

The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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A legislative proposal that is intended to deliver a speedy penalty for vehicular assault in a work zone was heard Wednesday (Feb 14) in the House Transportation Committee.

If it becomes law, [HB2287](#) would require automatic suspension of a driver's license when a driver strikes a highway worker in a construction or work zone. Rep. Justin Alferman of Hermann is sponsoring the bill. I offered support for the bill on behalf of the Association. My testimony followed that of Patrick McKenna, MoDOT Director, who also spoke in favor of HB2287. Committee members asked a number of questions about the proposal but for the most part, comment was favorable. No vote was taken at the hearing.

Another bill which drew attention this week was [HB 1413](#), the "paycheck protection" bill. This is an issue which we believe could be damaging to voluntary associations such as ours by requiring a considerable increase in unnecessary reports and paperwork. Sponsored by Rep. Jered Taylor of Nixa, HB1413 passed the House on Monday (Feb. 12) and was sent to the senate.

On Tuesday (Feb. 13) the House Government Oversight Committee heard [HB1981](#) which clarifies that state employees who work 10-hour days and 40 hours a week would not be required to take two hours of vacation leave for paid holidays. Rep. Alan Gray of St. Louis is the bill's sponsor. No vote was taken.

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