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**SEN. JOHN GRIESHEIMER SPONSORS
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY A. ROEBACK**

JEFFERSON CITY -- Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, has successfully sponsored the gubernatorial appointment of Gregory A. Roeback, Washington, to the State Committee for Professional Counselors.

“Mr. Roeback has a wide-range of experience in counseling, and will be a real asset to the committee,” said Griesheimer. “I’m proud to have had the opportunity to sponsor his appointment.”

Roeback, who earned a BA in psychology from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and an MA in professional counseling from Lindenwood College, is currently the director of the Crider Center for Mental Health in Franklin County. The Crider Center is a private, nonprofit mental health organization.

The Committee for Professional Counselors guides, advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Registration, and fulfills other responsibilities related to the licensing of professional counselors.

“This committee protects the public from incompetence, misconduct and fraud,” Griesheimer said. “It also enforces standards by implementing legislation and administrative rules.”

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.

Note to Editors: A photograph of Sen. John Griesheimer and Gregory A. Roeback can be found on the senator's web page at <http://www.senate.state.mo.us/04info/members/mem26.htm> and click on press releases. A J-peg version can be e-mailed by contacting Christen Jackson, Senate Communications, (573)751-3824.