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MML STRIKES $35 CAP DEAL ON POLE ATTACHMENTS

This week the House is expected to pass the wireless antenna deployment act on Third Read (HB 1991), sending the House version to the Senate. The bill saw floor debate last week where amendments were taken to bring the bill in line with an MML compromise. The MML compromise capped pole attachments at $35, addressed reasons to deny application for ROW usage, set application processes and timelines, and modified bonding requirements, among other issues. The Senate version is expected to come up for floor debate this week (SB 837). City Utilities of Springfield and Independence Power & Light continue to have discussions independently with wireless carriers on their issues. MPUA addressed a letter to both the House and Senate last week, opposing the bill and supporting the exemption of electric poles from the bill as other states have done.

The prevailing wage bill (HB 1729) was perfected in the House last week on a vote of 86-63. It is a full repeal of prevailing wage. The Senate version (SBs 555 & 609) is on the Senate informal calendar and could come up for debate at any time.

A bill to repeal the municipal authority to prohibit private wells (HB 2216) was amended during floor debate in the House onto a bill related to the filling of county commissioner offices (HB 1442).

The bill sponsor indicates he will see that the well language will be taken out in the Senate. The bill passed the House and heads to the Senate.

An ag bill (HB 1973) to exempt from Clean Water Commission permits non-point source discharges from ag runoff and irrigation return flows was rejected by the House Rules Committee on Administrative Oversight, and sent back to the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee as being too broad. The bill was voted out of the Conservation Committee with a much narrower scope and sent back to Rules. MPUA participated in negotiations between ag interests and DNR on the matter to find compromise.

LINKS

Find Your Legislator
House Session Dates
Senate Session Dates
MPUA Website

MPUA CALENDAR
Full Calendar

March 13 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2018
March 14– Marshall
March 15 - Lebanon

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

Governor's proposal could advance effort of Tri-State Coalition to tap Stockton Lake - Joplin Globe
Measure to repeal law governing wages on public works projects advances in Mo. House - Missourinet
Court of Appeals moves Grain Belt case to Missouri Supreme Court - Hannibal Courier-Post
Governor's plan invests in rural broadband - JC News-Tribune
House position on energy bill moves out of committee - Missouri Times

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Mike Cunningham,
R - District 33

Elected to Senate: 2012

Committees: Chair– Fiscal Oversight; Vice-Chair- Insurance & Banking; Appropriations; Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & the Environment; Professional Registration

Lives In: Rogersville

MPUA Cities: Rogersville, Ava, Cabool, Houston, Mansfield, Mountain View, Seymour, Thayer, West Plains, & Willow Springs.

Tidbit: Senator Cunningham was a city administrator in Marshfield for five years in the 1970s.

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

Find the complete bill report online here.

HB 1729	Justus, Jeff(R)

Repeals prevailing wages on public works.
(Senate: SB 555, Brown, Dan(R)

HB 1872	Johnson, Delus(R)

Establishes MO Rural Broadband Development Fund.
[Senate: SB 922 , Hegeman, Dan(R)]

HB 1947	Alferman, Justin(R)

Changes the law regarding sale of water or wastewater systems in fourth class cities. *[Senate: SB 658 , Hegeman, Dan(R)]*

HB 1973	Wiemann, John D.(R)

Modifies provisions of Missouri Clean Water Law.
[Senate: SB 823 - Schatz, Dave(R)]

HB 1991	Rhoads, Shawn(R)

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities & related infrastructure *[Senate: SB 837 Rowden, Caleb(R)]*