

*“Nothing is politically right
which is morally wrong.”*
– Daniel O’Connell



*“Free and fair discussion will ever be
found the firmest friend of truth.”*
– George Campbell

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The Big Question: Now What is Going on at the Capitol?

Have you heard the saying “It is so quiet you could hear a pin drop?” Since session ended May 13th someone could drop a pin from the whispering gallery, inside the capitol dome, when it hit the first floor the faint sound would ring throughout every office in the capitol.

Now a person must be wondering, “What goes on at the capitol if everyone is gone?” My office is still open and will be providing many services throughout the interim.

If you are stuck in the “red tape” of government I am still available to help you to cut through it. I, nor my staff, can approve a claim or appeal, or compel any agency to act in your favor. Those types of decisions, by law, are made by the state agency involved based on the facts of the case. However, I am glad to obtain answers to your questions and make the appropriate officials aware of your concerns. This may include arranging meetings, writing letters of recommendation, or a simple inquiry into your case.

If you are looking for that sentimental anniversary gift for your parents who have been married for many years or a birthday present for someone who has “lived through it all,” consider a courtesy resolution. A courtesy resolution is given out by the senate to honor those special occasions we have in our lives. You can find the forms at www.senate.mo.gov/stouffer; the forms include birthdays, births, anniversaries, Eagle Scouts, marriages, retirements, sports, and general occasions.

Are you looking for a place to visit on vacation that won't break the bank? The capitol is free to visit and has a great educational tour. Since the capitol is much quieter, my staff can give you a more personalized tour. This would include a stop at the whispering gallery, a hike to the top of the capitol dome that overlooks a spectacular view of Jefferson City. You won't be able to do that on a regular tour. And we won't forget to stop at the murals, by Thomas Hart Benton that portrays the state's social history of Missouri. Please try to schedule ahead of time, but if you drop by the office we will make time to take you through the capitol's historic sites.

Are you wondering what happened to the piece of legislation you were tracking throughout the legislative session? If the governor did not receive it on his desk the bill, died or the sponsor found a place to amend it onto another bill. Most legislators will reintroduce their legislation that died the previous session. You can also go online to see if bills passed. This is a good time to inform me about any ideas you have for legislation. I have plenty of time to research and discuss the issue before we can start pre-filing bills on December 1st.

I will be spending more time working in the district, going to events, working on projects and finding out more about your concerns. I will be holding a meeting with Dr. Mike Ditmore, director of division of medical services, doctors, and local health care leaders to discuss Medicaid Reform. I will also be chairing a Joint Interim Committee on a doctors' stabilization fund, as well as serving on the Joint Interim Transportation Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me anytime toll free 866-768-3987 or email at bstouffer@senate.mo.gov.

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