

## **End of Session Report**

### **2019 Session of the Missouri General Assembly**

This report gives the final status of MCC position bills. Bills reported as “Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed,” have been approved by the Missouri General Assembly and await action by the governor. The governor has until July 14, 2019 to sign or veto bills. After the July 14<sup>th</sup> deadline, the MCC will send a progress report detailing the governor’s action on Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed legislation.

### **PROTECT HUMAN LIFE**

#### **Abortion Drug Mandate**

[HB 760](#)

Sponsor: Walker, Cora Faith (D)

Establishes the Survivors' Bill of Rights for victims of sexual offenses, mandates the giving of potential abortifacients.

**Remarks** Oppose: "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 74) 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Crime Prevention and Public Safety

[HB 800](#)

Sponsor: Mackey, Ian (D)

Establishes the Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act.

**Remarks** Oppose: "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 74) 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

#### **Abortion Funding/Prohibition**

[HB 10](#) (Amended bill: CCS SS SCS HCS HB 10)

Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Senior Services, and several divisions and programs. Section 10.725 prohibits funding for abortion services and abortion agencies.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 10.725, which ensures state tax dollars are not used to fund abortion services. Abortion is the taking of human life and Missouri taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortion services. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-9-19 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

#### **Abortion Insurance Mandate**

[HB 755](#)

Sponsor: Kelley, Ann (R)

Adds new provisions relating to contraceptive coverage.

**Remarks** Oppose: No one should be forced to pay for abortion drugs through their insurance premiums. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

[SB 346](#)

Sponsor: Schupp, Jill (D)

Requires health benefit plans providing coverage for prescription contraceptives to cover a 13-month supply of the contraceptives.

**Remarks** Oppose: No one should be forced to pay for abortion drugs through their insurance premiums. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 2-21-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Insurance and Banking

### ***Abortion on Demand***

[HB 536](#)

Sponsor: Morgan, Judy (D)

Establishes the "Respect Women's Abortion Decisions Act".

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation cloaks the real effect of this legislation, which is to overturn pro-life protections currently found in Missouri law, by the use of misleading rhetoric on "reproductive choices." 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

### ***Abortion Prohibition/Down Syndrome***

[HB 771](#)

Sponsor: Dogan, Shamed (R)

Prohibits certain selective abortions relating to sex, race, or Down Syndrome. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: Legislation continues the ongoing effort to create an abortion-free society. Children with Down Syndrome are gifts from God that should be cherished, not destroyed. "Sometimes it is feared that the child to be born would live in such conditions that it would be better if the birth did not take place. Nevertheless, these reasons and others like them, however serious and tragic, can never justify the deliberate killing of an innocent human being." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 58) 02/19/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

### ***Abortion Reflection Period/Repeal***

[SB 170](#)

Sponsor: Schupp, Jill (D)

Repeals the 72-hour waiting period prior to an abortion.

**Remarks** Oppose: Repealing the 72-hour reflection period before an abortion will promote hasty abortion decisions that victimize both mother and unborn child. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 1-31-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Health and Pensions

### ***Abortion Trigger Ban***

[HB 1017](#)

Sponsor: Schnelting, Adam (R)

Makes the performance or inducement of an abortion, except in a medical emergency, a criminal offense. Legislation would ban all abortions in Missouri, except those for a medical emergency, at such time as the United States Supreme Court overrules *Roe v. Wade*, or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants Missouri the authority to regulate abortion. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. A trigger ban would make a strong statement in support of life and opposition to legalized abortion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

[SB 345](#)

Sponsor: Koenig, Andrew (R)

Legislation would ban all abortions in Missouri, except those for a medical emergency, at such time as the United States Supreme Court overrules *Roe v. Wade*, or an amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants Missouri the authority to regulate abortion. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. A trigger ban would make a strong statement in support of life and opposition to legalized abortion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 3-13-2019 - Bill Combined (w/SCS SBs 279, 139 & 345)

### ***Abortion/Murder Conviction for Women***

[HB 789](#)

Sponsor: Pogue, Jeffrey (R)

Changes the laws regarding abortion.

**Remarks**

Oppose: Legislation would allow for first degree murder convictions of women procuring abortions, thereby potentially exposing them to the death penalty. The Church opposes both abortion and the death penalty. This legislation would only perpetuate a cycle of violence and retribution when what is called for is an intervention of mercy that will break this cycle and lead to redeemed lives and new hope. Civil authorities would do well to follow the example of the Catholic Church in promoting programs such as "Project Rachel" that help post-abortive women make a new start in life. 02/19/19

**Bill History**

5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

***Abortion/Parental Notification***

[HB 127](#)

Sponsor: Miller, Rocky (R)

Changes the laws regarding the parental notification required for a minor to obtain an abortion. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks**

Support: Legislation upholds the integrity of the family by ensuring that both parents are notified when one of their children is seeking an abortion. 01/25/19

**Bill History**

2-14-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

[SB 106](#)

Sponsor: Hoskins, Denny (R)

Changes the law regarding consent for a minor to obtain an abortion.

**Remarks**

Support: Legislation upholds the integrity of the family by ensuring that both parents are notified when one of their children is seeking an abortion. 01/25/19

**Bill History**

2-13-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

***Alternatives to Abortion/Funding***

[HB 11](#) (Amended bill: CCS SCS HCS HB 11)

Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.155 provides \$6.4 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program.

**Remarks**

Support in part: Support Section 11.155 that provides funds for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program. Part of the effort to create a culture of life and compassion. "Thanks to the work of such centres, many unmarried mothers and couples discover new hope and find assistance and support in overcoming hardship and the fear of accepting a newly conceived life or life which has just come into the world." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 88) 02/19/19

**Bill History**

5-9-19 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

***Automatic Weapons Ban***

[HB 162](#)

Sponsor: Brown-27, Richard (D)

Creates the offense of knowingly possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a bump stock or trigger crank.

**Remarks**

Support: While the Church supports an individual's right to self defense, there is no need for individuals to possess bump stocks, which convert semi-automatic weapons to weapons of war. 02/19/19

**Bill History**

5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-General Laws

***Banning Promotion of Human Trafficking***

[HB 882](#)

Sponsor: Coleman, Mary Elizabeth (R)

Modifies the offense and penalties of promoting prostitution in the first degree.

**Remarks**

Support: Human trafficking is a phenomenon, aided by the internet and online

marketing services, that undermines human dignity and promotes the use of humans as commodities. Criminalizing the online promotion of prostitution is one way of curbing the spread of human trafficking and the sex trade. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 4-11-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

[SB 37](#) (Amended bill: SS SCS SB 37)

Sponsor: Onder, Bob (R)

Modifies the offense and penalties of promoting prostitution in the first degree.

**Remarks** Support: Human trafficking is a phenomenon, aided by the internet and online marketing services, that undermines human dignity and promotes the use of humans as commodities. Criminalizing the online promotion of prostitution is one way of curbing the spread of human trafficking and the sex trade. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 5-9-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

### ***Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act***

[HB 971](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 971)

Sponsor: Richey, Doug (R)

Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Remarks** Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life sustaining care. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 4-25-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

[SB 388](#)

Sponsor: Burlison, Eric (R)

Establishes the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act".

**Remarks** Support: The state has a duty to protect human life and to prosecute those who show a reckless disregard for it. No child born alive following an abortion attempt should be denied basic life sustaining care. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 3-27-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Health and Pensions

### ***Cryopreservation of Human Embryos***

[HB 245](#)

Sponsor: Neely, James (R)

Requires insurance companies to cover fertility preservation procedures for insureds who are at least 18 years old and are diagnosed with cancer but have not started cancer treatment.

**Remarks** Amend per position: Cryopreservation of human embryos is unjust and incompatible with the respect owed to human embryos. "To refuse to take part in committing an injustice is not only a moral duty; it is a basic human right." (*Evangelium Vitae*, par. 74) This bill contains inadequate exemptions for those operating their business in accord with their faith. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 4-24-19 H Public hearing completed

### ***Death Penalty Repeal***

[HB 1208](#)

Sponsor: Hurst, Tom (R)

Repeals the death penalty.

**Remarks** Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2267) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Crime Prevention and Public Safety

[HB 64](#)

Sponsor: Unsicker, Sarah (D)

Abolishes the death penalty and specifies that any person sentenced to death before August 28, 2019, must be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

**Remarks** Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (*Catechism of the Catholic*

*Church*, par. 2267) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Judiciary

[SB 32](#) Sponsor: Wieland, Paul (R)

Repeals the death penalty.

**Remarks** Support: The death penalty undermines respect for human life. Errors in the judicial system can lead to the execution of innocent people. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2267) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 1-17-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-General Laws

### ***Death Penalty/Jury Instructions***

[HB 811](#) Sponsor: Dogan, Shamed (R)

Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

**Remarks** Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 4-17-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

[SB 288](#) Sponsor: Wieland, Paul (R)

Modifies provisions relating to jury instructions for the offense of murder in the first degree.

**Remarks** Support: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 4-16-19 S Hearing conducted

### ***Death Penalty/Mental Illness Exemption***

[HB 353](#) Sponsor: Hannegan, Tom (R)

Provides that a person cannot be sentenced to death if he or she raises the issue that he or she suffered from a serious mental illness at the time of the commission of the offense.

**Remarks** Support: Support this proposal to exempt the seriously mentally ill from capital punishment. The MCC supports repeal of the death penalty, but also supports incremental steps to scale back the death penalty, such as proposed in this legislation. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-29-19 H Public hearing completed

[SB 462](#) Sponsor: Arthur, Lauren (D)

Provides a procedure by which a defendant may be found to be not eligible for the death penalty due to serious mental illness.

**Remarks** Support: Support this proposal to exempt the seriously mentally ill from capital punishment. The MCC supports repeal of the death penalty, but also supports incremental steps to scale back the death penalty, such as proposed in this legislation. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 4-16-19 S Hearing Conducted, Senate-Judiciary/Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence

### ***Fertility Treatment Mandate***

[HB 855](#) Sponsor: Walker, Cora Faith (D)

Adds provisions relating to insurance coverage for fertility treatments.

**Remarks** Oppose: Artificial reproductive techniques like artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalize the act of creating a child, and require the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use

in human embryonic stem cell research. (*Dignitas Personae*, par. 18) 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Insurance Policy

[SB 92](#) Sponsor: Nasheed, Jamilah (D)

Requires health insurers to cover fertility treatments under certain circumstances.

**Remarks** Oppose: Artificial reproductive techniques like artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization (IVF) depersonalize the act of creating a child, and require the harvesting of human eggs and the artificial storage of human embryos, denying them maternal reception and gestation. IVF also often results in the destruction of excess embryos through selective reduction after implantation (a form of abortion), or destruction for use in human embryonic stem cell research. (*Dignitas Personae*, par. 18) 02/19/19

**Bill History** 1-23-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Insurance and Banking

### ***Guns in Private Schools***

[HB 575](#) Sponsor: Dohrman, Dean (R)

Allows institutions of higher education to designate one or more faculty or staff members as campus protection officers.

**Remarks** Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon into private K-12 schools and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of school officials to carry a concealed firearm, requiring school to post signage. Oppose: As part of principle of religious liberty, parochial schools should continue to have the right to decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise) on school grounds. 04/23/19

**Bill History** 4-25-19 S Voted do pass as substitute from committee on Senate-Transport/ Infrastruct/ Public Safety

### ***Heartbeat***

[HB 126](#) (Amended bill: SS SCS HB 126) Sponsor: Schroer, Nick (R)

To establish the "Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act" that places new limits on abortion.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-24-19 G Signed by the Governor

[HB 870](#) Sponsor: Gregory, David (R)

Prohibits abortions when there is a detectable fetal heartbeat, except under certain circumstances.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 2-13-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

[HB 964](#) Sponsor: Coleman, Mary Elizabeth (R)

Requires the use of a fetal heartbeat detection test prior to an abortion and prohibits an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

[SB 139](#) Sponsor: Koenig, Andrew (R)

Modifies provisions of law relating to abortion. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 3-13-2019 - Bill Combined (w/SCS SBs 279, 139 & 345)

## **Informed Consent/Abortion**

### [HB 282](#)

Sponsor: Anderson, Sonya (R)

Requires referrals for out-of-state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 3-28-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

### [SB 420](#)

Sponsor: Riddle, Jeanie (R)

Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: Having an abortion kills an unborn child and risks the mother's physical and mental health. Many abortions could be avoided if women were given accurate information about the development of their unborn child and provided with the names of organizations that offer alternatives to abortion. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 4-10-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Health and Pensions

## **Medical Risk Factor Evaluation**

### [HB 540](#)

Sponsor: Hannegan, Tom (R)

Requires abortion risk factor evaluation and the reporting of risk factors.

**Remarks** Support: Requiring the compilation of data concerning the reasons women seek abortion and the risk factors associated with those abortions can help us better understand why women chose to obtain abortions and possibly lead to a reduction in the number of abortions sought. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 2-19-19 H Public hearing completed

## **Narcotics Control Act**

### [HB 188](#)

Sponsor: Rehder, Holly (R)

Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports the intent of this legislation to better regulate the use of prescription pain medications and prevent "doctor shopping" for these drugs. "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage to human health. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2291) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### [HB 707](#)

Sponsor: Walker, Cora Faith (D)

Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports the intent of this legislation to better regulate the use of prescription pain medications and prevent "doctor shopping" for these drugs. "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage to human health. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2291) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

### [SB 155](#)

Sponsor: Luetkemeyer, Tony (R)

Establishes the Narcotics Control Act.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports the intent of this legislation to better regulate the use of prescription pain medications and prevent "doctor shopping" for these drugs. "The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage to human health. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2291)

01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### ***Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act***

[HB 339](#)

Sponsor: Schnelting, Adam (R)

Establishes the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act".

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 2-19-19 H Combined with HB 680

[HB 680](#) (Amended bill: HCS HBs 680 & 339)

Sponsor: Coleman, Mary Elizabeth (R)

Modifies provisions relating to abortion. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 2-21-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

[HB 850](#)

Sponsor: Swan, Kathy (R)

Establishes the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

[SB 279](#) (Amended bill: SCS SBs 279, 139 & 345)

Sponsor: Onder, Bob (R)

Modifies several provisions relating to abortion. Provisions included in HB 126.

**Remarks** Support: The MCC supports the effort to reduce abortions in the state of Missouri and to create a culture of life and compassion. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### ***Pregnancy Resource Centers/Coercion of Speech***

[SB 216](#)

Sponsor: Schupp, Jill (D)

Requires organizations that provide pregnancy-related services to provide medically accurate information regarding reproductive health options in order to receive state funding.

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation would force pregnancy resource centers to provide information about abortion options. This is contrary to the core mission of pregnancy resource centers and represents a violation of free speech. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Judiciary

### ***Shackling of Pregnant Offenders/Prohibition***

[HB 1122](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 1122)

Sponsor: Coleman, Mary Elizabeth (R)

Changes the law regarding restraining pregnant prisoners by making state regulations apply to local jails.

**Remarks** Support: Missouri law restricting the shackling of pregnant offenders does not currently apply to counties and municipalities. Shackling pregnant offenders demeans the dignity of the human person and can place the health of pregnant women and their unborn children at risk, and the Missouri law should be applied on a state-wide basis. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 5-6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

## **WELCOME AND ACCOMPANY IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

### ***Detention to Verify Immigration Status***



[SJR 18](#)

Sponsor: Cunningham, Mike (R)

Creates new requirements relating to the verification of the immigration status of certain persons.

**Remarks** Oppose: Detaining unlawful immigrants for minor offenses in order to verify their immigration status is unjust and risks separating families and undermining the Church's ability to minister to the immigrant population. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**Refugees Ban**

[HB 775](#)

Sponsor: Pogue, Jeffrey (R)

Forbids the placement of refugees without the approval of the Missouri General Assembly.

**Remarks** Oppose: Refugees are people fleeing war and persecution in their native country. Missouri should act promptly to welcome these families into our state. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Special Committee on Homeland Security

**ADVANCE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL**

**Circuit Breaker Tax Credit/Repeal**

[HB 1228](#)

Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)

Modifies provisions relating to a property tax credit.

**Remarks** Oppose: Seniors who pay rent should continue to be afforded a tax credit for the portion of their rent attributed to state property taxes as a means of helping them cover their medical expenses and to help them continue to live independently. This current tax credit, if amended, should not be eliminated. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Ways and Means

[SB 208](#)

Sponsor: Wallingford, Wayne (R)

Modifies provisions relating to the Senior Citizens Property Tax Credit.

**Remarks** Oppose: Seniors who pay rent should continue to be afforded a tax credit for the portion of their rent attributed to state property taxes as a means of helping them cover their medical expenses and to help them continue to live independently. This current tax credit, if amended, should not be eliminated. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**Earned Income Tax Credit**

[HB 1194](#)

Sponsor: Carpenter, Jon (D)

Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.

**Remarks** Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (*Laborem Excerens*, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Ways and Means

[HB 291](#)

Sponsor: Kidd, Bill (R)

Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.

**Remarks** Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (*Laborem Excerens*, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 3-26-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

[HB 846](#) Sponsor: Carpenter, Jon (D)  
Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.  
**Remarks** Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (*Laborem Excerens*, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 2-13-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Ways and Means

[SB 183](#) Sponsor: Arthur, Lauren (D)  
Creates the Missouri Earned Income Tax Credit.  
**Remarks** Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (*Laborem Excerens*, par. 9,10,17-19) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 3-12-19 S Hearing conducted

### ***Food Stamps/Work Requirements***

[SB 4](#) Sponsor: Sater, David (R)  
Modifies the law relating to work requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.  
**Remarks** Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to children. There are better ways to encourage work. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### ***Medicaid Global Waiver***

[HB 659](#) Sponsor: Shields, Brenda (R)  
Requires the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Social Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver program.  
**Remarks** Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-24-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

[SB 77](#) Sponsor: Sater, David (R)  
Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet.  
**Remarks** Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, par. 166) 01/25/19

**Bill History** 3-27-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

### ***Medicaid Work Requirements***

[HB 1172](#) Sponsor: Trent, Curtis (R)  
Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements.  
**Remarks** Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Those living in poverty face deprivations that can make compliance with such requirements difficult and even unattainable. Access to healthcare often enables work for those able-bodied adults with physical and mental health challenges. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Children and Families

[HB 183](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 183) Sponsor: Trent, Curtis (R)

**Remarks** Modifies provisions relating to public assistance benefits.  
Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Those living in poverty face deprivations that can make compliance with such requirements difficult and even unattainable. Access to healthcare often enables work for those able-bodied adults with physical and mental health challenges. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-14-19 H Dropped from Calendar - Pursuant to House Rules

[SB 76](#) (Amended bill: SCS SB 76) Sponsor: Sater, David (R)

Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements.

**Remarks** Oppose: Any major change to Missouri's Medicaid program should follow, not precede, establishment of a new federal program. Those living in poverty face deprivations that can make compliance with such requirements difficult and even unattainable. Access to healthcare often enables work for those able-bodied adults with physical and mental health challenges. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### ***Merchandising Practices Act***

[HB 714](#) Sponsor: Trent, Curtis (R)

Changes the laws regarding civil actions for unlawful merchandising practices.

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Judiciary

[HB 814](#) Sponsor: Gregory, David (R)

Changes the laws regarding unlawful merchandising practices.

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Judiciary

[SB 150](#) (Amended bill: SCS SB 150) Sponsor: Koenig, Andrew(R)

Modifies provisions regarding interpretation of unlawful merchandising practice claims.

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 276](#) (Amended bill: SCS SB 276) Sponsor: Rowden, Caleb (R)

Modifies provisions relating to civil actions to recover damages for unlawful merchandising practices.

**Remarks** Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 62](#) (Amended bill: SCS SB 62) Sponsor: Burlison, Eric (R)

Modifies provisions regarding class actions for unlawful merchandising practice claims.

**Remarks** Amend per position: Legislation must be amended to protect the poor from potentially predatory business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### ***Minimum Wage Repeal***

[HB 858](#) Sponsor: Ross, Robert (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to the state minimum wage rate.

**Remarks** Oppose: The MCC supported the intent of the state-wide ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage approved by voters in November 2018. All workers deserve a just wage in order to support themselves and their families. A just wage is one way to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 2434) This bill would repeal the state minimum wage, resulting in Missouri's minimum wage being in line with the federal minimum wage, which is currently too low. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Workforce Development

### ***MO Rx/Funding***

[HB 252](#) Sponsor: Morris, Lynn (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to the MO Rx plan.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

[HB 802](#) Sponsor: Kendrick, Kip (D)  
Modifies provisions relating to certain MO HealthNet provider reimbursement allowance taxes and the MO Rx Plan.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Health and Mental Health Policy

[SB 78](#) Sponsor: Sater, David (R)  
Modifies provisions relating to the Missouri Rx plan.

**Remarks** Support: MCC supports ensuring funding for MO Rx program, which ensures low income seniors can purchase the prescription medications they need to stay healthy. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### ***Payday Lending Reform***

[HB 323](#) Sponsor: Helms, Steve (R)  
Changes the law regarding unsecured loans of five hundred dollars or less.

**Remarks** Support: This legislation makes important first steps in protecting consumers from predatory lending. In his 2009 encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI said, "The weakest members of society should be helped to defend themselves against usury, just as poor peoples should be helped to derive real benefit from micro-credit, in order to discourage the exploitation that is possible in these two areas." 01/25/19

**Bill History** 3-14-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Financial Institutions

### ***Postpartum Care***

[SB 263](#) Sponsor: Schupp, Jill (D)

**Remarks** Provides for postpartum depression screening and treatment for certain mothers. Support in part: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare, which can include treatment for women with postpartum depression. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, par. 1908) 03/22/19

**Bill History** 3-27-19 S Hearing conducted

### ***Show-Me Healthy Babies***

[HB 11](#) (Amended bill: CCS SCS HCS HB 11) Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.730 provides \$32.5 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program. This includes funding for prenatal care and related services for pregnant women and their unborn children.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 11.730 that provides funds for Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which is designed to provide improved access to prenatal care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-9-19 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

## **UPHOLD MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

### ***Healthy Marriage/Fatherhood Initiative***

[HB 11](#) (Amended bill: CCS SCS HCS HB 11) Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)

To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.155 provides \$2.5 million for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program.

**Remarks** Support in part: Support Section 11.155 that provides funds for the Healthy Marriage and Fatherhood Initiative program, which encourages stronger marriages and assists absent fathers in reconnecting with their families and children. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-9-19 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

## **DEFEND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

### ***Church Space/Gun Regulations***

[HB 258](#) Sponsor: Taylor, Jered (R)

Modifies provisions relating to the concealed carrying of firearms.

**Remarks** Oppose: Bill eliminates prohibition of carrying weapon into church and eliminates requirement that concealed carry permit holder obtain consent of minister to carry a concealed firearm, requiring church to post signage. Bill allows lifetime permit holders to carry in a church without permission of pastor, even if church posts signage. Oppose: As part of principle of religious liberty, churches should continue to have the right to regulate their sacred spaces and decide whether or not to allow weapons (concealed or otherwise). 01/25/19

**Bill History** 3-6-19 H Public hearing completed

### ***Religious Liberty Protections/Campus Organizations***

[HB 837](#) Sponsor: Kelly, Hannah (R)

Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student association or denying a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association.

**Remarks** Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against based on

	their religious beliefs or practices. 02/19/19
<b>Bill History</b>	5- 6-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Legislative Oversight
<a href="#">HB 927</a>	Sponsor: Deaton, Dirk (R)
	Creates new provisions relating to student freedom of association.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against based on their religious beliefs or practices. 02/19/19
<b>Bill History</b>	2-25-19 H Public hearing completed
<a href="#">SB 314</a>	Sponsor: Burlison, Eric (R)
	Prohibits institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student organization.
<b>Remarks</b>	Support: College campus organizations should not be discriminated against based on their religious beliefs or practices. 02/19/19
<b>Bill History</b>	3-12-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Education

### ***Religious Liberty/Infringements***

<a href="#">HB 208</a>	Sponsor: Razer, Greg (D)
	Modifies provisions relating to complaints filed with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights regarding discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.
<b>Remarks</b>	Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/25/19
<b>Bill History</b>	5-8-19 H Public hearing completed
<a href="#">HB 350</a>	Sponsor: Hannegan, Tom (R)
	Modifies provisions relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.
<b>Remarks</b>	Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/25/19
<b>Bill History</b>	5-8-19 H Public hearing completed
<a href="#">SB 172</a>	Sponsor: Schupp, Jill (D)
	Bars discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
<b>Remarks</b>	Oppose: No one should face unjust discrimination, including discrimination for same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria; however, the proposed legislation has potential negative implications for religious liberty, privacy rights, and rights of conscience. This bill would penalize those who believe we are created male and female, violate the privacy and safety rights of women and girls, and the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals. 01/25/19
<b>Bill History</b>	1-31-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Small Business and Industry

## **PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***A+ Scholarships/Private High School Graduates***

<a href="#">HB 3</a> (Amended bill: CCS#2 SCS HCS HB 3)	Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)
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Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education, including funding for A+ scholarships for private/parochial school students.

**Remarks** Support in part: A+ college scholarships are now available on a non-discriminatory basis to graduates of both public and nonpublic high schools. This is an important appropriation as a matter of basic fairness and part of government's obligation to uphold the common good, including creating access to education. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, pars. 1903, 1908) 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-9-19 S Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

### ***Empowerment Scholarships***

[HB 34](#)

Sponsor: Stacy, Dan (R)

Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

**Remarks** Support with amendments: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children. The proposal that 100% of donations be eligible for a tax credit undermines the purpose of tax credits in leveraging private dollars and raising more funds to offer more scholarships. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Elementary and Secondary Education

[HB 478](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 478)

Sponsor: Christofanelli, Phil (R)

Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

**Remarks** Support with amendments: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children. The proposal that 100% of donations be eligible for a tax credit undermines the purpose of tax credits in leveraging private dollars and raising more funds to offer more scholarships. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 2-25-19 H Reported do pass House-Rules-Administrative Oversight

[SB 160](#) (Amended bill: SCS SB 160)

Sponsor: Koenig, Andrew (R)

Establishes the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

**Remarks** Support with amendments: Support intent of legislation to expand educational opportunities to children. The proposal that 100% of donations be eligible for a tax credit undermines the purpose of tax credits in leveraging private dollars and raising more funds to offer more scholarships. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

## **REFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### ***Early Parole/Older Inmates***

[HB 352](#) (Amended bill: HCS#2 HB 352)

Sponsor: Hannegan, Tom (R)

Authorizes the early parole of certain offenders over the age of sixty-five.

**Remarks** Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In *A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 03/22/19

**Bill History** 5- 6-19 S Hearing conducted

### ***Equal Access to Basic Healthcare Needs***

[HB 920](#)

Sponsor: Coleman, Mary Elizabeth (R)

Specifies that certain healthcare products shall be available to prisoners at no cost while held in custody.

**Remarks** Support: The Department of Corrections has a duty to uphold the dignity of prisoners in their custody, including ensuring that women have access to sanitary products while incarcerated. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 4-25-19 H Set on the House Calendar

### **Minimum Prison Sentences**

[HB 113](#) (Amended bill: SS#3 SCS HB 113) Sponsor: Smith, Cody (R)

Allows the court to depart from minimum sentencing provisions in certain circumstances.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the bishops reject simplistic solutions to crime such as rigid mandatory sentencing saying, "We must renew our efforts to ensure that the punishment fits the crime. Therefore, we do not support mandatory sentencing that replaces judges' assessments with rigid formulations." 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Reported do pass House-Fiscal Review

[HB 304](#) Sponsor: Roberts-77, Steve (D)

Provides that certain mandatory minimum sentences may be discretionary and creates provisions when a person is eligible for a parole hearing.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the bishops reject simplistic solutions to crime such as rigid mandatory sentencing saying, "We must renew our efforts to ensure that the punishment fits the crime. Therefore, we do not support mandatory sentencing that replaces judges' assessments with rigid formulations." 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Special Committee on Criminal Justice

[SB 8](#) (Amended bill: SCS SBs 8 & 74) Sponsor: Emery, Ed (R)

Allows courts to depart from a statutorily required minimum prison term when sentencing a defendant.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the bishops reject simplistic solutions to crime such as rigid mandatory sentencing saying, "We must renew our efforts to ensure that the punishment fits the crime. Therefore, we do not support mandatory sentencing that replaces judges' assessments with rigid formulations." 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

### **Offering Life With Parole vs Without**

[HB 195](#) Sponsor: Neely, James (R)

Allows a court to reduce a life without parole sentence to a sentence of life with eligibility for parole in certain circumstances.

**Remarks** Support: In their 2000 statement, *Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, the bishops call for a renewed emphasis to be placed on parole and probation as an alternative to incarceration. Offenders should have a reasonable opportunity to obtain parole after serving an appropriate amount of time. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-18-19 H Voted do not pass from committee House-Special Committee on Criminal Justice



## **Omnibus Corrections Bill**

[HCB 2](#)

Sponsor: Dogan, Shamed (R)

Modifies provisions relating to criminal justice.

**Remarks** Support: The Missouri Catholic Conference supports reform of the criminal justice system to ensure that inmates are treated with dignity while incarcerated and that they are given a fair opportunity for parole and work after serving their sentence without being burdened by excessive fines and penalties upon release. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 5-9-19 Dropped from Calendar - Pursuant to House Rules

## **Prisoners on Medicaid**

[HB 1102](#)

Sponsor: Roberts-161, Lane (R)

Requires the MO HealthNet benefits of offenders in correctional facilities and jails to be suspended rather than terminated.

**Remarks** Support: Indigent persons serving jail time, including those with mental illness and other medical conditions, deserve access to medical insurance coverage upon their release to ensure a continuity of care. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Corrections and Public Institutions

[SB 393](#)

Sponsor: Hough, Lincoln (R)

Requires the MO HealthNet benefits of offenders in correctional facilities and jails to be suspended rather than terminated.

**Remarks** Support: Indigent persons serving jail time, including those with mental illness and other medical conditions, deserve access to medical insurance coverage upon their release to ensure a continuity of care. 03/22/19

**Bill History** 3-27-19 S Voted do pass from committee on Senate-Seniors/Families and Children

## **Reforms Private Probation**

[HB 80](#) (Amended bill: HCS HB 80)

Sponsor: Hill, Justin (R)

Changes the law regarding private probation supervision services by prohibiting drug and alcohol screen tests unrelated to the offense and requiring the use of earned compliance credits.

**Remarks** Support: Probation providers should be limited in the requirements they are permitted to impose upon offenders as a matter of justice and the legitimate exercise of public authority. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 4-4-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary/Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence

## **Repeals Court Costs/Fines for Offenders**

[HB 192](#) (Amended bill: SS SCS HCS HB 192)

Sponsor: DeGroot, Bruce (R)

Modifies provisions relating to the payment fines by offenders.

**Remarks** Support: Board bills and other court costs imposed on individuals convicted of minor offenses are unjust and punitive and fail to serve as a just means of correction. 01/25/19

**Bill History** 5-13-19 H Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed

## **Restorative Justice**

[SB 364](#)

Sponsor: Williams, Brian (D)

Creates an income tax deduction for the hiring of certain felons.

**Remarks** Support: By giving employers an incentive to hire felons, this legislation promotes restorative justice principles recognized in Catholic social teaching. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 2-28-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Ways and Means

## ***Restoring Work Opportunities***

[HB 564](#) (Amended bill: SCS HCS HB 564)

Sponsor: Grier, Derek (R)

Establishes the "Fresh Start Act of 2019".

**Remarks** Support: This legislation promotes restorative justice by assisting offenders with licensure so that they can return to gainful employment. This promotes restorative justice principles promoted by the Church. In a restorative justice approach to crime, the offender is held accountable, the victim is restored, and the community plays a role in restoring the offender to society. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 5-17-19 S 5-17-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Fiscal Oversight

[SB 251](#)

Sponsor: Koenig, Andrew (R)

Creates the "Fresh Start Act of 2019".

**Remarks** Support: This legislation promotes restorative justice by assisting offenders with licensure so that they can return to gainful employment. This promotes restorative justice principles promoted by the Church. In a restorative justice approach to crime, the offender is held accountable, the victim is restored, and the community plays a role in restoring the offender to society. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 2-25-19 S Hearing conducted

## ***Wrongful Convictions/Compensation***

[HB 692](#)

Sponsor: Bosley, LaKeySha (D)

Increases the amount a wrongfully imprisoned person may receive from \$50 per day to \$100 per day.

**Remarks** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 3-14-19 H Referred to House Committee on House-Rules-Legislative Oversight

[SB 488](#)

Sponsor: Rizzo, John (D)

Provides that exonerated felons may be paid restitution.

**Remarks** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation addresses the compensation already provided under current law. 02/19/19

**Bill History** 3-14-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate-Judiciary/Civil/Criminal Jurisprudence