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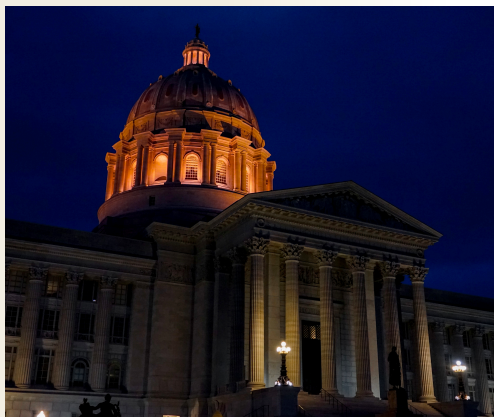
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Calls for Extra Session

“Going into the first extra session, all I could think about was how much relief I could bring to the City of St. Louis, and we came out with a major victory.”

— State Sen. Steven Roberts

The governor called lawmakers back to Jefferson City to convene two extraordinary sessions. The first extra session in June yielded funding for various statewide construction projects, incentives for Missouri professional sports teams and disaster relief for the 37 counties impacted by severe storms last spring.



The second extra session in September focused on redrawing Missouri’s congressional maps and amending the state’s initiative petition process.



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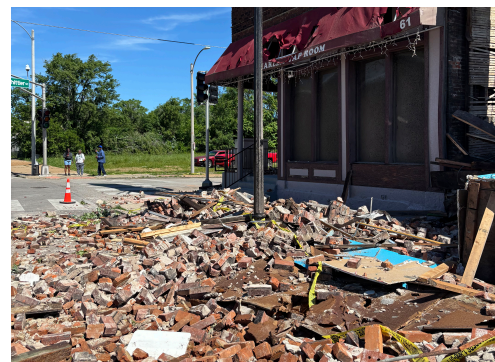


Thank you for your interest in state government. This legislative report discusses some of the most significant accomplishments of the First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly. Lawmakers passed dozens of bills and a \$48.172 billion state operating budget. The Missouri General Assembly reconvened for two extraordinary sessions called by the governor and the constitutionally mandated veto session on Sept. 10.

Obtaining \$100 Million in Disaster Relief for St. Louis

In the wake of a devastating tornado and series of storms that tore through St. Louis earlier this year, Missouri lawmakers approved a historic \$100 million disaster relief package aimed at rebuilding homes, replacing infrastructure and supporting long-term recovery in the city.

The funding, championed by Sen. Roberts, marks one of the largest single-state disaster relief allocations in Missouri history. Originally, Senate Bill 1 proposed only \$25 million in statewide recovery funds, but after weeks of legislative negotiations, that amount was quadrupled and dedicated specifically to St. Louis — a city hit hardest by the disaster.



The \$100 million state relief package focuses on three main priorities:

- Housing assistance, emergency repairs, rebuilding efforts and financial support for displaced families.
- Infrastructure repair, such as roads, public utilities and damaged public buildings.
- Long-term recovery programs, including mental health services, job retraining and resilience planning.



Additionally, a separate \$25 million was allocated to the Missouri Housing Trust Fund, which serves storm-affected communities statewide. That program’s eligibility criteria have also been expanded, allowing more low-income households to qualify for assistance.

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Securing Millions of Dollars for St. Louis

This year, Sen. Roberts worked to secure millions of dollars for the St. Louis community. Appropriations for the metro area include:

- **\$48,238,748** - Forensic Treatment Center
- **\$26,826,026** - St. Louis Developmental Disabilities Treatment Center
- **\$24,947,494** - Bellefontaine Habilitation Center
- **\$15,880,592** - Veterans Home (St. Louis)
- **\$13,859,297** - Hawthorne Children's Psychiatric Hospital
- **\$7,156,009** - Family Resource Center
- **\$2,000,000** - St. Louis Symphony
- **\$1,500,000** - Serving Our Streets
- **\$1,000,000** - Saving Our Children
- **\$750,000** - Youth Build Works (Operation Restart) Program
- **\$660,000** - 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis - Project Rebound
- **\$500,000** - Doorways
- **\$500,000** - St. Louis Area Food Bank for Red Circle
- **\$250,000** - Midtown Youth
- **\$150,000** - St. Louis Black Museum
- **\$100,000** - Urban K-Life



Bills Signed into Law

House Bill 199: Revitalizing St. Louis. Senator Roberts helped pass legislation creating a special entertainment district in St. Louis and unlocking state funding to hire more public safety personnel and promote entertainment tourism. Senator Roberts believes this is a critical step in the collaborative effort of local, state and commercial stakeholders to revitalize St. Louis.

House Bill 495: Banning the shackling of pregnant prisoners. The law prohibits city and county jails from using restraints on pregnant women in their third trimester, during labor and in the first 48 hours postpartum, with exceptions. The law also caps Missouri's in-state jail phone rates at 12 cents a minute. Another provision creates a dedicated fund to provide restitution for wrongly convicted individuals and removes the DNA-only requirement for compensation.

House Bill 594: Giving seniors and the disabled tax breaks. Every year, Sen. Roberts has championed legislation reducing the tax burden on seniors. He supported a provision in House Bill 594 expanding a property tax credit for the elderly and disabled. This law also exempts diapers and feminine hygiene products from sales tax.

House Bill 737: Supporting Youth Development. This law increases the Youth Opportunities and Violence Prevention Tax Credit from 50% to 70% of eligible contributions made to qualifying youth programs, such as those focused on internships, apprenticeships and the prevention of substance abuse and violence.

\$48.172 Billion State Operating Budget

The \$48.172 billion state operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026 funds all state functions and reflects many of our state's priorities.

1	\$399,918,781 - Judiciary & Public Defender
2	\$767,270,370 - Office of Administration
3	\$1,043,613,331 - Corrections
4	\$1,232,815,948 - Public Safety
5	\$1,419,907,258 - Higher Education & Workforce Development
6	\$1,487,487,462 - All Other Agencies (Includes Revenue, National Guard, Elected Officials, General Assembly and Statewide Real Estate)
7	\$1,544,126,849 - Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources
8	\$1,708,572,983 - Employee Benefits
9	\$2,337,806,425 - Health & Senior Services
10	\$2,664,508,332 - Economic Development, Labor & Insurance
11	\$3,564,927,863 - Transportation
12	\$4,376,271,419 - Mental Health
13	\$8,630,865,463 - Elementary & Secondary Education
14	\$16,994,175,469 - Social Services



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Dear Neighbor,

The Missouri General Assembly's 2025 regular and extraordinary sessions have ended, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together. With every vote I took in the Senate, I put the people of St. Louis first. I will always do my best to serve you and support what is right for the families and businesses in our area.

While the session may be over, my office will continue serving the City of St. Louis — at home and in Jefferson City. Please never hesitate to reach out to me whenever I can be of assistance.

Yours in service,

State Sen. Steven Roberts



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