

# **The Loudon Times**

**A Weekly Report from the Missouri State Senate**

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## **Happy Birthday President Lincoln**

### **Meth Cooks Out Of Luck**

SB10 was debated this week and passed on Thursday 32-0. This bill will now be sent to the House. The debate was, at times, heated. The Senators wanted to make sure they sent the best bill possible to the House. Many were concerned customers would be inconvenienced, as would the pharmacies. SB 10 will put cold medications behind the counter and require photo ID and a signature. Gel caps and syrup will remain over the counter because it cannot be used for Meth.



Sen. Loudon & Sen. Crowell discuss SB 10

## **Senate Bill 1 “Worker’s Compensation” Heads to the House**

Wednesday night the senate debated and passed SB 1. Thursday morning the final vote came through and passed with a final vote of 23-9. Both sides of the aisle hammered out the details and their differences to pass this important piece of legislation. The next step is for the House to put it through its process and send it back. So, the fight is not over yet. We will keep you posted.



Sen. Loudon and his chief of staff Mark Meuser make sure their I's are dotted and T's are crossed in SB 1

## **Other News of Note**

There were several bills passed out of committee this week. One was a bill that would allow adults 21 or older to ride a motorcycle without a helmet and the other would allow the Confederate Battle flag fly over a couple of State Military Parks.

Joint Committee on Education met and discussed the “Foundation Formula” for school funding. Many school district have been challenging the constitutionality of the formula. Some in the House and Senate feel the system is flawed. However, there are those who feel the system works.

House Budget Committee met this week and held open forums for Missourians to discuss their budget concerns. First Steps families swarmed the Capitol to save the program.

## **Quote of the Week**

*"The federal government has taken too much tax money from the people, too much authority from the states, and too much liberty with the Constitution." -- Ronald Reagan*