

The Association report

from the Capitol

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A state senate committee this week (4-13-16) held a hearing on a house bill that addresses provisions in law that deal with 10-hour work days.

Rep. Nate Walker, Kirksville, has guided HB1422 through the house and moved it to the Senate Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee.

The bill proposes a change to Chapter 105 RSMo. which would read “Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, any state employee who works 10-hour days and 40 hours a week shall not be required to take two hours of vacation leave for paid holidays.”

In his presentation to the committee, Rep. Walker referred to the proposal as a matter of fairness and equity for state employees. Several senators sitting on the panel raised questions about the bill’s wording as well as its far-reaching implications. Rep. Walker responded to the queries to everyone’s satisfaction. The bill is expected to be voted out of committee next week.

Select conferees from the house and senate are in the process of negotiating the remaining questions (differences) in the F.Y. 2017 state budget. One issue not being discussed is a pay raise for state workers. That matter, agreed upon at a 2% increase, was decided earlier in the legislative session.

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