

2011 Missouri General Assembly Opens

January 6, 2011 marked the first day of the First Regular Session of 96th General Assembly in Jefferson City. Click [here](#) for the major session dates in 2011.

You can find the leader of the Senate, President Pro Tem Senator Rob Mayer's opening remarks [here](#).

You can find Speaker of the House, Representative Steven Tilley's opening remarks [here](#).

According to Mayer's remarks, 19 of the 34 Senators have spent less than two years in the Senate, 12 of them are new Senators. 78 of the 163 members of the House were sworn in as freshmen. It is more important than ever that advocates are introducing themselves to their Senators and Representatives and letting them know what issues are important to the disability community. You can look up your Senator and Representative [here](#).

The [House](#) and [Senate](#) websites have ways to find and track information about legislation. If you haven't already, check them out.

We will also do our best to keep you informed of legislation that is important to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Yesterday was also the first day of the [112th United States Congress](#).