

# ALLIANCE INSIDE

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## CAPITOL COMMOTION SLOWS LEGISLATIVE WORK

The momentous activities of the House Special Investigative Committee on Oversight examining whether the Governor's conduct warrants impeachment overshadowed most legislative activities last week. The committee released an explicit report that drew all attention away from matters associated with passing bills, causing the legislature to adjourn early mid-week. They were not slated to return until the following Tuesday.

Despite the distraction, the MPUA team met with [Senator Rowden](#) to discuss the small cell legislation ([HB 1991](#)). The bill had been voted out of the Senate committee the following week, but only after the Chairman promised that the sponsor would

work with stakeholders on remaining issues and price. MPUA discussed its position to exclude electric poles from the legislation, as well as a list of other concerns to consider if electric poles are not exempted. Further, our legislative team provided a pricing formula that keeps the methodology similar to how municipals charge cable and horizontal wire-line attachments, with a cap of \$13 per linear foot. Rowden promised to review and discuss with bill proponents.

In the House, legislators considered an elections bill from the Senate that had been amended with the sale of water, wastewater, and natural gas utilities in 4th class cities measure. The bill passed and returned

to the Senate for one final vote. When the Senate took the bill back up to send to the Governor, Senators drew concerns as to whether bills should be sent to this Governor at this time. The bill was laid over. The legislative team expects this bill to be brought up and Truly Agreed and Finally Passed at any time.

Finally, MPUA went on record last week in support of the bill creating a fund for expanding broadband options in rural Missouri ([HB 1872](#)). This bill provides grant monies to entities, including municipalities, that can provide broadband service to unserved and underserved areas. The Senate Commerce Committee is expected to pass this bill out of committee this week.

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## LINKS

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

## MPUA CALENDAR

[Full Calendar](#)

**April 25 | 10 am**  
Gas Commission  
Mtg (MGCM)  
**MPUA Offices**

**May 8 | 10 am**  
MAMU Legislative  
Committee Mtg  
**Gov. Office Bldg 315**

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[After passing Missouri House, state Senators consider bill to fund broadband expansion](#) - MissouriNet  
[Independence, Mo., to Review Smart Meter, Opt-Out Policy](#) - Government Technology  
[Missouri Senate passes bills tackling term limits and lobbyist gift bans](#) - St. Louis Public Radio  
[With declining energy demand, City Utilities faces new challenges](#) - Springfield News Leader  
[Columbia Water & Light recognized nationally for energy efficiency](#) - Columbia Missourian

## MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

**Senator Sandy Crawford, R** - District 28

**Elected to Senate:** 2017

**Committees:**  
Agriculture, Food Production & Outdoor Resources; Insurance & Banking; Local Government & Elections; Veterans & Military Affairs

**Lives in:** Buffalo

**MPUA Cities:** El Dorado Springs, Lebanon, Osceola, Richland (in part) Warsaw.

**Tidbit:** Sen. Crawford had a 30-year career in banking before becoming a State Representative (2000 - 2017).



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

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

[HB 1991](#) Rhoads, Shawn(R)

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities and related infrastructure

[HB 2216](#) Brattin, Rick(R)

Prohibits political subdivisions from restricting the rights of certain property owners with regard to water resources.

[SB 592](#) Hegeman, Dan(R)

Modifies several provisions relating to elections  
*[NOTE: Includes sale of water, wastewater and natural gas utility procedures in 4th class cities]*

[SB 917](#) Crawford, Sandy(R)

Modifies provisions relating to coal ash



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