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Senator Rita Heard Days Prefiles Several Bills for the 2010 Legislative Session

JEFFERSON CITY – State Senator Rita Heard Days, D-St. Louis, recently prefiled several measures for the 2010 legislative session, including bills relating to unsecured loans, health care coverage for prosthetic devices, and advanced voting systems. Prefiling bills, which began on July 1, allows lawmakers’ legislation to receive lower bill numbers, resulting in bills that are more likely to pass than bills introduced later in the session.

Missouri Senate rules allow prefiled bills to receive a number beginning Dec. 1. However, lawmakers may prefile legislation continuing up to, but not including, the first day of session. Bills filed during this pre-introduction period are automatically introduced and read for the first time during the opening day of session, Jan. 6, 2010. Bills may also be introduced by any senator during this session, up until a certain date.

“Prefiling legislation allows me to get a head start on the legislative session,” said Sen. Days. “I look forward to working with my colleagues on important health care issues, such as providing health care coverage for individuals with prosthetic devices; strengthening provisions relating to ethics and making it easier for Missourians to get out and cast their votes during elections; and guarding the citizens of our state against financial fraud and abuse during these difficult economic times.”

A summary, as well as full text of all of Sen. Days’ bills and all other measures prefiled before the 2010 legislative session can be found online at www.senate.mo.gov by clicking on Session Information, then on List of 2010 Senate Bills.

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