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# Senate Tackles No Call List, Dam Safety and Child Abuse

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JEFFERSON CITY – In a week marked by the withdrawal of one of this year's most controversial bills, the Missouri Senate took to work on several bills that have not seen many headlines. After the sponsor of Senate Bill 816 pulled the legislation, which would have affected how cable and telephone companies compete in cable markets, senators approved legislation affecting telemarketing.

Legislation allowing many cellular-phone and fax-machine users to register with the Missouri No Call list received initial approval this week. SB 613 allows residential and business cell-phone users and residential fax-machine users to sign up with list, which keeps the numbers safe from telemarketer calls. Under the bill, telecommunications carriers or customers are allowed to recover damages from those who violate the act. Telecommunications providers that maintain telephone records are also required to establish procedures to protect against fraudulent disclosure of phone records. Final approval sends the bill to the House.

Lawmakers gave first-round approval to legislation modifying state law concerning child abuse investigations. SB 690 prohibits the Missouri Children's Division from closing a child abuse or neglect investigation if a child subject to the investigation dies during the investigation. The division can close the abuse investigation as soon as any separate investigation regarding the death is completed.

Legislation requiring closer inspections of Missouri dams and reservoirs received approval from the Senate Commerce, Energy and the Environment Committee. Among the bill's many provisions, SB 1236 requires all high- and significant-hazard dams to be inspected periodically to determine if they constitute a threat to public safety. The bill also removes regulation exemptions for dams constructed for soil and water conservation, irrigation or wildlife conservation. Committee approval sends the bill to the Senate floor.

The Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee approved a bill offering restitution to Missourians found to have been wrongfully imprisoned. Under SB 1023, individuals incorrectly found guilty of a felony and later exonerated due to DNA evidence are eligible for compensation. Individuals may receive \$50 for each day they were incarcerated after their conviction. The legislation also bars these individuals from filing lawsuits against the state or any political subdivision.

The Missouri Senate will reconvene on Monday, April 10. The Second Regular Session of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Missouri General Assembly runs through Friday, May 12.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: [delbertscott@senate.state.mo.us](mailto:delbertscott@senate.state.mo.us)

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