



Governmental Services Group

The Missouri Legislature settled into the rhythm of the regular session this week, with committees starting to hear bills and the House and Senate floors saw initial debates. The Missouri Senate debated SR 552, which is a proposed rule change by Senator Eigel, which required a 48-hour waiting time when floor substitutes are offered. The measure was defeated with a 7-23 vote. Watching the Senate this week, I am expecting the vote to irk the Freedom Caucus, and it may be a few more weeks of floor time being spent on grievances against fellow legislators.

Additionally, two education bills proposing a four-day school week made headlines in Missouri this week. One of the bills is for smaller districts and the other requires voter approval for larger cities.

Aside from a full day of hearings Wednesday on the House side, the feared snowstorm that didn't amount to much accumulation put a stop to a fair number of hearings scheduled Tuesday. The House held a technical session Thursday and have scheduled for second readings of several bills.

As a reminder, Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, so there will be no session. The Legislature will go back in session late Tuesday afternoon. We will continue to keep you informed of the latest in Jefferson City.