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Filibuster, State of the State Address Keep Lawmakers Busy

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Senate has begun to come to life. Bills are being filed and committee hearings are being held. In the past two weeks, many of my constituents have come to the Capitol to express their opinions on a variety of issues. I want to thank all of you who take the time and effort to come and educate legislators on your programs and how you are affected.

Last week's excitement was the filibuster of an appointee to the University of Missouri Board of Curators. Senator Matt Bartle of Lee's Summit had taken issue with Mr. Warren Erdman and spent 17 consecutive hours speaking on the Senate floor to block his appointment. In the end, Mr. Erdman was confirmed.

This week the buzz has been the State of the State address and the governor's budget proposals. The governor laid out his vision as to where to spend our state revenue. The \$21.4 billion budget will be the largest in Missouri history.

There does seem to be enough funds to hold over a little money into the following year, and that was in the governor's plan.

I will be monitoring areas that help our area and improve the state of Missouri, such as funding for Linn State Technical College, area schools and roads, and programs that improve access to health care.

As always, please feel free to come join us at the Capitol, or let me know your thoughts. We are always available to answer your questions on all issues facing the state of Missouri. Please feel free to contact us with your concerns at (573) 751-2108 or via e-mail at Frank.Barnitz@senate.mo.gov.

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