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SESSION BEGINS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP & PRIORITIES

The 100th Missouri General Assembly convened on January 9, 2019 to much pomp and circumstance as all 163 members of the House and half of the Senate (17) were sworn in to begin their new terms as legislators. Of these new terms, [62 are new House members](#) having never served before in the House and 9 are newly minted Senators. Both bodies continue to be dominated by Republicans.

In their first actions, each chamber elected leaders with [Rep. Elijah Haahr](#) (R-Springfield) elected House Speaker and [Sen. Dave Schatz](#) (R-Sullivan) elected Senate President Pro Tem. [Rep. Rob Vescovo](#) (R-Arnold) and [Sen. Caleb Rowden](#) (R-Columbia) were elected House and Senate Floor Leaders respectively. [Rep. Crystal Quade](#) (D-Springfield) and [Sen. Gina Walsh](#) (D-Bellefontaine Neighbors) were elect-

ed Minority Floor Leaders by each of their respective minority caucuses.

One week after opening day, [Governor Mike Parson](#) delivered his first State of the State speech since assuming the governorship following Eric Greitens' resignation. On January 16, the Governor outlined [budget priorities](#) and challenged the legislature on two priorities – workforce development and infrastructure. As part of his infrastructure initiative, he announced a request of \$5 million for rural broadband development.

At the end of last week, both chamber leaders announced committee assignments. [Rep. Travis Fitzwater](#) (R-Fulton), [Rep. Tim Remole](#) (R-Excello), [Sen. Wayne Wallingford](#) (R-Cape Girardeau), and [Sen. Mike Bernskoetter](#) (R-Jefferson City) will chair and oversee the committees that will most often handle utility

issues – House Utilities; House Conservation/Natural Resources; Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy, & Environment; and Senate Agriculture, Food Production, & Outdoor Resources. Municipal utilities are also impacted by local government committees in each chamber, each chaired by [Rep. Tom Han-negan](#) (R-St. Charles) and [Sen. Sandy Crawford](#) (R-Bufferlo). Committee members for each can be found by clicking on the following links – [House Utilities](#), [House Conservation](#), [House Local Government](#), [Senate Commerce](#), [Senate Local Govern-ment](#), [Senate Agriculture](#).

The next meeting of the [Legislative Committee](#) is 10am, 2/12/19 at 316 Governor Office Bldg in Jefferson City (200 Madison St). In the interim, please contact [Ewell Lawson](#) or [Lacey Hirschvogel](#) with questions.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

- [Wind farm could mean possible loss of millions; NW Mo public gathers to testify](#) - Atchison Co. Mail, Jan. 15
- [Billion-dollar wind farm focus of public hearing](#) - Joplin Globe, Jan. 19
- [Governor Parson to vastly reorganize numerous state agencies](#) - Missouri.net, Jan. 17
- [New Missouri House Speaker Haahr outlines 2019 priorities](#) - Missouri.net, Jan. 10
- [Pelosi taps Castor to head new climate committee](#) - Politico, Dec. 28, 2018

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

[Senator Dave Schatz](#),

R - District 26

President Pro-Tem Elected to Senate: 2014

Committees: Chair (of following):

Administration;
Gubernatorial Appointments;
Vice-Chair: Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions & Ethics;

Lives in: Sullivan

MPUA Cities: Berger, St. Clair, Sullivan

Tidbit: In addition to his legislative duties, Sen. Schatz is VP of Schatz Underground, Inc., a family-run business.



BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPUA

[Find the complete bill report online here.](#)

HB 287	Kidd, Bill(R)
Modifies the definition of "public utility"	
HB 482	Kidd, Bill(R)
Modifies provisions for disclosure of public records by the PSC	
HB 589 / SB169	House: Kidd, Bill(R) Senate: Wallingford, Wayne
HB: Modifies provisions for penalties relating to pipeline safety. SB: Modifies the civil penalty for violating federally mandated natural gas safety standards	
SB 66	White, Bill(R)
Establishes provisions relating to water safety and security	
SB 122	Burlison, Eric(R)
Establishes the Stop Socialism Act, which creates a cause of action against a public body that offers a competitive service that to the economic detriment of a person offering the same competitive service	

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LINKS

[Find Your Legislator](#)
[House Session Dates](#)
[Senate Session Dates](#)
[MPUA Website](#)

MPUA CALENDAR

[Full Calendar](#)

Jan. 23 | 10 am
MGCM mtg
(Gas Commission)
Columbia

Jan. 31 | 10:30 am
South-Central Mo.
Utility Roundtable,
St. James, Mo.

Feb. 5 | 10:30 am
MPWC Roundtable,
Macon, Mo.

Feb. 12 | 10am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 316

Feb. 25-27
APPA Legislative Rally
Washington, DC

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2019
March 13– Waynesville
March 14 - Hannibal



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