



# WEEKLY REPORT

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## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES REFORM MEASURES DURING 2003 SESSION**

The 2003 legislative session officially ended at 6 p.m. on Friday, and I believe that the General Assembly succeeded in passing a number of important bills.

A number of reform measures were passed, including performance-based budgeting and placing a sunset act on all new programs.

The Legislature passed a reform measure I sponsored, SCR 13, which will create a subcommittee on Competition and Privatization within the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

The Subcommittee on Privatization will be charged with investigating ways to reduce costs in state government and increase quality of services to citizens through utilizing private resources within certain aspects of state government.

Most importantly, its membership will include both lawmakers and private citizens. There will be four members from the Senate, four from the House, and the remaining members will be representatives from private industry appointed by the House and the Senate. Members will begin meeting by the first Friday following the Legislature's September veto session, and will report to the General Assembly by Jan. 1, 2004 and again by Dec. 31, 2004.

Small businesses will have a greater voice in state regulation as a result of Senate Bill 69, which will create a Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board that will provide small business owners with more influence on the creation of new regulations.

I served as co-sponsor for this bill, which I believe, will help jump-start Missouri's sagging economy.

As most of you probably know, Missouri Southern State College will soon become Missouri Southern State University-Joplin. A name change that is much deserved and long overdue.

It has been an honor to serve the people of the 32<sup>nd</sup> District and I look forward to working closely with all of you during the legislative interim. In the next few weeks, you will receive an end-of-session report that will go into more detail about the 2003 legislative session.

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