



## Governmental Services Group

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Missouri General Assembly opened the legislative session January 7<sup>th</sup> of this year. It was a noncontroversial first week and there was less of a deliberate speech from either the Pro Tem in the Senate or Speaker of the House that would indicate how the session is expected to go.

Next week, Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, Governor Kehoe will be delivering his State of the State speech, outlining his priority items for this session as well as the state budget picture with the Governor's specific recommendations for use of funds. So far, the predicted fireworks as a carryover from the chaos of last session have not gotten off the ground but the first week is more akin to syllabus week from universities. It is also a midterm election year, and we have already seen thousands of bills filed that seem to have a strong political undertone which is certainly another factor to keep an eye on.

We will continue to keep you informed of the latest in Jefferson City, and please reach out if you have questions on anything specific. Happy belated New Year.