

January 13, 2023

Good morning!

Week 2 was procedural with the exception of the House rules disagreements that spilled out onto the House floor on Wednesday. More to follow on that.

Committee chairs and committees were finally announced, and bills are starting to be referred. We expect hearings to begin posting over the weekend and early next week.

The usual recap is below. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on Monday and there is no legislative session.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Chairman Jason Smith

On Tuesday, Congressman Jason Smith (R - Missouri) won his three-way race to chair the powerful Ways and Means Committee. Smith campaigned hard for this and this is big. Many politicos are wondering who will look out for MO now that Senator Roy Blunt (R - Missouri) is gone. One of the most important committees on Capitol Hill, Smith will oversee taxes, trade, Medicare and Social Security.

You might remember - we squeezed in a fundraiser for him in November last year.

#MoSen

This is curious. Incumbent Senators Mike Moon (R - Lawrence) and Rick Brattin (R - Harrisonville) were passed over for chairmanships. Ouch. The salt in the wound: freshmen Senators Travis Fitzwater (R - Fulton) and Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R - Jefferson County) were given chairmanships. The full list is below. Expect this little nugget to make its way to the Senate floor eventually. You know I will tell you about it.

Senate Committees

Administration: Chair – Senator Caleb Rowden; Vice-Chair – Senator Cindy O’Laughlin

Members: Senator(s) Mike Bernskoetter, John Rizzo

Agriculture: Chair – Senator Jason Bean; Vice-Chair – Senator Rusty Black

Members: Senator(s) Mike Bernskoetter, Justin Brown, Jill Carter, Sandy Crawford, Tracy McCreery, Greg Razer, Barbara Washington

Appropriations: Chair – Senator Lincoln Hough; Vice-Chair- Senator Tony Luetkemeyer

Members: Senator(s) Lauren Arthur, Jason Bean, Rusty Black, Justin Brown, Mike Cierpiot, Sandy Crawford, Karla Eslinger, Denny Hoskins, Holly Thompson Rehder, Karla May, Barbara Washington, Brian Williams

Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment: Chair – Senator Mike Cierpiot; Vice-Chair- Senator Travis Fitzwater

Members: Senator(s) Jason Bean, Mike Bernskoetter, Ben Brown, Bill Eigel, Karla Eslinger, Curtis Trent, Karla May, Tracy McCreery, Angela Mosley

Economic Development and Tax Policy: Chair – Senator Denny Hoskins; Vice-Chair – Senator Karla Eslinger
Members: Senator(s) Bill Eigel, Senator Travis Fitzwater, Senator Lincoln Hough, Steve Roberts

Education and Workforce Development: Chair – Andrew Koenig; Vice-Chair-Rick Brattin
Members: Senator(s) Lauren Arthur, Elaine Gannon, Denny Hoskins, Nick Schroer, Curtis Trent, Doug Beck, Greg Razer

Emerging Issues: Chair-Senator Justin Brown; Vice-Chair – Senator Mike Moon
Members: Senator(s) Elaine Gannon, Andrew Koenig, Nick Schroer, Tracy McCreery, Greg Razer

Fiscal Oversight: Chair – Senator Holly Thompson-Rehder; Vice-Chair – Senator Mike Bernskoetter
Members: Senator(s) Mike Cierpiot, Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Travis Fitzwater, Andrew Koenig, John Rizzo, Steve Roberts

General Laws: Chair – Senator Mike Bernskoetter; Vice-Chair – Mike Cierpiot
Members: Senator(s) Rusty Black, Senator Rick Brattin, Senator Lincoln Hough, Senator Doug Beck, Greg Razer

Government Accountability: Chair – Senator Karla Eslinger; Vice-Chair – Senator Ben Brown
Members: Senator(s) Rusty Black, Sandy Crawford, Curtis Trent, Doug Beck, Angela Mosley

Gubernatorial Appointments: Chair – Senator Caleb Rowden; Vice-Chair – Senator Cindy O’Laughlin
Members: Senator(s) Jason Bean, Rick Brattin, Ben Brown, Karla Eslinger, Tony Luetkemeyer, Mike Moon, John Rizzo, Angela Mosley, Brian Williams

Health and Welfare: Chair – Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman; Vice-Chair – Senator Jill Carter
Members: Senator(s) Elaine Gannon, Mike Moon, Holly Thompson Rehder, Lauren Arthur, Barbara Washington

Insurance and Banking: Chair – Senator Sandy Crawford; Vice-Chair – Curtis Trent
Members: Senator(s) Ben Brown, Denny Hoskins, Lincoln Hough, Angela Mosley, Steven Roberts

Judiciary: Chair – Senator Tony Luetkemeyer; Vice-Chair - Nick Schroer
Members: Senator(s) Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Holly Thompson Rehder, Curtis Trent, Karla May, Steven Roberts

Local Government and Elections: Chair – Senator Elaine Gannon; Vice-Chair – Senator Sandy Crawford
Members: Senator(s) Jill Carter, Mary Elizabeth Coleman, Andrew Koenig, John Rizzo, Barbara Washington

Progress and Development: Chair – Senator Lauren Arthur; Vice-Chair – Senator Brian Williams
Members: Senator(s) Jill Carter, Mike Moon, Angela Mosley

Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics: Chair – Senator Cindy O’Laughlin; Vice-Chair – Senator Caleb Rowden
Members: Senator(s) Justin Brown, Bill Eigel, Tony Luetkemeyer, Karla May, Brian Williams

Transportation and Public Safety: Chair – Senator Travis Fitzwater; Vice-Chair – Senator Justin Brown
Members: Senator(s) Jason Bean, Bill Eigel, Nick Schroer, Greg Razer, Brian Williams

Veterans and Pensions: Chair – Senator Bill Eigel; Vice-Chair – Senator Rick Brattin
Members: Senator(s) Rusty Black, Elaine Gannon, Nick Schroer, Tracy McCreery, Steven Roberts

#MoHouse

The rules debate in the House made its way into an old fashioned 'Rules Fight' on the House floor this week. Tough topics were covered like budget subcommittees, women's fashion and how covered their shoulders need to be. You'll be shocked, but I couldn't take it. Woof. I've included some news articles if you want to find out what we missed. Key takeaways are the super majority Republican caucus is already having issues governing itself, there are now three Rules committees in the House and non-budget members can now serve on budget subcommittees.

[Mo House Adopts Stricter Dress Code - but just for women](#)

[Mo House Debates Dress Code for Women](#)

House Committees

Administration and Accounts: Chair – Representative Dale Wright; Vice-Chair – Representative Peggy McGaugh

Members: Representative(s) Hardy Billington, Scott Cupps, Dave Griffith, Dean VanSchoiack

Agriculture Policy: Chair – Representative Mike Haffner; Vice-Chair – Representative Kurtis Gregory

Members: Representative(s) Mazzie Boyd, Donnie Brown, Cameron Bunting Parker, Danny Busick, Dane Diehl, Jeff Farnan, Kent Haden, Willard Haley, Doyle Justus, Jeff Knight, Brad Pollitt, Dean VanSchoiack

Budget: Chair – Representative Cody Smith; Vice-Chair – Representative Dirk Deaton

Members: Representative(s) John Black, Mitch Boggs, Mazzie Boyd, Donnie Brown, Brad Christ, Scott Cupps, David Evans, Kurtis Gregory, Wendy Hausman, Jim Kalberloh, Hannah Kelly, Ed Lewis, Michael O'Donnell, Bill Owen, Doug Richey, Louis Riggs, Renee Reuter, Chris Sander, Brenda Shields, Greg Sharpe, Tim Taylor, John Voss, Richard West,

Subcommittee on Appropriations – Agriculture, Conservation, Natural Resources, and Economic Development: Chair – Representative Greg Sharpe; Vice-Chair – Representative Mitch Boggs

Members: Representative(s) Donnie Brown, Jamie Burger, Dane Diehl, Jeff Farnan, Rick Francis, Kurtis Gregory, Bradley Pollitt, Terry Thompson

Subcommittee on Appropriations – Education: Chair – Representative Ed Lewis; Vice-Chair – Representative Brenda Shields

Members: Representative(s) Darrin Chappell, Phil Christofanelli, Jamie Ray Gragg, Josh Hurlbert, Philip Oehlerking, Doug Richey, Tim Taylor, John Voss

Subcommittee on Appropriations – General Administration: Chair – Representative Scott Cupps; Vice-Chair Representative Louis Riggs

Members: Representative(s) Darrel Atchison, Mitch Boggs, Mazzie Boyd, Doyle Justus, Ben Keathley, Mark Matthiesen, Renee Reuter, Chris Sander

Subcommittee on Appropriations – Health, Mental Health, and Social Services: Chair – Representative John Black; Vice-Chair – Representative Michael O'Donnell
Members: Representative(s) Kent Haden, Hannah Kelly, Tara Peters, Doug Richey, Louis Riggs, Mike Stephens, Melanie Stinnett, John Voss

Subcommittee on Appropriations – Public Safety, Corrections, Transportation, and Revenue: Chair – Representative Bill Owen; Vice-Chair – Representative David Evans
Members: Representative(s) Brad Christ, Bennie Cook, Wendy Hausman, Jim Kalberloh, Don Mayhew, Lane Roberts, Justin Sparks, Richard West

Children and Families: Chair – Representative Hannah Kelly; Vice-Chair – Representative Wendy Hausman
Members: Representative(s) Jamie Ray Gragg, Holly Jones, Ann Kelley, Ed Lewis, Peggy McGaugh

Consent and House Procedure: Chair – Representative Sean Pouche; Vice-Chair – Representative Barry Hovis
Members: Representative(s) Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway, David Evans, Bill Falkner, Bill Owen, Terry Thompson

Conservation and Natural Resources: Chair – Representative Bruce Sassmann; Vice-Chair – Representative Tim Taylor
Members: Representative(s) Gary Bonacker, Dane Diehl, Jeff Farnan, Willard Haley, Doyle Justus, Jeff Knight, Don Mayhew, Mike Stephens

Corrections and Public Institutions: Chair – Representative Rudy Veit; Vice-Chair – Representative Chad Perkins
Members: Representative(s) Chris Dinkins, Herman Morse, Chris Sander, Dan Stacy, Lisa Thomas

Crime Prevention and Public Safety: Chair – Representative Lane Roberts; Vice-Chair – Representative Bennie Cook
Members: Representative(s) Bill Allen, Gary Banderman, Chris Brown, Bill Hardwick, Justin Hicks, Barry Hovis, Holly Jones, Ann Kelley, Kyle Marquart, Jeff Myers, Chad Perkins, Alex Riley, Brian Seitz, Justin Sparks, Lisa Thomas, Richard West

Economic Development: Chair – Representative Brad Hudson; Vice-Chair – Representative Brad Christ
Members: Representative(s) Bill Allen, Phil Armato, Chris Brown, David Casteel, Sherri Gallick, Wendy Hausman, Bill Owen, Travis Smith, Terry Thompson, Travis Wilson

Elections and Elected Officials: Chair- Peggy McGaugh; Vice-Chair – Representative Dan Stacy
Members: Representative(s) Gary Banderman, Tricia Byrnes, Jeff Coleman, Bill Falkner, Rodger Reedy, Alex Riley, Adam Schwadron, Justin Sparks, Cheri Toalson Reisch, Ken Waller

Elementary and Secondary Education: Chair – Representative Brad Pollitt; Vice-Chair – Representative Ben Baker
Members: Representative(s) Gary Bonacker, Tricia Byrnes, Phil Christofanelli, Jamie Ray Gragg, Mike Haffner, Josh Hurlbert, Ann Kelley, Ed Lewis, Dan Stacy, Cheri Toalson Reisch

Emerging Issues: Chair – Representative Bill Hardwick; Vice-Chair – Representative Dane Diehl

Members: Representative(s) Bishop Davidson, Jeff Farnan, Sherri Gallick, Mike Haffner, Dave Hinman, Josh Hurlbert, Holly Jones, Adam Schnelting

Ethics: Chair – Representative Hannah Kelly

Members: Representative(s) John Black, Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway, David Evans, Rick Francis

Financial Institutions: Chair – Representative Michael O'Donnell; Vice-Chair – Representative Terry Thompson

Members: Representative(s) Hardy Billington, Chris Dinkins, Rick Francis, Mike McGirl, Philip Oehlerking, Bill Owen, Chris Sander, Bob Titus

Fiscal Review: Chair – Representative Dan Houx; Vice-Chair - Representative Bill Owen

Members: Representative(s) Brad Hudson, Hannah Kelly, Brad Pollitt

General Laws: Chair – Representative Alex Riley; Vice-Chair – Representative Justin Hicks

Members: Representative(s) Ben Baker, Rone Copeland, Doyle Justus, Tony Lovasco, Mark Matthiesen, Aaron McMullen, Jeff Myers, Renee Reuter

Government Efficiency and Downsizing: Chair – Representative Jim Murphy; Vice-Chair – Representative Dean VanSchoick

Members: Representative(s) Ben Baker, Mitch Boggs, Darrin Chappell, Michael Davis, Tony Lovasco, Louis Riggs, Jim Schulte, Adam Schwadron

Health and Mental Health Policy: Chair – Representative Mike Stephens; Vice-Chair – Representative Lisa Thomas

Members: Representative(s) Phil Amato, Bennie Cook, Michael Davis, Ann Kelley, Tara Peters, Adam Schwadron, Dale Wright

Healthcare Reform: Chair – Representative Kent Haden; Vice-Chair – Representative Melanie Stinnett

Members: Representative(s) Mitch Boggs, Cyndi Buccheit-Courtway, Jamie Ray Gragg, Ben Keathley, Sean Pouche, Brian Seitz, Lisa Thomas, Cheri Toalson Reisch

Higher Education: Chair – Representative Brenda Shields; Vice-Chair – Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch

Members: Representative(s) Bill Allen, Barry Hovis, Mike McGirl, Bruce Sassman, Dale Wright

Insurance Policy: Chair – Representative Phil Christofanelli; Vice-Chair – Representative Darrell Atchison

Members: Representative(s) Cameron Bunting Parker, Jeff Coleman, Chris Dinkins, Kurtis Gregory, Jim Murphy, Rodger Reedy, Adam Schnelting, Bob Titus, Ken Waller, Richard West

Judiciary: Chair – Representative Dave Evans; Vice-Chair – Representative Rudy Veit

Members: Representative(s) John Black, Cameron Bunting Parker, Brad Christ, Ron Copeland, Michael Davis, Justin Hicks, Greg Sharpe, Justin Sparks

Legislative Review: Chair – Representative Bishop Davidson; Vice-Chair – Representative Dan Houx

Members: Representative(s) Jamie Burger, Rick Francis, Mike Henderson, Travis Smith, Rudy Veit

Local Government: Chair – Representative Bill Falkner; Vice-Chair – Representative Dave Hinman
Members: Representative(s) Phil Amato, Jamie Burger, Tricia Byrnes, Darrin Chappell, Dane Diehl, Chris Lonsdale, Chad Perkins, Rodger Reedy

Pensions: Chair – Representative Barry Hovis; Vice-Chair – Representative Richard West
Members: Representative(s) Bob Bromley, Kyle Marquart, Philip Oehlerking, Bill Owen, Renee Reuter

Professional Registration and Licensing: Chair – Representative Jeff Coleman; Vice-Chair – Representative Cameron Bunting Parker
Members: Representative(s) David Casteel, Bennie Cook, Chris Dinkins, Ben Keathley, Hannah Kelly, Mark Matthiesen, Lane Roberts, Melanie Stinnett

Rules – Administrative Oversight: Chair – Representative Rick Francis; Vice-Chair- Representative Dave Griffith
Members: Representative(s) Ben Baker, Ron Copeland, Kent Haden, Dan Houx, Jeff Myers

Rules – Legislative Oversight: Chair – Representative Jeff Knight; Vice-Chair – Representative Brad Hudson
Members: Representatives Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway, Jamie Burger, Mike McGirl, Bill Owen, Adam Schnellting

Rules – Regulatory Oversight: Chair – Representative Kurtis Gregory; Vice-Chair – Representative Mike Haffner
Members: Representative(s) Scott Cupps, Dave Evans, Michael O'Donnell, Alex Riley, Lane Roberts

Rural Community Development: Chair – Representative Rodger Reedy; Vice-Chair – Representative Jim Kalberloh
Members: Representative(s) Gary Bonacker, Danny Busick, Sherri Gallick, Willard Haley, Herman Morse

Special Committee on Government Accountability: Chair – Representative Doug Richey; Vice-Chair – Representative Tony Lovasco
Members: Representative(s) Mazzie Boyd, Scott Cupps, Bishop Davidson, Dirk Deaton, Jeff Knight, Chris Lonsdale, Don Mayhew, Chad Perkins, Chris Sander, Melanie Stinnett, Travis Wilson

Special Committee on Small Business: Chair – Representative Chris Brown; Vice-Chair – Danny Busick
Members: Representative(s) Hardy Billington, Holly Jones, Aaron McMullen, Bruce Sassman, Adam Schwadron

Special Committee on Tourism: Chair – Representative Brian Seitz; Vice-Chair – Representative Mark Matthiesen
Members: Representative(s) Sherri Gallick, Chris Lonsdale, Herman Morse, Bruce Sassman, Travis Smith, Bob Titus

Special Committee on Urban Issues: Chair – Representative Mark Sharp; Vice-Chair – Scott Cupps
Members: Representative(s) Gary Banderman, David Casteel, Jeff Coleman, Bishop Davidson

Transportation Accountability: Chair – Representatives Don Mayhew; Vice-Chair – Representative Don Mayhew

Members: Representative(s) Bob Bromley, Danny Busick, Jim Kalberloh, Sean Pouche, Tim Taylor, Rudy Veit, John Voss, Ken Waller

Transportation Infrastructure: Chair – Representative Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway; Vice-Chair – Representative Ron Copeland

Members: Representative(s) Phil Amato, Jamie Burger, Dave Hinman, Kyle Marquart, Jim Murphy, Jeff Myers, Greg Sharpe, Dean VanSchoiack

Utilities: Chair – Representative Bob Bromley; Vice-Chair – Representative Ben Keathley

Members: Representatives Darrell Atchison, Gary Banderman, John Black, Tricia Byrnes, Bill Falkner, Chris Lonsdale, Aaron McMullen, Jim Schulte

Veterans: Chair – Representative Dave Griffith; Vice-Chair – Representative Herman Morse

Members: Representative(s) Darrell Atchison, Hardy Billington, Bob Bromley, Bill Hardwick, Tara Peters, Sean Pouche, Jim Schulte, Brian Seitz

Ways and Means: Chair – Representative Mike McGirl; Vice-Chair – Representative Travis Smith

Members: Representative(s) David Casteel, Darrin Chappell, Justin Hicks, Brad Hudson, Tony Lovasco, Terry Thompson, Bob Titus, Dale Wright

Workforce and Infrastructure Development: Chair – Representative Louis Riggs; Vice-Chair – Representative Willard Haley

Members: Representative(s) Chris Brown, Bill Hardwick, Jim Murphy, Phillip Oehlerking, Brenda Shields, Mike Stephens, Ken Waller, Travis Wilson

Stephen Webber is Back

Earlier in the week, former State Representative and Marine veteran Stephen Webber (D - Columbia) announced that he will be running for State Senate to represent Boone County in Senate District 19. Webber represented Boone County in the Missouri House of Representatives for eight years from 2009 to 2016. Senator Caleb Rowden (R - Columbia) can't run again in 2024 because of term limits. And the redrawn district only includes Boone County, where Webber won more votes than Rowden.

Webber is an attorney and currently serves as political director of the Missouri AFL-CIO, the state's largest federation of labor unions. Judy Baker, another former state representative who ran unsuccessfully against Rowden in 2020, told the Columbia Tribune last year that she is also weighing a possible run in 2024.

Gov Recommends a Wage Increase for State Employees

On Wednesday, Governor Mike Parson released the FY2023 Early Supplemental Budget. There were only two items within the early supplemental and include an 8.7% COLA increase for ALL state team members and an increase in shift differential to \$2 per hour for congregate care staff working within the Departments of Social Services, Corrections, Mental Health and Missouri Veterans Commission. These congregate staff must be working high-need and overnight shifts to be eligible for the \$2 per hour shift differential. The 8.7% COLA increase is based on the increase given to Social Security recipients this year and the Consumer Price Index determined by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This early supplemental budget pay plan proposal would invest \$151.2 million, including \$82.4 million in general revenue in the state workforce. Finally, Governor Parson has called on the General Assembly to take up and pass the early supplemental so it may be implemented by March 1, 2023.

Tidbits

- On Monday, Attorney General Andrew Bailey announced that he has recruited Maddie McMillian Green to serve as Deputy Attorney General for Policy. In this role, Green will handle policy, legislation, and stakeholder outreach for the office. Green previously served as Assistant Attorney General for Special Litigation under the Schmitt administration, handling litigation at the state and federal level.
- Also on Monday, Republic Scott Fitzpatrick was sworn in as Missouri's 39th State Auditor. He previously served as Missouri's State Treasurer and the Missouri House Budget Chairman. He replaces Democrat Nicole Galloway, who chose not to seek re-election. Fitzpatrick has stated auditing Missouri's K-12 public schools will be one of his top priorities. According to Fitzpatrick, he is the youngest statewide officeholder in America.
- Missouri Secretary Jay Ashcroft has submitted language to the Administrative Rules Division within his office that would implement disclosure standards pertaining to security investment strategies that propagate values-based agendas that are not purely focused on generating profit for their clients. The purpose of the proposed rule is to ensure financial transparency and require investment advisors to fully disclose and advise their clients of any investment strategy that is not purely financial based.

Hearings

House: <https://house.mo.gov/AllHearings.aspx>

Senate: <https://www.senate.mo.gov/hearingsschedule/hrings.htm>

Key Upcoming Dates:

- January 16, 2023 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day Observed – No Session
- January 18, 2023 – State of the State Address
- February 8, 2023 – State of the Judiciary
- February 20, 2023 – Presidents Day Observed – No Session
- March 1, 2023 – Last Day to File Bills
- March 9 – 20, 2023 – Legislative Spring Break
- April 10, 2023 – Easter Break – No Session
- May 5, 2023 – Constitutional Deadline to pass the FY2024 state budget
- May 12, 2023 – Last day of Legislative Session
- July 1, 2023 – First day of the new fiscal year
- July 14, 2023 – Last day for Governor Parson to sign or veto legislation
- September 13, 2023 – Veto Session

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