

The Loudon Times

A Weekly Report from the Missouri State Senate

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Happy St. Patrick s Day To You

No Rest For the Weary

The Senate saw back-to-back long nights this week. On Monday they were battling until 3:45 AM trying to find a compromise to the proposed Medicaid cuts. Democrats stood their ground until an agreement to postpone was reached. The next day the debate continued until nearly 11:00 PM . A vote was cast, and Senate bill 539 will now go to the House.



Come on guys, let s work this out so we can go home. Sens.- Cauthorn, Coleman, Mayer

Busy Work Week Brings Several Bills Closer to Passage

Worker s Comp, Tort reform, SLAPP, Medicaid, and a host of so called non-controversial consent bills flew through these late night sessions. Cooperation and hard work has allowed the Senate to be much more effective this legislative session.

Term Limits may once again be coming up for a Vote

If these House resolutions pass, there would once again be a vote to increase a Senator and Representatives terms in the legislator. The proposed increase is to 12 years instead of the current 8 and they would also like to increase the term of Reps to 4 years instead of 2 as it is now. They would also like to put limits on the Secretary of State, Attorney General, and State Auditor. In 1992 the voters passed term limits. Since that time many have complained that our legislators are no longer able to fully serve the people and the lobbyists are becoming too strong.



Senator Clemens, Wakeup, The filibuster is over.



Jack Loudon,

Governor and Senator want to bring Quality Jobs to Missouri State Senate

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Wednesday March 16, 2005, Governor Matt Blunt and Senator John Loudon held a press conference. They announced that they want to bring Quality Jobs to Missouri. Senator Loudon has proposed a bill that would attempt to do just that. SB 545 is the Quality Jobs Act which would encourage new employers to come to Missouri.

Quote of the Week

"If Congress can employ money indefinitely to the general welfare, and are the sole and supreme judges of the general welfare, they may take the care of religion into their own hands; they may appoint teachers in every State, county and parish and pay them out of their public treasury; they may take into their own hands the education of children, establishing in like manner schools throughout the Union; they may assume the provision of the poor; they may undertake the regulation of all roads other than post-roads; in short, every thing, from the highest object of state legislation down to the most minute object of police, would be thrown under the power of Congress. ... Were the power of Congress to be established in the latitude contended for, it would subvert the very foundations, and transmute the very nature of the

limited Government established by the people of America." --James Madison