

Welcome to the Pratt Report! I hope you had a great week. It was a very busy week in Jefferson City – we finished committee hearings Thursday night at 11pm. This weekend, Sherry and I had a nice Valentine’s weekend – we went out to dinner and spent a lot of time together. We hope you and your family had a great weekend.

Visitors

I had many great visitors this week! I love to see constituents during the week. Travis Graham, Tom Woods, and Bob Frost visited to discuss affordable housing issues. Cheryl Riley visited to discuss higher education issues. Joan Israelite and Carolyn Banta visited to discuss Arts issues. Rich Wilson and Nancy Gaines visited to discuss children’s eye issues. Karl Sigler also visited the Capitol this week.

This Week in Jefferson City

We are still early in the session – so most of our time is dedicated to debating bills in committees. One of my biggest priorities is keeping jobs in Missouri, and bringing new jobs to Missouri. I am focusing on three pieces of legislation to stimulate economic development.

1. Workers compensation reform: I am working on a bill that protects the rights of injured workers, but eliminates fraudulent and wasteful claims. I am working to prohibit claims of individuals who are on drugs and alcohol.
2. Expansion of the BUILD program: This program provides incentives for Missouri companies to recruit and retain Missouri jobs. This program provides incentives to keep Missouri jobs in Missouri, not in other countries!
3. Expansion of MO-BUCKS program: This program spurs additional investment in Missouri small businesses and family farms by providing low-interest loans, and by encouraging investment in Missouri.
4. Legal reform and insurance reform: These bills are designed to keep doctors in our community, and ending frivolous lawsuits.

I am hopeful these bills will bring economic development and jobs to Missouri!

Quote of the Week (Valentine’s edition)

“The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.”
Theodore M. Hesburgh

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Bryan Pratt

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