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**Capitol Report
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First, some good news this week, as the U.S. Air Force announced that the B-21 Raider that is replacing B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit aircraft will take place at three existing bomber bases beginning in the mid-2020s. The Air Force selected Whiteman AFB, Dyess AFB, and Ellsworth AFB as reasonable locations to host the new B-21 aircraft. Using the current bomber bases will minimize operational impact, reduce overhead, maximize re-use of facilities, and minimize cost, Air Force officials said.

"Our current bomber bases are best suited for the B-21," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson. "We expect the first B-21 Raider aircraft to be delivered in the mid-2020s." "We are designing the B-21 Raider to replace our aging bombers as a long-range, highly-survivable aircraft capable of carrying mixed conventional and nuclear payloads, to strike any target worldwide," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein.

The Air Force will make its final B-21 basing decision following compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory and planning processes. That decision is expected in 2019. Although the first B-21s are expected in the mid-2020s, the Air Force doesn't plan to retire the existing bombers until there are sufficient B-21s to replace them. The Air Force hasn't determined which location will receive the aircraft first.

Also, this week, Missouri Army National Guard troops and resources were authorized and allocated to the southern border in support of Operation Guardian Support. Four soldiers and a UH-72 Lakota helicopter were deployed to Arizona to assist the Department of Defense in support of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Security Mission authorized by President Donald J. Trump in April. As in previous missions in the region, including Operation Jump Start from 2006-2008 and Operation Phalanx from 2010-2016, National Guard members will be in a support role, and not conducting law enforcement missions. Missouri Guardsmen assigned to the mission will provide aerial surveillance. The soldiers are expected to return to Missouri mid-summer.

House Special Committee Releases Second Report on Governor

A few weeks ago, the special House committee investigating Governor Greitens' conduct with a woman while both were married to other people, and before he took office, released its initial report. This week, the House committee released its second report involving campaign finances. The 22-page report, released at 3 p.m. Wednesday, states that a former worker at The Mission Continues transferred the donor list to political operatives in the Greitens campaign at the direction of the candidate himself.

The report indicates that Greitens received the donor list of The Mission Continues so he could call key supporters and explain that he was stepping down as CEO in 2014. It says Greitens later directed political aides to work off the charity's list to raise money for his gubernatorial campaign. House Speaker Todd Richardson stated, "We have remained committed to the process of meticulously gathering the facts of all of the governor's actions, not rushing to judgement, and letting those facts speak for themselves. The committee's second report is another step in the process of that thorough review."

The second report is a result of the committee's continued charge to gather all of the facts surrounding the governor's conduct. Most recently, the General Assembly has obtained the number of signatures necessary to hold a special session, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, immediately after the legislature adjourns from its regular session for the year. This special session will allow for the special committee to continue gathering facts and to consider further actions, if any, regarding the governor.

Bill to Cut Red Tape Receives Final Approval (HB 1500)

The Missouri House and Senate have given final approval to legislation aimed at decreasing regulation of Missouri businesses. The House this week approved the bill that started off as a measure to ease regulations on hair braiders, but saw the Senate add

language that would make the state proceed cautiously when considering regulations on new professions.

Under current Missouri law, anyone engaging in hair braiding for compensation must undergo 1,500 hours of training to obtain a cosmetology license. However, the training does not cover hair braiding. The current regulation is overly burdensome on people who often learn braiding as a practice handed down by family through generations.

The Senate added language from another House Bill that aims to discourage unnecessary state regulation of businesses. The bill also lays out what considerations must be made before a regulation is imposed. Specifically, it says the state will not impose a substantial burden on an individual's pursuit of his or her occupation or profession unless there is a reasonable interest for the state to protect the general welfare.

House Sends Bill to Senate to Increase Sentencing Flexibility (HB 1739)

This week the House sent legislation to the Senate that would give judges more flexibility in sentencing by easing Missouri's mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

The bill would allow judges to issue sentences below the mandatory minimums except in crimes that involved the use, attempted use, or threat of physical force, or certain non-consensual sex crimes against a minor. A case would need a "substantial and compelling" reason the minimum sentence would be unjust to the defendant or would not be needed to protect the public.

Legislative projections show the bill would save the state more than \$3 million a year by the time it is fully implemented in Fiscal Year 2023, by decreasing the number of people incarcerated in state prisons. The projections do not account for what the state would save if it does not have to build and maintain two new prisons.



Lorenza Clark (center), student at Lincoln University and intern in our office this session, was recognized by the House on Wednesday afternoon. He is preparing for finals next week before starting summer vacation. Thanks for all your help in the office this session Lorenza! (My office suite mate, Rep. Jason Chipman, is on the right.)

It is an honor to serve the 51st District in the Missouri House of Representatives. Each week I will issue a capitol report to keep you informed of activities in Jefferson City. Any concerns or issues you might have are of great interest to me. I look forward to your input and thoughts, so please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to improve our state government and the quality of life for all Missourians. My telephone number is 573-751-2204 or you may contact me by email at dean.dohrman@house.mo.gov. Thank you for working with me to make Missouri a great place to live.

Serving the Constituents of the 51st District,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dean Dohrman".

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