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Senator Loudon Applauds Senate for Passing Pro-Life, Workers' Comp Legislation

JEFFERSON CITY— Senator John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, today extolled the legislative efforts of his fellow senators, who worked early into Friday morning to pass needed pro-life and workers' compensation bills.

"We have worked hard to pass this legislation, but the state of Missouri will benefit as a result," Loudon said. "It is a pleasure to see such wide support for bills that will further enrich our state's culture of life and advance the rights of hardworking Missourians."

Senate Bill 1, which was written by Sen. Loudon, makes civilly liable individuals who help transport minors across state lines to get abortions. The legislation reinforces current Missouri law requiring individuals under age 18 who are seeking abortions to show their doctors written permission from a parent or legal guardian before undergoing the procedure. A clinic in Illinois has performed several abortions on Missouri minors, who were transported across the state line by so-called friends.

This bill also regulates abortion providers to ensure that individuals receiving abortions have the best possible care available to them. The measure requires physicians at abortion clinics to have privileges to provide obstetric and gynecological care at hospitals within 30 miles of the clinic.

"Senate Bill 1 will protect our children, born and unborn, by allowing parents to be involved in one of the most important decisions anyone can make," Loudon said. "Further, the motives of the abortion industry and Illinois law will no longer allow for the exploitation of the young people of Missouri."

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Senate Bill 4 corrects a minor drafting error that was discovered in Sen. Loudon's sweeping workers' compensation bill that passed earlier this year. The legislation ensures workers will continue to have health-care coverage for work-related injuries.

"Hardworking Missourians injured on the job will now be sure they are covered under Missouri's workers' compensation system," Loudon said.

Having received Senate approval, both bills will be sent to the House for consideration.

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