

The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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A somewhat new and unique approach to transportation funding was passed Monday, March 12 by the Missouri House Ways and Means Committee. Beginning in the year 2020, [HB 2540](#) would increase motor vehicle fees through a process every three years of indexing them to account for inflation. It is estimated this procedure could raise more than \$150 million a year for MoDOT.

It is part of a general tax reform package sponsored by Rep. Elijah Haahr of Springfield. This ambitious tax overhaul is expected to be debated sometime after the legislative spring break which is to begin Thursday, March 15.

Meanwhile, [HB 1413](#), the "paycheck protection" bill which cleared the house on February 12, was heard February 28 in the Senate General Laws Committee. Late last week a much more detailed and demanding substitute was reported "do pass" by that senate committee. This is a bill which we believe could be damaging to voluntary public employee associations such as ours.

Another bill which would impact certain state workers, [HB 1981](#), was voted "do pass" on March 6 in the House Special Committee on Government Oversight. This is the bill that affects state employees who work 10-hour days and four days a week. It is now in a House Rules Committee.

The legislature is scheduled to return from its 10-day spring break on Monday, March 26.

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