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Peter Kinder Gets Hung

Monday, Peter Kinder became the first Republican to be hung in the Senate chamber. His portrait was placed with other Presidents Pro Tem on the chamber walls. Current President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons unveiled Lt. Governor Kinder's portrait before a small group of legislators and former Presidents Pro Tem. They joked when Gibbons spoke how he and Kinder came in at the same time and neither believed that a Republican would ever be President Pro Tem. Former Democratic Pro Tem John E Scott quickly spouted, "We didn't either".



Midwife Update

After passing the House, HB36 has hit a roadblock. The bill that would allow midwifery in Missouri has been sent to a committee that sometimes can be the place bills go to die. The pressure came from doctors who believe the practice is dangerous. Over 100 women who have had home births either in other states or in Missouri with the assistance of an unpaid friend or relative insisted they would not have a baby any other way. With the clock ticking it is unlikely this bill will see debate. The bill received a powerful boost from Speaker of the House, Rod Jetton, whose mother is a midwife.

Budget To Governor

The budget is done in record time. The last week of session starts Monday. Issues yet unresolved: school funding formula, pro-life legislation, omnibus crime bill, casino loss limits, motorcycle helmet law and primary seat-belt enforcement.

Quote of the Week

"Our hopes for the future are high. Despite the hectic pace of change in today's world, we know that by allowing the freest expression of individual human aspirations, we can surmount our challenges and build a more secure and peaceful future. We know this because of a simple truth which makes our societies strong: Freedom works." --Ronald Reagan