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## The Stouffer Report: Pre-filed Bills for the 2009 Legislative Session, Part Two

Last week, I told you about some of the bills I have pre-filed for the 2009 legislative session. This time, I will fill you in on the remainder of the bills. The First Regular Session of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will officially start work at Noon on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

[Senate Bill 71](#) would create a tax credit for contributions to mentally retarded and developmental disability care providers. The tax credit would become available after January 1, 2010, and would have an automatic sunset after six years unless the Legislature were to reauthorize it.

Certain health care facilities would get long term care beds under [Senate Bill 72](#). This means a new health care operation could be licensed without a certificate of need review as long as certain criteria would be met. I introduced the same bill during the last session but time ran out before we could get it all the way to the governor's desk.

Another bill that was introduced last year I plan to bring back this year as [Senate Bill 73](#). This would require drug testing for applicants or recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). However, the testing would only be done if there is reasonable suspicion by a case worker. If a person tests positive for a controlled substance, he or she would then be ineligible for TANF help for three years.

I like to keep bill language as simple as possible, like in [Senate Bill 77](#), which would simply add comprehensive daytime rehabilitation services as a covered service under [MO HealthNet](#).

[Senate Bill 88](#) would remove change the amount of time an abandoned

vehicle could be left along the road. Right now, there is a 10-hour limit in bigger cities and a 48-hour limit in the rest of the state. My plan would put the uniform time at 10 hours throughout Missouri. Face it, a abandoned care that is sticking out in the middle of the road is a hazard whether it is parked along I-70 in Kansas City or along Highway 63 in Macon. And only having to drive around it for part of a day instead of two days is a win-win for everybody.

[Senate Bill 89](#) seeks to prohibit inspections or surveying long term care facilities if that person worked there sometime over the past five years. This would help to keep things on the "up and up," so all facilities would be treated fairly by inspectors.

Repealing the [Certificate of Need Law](#) would be handled by [Senate Bill 90](#). Certificate of Need (CON) is an effort to improve quality for major health care services across Missouri. This is a law that has been around since 1980 and I believe it has run its course. There are certain elements that are federally-driven, but my bill would only focus on the state-mandated aspects of the law.

You can see all of the bills that have been pre-filed for the next legislative session by logging onto <http://www.senate.mo.gov/> and clicking the Session Information tab. The first item you will see is a [list of 2009 pre-filed bills](#).

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