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**SEN. JOHN GRIESHEIMER SPONSORS
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. CARR TO
STATE PENITENTIARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

JEFFERSON CITY -- Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, has successfully sponsored the gubernatorial appointment of William J. Carr, Wildwood, to the Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment Commission.

The Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment Commission was started in 2001. The commission's primary function is to decide what should be done with the land at the Jefferson City prison, while encouraging tourism and using the land to benefit Missouri.

Carr, who is now retired, was the vice president of regional customer services at AmerenUE. He earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Louis University. Carr served on the United Way board, is a member of the Edison Electric Institute and the Midwest Gas Association.

“Mr. Carr has a great deal of professional experience and civic involvement which will make him a real asset to this board,” said Griesheimer. “It was an honor to sponsor this appointment.”

The governor makes appointments to state boards and commissions with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Senate Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments usually meets weekly during the legislative session. Their sponsoring senator presents each appointee to the committee.

Once the committee has approved appointments, the chairman reports on the committee's action to the floor for consideration by the full Senate.

Appointees must be approved by the committee and confirmed by the full Senate before taking the position on the board or the committee.