

# Senator Eric Schmitt

Weekly Column

15th District



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## Legislation Continues through Legislative Process

We have a little more than three weeks left in the 2009 legislative session and we are working hard to complete work on priority legislation. A bill cannot pass without agreement from both the Senate and House. For instance, if a bill is passed by the Senate, it is then sent to the House. The bill goes through the same process it did in the Senate—a committee hearing and vote, then floor debate and passage by the majority of the House. Any changes that are made to the Senate's version of the bill must be approved by the Senate. If the Senate approves, the bill is declared passed and can be sent to the governor's desk for his signature.

If the Senate doesn't approve of changes made to the bill, however, differences are ironed out by Senate and House members in a conference committee. When these members agree on a negotiated version of the legislation, the bill returns to both chambers for approval. After both bodies have given an affirmative vote for the legislation, it is then sent to the governor for approval.

This week, we worked on a wide-variety of legislation, moving these bills through the legislative process. These bills

### Visitors to the Capitol



*David, Lou, Courtney, Kaitlynn & Rachel Kramme, and Yvonne Page (Kirkwood) at the capitol for a visit on April 17th.*



*Sen. Schmitt and Rep. Stream with group of small business owners in the district at the capitol for a visit on April 20th.*



*- Sen. Schmitt presenting resolution honoring Kiel Opera House's 75th Anniversary to Ed Golterman (Kirkwood) and Diane Rosen (Creve Coeur).*



*Sen. Schmitt visiting with former State Representative Tony Dill, scoutmaster and members of Boy Scout Troop 165, Seven Holy Founders Parish, Affton.*



*Anne Roux (Ballwin) with Sen. Schmitt, testifying before the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee on her*

include:

- [House Bill 382](#), further regulates the licensing of residential mortgage brokers in Missouri. The measure also prohibits mortgage brokers from engaging in certain activities, including obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation and directly or indirectly defrauding or misleading borrowers or lenders. This bill has been passed by the Senate and House, and now moves on to the governor for approval. The bill was passed with an emergency clause, meaning the bill takes effect immediately upon receiving the governor's signature.
- [House Bill 91](#), which designates various roads and bridges in Missouri to honor fallen military men and women. It also establishes a drunken driving victim memorial sign program.
- [House Bill 395](#), which addresses several issues relating to health and senior services, requires that sprinkler systems be installed in newly renovated areas of long-term care facilities. It also increases the personal needs allowance for residents of long-term care facilities from \$30 per month to \$50 per month over a period of time.
- [Senate Bill 335](#), which strengthens penalties for auto insurance fraud. Any person who intentionally produces, manufactures, sells, or otherwise distributes a fraudulent document intended to serve as an insurance identification card would be guilty of a Class D felony; any person who knowingly or intentionally possesses

*appointment to the Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders.*



*Deborah Wagner (Kirkwood) with Sen. Schmitt, testifying before the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee on her appointment to the Missouri State Board of Nursing*

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a fraudulent insurance ID card would be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

I will continue to keep you up-to-date as these and other bills continue through the legislative process.



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