

## Chapter 10 Association Update

Seven representatives made the trek to Jefferson City for Lobby Day 2008. We had our quarterly meeting the morning of April 14 and went to the Capitol Building to work our booth and meet with the legislators in the afternoon.

For me to sum up our efforts, I would say it was VERY productive. We tried diligently to meet our senators and representatives and to make contact with the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Our lobbyist Harry Hill informed us at the meeting who we needed to contact in regards to the deferred compensation plan. I don't know if you are aware of this or not, but this increase would affect thousands of state employees. NOT just MoDOT. The House of Representatives has sent a \$10.00 increase per month to the Senate for consideration. The Senate has tabled the bill at this time, and it will be brought up again in the next week or two. Session ends May 16<sup>th</sup>, so anything that happens to this bill will be made by then. Here's what you need to do immediately, from home:

Contact each of the delegates below and ask them to please approve an increase in deferred compensation as sent from the House. It is Senate Bill 2005.

*Senate approps comm. members are:*

*Chair, Gary Nodler, Joplin  
Vice-chair, Rob Mayer, Dexter  
Norma Champion, Springfield;  
Chuck Purgason, Caulfield (s. central Mo)  
Luann Ridgeway, Smithville  
Scott Rupp, Wentzville  
Frank Barnitz, Lake Spring (near Rolla)  
Joan Bray, St. Louis  
Tim Green, St. Louis  
Yvonne Wilson, Kansas City*

Telephone Numbers are all (573) 751- \_\_\_\_\_. Their room # is in parentheses.

Nodler – 2108 (423)

Mayer – 3859 (331)

Champion – 2583 (221)

Purgason – 1882 (420)

Ridgeway – 2547 (419)

Rupp – 1282 (426)

Barnitz – 2108 (427)

Bray – 2514 (431)

Green – 2420 (219)

Wilson – 9758 (330)

You may not be able to speak with the legislator directly, but leave a message. This is a **sample** of what you can say to them.

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I work for the Missouri Department of Transportation. I am calling to ask Senator \_\_\_\_\_'s support of Senate Bill 2005. It is a matching provision increase to our deferred compensation savings plan. This will be coming up in the next week or so, and their support is appreciated.

Written correspondence may be sent to:

Senator (Name)  
State Capitol Building  
Room Number (see number in parentheses above)  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

All avenues of communication are needed. Good Luck to all of you. I hope we can get this passed. We are definitely getting organized and support from this Chapter at Lobby Day was highly praised at the State Level. We are getting noticed, and that is what will make us successful. We must not stop now, because this is a very critical time. DO NOT think someone else can do it for you, this is YOUR FUTURE!!!

Thanks to everyone,

Debbie Strobel  
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