

CWA Capitol Report

March 9

Here is an update on bills that are of interest. They are by subject.

Sanctity of Life

HCS HB 46 & 434 was perfected and passed by a vote of 115-41.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hb46.htm>.

If you can't get to the Capitol on Tuesday, March 10, for Pro Life Action Day (<http://missourilife.org/>) then please **call your state**

representative* and ask him/her to vote for the final passage of HCS HB 46&434. Go here <http://house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills091/jrnpdf/jrn033.pdf> (pages 477-478) to see if your state representative voted yes on the perfected (the debated and amended) bill. Thank him/her if she did. If he/she did not, then ask them to reconsider and vote yes on the "third read."

SB264 would enact certain provisions regarding the coercion of abortions and 24-hour notice restrictions. The bill is on the formal calendar for perfection. **Please call your state senator* and ask him/her to support SB264.**

http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=636638

SCR11 urges Congress to reject FOCA or any attempt to negate the Missouri statutes regarding abortion. This resolution is on the formal calendar.

Please call your state senator* and ask him/her to support SCR11.

http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=597896

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 chose 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 Senate Joint Resolution will be heard on Thursday, March 12, by the Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee.

http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=588951

Sexual Morality/Immorality and consequences

SB104 sponsored by Sen. Jolie Justus (D-Kansas City) was perfected and passed by the Senate (check <http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/pdf-jrn/DAY32.pdf#page=16> page 479 to see how your senator voted).

SB104 provides information and the opportunity to be immunized for the human papilloma virus at taxpayer expense. This bill now goes to the House. If you

don't think the Missouri taxpayer should be "marketing for Merck" or that the state is perpetuating the myth that science/medical field is the solution to the consequences of sexual immorality, then call your state representative and tell him/her to oppose **SB104**.

http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=513330

SCS for SBs223 & 226 sponsored by Sen. Jack Goodman (R-Mount Vernon) and Sen. Matt Bartle (R-Lee's Summit) regulates sexually-oriented businesses. **SCS for SBs223&226** is sitting on the informal Senate calendar. **Please call your state senator* and tell him/her that you want him/her to support SCS SBs223&226.**

http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=597903

Good government

HJR34 sponsored by Rep. Wayne Cooper (R-Camdenton) proposes a constitutional amendment changing the laws regarding elections. **HJR34** is in the very beginning of the process. It was second read, now it needs to be assigned to a committee by the Speaker and then heard in that committee.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hjr34.htm>

Freedom

HB550 sponsored by Rep. Jim Guest (R-King City) creates a civil penalty and a cause of action for damages for coerced subcutaneous implantation of an identification device. **HB550** will be heard in the House Real ID and Personal Privacy Committee on Tuesday, March 10.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hb550.htm>

Taxes

HB814 sponsored by Rep. Ed Emery (R-Lamar) establishes the Fair Tax Act of 2009 which replaces the state individual and corporate income tax and the estate tax with a fair tax based on all new retail sales and services. **HB814** was heard on Wednesday, March 4, in the House Tax Reform Committee.

<http://www.house.mo.gov/content.aspx?info=/bills091/bills/hb814.htm>

SB99 sponsored by Sen. Jane Cunningham (R-St. Louis County) establishes the predictable property tax act. SB99 was heard on Wednesday, March 4, in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=513345

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** will be heard on Wednesday, March 11, in the House Tax Reform Committee.

*To identify who your State Representative or State Senator go to

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

We had ten CWA members come to the Capitol on Wednesday, March 4, for the monthly CWA of Missouri Lobby Day. We heard from State Representatives Stanley Cox and Brian Nieves regarding bills they have sponsored, dropped off packets on HJR10 to the committee members, members of leadership in both houses and each attendees own state rep and state senator. We also dropped off thank you notes to Rep. Allen Icet and Sen. Jim Lembke for their outstanding work for the family and good government. We were hoping to watch the House perfect HB46&464 but the House took that bill up on Thursday, March 5. We will have pictures posted to the Missouri webpage soon. Please mark your calendar now to join us for the next CWA of MO Lobby Day, Wednesday, April 1.

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