 2042**, relating to sexual offenders, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2043**, relating to Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- **HB 2044**, relating to the Missouri local government employees' retirement system.
- **HB 2045**, relating to municipal courts.
- **HB 2046**, relating to tax increment financing.
- **HB 2047**, relating to uninsured motorists, with a penalty provision.
- **HB 2048**, relating to the crime or offense of littering, with penalty provisions.
- **HB 2049**, relating to automatic voter registration.

PERFECTION OF HOUSE BILLS

HCS HB 1246, relating to human trafficking hotline posters, was taken up by Representative Pike.

On motion of Representative Pike, the title of **HCS HB 1246** was agreed to.

Representative Barnes (60) offered **House Amendment No. 1**.

House Amendment No. 1

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1246, Page 2, Section 595.120, Line 31, by deleting the word "civic" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"nonprofit fraternal, athletic"; and

Further amend said bill, page and section, Line 40, by inserting immediately after said line the following:

- "(11) Abortion facilities as defined in section 188.015;
- (12) Family planning clinics;
- (13) Maternity homes as defined in section 135.600;
- (14) Pregnancy resource centers as defined in section 135.630;"; and

Further amend said bill, page and section by renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly; and

Further amend said bill, page and section, Lines 42 through 44, by deleting said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- "(16) Truck stops. For the purposes of this section, "truck stops" shall mean privately owned and operated facilities that provide food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities, and lawful overnight parking; and
 - (17) Roadside rest areas."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

On motion of Representative Barnes (60), **House Amendment No. 1** was adopted.

Speaker Pro Tem Haahr assumed the Chair.

On motion of Representative Pike, HCS HB 1246, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Representative Pike, **HCS HB 1246**, as amended, was ordered perfected and printed.

HB 1303, relating solely to lobbyist expenditures, was taken up by Representative Alferman.

On motion of Representative Alferman, the title of **HB 1303** was agreed to.

Representative Merideth (80) offered **House Amendment No. 1**.

House Amendment No. 1

AMEND House Bill No. 1303, Page 10, Section 105.473, Line 58, by deleting all of said line and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"[(e)] (d) The total cost of and an itemized listing of any of the items, services, or opportunities described in paragraphs (f), (h), and (i) of subdivision (3) of section 105.470 provided to any public official of the state, his or her staff or employees, or his or her spouse or dependent children;

(e) Any expenditure made on behalf of [a public official,] an elected local "; and

Further amend said bill and section by renumbering all subsequent paragraphs accordingly; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Representative Merideth (80) moved that **House Amendment No. 1** be adopted.

Which motion was defeated.

Representative McCreery offered House Amendment No. 2.

House Amendment No. 2

AMEND House Bill No. 1303, Page 12, Section 105.473, Line 123, by inserting at the end of said line the following:

"No public official of the state, or his or her staff or employees, or his or her spouse or dependent children shall accept any expenditure from any lobbyist principal or lobbyist or any other person acting on behalf of a lobbyist principal or lobbyist, except for expenditures reported under paragraph (c) of subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Representative Lavender offered House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 2.

House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 2

AMEND House Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1303, Page 1, Line 7, by inserting immediately after the word "**section**" the following:

"; except that if any public official of the state, or his or her staff or employees, or his or her spouse or dependent children receive or accept any expenditure in error, the public official shall have fifteen days from the date the error is discovered to return the expenditure to the lobbyist without being subject to any penalty"; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Representative Lavender moved that **House Amendment No. 1 to House Amendment No. 2** be adopted.

Which motion was defeated.

Representative McCreery moved that **House Amendment No. 2** be adopted.

Which motion was defeated.

Speaker Richardson resumed the Chair.

Representative Adams offered **House Amendment No. 3**.

House Amendment No. 3

AMEND House Bill No. 1303, Page 12, Section 105.473, Line 123, by inserting immediately after all of said section and line the following:

"105.491. 1. The executive director of the commission shall:

- (1) Develop and publish forms and printed instructions for use in filing the statements described in section 105.485;
- (2) Furnish the necessary forms and instructions to persons required pursuant to the provisions of sections 105.483 to 105.492 to file financial statements by distributing them to any other locations the executive director deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of sections 105.483 to 105.492;
- (3) Maintain a filing system for financial statements filed with the executive director's office and preserve such statements for a period of not less than five years;
- (4) Make any financial statement filed with the executive director available for public inspection and copying within a reasonable time after filing and permit copying of any financial statement at a reasonable expense to such person; **and**
- (5) Employ staff and retain such contract services, including legal services to represent the commission before any state agency or before the courts as the executive director deems necessary within the limits authorized by appropriation by the general assembly.
- 2. The executive director [and each other filing officer shall keep a public record of all persons inspecting or copying financial statements] of the commission may make financial interest statements filed with his or her office available on a searchable electronic access system that allows the general public to have open access to the statements."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Representative Corlew raised a point of order that **House Amendment No. 3** goes beyond the scope of the bill.

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken.

On motion of Representative Alferman, **HB 1303** was ordered perfected and printed.

ESCORT COMMITTEE CHANGE

The Speaker has removed Representative Haefner and appointed Representative Fraker to the select committee pursuant to **HCR 50**.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that President Pro Tem Richard has appointed Senator Nasheed to replace Senator Walsh on the escort committee pursuant to **HCR 50.**

On motion of Representative Vescovo, the House recessed until 6:45 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

The hour of recess having expired, the House was called to order by Speaker Richardson.

Representative Vescovo moved that Rule 122 be suspended.

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Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 131

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Schroer Spencer Trent Washington Wood

Mr. Speaker

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PRESENT: 001

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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 025

Brown 57 Brown 94 Cookson Arthur Beard DeGroot Ellebracht Franklin Gregory Haefner Mitten Mosley Hill Lichtenegger Love Newman Peters Remole Ross Rowland 29 Walker 74 Smith 85 Stevens 46 Swan Sommer

VACANCIES: 005

JOINT SESSION

The hour of the Joint Session having arrived, the Senate in a body was admitted and Lieutenant Governor Michael Parson, presiding, called the Joint Assembly to order.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop F Color Guard, presented the Colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

The Secretary of the Senate called the roll, which showed a majority of the Senators present:

AYES: 32

Brown Cierpiot Crawford Cunningham Curls Eigel Holsman Dixon Emery Hegeman Hoskins Hummel Kehoe Koenig Libla Munzlinger Nasheed Onder Richard Riddle Rizzo Romine Rowden Sater Schaaf Sifton Wallingford Walsh Schatz Schupp Wasson Wieland

ABSENT: 1

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The Chief Clerk of the House called the roll, which showed a majority of the Representatives present:

AYES: 133

Alferman Anders Anderson Andrews Adams Barnes 60 Barnes 28 Austin Bangert Baringer Bernskoetter Black Bondon Basye Berry Burns Brattin Brown 27 Brown 57 Burnett Carpenter Chipman Christofanelli Conway 104 Butler Cookson Corlew Cornejo Cross Curtman DeGroot Dogan Dohrman Eggleston Engler Evans Fitzpatrick Fitzwater Fraker Francis Franklin Franks Jr Frederick Green Gannon Gregory Grier Haahr Hannegan Hansen Harris Helms Henderson Higdon Houghton Hurst Johnson Justus Kelley 127 Houx Kidd Korman Kelly 141 Kendrick Kolkmeyer Lichtenegger Lauer Lavender Love Lant Matthiesen Lynch Mathews May McCreery Meredith 71 McGee Miller McDaniel Messenger Mitten Moon Morgan Morris Morse Muntzel Neely Nichols Pfautsch Mosley Phillips Pierson Jr Pietzman Pike Plocher Pogue Quade Razer Redmon Rehder Reisch Rhoads Roden Roeber Reiboldt Rone Ross Rowland 155 Runions Ruth Schroer Shaul 113 Shull 16 Shumake Smith 163 Spencer Stacy Stephens 128 Swan Tate

Taylor Trent Unsicker Vescovo Walker 3 Walker 74 Walsh Washington White Wiemann Wilson Wood Mr. Speaker

NOES: 001

Curtis

PRESENT: 011

BahrBeardBeckConway 10DavisEllingtonMarshallMcCann BeattyMerideth 80Roberts

Wessels

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 013

Arthur Brown 94 Ellebracht Gray Haefner Hill Newman Peters Remole Rowland 29

Smith 85 Sommer Stevens 46

VACANCIES: 005

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the approach of the Honorable Eric R. Greitens, Governor of the State of Missouri. The Governor was duly escorted to the House Chamber and the Speaker's dais, where he delivered the following message to the Assembly in Joint Session.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR ERIC R. GREITENS

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Parson; Speaker Richardson and the members of the Missouri House; President Pro Tem Richard and members of the Missouri Senate; Chief Justice Fischer and judges of the Supreme Court; State officials; Members of the Cabinet; Our First Lady, and my wife, Sheena Greitens.

We have many honored guests here tonight. One who is particularly special to me is my kindergarten teacher, Anne Richardson, who is here.

I was in Mrs. Richardson's kindergarten class at McKelvey Elementary, and it was at McKelvey Elementary that I first heard the story of a boy from the town of Diamond, Missouri.

He was born over a century ago, and he was born a slave. When he was a baby, he and his mother were kidnapped. He never saw his mother again, but by God's grace, he found a loving home, and a new family that raised him as their own.

Now, at the time, no school in town would admit a black student, so his parents taught him how to read and to write. When he was older, they sent him to Neosho, about 10 miles down the road, where there was a school that opened its doors to him. He worked hard, and he did well. So well, in fact, that he was admitted to an agricultural college.

This was a tough time for American farmers. Their land was losing its richness, and no one could figure out a fix. The young man from Diamond invented new ways to grow crops. He traveled the country fixing farms, sometimes one-by-one, helping rural communities grow strong and feed more people. By some reports, he is the man who rescued American agriculture.

When George Washington Carver was born, he was considered, by many, to be property on a plantation. He became an American hero, a friend of presidents, a counselor to everyone from the Secretary of Agriculture to Mahatma Gandhi. His face was on postage stamps, and his name on a Navy submarine. He was, and he remains, one of us: a Missourian. His story is our story.

George Washington Carver passed away 75 years ago this month. As we begin our work in this time and this place, we should celebrate his life. We should remember where he started and how far he went. We Missourians know that the contributions that have counted most have often come from people who were, at one time, counted out.

I was sent here, and I believe that many of you were sent here, not to work for the connected or the comfortable, but for those who have felt counted out and forgotten. They are strong and proud, and while they may not have pull or power or privilege, they do have enormous potential. To those Missourians, I have a simple message: We have been and we will fight for you every single day.

We promised we'd fight for your jobs, and we are. The most important thing we can do for Missouri families is to make it easier for those without jobs to find them and make sure that those who have jobs keep them. Over the past year, we have devoted the energy and attention of our office to putting Missourians back to work.

Here are the results: Today, Missouri has the lowest unemployment rate it's had in 17 years. Since last March, we have outpaced the nation in job growth, and in the past year Missouri moved up nine spots in the rankings of the best states in the country to do business. There are more manufacturing jobs in our state than there were a year ago. We're putting a steel mill in Sedalia, Missouri, and we are competing for more steel mills and other plants around the state.

We are bringing good quality jobs back to Missouri. Now, we haven't fixed in one year what was broken over the course of many decades, and many Missourians still struggle. We have a lot of work left to do, but tonight, we can say: there are more jobs in Missouri than ever before, people are going back to work, and we are moving Missouri in a new and better direction.

Some of the people who need us most, who are counting on us, are the children in the Missouri foster care system, all 13,000 of them. We live in a compassionate state: there are thousands of loving families in Missouri who have opened their homes and their hearts to foster children. In fact, some foster and adoptive families are with us in the balconies this evening. Please join me in recognizing them.

A year ago, if a child in foster care needed a copy of their own birth certificate to apply for a driver's license or to get a job, they had to pay for it out of their own pocket. Today, we can proudly say they can get that birth certificate without having to give the government their money.

A year ago, a child entering our foster system may not have known their rights. This is an issue that many of you have cared about for a long time and worked on for a long time. And I was proud to join with you to sign into law a "Foster Care Bill of Rights."

Last month, Missouri officially joined the National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise to make adoption easier across state lines. I want to give a special thank you for her hard work on this issue to the First Lady of the State of Missouri, my wife, Sheena Greitens.

Our team has been working with members of this body on twenty legislative initiatives to help children in need. Some of these initiatives will help reform and improve Missouri's adoption system so we can get children into safe, stable, and loving homes faster. Another would help foster children get access to bank accounts so they can save their money. Together, these twenty legislative initiatives will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children of the state of Missouri.

As many of you know, before I joined the military I worked with children in some of the world's most difficult places. I worked with children who'd lost their homes. Kids who had lost limbs to landmines. Children who'd lost their parents to violence. That work taught me that the damage done to children too often leads people to look at them as only damaged children. People see their problems and pain, but they miss their courage. They see their scars. They don't see their strength.

Every child in the Missouri foster care system has seen more than their fair share of hardship. We need to see in them their God-given potential, and we need to do everything in our power to help them to fulfill it.

Tonight, I want to ask the members of this body to do something straightforward: Put politics on hold. Set any differences you may have with one another, or with me, to the side. These are children. These are kids. There are 13,000 of them. We must love them and care for them as if they were our own, because, in law and spirit, they are. Tonight, let's join together and pledge to get this work done for the kids who need us most.

One of the most important things we can do for those kids, and for their families, and for families throughout Missouri, is to continue to bring more good jobs back to our state.

For Missouri to prosper, we need to get government off our backs. When we came into office, we looked at the burden of regulations and red tape on our farms, ranches, businesses, homes, neighborhoods, and communities. We had almost 7,000 regulations and 112,000 regulatory requirements on the books, adding up to more than seven million words in total. Here's how bad things got in Missouri: Since 2002, regulatory requirements in our state grew at a faster—yes, a faster—rate than the regulations imposed on us by bureaucrats in Washington, DC.

In Missouri, there was a regulation on the books that forced some small businesses to install and pay for a land line phone, even if they didn't want it and didn't use it. If you haul milk for a living, the government requires you to do a training. Now, it's a training that could be done online, on your own time, but because of outdated regulations, you've got to go to a meeting set up by the government to do it.

Regulations like these that waste money, waste time, are outdated and irrelevant had been building up for too long, like plaque in the arteries of Missouri's economy. These regulations cost Missourians money. They raise the prices of the things we buy. They slow down our mills, our farms, our factories, our shops. And they make government more bloated and more burdensome.

Because of this, we launched the most aggressive, most thorough, most ambitious effort to roll back unnecessary regulations in the United States. By taking a strong, thoughtful, conservative approach to government, we can tell you tonight that we are taking nearly one out of every three regulatory requirements in the state of Missouri—that's 33,000 regulatory requirements—off the books for good.

Missouri has become a leader. In fact, other states have modeled their regulatory reforms on what we are doing to increase liberty and prosperity in the state of Missouri. My team and I will continue to eliminate regulations that are unproductive and unnecessary, and, when we need legislation to roll back regulations, we will work with you.

But there is more we need to do to grow jobs in our state. Some of these we've talked about before: Making sure that we have the right laws on the books to be fair to family businesses, and making strategic investments in education, infrastructure, and workforce development. Yet one of the best investments we can make in Missouri, is also one of the most straightforward: cut taxes and put money back into the pockets of the people of Missouri.

Last year, we faced a choice: we could cut spending or raise taxes. I'm proud to say that we cut spending, and we did not raise taxes on the citizens of Missouri a single nickel.

Early next week, my team and I will lay out a detailed, thoughtful, and thorough plan to cut taxes on the hardest-working families in our state. It is the boldest state tax reform in America. And with your help, we will lower taxes for working families and make it easier for businesses to come to Missouri and create jobs. And we will do it in a way that is fiscally sound, maintains our state's triple-A credit rating, and does not burden our children with debt.

In 2018, I want this body to cut taxes for the people of Missouri, and to cut taxes for businesses that create jobs. Let's get it done.

Today, I'm proud to tell you that we continue to shrink the size of government. In fact, today the government of the state of Missouri is the smallest it's been in two decades. At the same time, we've been improving how government serves our citizens. To do this, we brought in a team of outsiders, with a clear mission: the most effective government at the lowest possible cost.

In the Department of Natural Resources, we discovered a backlog of over 2,000 permit applications that had been submitted by businesses. The backlog was decades old, and in just the last year, the Department sliced it in half. They actually found a permit that a company applied for in 1997. I'm happy to report to you tonight: it's been approved.

Not only that: they got all of this done while cutting the Department's size and spending less money, and even with a smaller and leaner department, they still managed to make sure that Missourians have the safest drinking water they've had in almost 20 years.

This type of change is happening across government. We found four planes that the government didn't need, and we sold them off. That also saved taxpayers almost \$40,000 a year in maintenance, money the government was paying for planes that nobody was using. We found 30 cars the government didn't need, and we're getting rid of them. That's going to save Missourians over \$500,000. Every year, the Governor's office printed thousands of pages of paper for its annual budget. And every year, many of those big books sat on shelves, unopened and collecting dust. So this year, we are putting the budget online and saving \$3,601.50 in printing costs.

We pay attention to dollars, and we pay attention to cents, because we remember: every single dollar this government spends was earned by the hard work of a Missourian, and this is the people's money.

For us to save dollars and serve citizens, we need to reform state workforce laws that are decades old. Today, government can't move people to where they will help the most, can't reward people for good work, and unlike a business, it can't get rid of poor performers who fail our citizens and fail their colleagues. We need your help to build a common sense government.

Speaking of common sense, our task force did a full audit of the Boards and Commissions in Missouri's government. They were in bad shape. For example, the state of Missouri has six Child Abuse and Neglect Review Boards. These Boards do important work to protect children across the state of Missouri. Four of the six them weren't able to hear cases because they didn't have enough members to meet. We fixed this. Now they'll be able to get to work to protect our kids.

To serve citizens well, government needs to do fewer things and do them better. For years, people have complained that Missouri government is chock full of redundant and unnecessary and wasteful Boards and Commissions. So our task force did a careful review—Board by Board, Commission by Commission—and recommended the elimination of hundreds of unnecessary government positions. Senator Riddle has introduced a bill that reflects these recommendations, and I urge this body to pass that bill.

That's how we make government smaller and better. We must also make sure that our public servants serve in the public's interest. We need to slam shut the door between the legislature and lobbyists, and we need to pass term limits for every state-wide office holder.

In my very first action as Governor, I signed an executive order banning gifts from lobbyists to state employees of the executive branch. A bill that would have done the same thing in the legislature passed the House last year. Thank you to Speaker Richardson and the Representatives who voted for it last year and who already took action on it again this year.

Last year, the bill stalled in the Senate. This year, both bodies need to get together and pass a ban on gifts from lobbyists to the legislature. But in the meantime, I have a simple request: I call on every member of the legislature to join me in a pledge not to accept any gift from lobbyists. Let's get this done for the people of Missouri.

We promised the people of Missouri that we would support our law enforcement officers and first responders, and that's what we've done.

There's an officer who, tonight, will step into the cold to keep Missourians safe. The wife of one police officer told our team that, when he leaves for the night, she can't be sure that he's home safe until she hears the Velcro of his body armor being taken off. This is what our law enforcement families experience every day.

Last year, some of our law enforcement officers gave their lives in the line of duty. Others were wounded. Last month, I visited the bedside of Officer Ryan O'Connor after a criminal shot him in the back of the head. The day we

went to visit him, as he was lying in a hospital bed just a few feet away, Officer O'Connor's 17-year-old son, Aiden, told me that, like his grandfather and his father, he too wanted to be a police officer.

Aiden, we want you and young people across the state of Missouri to know that serving your community as a police officer is a proud and noble profession. We're proud of you.

Last year, together with this body, we passed and signed Blue Alert legislation into law to help bring to justice and strengthen the penalties for anyone who attacks or injures a law enforcement officer. This year, we need to pass legislation that protects the health, safety, and well-being of our firefighters, police officers, and other first responders.

Some of these issues we've talked about before. One issue I want to raise tonight is the harassment of police officers. Today, in Missouri, radicals can file liens against a police officer's house. They can do this in secret, and it can affect the credit of our police officers and their families, costing them thousands of dollars. It's harassment, and it needs to stop. On behalf of law enforcement officers throughout our state, I'd ask this body to pass a clean version of legislation that protects them from this type of harassment.

Tonight, I want to let the police officers of this state know: your Governor, your fellow citizens, and the vast majority of your elected representatives, we have your back.

We're also working to build the finest National Guard in the country, and I'm proud to say that we were able to add 800 National Guard jobs this past year. We want Missouri to be the best state in the country for veterans and military families.

We have members of the armed forces who get orders to come to Missouri to serve in places like Whiteman Air Force base and Ft. Leonard Wood. Today, what makes it hard for some of them is that if their spouse is licensed to work in another state, Missouri may not recognize those licenses. That means if your spouse has a career in dentistry in Tennessee and your family is moved to Whiteman Air Force base, they may not be able to work here in Missouri. That needs to change. We need to grant full reciprocity of licenses obtained in other states to military members, veterans, and their spouses.

And there is more. Right now, in the state of Missouri, a small business owner who declares that he or she wants to hire veterans can be sued. That's right: if you say that you prefer to hire veterans, you could face a lawsuit. That's wrong. This legislature needs to pass a bill allowing employers to establish a veterans hiring preference. Most states in our country have done this. It's time for Missouri to do the same.

I had the honor of visiting with the men and women of Missouri's National Guard when they were serving overseas with US Central Command. The men and women from 1st Battalion, 138th Infantry Regiment, are home now, and I wanted all of you who are here today to be able to say to them: Welcome home, and we're proud of you. They're with us tonight, and I'd ask them to stand.

We promised the people of Missouri that we would fight for them. We have, and we will. We promised the people of Missouri we would do different. We have, and we will. We promised the people of Missouri that we would fight for the least among us, the counted out, and the forgotten. We have, and we will.

Tonight, we can look back with pride and look forward with confidence. We have come far in a year, and though we have a long way to go, the state of our state today reflects what the state of our people has always been: Missouri is strong, and she is getting stronger.

Thank you very much. God bless you, and God bless the people of Missouri.

The Joint Session was dissolved by Senator Kehoe.

Speaker Richardson resumed the Chair.

Absent (2): Andrews and Johnson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Higher Education, Chairman Lichtenegger reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred **HB 1465**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Adams, Bangert, Chipman, Cookson, Dohrman, Gannon, Kendrick, Lichtenegger, Razer, Trent and Walker (3) Noes (0)

Committee on Insurance Policy, Chairman Engler reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance Policy, to which was referred **HB 1287**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Burns, Ellebracht, Engler, Messenger, Morris, Muntzel, Pfautsch, Shull (16), Stephens (128), Unsicker and Wiemann Noes (0)

Absent (0)

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance Policy, to which was referred **HB 1381**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass with House**Committee Substitute, and pursuant to Rule 24(25)(c) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Burns, Ellebracht, Engler, Messenger, Morris, Muntzel, Pfautsch, Shull (16), Stephens (128), Unsicker and Wiemann

Absent (0)

Noes (0)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

January 10, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Jim Hansen as Vice Chair to the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Todd Richardson Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives 152nd District

January 10, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Herman Morse to the Committees on Corrections and Public Institutions and Agriculture Policy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Todd Richardson Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives 152nd District

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Mr. Adam Crumbliss Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Nate Tate to the Standing Committee on Insurance Policy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Todd Richardson Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives 152nd District January 10, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, #317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Barbara Washington to serve on the House Committee on Consent and House Procedure.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

January 10, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, #317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss:

I hereby appoint Representative Barbara Washington to serve on the House Committee on Economic Development.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail McCann Beatty House Minority Leader District 26

COMMITTEE CHANGES

January 10, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Crumbliss:

I hereby remove Representative Nate Walker from the Administration and Accounts Committee and appoint him to the Higher Education Committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Todd Richardson Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives 152nd District

January 10, 2018

Mr. Adam Crumbliss Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Crumbliss:

I hereby remove Representative Craig Redmon from the Committee on Agriculture Policy and appoint him to the Committee on Financial Institutions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Todd Richardson Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives 152nd District

COMMUNICATIONS

January 3, 2018

D. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk Missouri House of Representatives 201 West Capitol Avenue Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Possible Personal Interest in Legislation

Dear Mr. Crumbliss:

Pursuant to Section 105.461 RSMo, I am hereby filing a written report of a possible personal interest in legislation on which the House of Representatives may vote during the legislative session.

I am a licensed Realtor in the state of Missouri.

In compliance with Section 105.461, please publish this letter in the Journal of the House.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Representative Hannah Kelly 141st District January 3, 2018

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/s/ Representative Dan Houx 54th District

WITHDRAWAL OF HOUSE BILLS

January 10, 2018

D. Adam Crumbliss, Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives 201 W. Capitol Avenue Room 317A Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Chief Clerk Crumbliss,

I request the withdrawal of **House Bill 2033**.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul Curtman, District 109

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Vescovo, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2018.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

BUDGET

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 8:30 AM, House Hearing Room 3. Public hearing will be held: HB 1410, HB 1747 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 5:00 PM or upon adjournment, whichever is later,

House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing will be held: HB 1383, HB 1610, HB 1630

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 8:30 AM, House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 1476, HB 1556, HB 1838

Executive session will be held: HB 1838

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 4.

Public hearing will be held: HB 1355, HB 1411, HB 1600, HB 1649

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 7.

Executive session will be held: HB 1371, HB 1421, HB 1660, HB 1665, HB 1408

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

FISCAL REVIEW

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 9:30 AM, House Hearing Room 6.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

CANCELLED

RULES - ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 2:05 PM, House Hearing Room 7.

Executive session will be held: HB 1465

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Thursday, January 11, 2018, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 4.

Public hearing will be held: HB 1364

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Amended to remove HB 1711

AMENDED

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 12:00 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 6.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Informational overview by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Economic Development, Department of Insurance & Financial Institutions and Department of Labor. Public testimony will be taken regarding the appropriations for the departments listed above. If you would like to be on the list to testify, please contact Rep. Redmon's office at (573) 751-3644. A sign in sheet will also be available at the hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - EDUCATION

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 1.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

We will take public testimony regarding the appropriations for the Department of Higher Education. If you would like to be on the list to testify, please contact Rep. Rowland's office at (573) 751-2042. A sign in sheet will also be available at the hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 1.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Public testimony regarding the appropriations for the Department of Higher Education continued if necessary.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

We will take public testimony regarding the appropriations for Public Debt, Office of Administration, Employee Benefits, Leasing, Governor, Lt Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Judiciary, Public Defender and the General Assembly. If you would like to be on the list to testify, please contact Rep. Bahr's office at (573) 751-9768. A sign in sheet will also be available at the hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Informational overview by the Department of Mental Health and Department of Health & Senior Services. Public testimony will be taken regarding the appropriations for Department of Mental Health and Department of Health & Senior Services. If you would like to be on the list to testify, please call Rep. Wood's office at (573) 751-2077. We will also have a sign in sheet at the hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 3.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Informational overview by the Department of Social Services. Public testimony will be taken regarding the appropriations for Department of Social Services. If you would like to be on the list to testify, please call Rep. Wood's office at (573) 751-2077. We will also have a sign in sheet at the hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, TRANSPORTATION, AND REVENUE

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 7.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Organizational meeting and informational overview by the Department of Public Safety,

Department of Transportation, Department of Revenue, Lottery and State Tax Commission. AMENDED

SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, TRANSPORTATION, AND REVENUE

Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 7.

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Informational overview by the Department of Corrections and continued overview by the Department of Public Safety, Department of Transportation, Department of Revenue, Lottery and State Tax Commission if needed.

VETERANS

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 2:00 PM, House Hearing Room 5. Executive session will be held: HB 1369, HB 1492, HB 1504, HB 1638 Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

HOUSE CALENDAR

SIXTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

HCR 68

HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING

HB 2050 through HB 2092

HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION

HCS HB 1500 - Dogan

HOUSE BILLS FOR THIRD READING

HCS HB 1246 - Pike HB 1303 - Alferman

ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27

HCS HB 1 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 2 - Fitzpatrick CCS SCS HCS HB 3 - Fitzpatrick

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