

## **CWA Capitol Report April 27**

**Here is an update on many of the bills which we have discussed in previous Capitol Reports. We have listed the bills that are moving or could be moving. If you don't see an update on a particular bill that interests you, you can go to <http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx> and see where the bill is or call us, and we will help you.**

### **Sanctity of Life**

☺ **SB264 sponsored by Rob Mayer (R-Stoddard County)** would enact provisions regarding the coercion of abortions. **SB264** was voted do pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 3 and was placed on the Senate Perfection Calendar. This good pro-life bill is being filibustered in the Senate by those who support abortion on demand. Please pray that there will be a positive solution to this filibuster so **SB264** can receive a vote and most likely pass the Senate since there is a pro-life majority in the Senate.  
[http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=636638](http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=636638)

☺ **SCR11 sponsored by Sen. Matt Bartle (R-Lee's Summit)** was heard in the Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee. **SCR11** expresses the General Assembly's opposition to the federal Freedom of Choice Act. **SCR11** was placed on the Senate Resolutions Calendar on April 16.  
[http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=597896](http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=597896)

☺ **SJR17 sponsored by Jim Lembke (R-St. Louis)** if passed by the people it would amend the Constitution of Missouri and would prohibit use of public funds for abortion services, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning. **SJR17** was First and Second Read in the Senate and referred to the Senate Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families Committee on March 12. The committee chairman has not scheduled a hearing on **SJR17**.  
[http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=959014](http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=959014)

☺ **HJR38 sponsored by Rep. Brian Nieves (R-Washington)** if passed by the people it would amend the Constitution of Missouri and would prohibit use of public funds for abortion services, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning. **HJR38** was First and Second Read in the House and hasn't even been assigned to a committee.  
<http://house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hjr38.htm>

Neither the Senate nor the House seems enthused about these joint resolutions, which is why the Citizens Initiative and Referendum is so important and it is so important for us to make sure that procedure is citizen friendly.

### **Good government/bad government**

⊗ **HB228 sponsored by Rep. Mike Parson (R-Bolivar)** changes the laws regarding the circulation of petitions. A House Committee Substitute of HB228 was voted do pass and is on the House Calendar for Perfection at the present. The HCS took out many of the objectionable parts but the existing bill would still limit and inhibit citizens and volunteers regarding getting signatures on petitions to place an item on the ballot.

**Contact your State Representative and tell him/her to oppose HB228.**

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hb228.htm>

☺ **HCS for HB128 & 340 sponsored by Rep. Mike Cunningham (R-Marshfield)** designates December 25 of each year to be known as Christmas and requires state agencies, public schools and colleges, and political subdivisions to use the traditional names of holidays. HCS for HB128&340 was passed by the House on April 1, heard in the Senate General Laws Committee and was voted do pass on April 14. The bill is now on the Senate perfection calendar. We may call for action if we see it sitting there.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hb128.htm>

⊗ **SB104 sponsored by Sen. Jolie Justus, (D-Kansas City)** would mandate the State Health Department to send information on HPV and the HPV vaccine to the homes of girls who are entering middle school. The Senate passed **SB104** on March 4 by a vote of 28-5. The bill was then sent to the House where, thankfully, it is stalled. CWA of MO opposes **SB104** because it is essentially using state funds (your taxpayer dollars) to market a pharmaceutical company's product and could also perpetuate the myth that there are medical solutions to the consequences of sexual misconduct rather than speaking the truth that sexual immorality has many downsides and STIs and STDs are some of those negative consequences. Pray that the House will stop this bill this year.

[http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=513330](http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=513330)

### **Freedom**

☺ **HJR16 sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Davis (R-O'Fallon)** proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing a parent or legal guardian the right to care, educate, and raise his or her children without governmental hindrance unless there is a compelling interest. **HJR16** is on the House Joint Resolutions calendar and could be brought up at any time for perfection.

☺ **HJR11 sponsored by Rep. Mike McGhee (R-Odessa)** proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing a citizen's First Amendment right to pray on public property and reaffirming a citizen's right to choose any or no

religion. HJR11 was voted do pass by the House General Laws Committee and the Rules Committee and is on the House Consent Calendar.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hjr11.htm>

**HJR9 sponsored by Rep. Stanley Cox (R-Sedalia)** proposes a constitutional amendment that would require photo id, set registration and eligibility deadlines and set standards for early voting. **HJR9** started out as a only requiring photo id in order to be able to vote. **HJR9** picked up several amendments during the committee executive session. There are some good things to this joint resolution but there could be some concerns. You can check out the wording of the joint resolution which is on the House Joint Resolutions Calendar and could be brought up for perfection at any time.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills091/biltxt/commit/HJR0009C.HTM>

### Courts

☺ **SJR9 sponsored by Sen. Jim Lembke (R-St. Louis)** would modify the procedures for the selection of nonpartisan judges and provisions relating to judicial commissions. The Missouri Court Plan was adopted in the early 1940's to correct the corruption that had arisen in the selection of judges. A commission was set up to prepare a panel from which the governor chooses his appointments to the Missouri Supreme Court, the three appellate courts, and certain circuit courts. However, in recent years, this process has been corrupted and needs some correction. This measure would be a good step in that direction along with HJR10. This SJR was heard and voted do pass by the Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee.

[http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=588951](http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=588951)

☺ **HJR 10 sponsored by Rep. Stanley Cox (R- Sedalia)** proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the number of Governor-appointed citizens serving on the Appellate Judicial Commission and the number of candidates nominated for vacancies. This is to correct some of the problems that the Missouri Non Partisan Court Plan has. **HJR10** was passed by the House on April 8, 85-72, and was sent to the Senate to start the process in that chamber.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/HJR10.HTM>

### Taxes

**HJR36 sponsored by Rep. Ed Emery (R-Lamar)** proposes a constitutional amendment which would replace income taxes, sales and use taxes, and estate taxes with a sales tax on new retail sales and services. **HJR36** was passed in the House (90-64) on April 16 and has been sent to the Senate to start the process in that chamber. You can go to

<http://www.fairtax.org/site/PageServer?pagename=calculator> to calculate what your state taxes would be using the new system.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hjr36.htm>

\*To identify who your State Representative or State Senator is, go to [http://www.senate.mo.gov/lookup/leg\\_lookup.aspx](http://www.senate.mo.gov/lookup/leg_lookup.aspx).

This is not an exhaustive list of the bills that have been introduced or committees that have held hearings. If you would like to see the list of the bills filed so far this year in the House, go to <http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/billist.htm>.

For bills filed in the Senate, go to

[http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS\\_Web/BillList.aspx?SessionType=R](http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/BillList.aspx?SessionType=R)

**We appreciate your prayers and financial participation to support the work of CWA of Missouri at our State Capitol and across the state. You can send your tax-deductible monetary gift to CWA of MO, P.O. Box 274, Chesterfield, MO 63006. Thank you.**