

The Loudon Times

A Weekly Report from the Missouri State Senate

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Mid-Session Update

Legislators worked hard in the first half of the session to make Missouri a more business friendly state. With the passing and now signing of several important bills, Missouri has taken a major step toward ensuring companies that Missouri wants their business.

The Governor has signed SB1 & 130 (Workers Comp), SB98 (SMSU Name Change), and HB 393 (Tort Reform). Remember: Any bill must pass both chambers in an identical form before going to the Governor's desk. When there is different form, a chamber can request a conference committee comprised of 5 members from each chamber. This committee sits together and hashes out details and presents a substitute that then gets an up or down vote from both chambers.



The Governor hands Senator Loudon his signed copy of SB 1, which is now law.

Legislators Cut Loose

Tuesday night the freshman house members treated the legislature to a barbecue and a hoedown. Many members enjoyed the music and the laughter. Not to be out done House Speaker Rod Jetton was spotted leading an old fashion Gospel sing in his neon green bermuda shorts. It was a fun time for all. This annual event is widely viewed as an opportunity to bring political opponents together and set politics aside as a way to encourage legislative cooperation.

Leaders of Tomorrow face issues of Today

Also on Tuesday, legislative interns from state universities held their mock session. Hot button issues were not taboo. Issues like abortion and a state smoking ban were debated. Passions were high and tempers flared but they kept their composure.

Quote of the Day

"It is the highest impertinence and presumption, therefore, in kings and ministers, to pretend to watch over the economy of private people, and to restrain their expense, either by sumptuary laws, or by prohibiting the importation of foreign luxuries. They are themselves always, and without any exception, the greatest spendthrifts in the society. Let them look well after their own expense, and they may safely trust private people with theirs. If their own extravagance does not ruin the state, that of their subjects never will." --Adam Smith