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**MISSOURI INTERIM UPDATE – DECEMBER 4, 2009**

TO: American Institute of Architects of Missouri

**MISSOURI LAWMAKERS BEGIN FILING BILLS FOR 2010 SESSION:** The 2010 Missouri legislative session is unofficially under way. Tuesday, December 1, was the first day that lawmakers could file bills in advance of the legislative session that begins January 6. To date, 131 Senate bills and 117 House bills have been pre-filed.

We will send a complete list and summary of bills filed of interest to you early next week.

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS** will be chaired by Sen. Rob Mayer (R-Dexter) and Sen. Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia) will serve as Vice Chair of this committee. Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) resigned as chair to focus on a congressional run. The committee is one of the more important committees in the General Assembly, as members are responsible for crafting the Senate’s position on the state budget. Mayer and Schaefer will be on conferences to reconcile budgetary differences between the House and the Senate.

**HOUSE BUDGET** will continue with Rep. Allen Icet (R-Chesterfield) as Chairman and Rep. Rick Stream as Vice Chair. Rep. Icet is running in the Republican primary for state Auditor. In another committee move, Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia) will no longer be the ranking member of the House Budget Committee. He agreed to step down from the position after being appointed to the House Judiciary Committee. Rep. Sara Lampe (D-Springfield) will step up as the ranking Democrat on House Budget.

**2010 SESSION DATES**

JANUARY 6	Session begins at noon
FEBRUARY 23	Filing opens for the August 3 <sup>rd</sup> Primary election
MARCH 4	Spring break begins following adjournment
15	Session reconvenes at 4 pm
30	Filing closes for August 3 <sup>rd</sup> Primary election
APRIL 5	Easter break
6	Session reconvenes at 2 pm
MAY 7	Appropriation bills must be passed by 6 pm
14	Last day of Session at 6 pm

