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COAL ASH BILL PASSES – SMALL CELL BILL TAKES MAMU POSITION

There were high fives all around as [SB 917](#) was truly agreed and finally passed on Thursday evening. Senator Sandy Crawford did an outstanding job of navigating this bill through a difficult Missouri Senate. Both before and as this bill was being debated, Senator Crawford relied on technical assistance provided by MPAU's Lacey Hirschvogel. The lobbying teams from MAMU, City Utilities and IPL worked in collaboration to make this happen.

[HB 1991](#) will be debated in the upcoming week. MAMU has continued to work with the sponsor and providers on the bill. We have repeatedly testified that our utility poles should be exempt from the legislation. In the latest version of the bill released Thursday, they did just that. In addition, the rental

fee for non-electric poles was raised from \$35 to \$100. The bill is not perfect, but we have come a very long way.

[SB 782](#) was truly agreed and finally passed last week. It was a large omnibus DNR bill that included, among other things, the CCR language, MAMU worked language on ag water permits, an increase in amount available for water and sewer grants to \$3000, a review of clean water commission fees, and a mandate that cities allow rainwater collection.

Also, next Friday is the constitutional deadline to finish the budget. [HB 2006](#) has monies in it from the VW settlement that can be used for electric vehicle fast charging remote stations, funding for the Stockton Lake study requested

by the SWM water commission, Clarence Cannon's annual allotment, and \$5 million for the Multi-purpose Water Resources Program (water commissions).

The Missouri Legislature called a special session this week to consider the impeachment of Governor Greitens. The announcement came at a press conference held at the end of session Thursday evening. 138 House members and 29 Senators signed a petition that created the impeachment proceedings. The special session will gavel in at 6:30 on May 18. That is 30 minutes after the conclusion of regular session. The debate will begin after the House investigative committee issues a final report, and could potentially last 30 days.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

[Senate passes broadband expansion bill despite property right concerns](#) - Missouri Times

[Water rates in Missouri could increase under measure sent to governor](#) - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

[Clean Water Law amendment passes in omnibus bill](#) - Jefferson City News-Tribune

[Fitzpatrick: "There's plenty of room for compromise" on the Missouri budget](#) - Missouri.net

[With end of session in sight, Missouri lawmakers press forward on tax cuts](#) - Kansas City Star

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator Ed Emery,

R - District 31

Elected to Senate: 2012

Committees:

Chair — Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & the Environment; Education; Government Reform; Gubernatorial Appointments; Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence

Lives in: Lamar

MPUA Cities: Butler, Harrisonville, Lamar, Rich Hill

Tidbit: Sen. Emery has a degree in engineering, and once worked in the oil and gas industry. He previously served four terms in the Missouri House of Representatives.



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

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

[SB 782](#) [Cunningham, Mike\(R\)](#)

Modifies provisions relating to the Department of Natural Resources *[NOTE: DNR Omnibus bill - included CCR, exempts agricultural storm water discharges and return flows from water permits, comprehensive review of clean water fees, grants for utility projects (up to \$3K), and rainwater collection in cities]*

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

Modifies provisions relating to wireless facilities and related infrastructure *[NOTE: Floor sub expected to exempt electric utilities, including all poles and facilities for electric distribution. Raises rental rate for non-electric poles from \$35 cap to \$100 cap.]*

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

Modifies provisions relating to coal ash.

[HB 1729](#) [Justus, Jeff\(R\)](#)

Repeals provisions on prevailing wages on public works.

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LINKS

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MPUA CALENDAR

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

June 6 | 10 am
Member Services
Committee
MPUA Offices

June 7 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center

TRAINING

June 13 | 9 am
Asset Management
for Small Water
Systems Workshop
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