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*In order to be responsive to the latest legislative developments, MOCPA continually monitors proposed legislation. The society utilizes both professional and grassroots lobbyists to ensure the CPA profession has a voice in Jefferson City. By keeping members informed, MOCPA is empowering you to contribute to the legislative process.*

**Update provided by Chuck Pierce, CPA, MOCPA government relations consultant**

### **Session Update**

Last week, the Senate started with a sense of normalcy but ended on a tumultuous note. While the Senate has not passed many bills, the House continues to plod along but did not take action on any bills of high priority to MOCPA last week. MOCPA's government advocacy team is working on a resource page to help members deal with the partnership entity taxes issues.

The Senate began the week in a normal fashion by debating and passing three bills. As additional bills were debated, numerous amendments were offered resulting in spirited and sometimes contentious debate. The Senate convened on Thursday with the intention of giving the required final vote to the bills that had been approved earlier in the week. They were not able to get past approving the journal, which is the mandatory first order of business every day. With tempers flaring, the majority floor leader quickly adjourned until Monday. Undoubtedly in the hope that things will cool off a bit over the weekend.

The House continues to send its priorities to the Senate. Although this would seem to be progress, it may just add to the tensions late in the session. If the Senate continues its current pace on Senate bills, it will have to amend House bills late in the session to pass legislation. This can create tension between the chambers.

This week marks the halfway point of the session. Next week, the Legislature is off for spring break.

More and more states are enacting pass-through-entity taxes. Missouri has not yet adopted one. This has added an additional complexity to an already difficult tax season for Missouri CPAs. MOCPA is attempting to help by supporting legislation to address the issue and developing a website with links to other resources. [HB 2845](#) and [SB 1154](#) have been filed to implement this in Missouri. They are based on model language that has been adopted in other states. Even though they are passed, they will not address this year's filings. To see other resources on this issue, [click here](#).

The Legislature will not be in session March 14-18. Look for an update on this week's activity on March 14, but there will not be a report on March 21.

### **Legislation of Interest**

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of high-priority bills MOCPA is currently tracking. New bills are filed daily, and the list is updated each week. Be sure to check the list regularly to look for legislation that may be of interest to you or your clients.

### **For Additional Information**

This *Government Advocacy Update* will continue weekly through the legislative session. If you have any questions on MOCPA's government advocacy efforts, please visit the [Web page](#), or contact [Dena Hull](#) at (800) 264-7966, ext. 105.

### **Register Today!**

Attend a complimentary, virtual mid-session **Legislative Update on March 25**; 9 to 10 a.m. You'll receive an update from Chuck Pierce on bills MOCPA is following that could impact your business. In addition, you'll hear from Wayne Wallingford, the new director of the Missouri Department of Revenue, and a tax season update from Joel Allison, the Department's acting director of the tax division.

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