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## 2017 END OF SESSION REPORT



### Help for Elderly and Disabled Preserved by General Assembly

In the waning days of this year's session, it appeared state lawmakers would roll back vital in-home care services for elderly and disabled Missourians. But with only minutes remaining, legislators passed legislation that preserves funding for in-home and long-term care for the elderly and disabled while keeping in place an existing tax credit for low-income renters.

As introduced, HCB 3 had pitted the interests of elderly and disabled needing medical care against those of low-income renters who are also elderly and/or disabled and eligible for a tax credit. The credit averages \$535 a year and helps people to meet the costs of basic necessities.

As originally passed by the Missouri House, HCB 3 repealed the renters' tax credit and used the savings to maintain funding for the in-home and long-term care program. Supporters of the House version of the legislation said that repealing the renters' credit was necessary to save funding for some 8,000 elderly and disabled who rely on in-home services to stay out of nursing homes.

But repealing the renters' credit would have cut off assistance to over 100,000 needy Missourians. The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) argued that the bill as passed by the House presented a false choice between the two needy groups. The MCC urged legislators to find other ways to fund the care for the elderly and disabled while keeping in place the renters' tax credit.

After the House passed a repeal of the renters' credit, the Senate amended HCB 3 by

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removing the proposed repeal and funding the in-home care by sweeping funds from the unexpended balances of various state programs. Senator Kiki Curls (D-Kansas City) offered the Senate amendment.

On the last day of the session, the House accepted the Senate amendments and passed HCB 3. The bill now must be signed by Governor Greitens in order to become state law.

The bill only offers a one-year fix. The fund sweep cannot be repeated next year, so legislators will have to find a

new source of funding in order to maintain the in-home care services for the elderly and disabled. The year-long reprieve should offer an opportunity for lawmakers to evaluate all of Missouri many tax credits. The MCC told legislators that the renters' credit could use improvements, but so could the other existing tax credits. Tax credit reform looks to be a priority for the 2018 session of the Missouri General Assembly.

*See the Senate vote and House vote 1 to find out how your legislators voted on HCB 3.*

## **General Assembly Funds Pro-life Programs, Defunds Planned Parenthood, But Fails to Pass Pro-life Legislation**

The 2017 legislative session ended with both pro-life victories and pro-life defeats. The General Assembly provided generous funding for pro-life programs, including \$6.4 million for the Alternatives to Abortion (ATA) program. The ATA program provides funding for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes that offer women who are facing a crisis pregnancy material and spiritual assistance with their pregnancies, as well as educational opportunities to help them thrive in their role as mothers.

A program aimed at supporting fathers also received funding in the amount of \$1.5 million. This program, called the Fatherhood Initiative, seeks to encourage the participation of men in the lives of their children, with the ultimate goal of pulling at-risk children out of poverty.

The General Assembly also appropriated \$13 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which offers medical care to unborn children whose mothers are uninsured. This program is designed to provide prenatal care for the unborn, so that they achieve a healthy birth weight and have every opportunity to succeed.

Using the budget process, the legislature also cut off family planning funding to organizations that perform abortions or provide counsel for abortions. This is the second year in a row the Missouri General Assembly has defunded Planned Parenthood through the budget process.

The legislature failed, however, to pass two priority pieces of pro-life legislation the MCC worked hard to get passed.

HB 174 and SB 41 were bills that would have pre-empted the recently enacted St. Louis City ordinance that made St. Louis an abortion "sanctuary" city. HB 174 passed the House and made it to the Senate calendar, but never made it to the Senate floor for further debate. A Senate version of HB 174 (SB 41) was debated on the Senate floor late one evening and into the early hours of the next morning earlier in the session, but it was never called back up from the Senate calendar for further debate and passage. As a result, the St. Louis abortion sanctuary ordinance is still in effect.

The Senate also failed to act on HB 194 and SB 67, bills that would ensure that fetal tissue from abortions in Missouri isn't diverted for research and other purposes, and that abortion clinics are inspected annually. HB 194 came over to the Senate late in the session and never made it out of committee. SB 67 was debated earlier in the session, but was ultimately never passed in the Senate, despite an extended debate.

On May 22, 2017, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Our Lady's Inn (a local maternity home), and O'Brien Industries sued the city of St. Louis challenging the abortion sanctuary ordinance. Archbishop Carlson stated at a press conference announcing the lawsuit that the passage of the ordinance is, "a marker of our city's embrace of the culture of death." Stay tuned for more information about this lawsuit.

*See House vote 2 to find out how your representative voted on HB 174.*

## **2017 End of Session Report**

Be sure to look over the 2017 End of Session Report now available on our website at [mocatholic.org](http://mocatholic.org). This report shows the final status of all the bills the MCC took a position on during the 2017 Missouri legislative session.

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 15, 2017 to sign or veto bills.

## "Raise the Age" Fails in Legislature

Raise the Age is an effort to increase the age from 17 to 18 of juvenile jurisdiction. Currently, Missouri is one of only seven states that still charge 17-year-olds in adult court. The vast majority of these teens commit non-violent offenses; those that do commit serious crimes would still be charged in adult court.

This session, there were two bills dealing with Raise the Age: SB 40, sponsored by Senator Bob Dixon (R-Springfield), and HB 274, sponsored by Representative Nick Schroer (R-O'Fallon). First up with a hearing was SB 40, where a large group of people was called to testify—mostly in favor of the bill. They testified that youth could be rehabilitated and there was no need to house them in adult jails where they could be vulnerable to physical and sexual abuse. The Juvenile Justice Association opposed the bill because they didn't know if they would have the resources to house the youth. The bill languished in the Senate committee, ending with no vote on the bill.

HB 274 then had a hearing in the House. This time Rep. Schroer was ready to address the cost issue. He told the committee that the cost was misleading because youth would have to be taken in either by the adult court or the juvenile court. The Juvenile Justice Association again testified to the cost issue. Eventually, the bill was voted "Do Pass" by a vote of 10-1.

By that point there was about a month left in the session and Rep. Schroer was afraid that the bill would never make it through the House in time. He went in search of a Senate bill to which he could add the language as an amendment. He found one in SB 50, a health care directive bill.

Pitching the "Raise the Age" proposal as a way to prevent suicide (youth held in adult jails are 36 times more likely to commit suicide than youth in juvenile

detention facilities), the House added an amendment to SB 50. When SB 50 came back to the Senate, Senator Gina Walsh (D-St. Louis) called for a conference committee to iron out the differences in the bill. The conference committee kept only a handful of amendments—and the Raise the Age language was not included. We thank Rep. Schoer for his tenacity in trying to get the bill passed.

Raise the Age was supported by many groups, including the Missouri Catholic Conference. The MCC supports the bill because young people should not be placed in adult jails and treated like adults in criminal proceedings. This issue is expected to be re-visited next session.

## Drug Registry Bill Fails to Pass – Again

As they have in past sessions, state legislators spent days debating how to stop patients from "doctor shopping" for painkillers and other prescription medications to satisfy their drug addiction, but in the end they failed to pass any bill.

State Representative Holly Rehder (R-Sikeston) has been the tireless champion for creating a program that would allow doctors and pharmacists to check a state registry to see if a patient was abusing a prescription drug. Missouri is the only state without such a program.

This year Rehder's bill was HB 90; it passed the House with overwhelming support. The Senate, however, undercut the effectiveness of the drug monitoring program by adding several crippling amendments. One amendment, for example, purged a patient's drug history after 180 days. In the end the two chambers could not reconcile their differences and the legislation died.

The MCC supported HB 90 as a way to combat doctor shopping. The proposal included provisions to protect confidentiality by barring disclosure of a patient's drug history except to doctors, pharmacists and law enforcement authorities.

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The Missouri Catholic Conference, the public policy agency for the Catholic Church in Missouri, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017. The MCC invites you to participate in a special anniversary celebration at St. Joseph Cathedral in Jefferson City on Saturday, Oct. 7. The event includes an address by Papal Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Since 1967, the MCC has been the voice of Missouri's Catholic Bishops and Catholic citizens in the halls of the State Capitol. 2017 will focus on celebrating the past accomplishments of the MCC and working toward future achievements together with Bishops, legislators and the citizens of Missouri. Visit [mocatholic.org](http://mocatholic.org) in the upcoming months to learn more about the keynote speaker and workshops that will be held at the 50th anniversary celebration.



# Missouri General Assembly Votes of Interest 2017

## Senate vote

Senate Third Read and Passed to remove a provision found in an earlier version of the bill that would have repealed an existing tax credit for low income renters who are elderly or disabled. Also ensured continued funding for in-home care for the elderly or disabled.

(SS HCB 3 Senate Third Read and Passed)

MCC Position: Support

### Voting Key:

Y – Yes N – No AL – Absent with Leave P – Present

Dist.	Legislator	Vote
1	Sen. Scott Sifton (D-St. Louis)	Y
2	Sen. Bob Onder (R-Lake St. Louis)	N
3	Sen. Gary Romine (R-Farmington)	N
4	Sen. Jacob Hummel (D-St. Louis)	Y
5	Sen. Jamilah Nasheed (D-St. Louis)	AL
6	Sen. Mike Kehoe (R-Jefferson City)	Y
7	Sen. Jason Holsman (D-Kansas City)	Y
8	Sen. Will Kraus (R-Lee's Summit)	N
9	Sen. Shalonn Curls (D-Kansas City)	Y
10	Sen. Jeanie Riddle (R-Fulton)	Y
11	Sen. John Rizzo (D-Kansas City)	Y
12	Sen. Dan Hegeman (R-Cosby)	Y
13	Sen. Gina Walsh (D-St. Louis)	Y
14	Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal (D-St. Louis)	Y
15	Sen. Andrew Koenig (R-Manchester)	Y
16	Sen. Dan Brown (R-Rolla)	Y
17	Sen. Ryan Silvey (R-Kansas City)	Y
18	Sen. Brian Munzlinger (R-Williamstown)	Y
19	Sen. Caleb Rowden (R-Columbia)	Y
20	Sen. Jay Wasson (R-Nixa)	Y
21	Sen. Denny Hoskins (R-Warrensburg)	Y
22	Sen. Paul Wieland (R-Imperial)	Y
23	Sen. Bill Eigel (R-St. Peters)	N
24	Sen. Jill Schupp (D-St. Louis)	Y
25	Sen. Doug Libla (R-Poplar Bluff)	Y
26	Sen. Dave Schatz (R-Sullivan)	Y
27	Sen. Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau)	Y
28	<i>Vacant</i>	
29	Sen. David Sater (R-Cassville)	Y
30	Sen. Bob Dixon (R-Springfield)	Y
31	Sen. Ed Emery (R-Lamar)	Y
32	Sen. Ron Richard (R-Joplin)	Y
33	Sen. Mike Cunningham (R-Rogersville)	Y
34	Sen. Rob Schaaf (R-St. Joseph)	N

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## House votes

**Vote 1** – As Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed, the House accepted the Senate changes that removed the repeal of an existing tax credit for low income renters who are elderly or disabled. Also ensured continued funding for in-home care for the elderly or disabled.

(SS HCB 3 Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed)

MCC Position: Support

**Vote 2** – House Third Read and Passed to pre-empt local pro-abortion ordinances and protect the free speech of Alternatives to Abortion agencies.

(HCS HB 174 House Third Read and Passed)

MCC Position: Support

Dist.	Legislator	1	2
1	Rep. Allen Andrews (R-Grant City)	N	Y
2	Rep. J. Eggleston (R-Maysville)	N	Y
3	Rep. Nate Walker (R-Kirksville)	Y	Y
4	Rep. Craig Redmon (R-Canton)	Y	Y
5	Rep. Lindell Shumake (R-Hannibal)	Y	AL
6	Rep. Tim Remole (R-Excelsio)	Y	Y
7	Rep. Rusty Black (R-Chillicothe)	AL	Y
8	Rep. Jim Neely (R-Cameron)	N	Y
9	Rep. Delus Johnson (R-St. Joseph)	N	Y
10	Rep. Pat Conway (D-St. Joseph)	Y	Y
11	Rep. Galen Higdon (R-St. Joseph)	N	Y
12	Rep. Kenneth Wilson (R-Smithville)	N	Y
13	Rep. Nick Marshall (R-Parkville)	Y	Y
14	Rep. Kevin Corlew (R-Kansas City)	N	Y
15	Rep. Jon Carpenter (D-Gladstone)	Y	N
16	Rep. Noel Shull (R-Kansas City)	Y	Y
17	Rep. Mark Ellebracht (D-Liberty)	Y	Y
18	Rep. Lauren Arthur (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
19	Rep. Ingrid Burnett (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
20	Rep. Bill Kidd (R-Independence)	Y	Y
21	Rep. Ira Anders (D-Independence)	Y	N
22	Rep. Brandon Ellington (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
23	Rep. Randy Dunn (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
24	Rep. Judy Morgan (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
25	Rep. Greg Razer (D-Kansas City)	Y	AL
26	Rep. Gail McCann Beatty (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
27	Rep. Richard Brown (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
28	Rep. Jerome Barnes (D-Raytown)	Y	N
29	Rep. Rory Rowland (D-Independence)	AL	Y
30	Rep. Mike Cierpiot (R-Lee's Summit)	Y	Y
31	Rep. Dan Stacy (R-Blue Springs)	N	Y
32	Rep. Jeanie Lauer (R-Blue Springs)	N	Y
33	Rep. Donna Pfautsch (R-Harrisonville)	Y	Y
34	Rep. Rebecca Roeber (R-Lee's Summit)	N	Y
35	Rep. Gary Cross (R-Lee's Summit)	AL	Y
36	Rep. DaRon McGee (D-Kansas City)	Y	N
37	Rep. Joe Runions (D-Grandview)	AL	Y
38	Rep. T. J. Berry (R-Kearney)	N	Y
39	Rep. Joe Don McGaugh (R-Carrollton)	Y	Y
40	Rep. Jim Hansen (R-Frankford)	Y	Y
41	Rep. Randy Pietzman (R-Troy)	N	Y
42	Rep. Bart Korman (R-High Hill)	N	Y
43	Rep. Jay Houghton (R-Martinsburg)	N	Y
44	Rep. Cheri Tolson Reisch (R-Hallsville)	N	Y
45	Rep. Kip Kendrick (D-Columbia)	Y	N
46	Rep. Martha Stevens (D-Columbia)	Y	N
47	Rep. Chuck Basye (R-Rocheport)	N	Y
48	Rep. Dave Muntzel (R-Boonville)	N	AL
49	Rep. Travis Fitzwater (R-Holts Summit)	Y	Y
50	<i>Vacant</i>		
51	Rep. Dean Dohrman (R-La Monte)	N	Y
52	Rep. Nathan Beard (R-Sedalia)	N	Y
53	Rep. Glen Kolkmeier (R-Odessa)	N	Y
54	Rep. Dan Houx (R-Warrensburg)	N	Y
55	Rep. Rick Brattin (R-Harrisonville)	N	Y
56	Rep. Jack Bondon (R-Belton)	Y	Y
57	Rep. Wanda Brown (R-Lincoln)	Y	Y
58	Rep. David Wood (R-Versailles)	N	Y

## House votes continued

Voting Key: Y – Yes N – No AL – Absent with Leave P – Present

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	59	Rep. Mike Bernskoetter (R-Jefferson City)	Y	Y
	60	Rep. Jay Barnes (R-Jefferson City)	Y	Y
	61	Rep. Justin Alferman (R-Hermann)	Y	Y
	62	Rep. Tom Hurst (R-St. Thomas)	N	Y
	63	Rep. Bryan Spencer (R-Wentzville)	N	Y
	64	Rep. Robert Cornejo (R-St. Peters)	N	Y
	65	Rep. Tom Hannegan (R-St. Charles)	N	Y
	66	Rep. Tommie Pierson Jr. (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	67	Rep. Alan Green (D-Florissant)	Y	P
	68	Rep. Jay Mosley (D-Florissant)	Y	N
	69	Rep. Gretchen Bangert (D-Florissant)	Y	N
	70	Rep. Mark Matthiesen (R-Maryland Heights)	Y	Y
	71	Rep. Sue Meredith (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	72	Rep. Mary Nichols (D-Maryland Heights)	Y	N
	73	Rep. Courtney Curtis (D-Berkeley)	Y	N
	74	Rep. Cora Walker (D-Ferguson)	Y	N
	75	Rep. Alan Gray (D-Blackjack)	AL	N
	76	Rep. Joshua Peters (D-St. Louis)	Y	AL
	77	Rep. Steven Roberts (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	78	Rep. Bruce Franks (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	79	Rep. Michael Butler (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	80	Rep. Peter Merideth (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	81	Rep. Fred Wessels (D-St. Louis)	Y	Y
	82	Rep. Donna Baringer (D-St. Louis)	Y	Y
	83	Rep. Gina Mitten (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	84	Rep. Karla May (D-St. Louis)	AL	N
	85	Rep. Clem Smith (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	86	Rep. Joe Adams (D-University City)	Y	N
	87	Rep. Stacey Newman (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	88	Rep. Tracy McCreery (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	89	Rep. Dean Plocher (R-Clayton)	Y	Y
	90	Rep. Deb Lavender (D-Kirkwood)	Y	N
	91	Rep. Sarah Unsicker (D-Shrewsbury)	Y	N
	92	Rep. Doug Beck (D-St. Louis)	Y	N
	93	Rep. Bob Burns (D-St. Louis)	AL	N
	94	Rep. Cloria Brown (R-St. Louis)	N	Y
	95	Rep. Marsha Haefner (R-St. Louis)	Y	Y
	96	Rep. David Gregory (R-St. Louis)	N	Y
	97	Rep. John McCaherty (R-High Ridge)	Y	Y
	98	Rep. Shamed Dogan (R-Ballwin)	Y	Y
	99	Rep. Jean Evans (R-Manchester)	N	Y
	100	Rep. Derek Grier (R-Chesterfield)	N	Y
	101	Rep. Bruce DeGroot (R-Chesterfield)	N	Y
	102	Rep. Kurt Bahr (R-St. Charles)	N	Y
	103	Rep. John Wiemann (R-O'Fallon)	N	Y
	104	Rep. Kathie Conway (R-St. Charles)	Y	Y
	105	Rep. Phil Christofanelli (R-St. Peters)	N	Y
	106	Rep. Chrissy Sommer (R-St. Charles)	N	Y
	107	Rep. Nick Schroer (R-O'Fallon)	Y	Y
	108	Rep. Justin Hill (R-Lake St. Louis)	N	Y
	109	Rep. Paul Curtman (R-Union)	N	AL
	110	Rep. Kirk Mathews (R-Pacific)	Y	Y
	111	Rep. Shane Roden (R-Cedar Hill)	AL	Y
<p><b>Vote 2</b> – House Third Read and Passed to pre-empt local pro-abortion ordinances and protect the free speech of Alternatives to Abortion agencies.</p> <p>(HCS HB 174 House Third Read and Passed)</p> <p>MCC Position: Support</p>	Dist.	Legislator	1	2
	112	Rep. Rob Vescovo (R-Arnold)	N	Y
	113	Rep. Dan Shaul (R-Imperial)	N	Y
	114	Rep. Becky Ruth (R-Festus)	Y	Y
	115	Rep. Elaine Gannon (R-De Soto)	N	Y
	116	Rep. Kevin Engler (R-Farmington)	N	Y
	117	Rep. Mike Henderson (R-Bonne Terre)	N	Y
	118	Rep. Ben Harris (D-Hillsboro)	Y	Y
	119	Rep. Nate Tate (R-St. Clair)	Y	Y
	120	Rep. Jason Chipman (R-Steelville)	Y	Y
	121	Rep. Keith Frederick (R-Rolla)	N	Y
	122	Rep. Steve Lynch (R-Waynesville)	AL	Y
	123	Rep. Diane Franklin (R-Camdenton)	N	Y
	124	Rep. Rocky Miller (R-Lake Ozark)	N	Y
	125	Rep. Warren Love (R-Osceola)	Y	Y
	126	Rep. Patricia Pike (R-Adrian)	Y	Y
	127	Rep. Mike Kelley (R-Lamar)	Y	Y
	128	Rep. Mike Stephens (R-Bolivar)	Y	Y
	129	Rep. Sandy Crawford (R-Buffalo)	AL	Y
	130	Rep. Jeff Messenger (R-Republic)	N	Y
	131	Rep. Sonya Anderson (R-Springfield)	Y	Y
	132	Rep. Crystal Quade (D-Springfield)	Y	N
	133	Rep. Curtis Trent (R-Springfield)	N	Y
	134	Rep. Elijah Haahr (R-Springfield)	N	Y
	135	Rep. Steve Helms (R-Springfield)	N	Y
	136	Rep. Kevin Austin (R-Springfield)	Y	Y
	137	Rep. Lyndall Fraker (R-Marshfield)	Y	Y
	138	Rep. Don Phillips (R-Kimberling City)	N	Y
	139	Rep. Jered Taylor (R-Nixa)	N	Y
	140	Rep. Lynn Morris (R-Nixa)	N	Y
	141	Rep. Hannah Kelly (R-Mountian Grove)	N	Y
	142	Rep. Robert Ross (R-Yukon)	N	Y
	143	Rep. Jeff Pogue (R-Salem)	N	Y
	144	Rep. Paul Fitzwater (R-Potosi)	Y	Y
	145	Rep. Rick Francis (R-Perryville)	N	Y
	146	Rep. Donna Lichtenegger (R-Jackson)	N	Y
	147	Rep. Kathryn Swan (R-Cape Girardeau)	Y	Y
	148	Rep. Holly Rehder (R-Sikeston)	Y	Y
	149	Rep. Don Rone (R-Portageville)	Y	AL
	150	Rep. Andrew McDaniel (R-Deering)	Y	Y
	151	Rep. Tila Hubrecht (R-Dexter)	AL	Y
	152	Rep. Todd Richardson (R-Poplar Bluff)	N	Y
	153	Rep. Steve Cookson (R-Poplar Bluff)	AL	Y
	154	Rep. Shawn Rhoads (R-West Plains)	Y	Y
	155	Rep. Lyle Rowland (R-Cedar Creek)	N	Y
	156	Rep. Jeffery Justus (R-Branson)	N	AL
	157	Rep. Mike Moon (R-Ash Grove)	N	Y
	158	Rep. Scott Fitzpatrick (R-Shell Knob)	N	Y
	159	Rep. Bill Lant (R-Pineville)	N	Y
	160	Rep. Bill Reiboldt (R-Neosho)	N	Y
	161	Rep. Bill White (R-Joplin)	N	Y
	162	Rep. Charlie Davis (R-Webb City)	Y	Y
	163	Rep. Cody Smith (R-Carthage)	N	Y

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