

Press Reports: Governor Contemplates June 28 Special Session

MASW Members & Friends –

We urge you to contact the [Governor's office](#) and oppose this possible special session. Use the hyperlink or use the phone: (573) 751-3222.

The purpose of the session would be to create a new kind of tax credit, and decrease state revenue by millions of dollars. [Read the news accounts by linking here.](#)

Just last month, the Governor was urging that the legislature reduce the number of tax credits, because the loss in revenue was causing deep cuts to education and other vital state services.

Later this month, the Governor will sign a budget that is already more than a billion dollars below what is needed to just maintain Missouri's mediocre standing in the Bottom Ten states for support of vital human services – and he will line-item veto as much as \$350 million from that budget while he signs it!

We're not making this up. The Governor is reported to be considering a special session of the legislature to do EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE of what he just asked them to do last month. The already too-meager budget will have to be cut another \$350 million before the ink on it is even dry, but the Governor is reported to be considering tens of millions in new tax credits.

It doesn't even make any sense to hold a special session at the end of June. Legislators already are scheduled to return to the State Capitol in early September for the annual Veto Session. If a special session is truly needed, it should be called then, when the expense would be minimal. To call one at the end of June, when lawmakers are not usually in the Capitol, would be a needless added expense.

If the Governor were calling a special session to propose increases in state revenue – by closing loopholes, making all internet vendors collect and remit the sales tax already on the books, or (we can dare to dream) requiring the best off among us to pay closer to our fair share of the cost of common good – we would certainly line up in support.

But to call a special session to make our horrid state revenue situation even worse?

Please contact the Governor's office and make your views known.

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