

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

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NINTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Vescovo in the Chair.

Prayer by Representative Dirk Deaton.

Creator God who has made us from the dust, it is by Your sovereign power that You allow us to breathe in and exhale in this, and every moment.

Lord, may You guard us from the lie that we govern supreme. For we do not. As Your prophet Daniel wrote, "It is You who controls the events of this world; You who raises up leaders, and cuts them down; it is You who gives wisdom and understanding."

As we embark upon this new year and another legislative session, help us to invest in what lasts. Help us to remember the treasures of this earth are subject to decay and they will not last. Help us to not be so caught up in the temporal matters of the day that we neglect to stop and offer an encouraging word, or inquire about a colleague's sick child.

May You grant us these things, giving us the eyes to see what matters and what does not, and the ability to discern the difference. This, I pray, according to Your will. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

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

AYES: 143

Anderson	Andrews	Appelbaum	Atchison	Aune
Bailey	Baker	Bangert	Baringer	Barnes
Basye	Billington	Black 137	Black 7	Boggs
Bromley	Brown 16	Brown 27	Brown 70	Buchheit-Courtway
Burger	Burton	Busick	Butz	Chipman
Christofanelli	Clemens	Coleman 32	Collins	Cook
Copeland	Cupps	Davidson	Davis	Deaton
DeGroot	Derges	Dinkins	Dogan	Doll
Ellebracht	Evans	Falkner	Fishel	Fitzwater
Fogle	Francis	Gray	Gregory 51	Gregory 96
Grier	Griffith	Gunby	Haden	Haley
Hardwick	Henderson	Hicks	Houx	Hovis
Hudson	Ingle	Johnson	Kalberloh	Kelley 127
Kelly 141	Kidd	Knight	Lewis 25	Lewis 6
Lovasco	Mackey	Mayhew	McCreery	McDaniel
McGaugh	McGill	Merideth	Morse	Mosley
Murphy	Owen	Patterson	Perkins	Person

Phifer	Pietzman	Pike	Plocher	Pollitt 52
Pollock 123	Porter	Pouche	Price IV	Proudie
Quade	Railsback	Reedy	Richey	Riggs
Riley	Roberts	Roden	Rone	Sander
Sassmann	Sauls	Schnelting	Schroer	Schwadron
Seitz	Sharp 36	Sharpe 4	Shaul	Shields
Simmons	Smith 155	Smith 163	Smith 45	Smith 67
Stacy	Stephens 128	Stevens 46	Tate	Taylor 139
Taylor 48	Terry	Thomas	Thompson	Toalson Reisch
Trent	Turnbaugh	Unsicker	Van Schoiack	Veit
Walsh 50	Walsh Moore 93	Weber	West	Wiemann
Wright	Young	Mr. Speaker		

NOES: 003

Adams	Bosley	Rowland
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PRESENT: 002

Aldridge	Windham
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 009

Bland Manlove	Burnett	Coleman 97	Eggleston	Haffner
Hurlbert	Nurrenbern	O'Donnell	Rogers	

VACANCIES: 006

## HOUSE REMONSTRANCES

Representative Bosley offered House Remonstrance No. 1.

## INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

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

**HB 2485**, introduced by Representative Knight, relating to promoting advanced recycling.

**HB 2486**, introduced by Representative West, relating to bail bond agents, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2487**, introduced by Representative West, relating to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

**HB 2488**, introduced by Representative Terry, relating to guardianships and conservatorships.

**HB 2489**, introduced by Representative Buchheit-Courtway, relating to the time limitations for prosecuting certain sexual offenses.

**HB 2490**, introduced by Representative Brown (16), relating to grievances against a guardian or conservator.

**HB 2491**, introduced by Representative Pouche, relating to sales tax.

**HB 2492**, introduced by Representative Fitzwater, relating to adult high schools.

**HB 2493**, introduced by Representative Black (7), relating to teacher career plans.

**HB 2494**, introduced by Representative Black (7), relating to teacher retirement, with an emergency clause.

**HB 2495**, introduced by Representative Schroer, relating to fire protection contractor licensing, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2496**, introduced by Representative Davis, relating to driving offenses.

**HB 2497**, introduced by Representative Porter, relating to the manufacture or distillation of liquor, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2498**, introduced by Representative Porter, relating to the classification of workers.

**HB 2499**, introduced by Representative Eggleston, relating to motor vehicle safety inspections.

**HB 2500**, introduced by Representative Anderson, relating to voter qualifications.

**HB 2501**, introduced by Representative Anderson, relating to criminal nonsupport, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2502**, introduced by Representative Houx, relating to sports wagering, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2503**, introduced by Representative Thomas, relating to boating safety identification cards.

**HB 2504**, introduced by Representative Falkner, relating to offenses against police animals, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2505**, introduced by Representative Basye, relating to testing for communicable diseases.

**HB 2506**, introduced by Representative Derges, relating to health care professionals.

**HB 2507**, introduced by Representative Riggs, relating to audits of state entities.

**HB 2508**, introduced by Representative Riggs, relating to the state historic preservation office.

## **SECOND READING OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

The following House Concurrent Resolutions were read the second time:

**HCR 65**, relating to Christmas in July.

**HCR 66**, relating to a student's bill of rights.

## **SECOND READING OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

The following House Joint Resolution was read the second time:

**HJR 120**, relating to motor vehicle fuel tax.

## **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

The following House Bills were read the second time:

**HB 2453**, relating to bridge and highway designations.

**HB 2454**, relating to political subdivisions, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2455**, relating to the Missouri veterans commission.

**HB 2456**, relating to school counseling week.

**HB 2457**, relating to political subdivisions.

**HB 2458**, relating to the designation of the official state work chronicling the 1993 flood.

**HB 2459**, relating to animal abuse, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2460**, relating to animal abuse, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2461**, relating to public school athletics.

**HB 2462**, relating to Missouri donate life day.

**HB 2463**, relating to tobacco products, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2464**, relating to obtaining electronic signatures on initiative petitions.

**HB 2465**, relating to the 21st Century Voting Act.

**HB 2466**, relating to state aid for transportation of pupils.

**HB 2467**, relating to taxation of cigarettes and tobacco products.

**HB 2468**, relating to criminal nonsupport, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2469**, relating to the offense of possession of a controlled substance, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2470**, relating to incarceration costs.

**HB 2471**, relating to insurance coverage of drugs.

**HB 2472**, relating to alternative treatment options for veterans.

**HB 2473**, relating to tax credits for qualified motion media projects.

**HB 2474**, relating to restitution for individuals who are actually innocent.

**HB 2475**, relating to the designation of a memorial bridge.

**HB 2476**, relating to concentrated animal feeding operations, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2477**, relating to the state dinosaur.

**HB 2478**, relating to sexual assault policies of institutions of higher education.

**HB 2479**, relating to state entity flower purchases.

**HB 2480**, relating to whistleblower protections.

**HB 2481**, relating to attorney's fees for certain civil actions instituted by the attorney general.

**HB 2482**, relating to the offense of stealing, with penalty provisions.

**HB 2483**, to authorize the conveyance of certain state property.

**HB 2484**, relating to outdoor advertising.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Mr. Speaker: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has taken up and adopted **HCR 51**.

The President Pro Tem has appointed the following committee to act with a like committee from the House pursuant to **HCR 51**.

Senators: Schatz, Hegeman, Onder, Riddle, Wieland, Razer, Williams, Schupp, Mosley, and May.

**THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HCS HB 2117**, relating to the composition of congressional districts, was taken up by Representative Shaul.

On motion of Representative Shaul, **HCS HB 2117** was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES: 086

Andrews	Atchison	Bailey	Baker	Basye
Billington	Black 137	Black 7	Boggs	Bromley
Brown 16	Buchheit-Courtway	Burger	Busick	Chipman
Coleman 32	Cook	Copeland	Cupps	Davidson
Deaton	Dinkins	Dogan	Eggleston	Evans
Falkner	Fishel	Fitzwater	Francis	Gregory 51
Grier	Griffith	Haden	Haffner	Haley
Hardwick	Henderson	Hicks	Houx	Hovis
Hurlbert	Kalberloh	Kelley 127	Kelly 141	Knight
Lewis 6	Mayhew	McDaniel	McGaugh	McGill
Morse	Murphy	O'Donnell	Owen	Patterson
Perkins	Pike	Plocher	Pollitt 52	Porter
Pouche	Railsback	Reedy	Richey	Riggs
Riley	Roberts	Rone	Sassmann	Sharpe 4
Shaul	Shields	Smith 155	Smith 163	Stacy
Stephens 128	Tate	Taylor 139	Taylor 48	Thomas
Thompson	Van Schoiack	Veit	Wiemann	Wright
Mr. Speaker				

NOES: 067

Adams	Aldridge	Anderson	Appelbaum	Aune
Bangert	Baringer	Barnes	Bland Manlove	Bosley
Brown 27	Brown 70	Burton	Butz	Christofanelli
Clemens	Collins	Davis	DeGroot	Doll
Ellebracht	Fogle	Gray	Gregory 96	Gunby
Hudson	Ingle	Johnson	Kidd	Lewis 25
Lovasco	Mackey	McCreery	Merideth	Mosley
Person	Phifer	Pietzman	Pollock 123	Price IV
Proudie	Quade	Roden	Rogers	Rowland
Sander	Sauls	Schnelting	Schroer	Schwadron
Seitz	Sharp 36	Simmons	Smith 45	Smith 67
Stevens 46	Terry	Toalson Reisch	Trent	Turnbaugh
Unsicker	Walsh 50	Walsh Moore 93	Weber	West
Windham	Young			

PRESENT: 001

Derges

ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 003

Burnett	Coleman 97	Nurrenbern
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VACANCIES: 006

Speaker Vescovo declared the bill passed.

The emergency clause was defeated by the following vote:

AYES: 095

Andrews	Atchison	Bailey	Baker	Basye
Billington	Black 137	Black 7	Boggs	Bromley
Brown 16	Buchheit-Courtway	Burger	Busick	Chipman
Coleman 32	Cook	Copeland	Cupps	Davidson
Deaton	Derges	Dinkins	Dogan	Eggleston
Evans	Falkner	Fishel	Fitzwater	Francis
Gregory 51	Grier	Griffith	Haden	Haffner
Haley	Hardwick	Henderson	Hicks	Houx
Hovis	Hudson	Hurlbert	Kalberloh	Kelley 127
Kelly 141	Knight	Lewis 6	Mayhew	McDaniel
McGaugh	McGill	Morse	Murphy	O'Donnell
Owen	Patterson	Perkins	Pike	Plocher
Pollitt 52	Pollock 123	Porter	Pouche	Proudie
Railsback	Reedy	Richey	Riggs	Riley
Roberts	Roden	Rone	Sassmann	Schwadron
Seitz	Sharpe 4	Shaul	Shields	Smith 155
Smith 163	Stacy	Stephens 128	Tate	Taylor 139
Taylor 48	Thomas	Thompson	Toalson Reisch	Van Schoiack
Veit	West	Wiemann	Wright	Mr. Speaker

NOES: 055

Adams	Anderson	Appelbaum	Aune	Bangert
Baringer	Barnes	Bland Manlove	Bosley	Brown 27
Brown 70	Burton	Butz	Christofanelli	Clemens
Collins	Davis	DeGroot	Doll	Ellebracht
Fogle	Gray	Gregory 96	Gunby	Ingle
Johnson	Kidd	Lewis 25	Lovasco	Mackey
McCreery	Merideth	Mosley	Person	Phifer
Pietzman	Price IV	Quade	Rogers	Sander
Sauls	Schnelting	Schroer	Simmons	Smith 45
Smith 67	Stevens 46	Terry	Trent	Turnbaugh
Unsicker	Walsh 50	Walsh Moore 93	Weber	Young

PRESENT: 003

Aldridge	Sharp 36	Windham
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 004

Burnett	Coleman 97	Nurrenbern	Rowland
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VACANCIES: 006

On motion of Representative Plocher, the House recessed until 2:30 p.m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

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

**ESCORT COMMITTEE**

The Speaker appointed the following select committee to act with a like committee from the Senate pursuant to **HCR 51**: Representatives Pike, Bailey, Lovasco, Evans, Kelly (141), Proudie, Ellebracht, Ingle, Rogers and Baringer.

Representative Plocher moved that Rule 123 be suspended.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 128

Anderson	Andrews	Appelbaum	Atchison	Aune
Baker	Bangert	Barnes	Basye	Billington
Black 137	Black 7	Boggs	Bromley	Brown 16
Brown 27	Brown 70	Buchheit-Courtway	Burger	Burton
Busick	Butz	Clemens	Coleman 32	Collins
Cook	Copeland	Cupps	Davidson	Deaton
DeGroot	Derges	Dinkins	Dogan	Doll
Ellebracht	Evans	Falkner	Fishel	Fitzwater
Fogle	Francis	Gray	Gregory 51	Gregory 96
Griffith	Gunby	Haden	Haley	Hardwick
Henderson	Hicks	Houx	Hovis	Johnson
Kalberloh	Kelley 127	Kelly 141	Kidd	Knight
Lewis 25	Lewis 6	Mackey	Mayhew	McCreery
McGaugh	McGill	Morse	Mosley	Murphy
Owen	Patterson	Perkins	Person	Phifer
Pike	Plocher	Pollitt 52	Pollock 123	Porter
Pouche	Proudie	Quade	Railsback	Reedy
Richey	Riggs	Riley	Roberts	Rone
Sander	Sassmann	Sauls	Schnelting	Schroer
Schwadron	Seitz	Sharp 36	Sharpe 4	Shaul
Shields	Simmons	Smith 155	Smith 163	Smith 45
Smith 67	Stacy	Stephens 128	Tate	Taylor 139
Taylor 48	Terry	Thomas	Thompson	Toalson Reisch
Trent	Turnbaugh	Unsicker	Van Schoiack	Veit
Walsh 50	Walsh Moore 93	Weber	West	Wiemann
Wright	Young	Mr. Speaker		

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 003

Bland Manlove	Merideth	Rowland
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 026

Adams	Aldridge	Bailey	Baringer	Bosley
Burnett	Chipman	Christofanelli	Coleman 97	Davis
Eggleston	Grier	Haffner	Hudson	Hurlbert
Ingle	Lovasco	McDaniel	Nurrenbern	O'Donnell
Pietzman	Price IV	Roden	Rogers	Stevens 46
Windham				

VACANCIES: 006



## JOINT SESSION

The hour of the Joint Session having arrived, the Senate in a body was admitted and Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, 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: 28

Bean	Beck	Bernskoetter	Brattin	Brown
Burlison	Crawford	Eigel	Eslinger	Gannon
Hegeman	Hoskins	Hough	Koenig	Luetkemeyer
May	Moon	Mosley	Onder	Razer
Roberts	Rowden	Schatz	Schupp	Washington
White	Wieland	Williams		

ABSENT: 3

Arthur	O'Laughlin	Rizzo
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 3

Cierpiot	Riddle	Thompson-Rehder
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The Chief Clerk of the House called the roll, which showed a majority of the Representatives present:

AYES: 124

Anderson	Andrews	Appelbaum	Atchison	Aune
Baker	Bangert	Barnes	Basye	Billington
Black 137	Black 7	Boggs	Bosley	Bromley
Brown 16	Brown 27	Brown 70	Buchheit-Courtway	Burger
Burton	Busick	Butz	Clemens	Coleman 32
Collins	Copeland	Cupps	Davidson	Deaton
DeGroot	Derges	Dinkins	Dogan	Doll
Ellebracht	Evans	Falkner	Fishel	Fitzwater
Fogle	Francis	Gray	Gregory 51	Gregory 96
Griffith	Gunby	Haden	Haley	Hardwick
Henderson	Hicks	Houx	Hovis	Hudson
Johnson	Kalberloh	Kelley 127	Kidd	Knight
Lewis 25	Lewis 6	Mackey	Mayhew	McCreery
McGill	Morse	Mosley	Murphy	Owen
Patterson	Perkins	Person	Phifer	Plocher
Pollitt 52	Pollock 123	Porter	Pouche	Price IV
Quade	Railsback	Reedy	Richey	Riggs
Riley	Roberts	Roden	Rone	Sander
Sassmann	Sauls	Schnelting	Schroer	Schwadron
Seitz	Sharpe 4	Shaul	Shields	Smith 155

Smith 163	Smith 45	Smith 67	Stephens 128	Tate
Taylor 139	Taylor 48	Terry	Thomas	Thompson
Toalson Reisch	Trent	Turnbaugh	Unsicker	Van Schoiack
Veit	Walsh 50	Walsh Moore 93	Weber	West
Wiemann	Wright	Young	Mr. Speaker	

NOES: 000

PRESENT: 005

Bland Manlove	Merideth	Rowland	Simmons	Stacy
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ABSENT WITH LEAVE: 028

Adams	Aldridge	Bailey	Baringer	Burnett
Chipman	Christofanelli	Coleman 97	Cook	Davis
Eggleston	Grier	Haffner	Hurlbert	Ingle
Kelly 141	Lovasco	McDaniel	McGaugh	Nurrenbern
O'Donnell	Pietzman	Pike	Proudie	Rogers
Sharp 36	Stevens 46	Windham		

VACANCIES: 006

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the approach of the Honorable Michael L. Parson, 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 MICHAEL L. PARSON**

Thank you Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Speaker, statewide officials, Judges of the Missouri Supreme Court, and state legislators. It is an honor again to stand before you today as the 57th Governor of the Great State of Missouri.

Once again, we are at an exciting time for Missouri and our future. This past year we celebrated the bicentennial of our state and 150 years of the Missouri Governor's Mansion.

And I am honored to have served as Missouri's Governor during this remarkable milestone for our state.

The First Lady and I were fortunate to be able to tour Missouri and visit communities all across the state and witness their individual contributions to our rich history.

From the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis to the Hubble Space Telescope in Marshfield...from Walt Disney in Marceline to Jesse James' birthplace in Kearney...from John J. Pershing in Laclede to Mark Twain in Hannibal...

AND how could we ever forget Maxie the Goose in small town Sumner, Missouri...

After more than 45 Bicentennial stops, the First Lady and I count ourselves blessed to have experienced the history, tradition, and heart and soul of what makes Missouri great.

Faith, family, neighbors helping neighbors... that's who Missourians are.

AND that's what makes Missouri the best state in the United States.

We were also able to host the Bicentennial Parade and Inaugural Ball that was enjoyed and celebrated by Missourians from all over our state.

Our historic parade included over 100 entries that proudly showcased communities all across Missouri...

Including the Lincoln University Marching Musical Storm, the Budweiser Clydesdales, Chinese Dragon Dancers, and the Negro League Baseball Museum.

It marked the first time in our state's history that an Inaugural Ball was held outside.

And we counted ourselves fortunate to be able to celebrate with thousands of Missourians, many of which had never experienced an Inaugural Ball.

BUT none of this would have been possible without the efforts state government undertook to lessen the impacts of COVID-19.

When I stood before you last year, our limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines were available for only a small group of Missourians.

No one had a roadmap or a playbook, and we knew we faced difficult times ahead.

Nevertheless, state government accepted the challenges and prevailed by focusing on fairness in our vaccine distribution efforts.

While there will always be endless critics to tell us how we could have done it better, the facts are we were the ones in the arena.

We made the tough decisions and NEVER cowered to the challenge.

Today, one of our greatest successes is in the fact that more than 94 percent of Missourians 65 and older, our most vulnerable population, have received protection from this virus.

AND nearly 75 percent of Missourians 18 and older have received a vaccine.

Now, while we have room to improve and encourage all Missourians to consider vaccination...

We have worked tirelessly to ensure that vaccines are available to every Missourian that wants one.

And we couldn't have done it without the dedicated public servants at the Department of Health and Senior Services; State Emergency Management Agency; the Missouri National Guard; Department of Public Safety; doctors, nurses, and health care professionals; and the thousands of local partners, for their bold and heroic actions throughout the pandemic.

Joining us today, are individuals we would like to give a special thanks to...

Michael McMillan and James Clark with the Urban League in St. Louis and Pastor Miles and Janet Miles-Bartee with Morning Star Baptist Church in Kansas City, were instrumental in helping vaccinate some of our most vulnerable populations.

With these trusted leaders aiding our efforts, we were able to get hundreds of thousands in Kansas City and St. Louis vaccinated.

Additionally, seated in the upper chamber is Colonel Russell Kohl with the Missouri National Guard, who helped lead our state vaccine operations.

Colonel Kohl and our Missouri National Guard members worked around the clock to get vaccines to Missourians as quickly as possible.

Our Missouri National Guard members answered the call... and completed the mission.

Would Michael, James, Pastor Miles, Janet, and Colonel Kohl please stand to be recognized?

Missouri is a diverse state and a one-size fits all approach will never work here.

In this state, we used common sense and took a balanced approach to the pandemic...

AND while that may not seem like a novel idea... When you look to some of the policies and mandates in other states and places... you find that common sense may not be so common.

That's why we never had state mandates or forced businesses, schools, or churches to close.

We protected lives and livelihoods.

AND when it comes to COVID-19 mandates, I firmly believe that the people should have say through their local elected representatives and not be dictated by needless executive action or any one person.

That's why I don't support and have never supported mandates and Missourians can rest assured that my position WILL NOT CHANGE.

Today, our economy has nearly fully recovered, and we have the opportunity to make fundamental improvements to our state that will serve Missourians now and into the future.

Missouri is STRONG today and will be EVEN STRONGER tomorrow.

Missouri has a solid foundation and that is something we should all be proud of... Republicans, Democrats, and Independents ... rural, suburban, and urban...

It is a foundation that has helped propel our state to new heights in just a few short years and has set us on a course to achieve even greater accomplishments.

Unfortunately, it seems success can get purposely overshadowed because positive news doesn't sell headlines. But rest assured, we refuse to discount the good things happening in Missouri.

Whether you live in the bootheel, the Ozarks, St. Louis, Kansas City, or anywhere across the state, our relentless focus on workforce development and infrastructure is paying dividends for ALL Missourians.

Our unemployment rate sits at 3.5 percent, that's below where we were BEFORE the pandemic and below the national average.

And when we had an all time high of 385,000 individuals on unemployment, we knew we had to take action and solve this problem.

Missouri was one of the first in the nation to cutoff federal unemployment benefits...and today, only 21,000 are drawing benefits.

This was the right call and the right thing to do.

We are finding economic success, but with 116,000 job openings across the state, now more than ever, it is important to double down on workforce development and skill up our workers to fill these open jobs.

We can't be satisfied with the same as before. We must focus on making our state even stronger.

Even during the pandemic, we created more than 21,000 NEW jobs and saw nearly \$5.2 BILLION dollars in private investment.

In 2021, we saw new businesses and existing businesses expanding their footprint in Missouri, including:

Deli Star with nearly \$100 million dollars invested and 475 new jobs in St. Louis,

Gateway Studios with \$111 million dollars invested and more than 100 new jobs created in Chesterfield,

M-E-M-C, a semiconductor manufacturing company, invested \$210 million dollars and 75 new jobs created in O'Fallon, and

John Deere Reman with \$11 million dollars and 130 new jobs created in Springfield...

BUT business investment didn't just occur near Missouri's urban centers.

We saw...

Carlisle Construction Materials invest \$62 million dollars and create 100 new jobs in Sikeston,

Swift Prepared Foods invested \$250 million dollars and created nearly 400 new jobs in Moberly and Columbia,

American Foods Group plans to invest \$450 million dollars and create 1,300 new jobs in Warren County

Amazon created 400 new jobs in Republic,

Frozen Food Express invested \$6 million dollars and created 60 new jobs in Butler,

CoffeeTree Group created 50 new jobs in Marceline, a town of just 2,000 people,

AND we could go on and on.

But the point is, whether in our small towns, big cities, or anywhere in between, Missouri is open for business...and business is GOOD.

The rest of the nation is taking notice and companies are looking to our state for their future business expansions.

AND while we're at it, I want all of you to hear some of the amazing recognitions and rankings our state has earned because we ALL work together:

We are 1st in the United States for On-The-Job Training

We are 3rd in the United States for apprenticeships

We are 3rd in the United States for our business tax index – far outranking all of our neighboring states.

We are 4th in the United States for new manufacturing facilities

We are 4th in the United States for the best place to retire

We are 5th in the United States for our low cost of doing business

We are 7th in the United States for people relocating to our state

We are 7th in the United States for Tech Manufacturing Growth

Believe it or not...I'm only half way through...

We are 8th in the United States for economic recovery,

We are 8th in the United States for best place to work for nurses,

We are 9th in the United States for military retirees,

We are 9th in the United States for housing affordability,

We are 10th in the United States for our Automobile and Aerospace industries,

We are 10th in the United States for new business expansion,

We are 10th in the United States for site selection,

And now Ladies, listen to this one...We are 10th in the United States for Women in Technology.

Later this evening when we share these rankings with each of you, I hope you promote these wins for every district...every county...every Missourian.

The bottom line is Missouri's economy is **STRONG**.

With a historic budget surplus and federal dollars coming to our state, we want to build on our past momentum to capture even greater opportunities for the future of Missourians.

But I want to remind you that our economy is strong despite federal funding. When other states will be using federal dollars to fill spending gaps and budget shortfalls...

We will be making investments in the future, because in Missouri, we took a common sense approach to the pandemic, never shutdown businesses, and have always had a conservative and balanced budget.

You will be happy to hear that thanks to record economic performance...

Missourians will receive an additional tax cut this year.

The tax rate will be reduced to a new low of 5.3 percent, easing Missourians' tax burden yet again.

Thanks to common sense, responsible spending, and working with the General Assembly, this will be the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) time our administration has cut taxes for Missourians.

However, we must work to maintain this strong economic position by establishing a Cash Operating Expense Fund.

By setting aside an additional 2.5 percent of general revenue, we will achieve financial stability when the rainy days come.

This is the responsible thing to do... this is the conservative thing to do... this is the right thing to do...

From the beginning, we challenged the legislature to support workforce development and infrastructure, strengthen our communities, and improve government.

AND we have achieved some historic wins in each of those areas...together.

**Workforce and Education**

This session, we must recommit ourselves to helping skill up our workforce and preparing the next generations for the demands of the future.

Over the last few years, it has become more important than ever to provide adults with opportunities to learn new skills and develop their career potential.

In just a short time, and despite the pandemic, our Fast Track program saw a 65 percent increase in participants in 2021.

To our surprise, 80 percent of the recipients are women and 50 percent are first-generation college students.

Additionally, more than 50 percent are enrolled in health care programs, which has become a blessing considering the past 22 months.

We are happy to have two outstanding Fast Track participants from Bolivar Technical College with us here today.

Shanisha Alexander and Bryan Webb are pursuing degrees in nursing.

And we are proud of these students for their commitment and working toward a better future for themselves and their families.

Would Miss Alexander and Mr. Webb please stand to be recognized?

As you can see, this program is making a real difference for many Missourians and that is why we must permanently establish this program.

In 2019, we also revamped Missouri One Start through the Talent for Tomorrow initiative and today that program is ranked NINTH in the United States.

In just three years, Missouri One Start has assisted companies locating or expanding in Missouri with more than 700 programs aimed at recruiting and training new employees.

More than 76,000 workers have received training through this successful program.

To continue on this path, we must have a talented and dedicated team across state government.

I know that many of you would agree, that Missouri has some of the best of the best in our ranks.

The success of our state relies heavily on these public servants, and we must ensure we are able to recruit and retain quality team members to serve Missouri.

AND that is why we are proposing an immediate 5.5 percent cost of living adjustment for all state employees.

This is long overdue.

Another group of dedicated state team members is my Cabinet.

Our administration wouldn't have success without these individuals leading our state workforce.

Leading 16 departments and 42,000 individuals is no small task, but we couldn't be more proud of the work they do every day.

Would members of my Cabinet please stand to be recognized for the incredible things you have done for the citizens of the great State of Missouri.

The future of Missouri – and Missouri families – relies upon children being healthy, safe, and ready to learn. We must continue to invest in our children and their education.

My own daughter is a public school teacher, and I know the tough jobs our educators take on. But they answer the call and work hard every day to prepare the next generation of Missourians.

Our students deserve a quality education and their parents demand it.

And that is why we are again fully funding the Foundation Formula.

Our teachers, administrators, and staff work tirelessly to support Missouri's students...

Last year, 95 percent of Missouri schools saw the value of in-person learning and did the right thing by keeping their doors open and our kids in schools where they belong.

AND thanks to their efforts, Missouri ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the United States for highest proportion of in-person learning during the 20-21 school year.

Nothing can replace the classroom, and we are proud of those who recognize this and thank them for their dedication to Missouri children.

Unfortunately, Missouri is currently ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in United States for starting teacher pay and half of our new teachers leave the profession by their fifth year.

This is unacceptable, and we must do better.

That is why we are proposing to raise teacher pay in every corner of this state...

By partnering with local school districts, we can increase the baseline salary for new teachers to \$38,000 dollars...and take the first step in addressing this issue.

I want to take a moment to highlight one of our exceptional educators here in Missouri.

Ms. Beth Houf is the principal of Fulton Middle School and was recently named the National Principal of the year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

This marks the first time in our state history that a Missouri principal has earned this top recognition.

We know the vast majority of Missouri educators get it right day-in and day-out, and Ms. Houf is a shining example of someone who gets it right.

Ms. Houf, would you please stand to be recognized?

No one in this chamber would be where they are today without quality educators in their lives...myself included.

In the current labor shortage, we must make lasting investments in our state's continuing education programs to prepare the next generations for the jobs of the future.

That is why we are requesting \$31 million dollars for our colleges and universities through MO Excels projects. This will help expand enrollment in high-demand jobs.

Additionally, we are investing \$20 million dollars in grant funding for our 57 area career centers to expand career and technical education programs.



With us here today, are students in career and technical education programs that represent schools and communities across the state that will benefit from these investments...

- From Northland Career Center's law enforcement training academy, we have...
  - Major Audrey Strobe and Sergeant Nate Wassam.
- From Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center, we have...
  - Nicholas Hodges, Computer Networking and Security
  - Lydia Strickland, Graphic Design
  - Anwyn Suhr, Digital Media
- From Carthage Technical Center Health Sciences, we have...
  - Olivia Bourgaulet
  - Danny Darland
  - Carly Simpson
- From Jefferson City Nichols Career Center, we have Cody Elliot, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year welding student.
- From Pike-Lincoln Technical Center, we have...
  - Destyni Gabel, Building Trades and Construction
  - Haley Dowell, Auto Collision,
  - Joel Mound, Diesel Technology.

It's programs like these that offer a path for students to pursue high-demand, good-paying jobs, and we must continue to support them in this state.

Please join me in recognizing these hard-working students.

After working closely with Missouri's higher education institutions, we are very proud to be able to increase our investment in higher education.

We will recommend funding for the top capital improvement at state community colleges and 4-year institutions.

Combined with the MoExcels projects and scholarship opportunities, this investment will total nearly \$600 million dollars...

AND generate over \$1.1 billion dollars in economic impact for our state.

### **Infrastructure**

As I've often said, workforce development and infrastructure go hand in hand. For our state to be successful, we must invest in both.

Communities across the state are faced with costly public water and wastewater system repair and replacement.

In order for individuals to live, work, and raise a family, the maintenance and improvement of these public systems must be a priority.

The state and local governments must work together to make meaningful and lasting investments that will strengthen every town and county in the state.

Under our proposal, we will make \$250 million dollars available to communities across the state to enhance access to safe drinking water and responsible wastewater...

AND \$150 million dollars to enhance storm water systems.

While I do not agree with the massive expansion of federal debt, the responsibility falls to us to invest wisely and make smart decisions...we must do what the federal government cannot.

Speaking of strengthening our communities, we are incredibly proud of the progress that has been made thanks to Focus on Bridges. This program set out to repair or replace 250 bridges across the state.

We are now nearing completion of 75 percent of those bridges, and this program's success has allowed us to leverage hundreds of millions of dollars in additional infrastructure investments in every region of the state.

It is critical that we continue making these important investments.

That is why we are proposing \$75 million dollars to continue our Transportation Cost-Share program for road and bridge projects that bring economic impact to our state...

And \$100 million dollars to improve low-volume roads and minor routes across the state of Missouri.

These are the hardest routes to fund and are important to local communities, especially in rural Missouri.

This investment will help us free up additional funding for much needed projects in suburban and urban areas...leaving no region behind.

This year, we are also proposing \$400 million dollars to further increase broadband, the largest single investment in state history.

This investment will increase access across Missouri for rural areas, but also urban areas that are under-served.

With this plan, we will connect 75,000 households with high-speed broadband.

AND invest \$30 million dollars toward constructing and upgrading cell towers to expand wireless networks across the state.

This is another core investment we are making for the next generation and the future of our state...

### **Agriculture**

Road and bridge repair and broadband expansion are not only important for every Missourian but are critical for our state's number one industry...Agriculture.

For Missouri agriculture to remain strong, we must prioritize the extension of critical agricultural tax credits that support Missouri farmers and ranchers, ag-businesses, and value-added products.

Because we must always stand with Missouri's diverse group of agricultural producers.

These men and women wake up every day to feed and fuel the world, AND this has been especially true over the past 22 months.

When we were facing tough food-supply chain issues...they adjusted, they adapted, and they put food on the table, allowing us to avoid the hardships experienced in other states.

That is why we are calling for \$10 million dollars to expand agriculture innovation and workforce programs.

Investments like this help ensure the agriculture way of life in the state of Missouri can be passed down to the next generations.

Speaking of the next generations, seated in the upper gallery, we have members of the Paris, Missouri FFA Chapter, which was recently recognized as the 2021 National FFA Chapter of the year... the highest award a chapter can earn in the nation.

Out of nearly 9,000 chapters nationwide, we are proud to be home to the National FFA Chapter of the year and even prouder of the Paris students.

Would members of the Paris FFA, please stand to be recognized?

With nearly \$94 billion dollars in economic impact and nearly 460,000 jobs, Missouri is an agriculture state, and we must never forget it.

AND as a third-generation farmer, you can rest assured that agriculture will always remain a top priority for this administration.

### **Community Investments**

Another area of focus this year is on creating more opportunities for our communities.

To further our goal to use public resources to make meaningful, long-term investments across the state, we will set aside \$250 million dollars for a statewide revitalization grant program to spur local economic development.

This program will help bring economic opportunity to communities across the state, train more workers, define competitive advantages, and bring more jobs to Missouri.

Another asset for communities all across the state, is our state park and conservation network that is enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

More and more people are getting out and experiencing Missouri's great outdoors...

AND this year, we have an opportunity to solidify this state asset and economic driver and expand tourism.

By investing \$69 million dollars to start construction on the Rock Island trail...

We can help establish the largest circular rail-to-trail network in the United States and a world-class, one-of-a-kind destination for travelers coming to Missouri...while also supporting businesses and creating jobs.

### **Health Care**

One of the lessons we learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is that we must also support our communities by strengthening our health care networks across the state.

That is why we are asking for a \$34 million dollar investment in rural communities to increase access to telehealth and telemedicine services.

Another historic investment we are recommending is a new multi-agency state health laboratory.

This lab will accommodate the needs of the Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Agriculture, Department of Conservation, and Department of Natural Resources and join them together on one campus.

This will lead to safer, healthier Missourians and a more efficient use of public resources.

This year, we are also proposing to double the capacity of our Missouri Autism centers.

This will help more families navigate the challenges of treating autism...

And reduce the backlog for Missouri families desperately needing services.

I want to thank State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick and the First Lady for helping bring this to our attention and working to get this done.

### **Public Safety**

This year, we must take a renewed look at public safety and how best to fight violent crime.

We must continue to support our law enforcement professionals who put their lives on the line to protect our families.

We can do this by ensuring consistent requirements and appropriate penalties to hold violent criminals accountable...

While also protecting Missourian's second amendment rights, just as our administration has always done.

That said, it's not just how we deal with violent criminals, we must make sure those with behavioral health and substance use disorders receive the treatment and support they need.

Last year, with the support of the General Assembly, we made great progress in providing proper treatment options to Missourians by increasing community support through crisis stabilization centers and community behavioral health liaisons.

This year, we are asking to provide an additional \$140 million dollars to support and increase services at health centers across the state.

Last year, we also highlighted the first law enforcement training academy in the country at a historically Black college at Lincoln University.

AND this year, we are building on that investment with over \$11 million dollars for upgrades and to provide more scholarships for law enforcement officers to receive POST certification and put more officers on the streets.

Thanks to the leadership of Senator Williams, Senator Luetkemeyer, and Representative Roberts we can ensure our law enforcement professionals are using policing strategies and techniques that make us all proud.

With us here today is a very special guest...Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Colton J. Beck.

In December, Trooper Beck was attempting to conduct a routine traffic stop when the suspect fled and a pursuit ensued.

The suspect then opened fire on Trooper Beck, striking him in the face, neck, and upper torso.

Despite being seriously injured, Trooper Beck remained calm and assisted his fellow officers despite the threat posed to his life.

He is a proud example of all law enforcement officers who serve this state honorably.

Would you please join me in giving Trooper Beck a well-deserved round of applause?

Missourians respect law and order, but as a former Sheriff it alarms me to see some of the attitudes toward those who have taken an oath to defend our communities and keep us safe.

We must work to strengthen our communities by supporting our men and women in law enforcement.

AND learn from the failed policies in other cities and states to never allow anti-law enforcement measures to take hold in this state.

In Missouri, we DEFEND law enforcement, not defund them.

During my very first state of the state, I laid out our strategy to focus on workforce development and infrastructure...

Now, we have real opportunity to make lasting investments in these areas and the future of our state...

But with these opportunities comes a responsibility to be mindful about the role of government and where and how it should be involved.

Government should invest...not waste;

Government should lead...not dictate;

Government should support...not mandate;

AND we must all remember that.

In this state...

We have created tens of thousands of new jobs, but we can do more.

We have built hundreds of new bridges and repaired thousands of miles of road, but we can do more.

We have expanded broadband to thousands of homes and businesses, but we can do more.

We have strengthened communities in urban areas, in suburban areas, in rural areas, but we can do more.

AND we are ready to stand with each and every one of you to do more for the people of Missouri.

It is our time...and the time is now.

### **CONCLUSION**

In closing, there's a story from this past year that I want to share with all of you...

In September, I stood on the tarmac at Lambert Airport when a young man made his return home and when a family found the courage to welcome him...one last time.

Corporal Jared Schmitz made the ultimate sacrifice for his bravery in defending his nation during the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

He did his duty with honor and without question to protect freedom for his family, his community, his state, and his nation.

AND in such a difficult moment, one wonders how we can ever make it through...but by taking a look around, you can always find the answer... our people.

When our nation couldn't be more divided...I saw a community that couldn't be closer.

When a family felt pain and loss...I saw them embraced by friends, neighbors, and total strangers.

In THIS challenging moment...I saw the best of who Missourians are.

And that's why I'm proud to be the Governor of this great state.

AND as we close out these past 22 months and look to our next chapter...remember...our strength is our people.

When times are hard, Missourians move forward.

When someone is down, Missourians lift them up.

These past years have been tough and dividing for a lot of people, but Missourians stay true...they give their best...and they always put others first.

AND we are a better state...a better people... because of it.

When we look to the future and not dwell in the past, when we find solutions instead of problems...when we stand together instead of apart...we can accomplish anything.

We must always Keep Pushing Forward in this state, because no one is coming to do it for us.

Missouri is STRONG today and will be EVEN STRONGER tomorrow.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the 57<sup>th</sup> Governor of the state of Missouri.

God bless you, God bless the great state of Missouri, and God bless the United States of America.

The Joint Session was dissolved by Senator Rowden.

Speaker Vescovo resumed the Chair.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee on Children and Families**, Vice Chair Bailey reporting:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Children and Families, to which was referred **HB 1559**, 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 (9): Bailey, Dogan, Kelly (141), Patterson, Pietzman, Pollock (123), Shields, Terry and Unsicker

Noes (0)

Absent (2): Coleman (97) and Nurrenbern

**Committee on Pensions, Chairman Pike reporting:**

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Pensions, to which was referred **HB 1473**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(b) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (10): Billington, Black (7), Brown (27), Clemens, Hovis, Murphy, Owen, Pike, Stevens (46) and Wright

Noes (0)

Absent (3): Kidd, O'Donnell and Person

**Special Committee on Criminal Justice, Chairman Dogan reporting:**

Mr. Speaker: Your Special Committee on Criminal Justice, to which was referred **HB 1738**, begs leave to report it has examined the same and recommends that it **Do Pass**, and pursuant to Rule 24(28)(a) be referred to the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by the following vote:

Ayes (11): Anderson, Copeland, Davis, Dogan, Evans, Hardwick, Lovasco, Perkins, Stevens (46), Van Schoiack and Young

Noes (0)

Absent (0)

**Committee on Veterans, Chairman Griffith reporting:**

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans, to which was referred **HB 1652**, 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 (12): Atchison, Barnes, Bromley, Gray, Griffith, Gunby, Johnson, Kalberloh, Morse, Pouche, Sauls and Taylor (48)

Noes (0)

Absent (1): O'Donnell

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Representative Plocher, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 20, 2022.

**COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

**CRIME PREVENTION**

Monday, January 24, 2022, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 5.

Executive session will be held: HB 1589, HB 1637, HB 1703

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

#### GENERAL LAWS

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 7.

Executive session will be held: HB 1667

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

#### HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

Monday, January 24, 2022, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 7.

Public hearing will be held: HB 2356, HB 1629, HB 1677

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

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

Monday, January 24, 2022, 12:00 PM, House Hearing Room 6.

Public hearing will be held: HB 1723, HB 1724

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

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT

Monday, January 31, 2022, 2:00 PM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

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

Committee agenda:

- Director Patrick McKenna, MoDOT Annual Report

- Pending application(s) for memorial highway and bridge designations

- Pending application(s) for specialty license plates

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 9:00 AM, House Hearing Room 6.

Executive session will be held: HB 1541

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

#### RULES - LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 10:30 AM or upon adjournment (whichever is later), House Hearing Room 6.

Executive session will be held: HCS HB 1552, HB 2162

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

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 5.

Executive session will be held: HB 1854

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - EDUCATION

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 8:00 AM, House Hearing Room 3.

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

Organizational meeting of the subcommittee. Informational overview by the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Council on Public Higher Education, Missouri Community College Association, University of Missouri System and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Public testimony will be taken regarding the



appropriations for the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. If you would like to be on the list to testify, please call Rep. Black's office at (573) 751-2917. We will also have a sign-in sheet at the hearing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 8:30 AM, Joint Hearing Room (117).

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

Informational overview by the Office of Administration and Office of the Public Defender. 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.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Monday, January 24, 2022, 1:00 PM, House Hearing Room 1.

Public hearing will be held: HB 2090, HB 2325

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

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

TENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

**HOUSE BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

HB 2485 through HB 2508

**HOUSE BILLS FOR PERFECTION**

HCS HB 1720 - Pollitt (52)

**ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27**

HCS HB 1 - Smith (163)

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HCS HB 17 - Smith (163)

SCS HCS HB 18 - Smith (163)

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