

The Loudon Times

A Weekly Report from the Missouri State Senate

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Action intensifies as bills come up for third readings

This week the House tackled two Senate bills with a blaze of fury. First was the dreaded SB 98 (MSU name change). Once again the House Democrats followed suit with their Senate colleagues and tried to force more pressing issues to the floor. Citing the State of the State, the House Democrats wanted the House body to tackle other legislative priorities. They got their chance on Wednesday morning as SB 1 & 130, the workers compensation legislation, hit the floor. SB 98 passed 120-35 and SB 1 & 130 has been amended and will return to the Senate. Many believe that the name change was a priority to the Governor as is evident by his joining of Dr. Keiser of MSU on Tuesday. We report you decide as Fox News always says.



Southwest Missouri State University President John Keiser and Gov. Matt Blunt announce the university name-change on Tuesday afternoon at Plaster Student Union.

Pace picked up, as deadline hit

March 1st was the last day to submit bills. Many Senators raced with their ideas and managed to submit many bills by the close of session. The pace of debate has also picked up, as the Senate now meets in afternoon sessions as well. One would not be surprised if we saw another all-nighter very soon.



Senator Loudon explaining one of his bills on the last day to file, or he may just want a hug.

Citizen involvement @ The Capitol

Several family groups came to the Capitol this week hoping to sway their elected officials in their favor. Groups packed budget committee rooms and bombarded the panel with testimony. First Steps succeeded. What will happen with these other groups?

Quote of the Week

"We want to adopt the wisdom understood in every American household: that government shouldn't live beyond its means, that it shouldn't spend more than it takes in. ...The present tax code burdens some of our citizens too heavily while permitting others to avoid paying their fair share. It makes honest people feel like cheats, and it makes cheats pose as honest citizens. It allows the underground economy to thrive and wastes millions of man-hours on needless paperwork and regulations. It drives money needed for growth, investment, and jobs into unproductive tax shelters. It acts as the single biggest obstacle to enterprise and economic expansion. To put it simply, our tax system is unfair, inequitable, counterproductive, and all but incomprehensible. I've mentioned before, and this is absolutely a fact, that even Albert Einstein had to write to the IRS for help with his Form 1040. We want to end the trauma and tangle of April 15th, and let's do it this year." -

-Ronald Reagan