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Sen. Bill Stouffer Named Chairman of Senate Transportation Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, was chosen Thursday, Dec. 15, to head the Missouri Senate’s committee dealing with transportation issues. Stouffer was named chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, in just his first year in the Senate, by Senate President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons, R-Kirkwood.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this important committee, and I can’t wait to get started,” Stouffer said. “Transportation is a vital part of our economy and standard of living, and I will work to continue the progress Missouri has made in improving our state roads and highways.”

Stouffer earned membership to the transportation panel soon after winning election to the Senate in 2004. The bi-partisan committee helps shape legislation designed to improve the safety and utility of the state’s road, river, air and rail transit networks. The Senate Transportation Committee was chaired through the 2005 legislative session by Jon Dolan, who recently resigned his Senate duties to take a post in the private sector. Stouffer’s chairmanship is a remarkable achievement for a first-year senator.

Stouffer, a farmer and small-business owner, has a history of dealing with transportation matters. He has served as chair of the board of directors for MFA, a company deeply involved in transporting bulk commodities.

“As a farmer, I drive everything from a tractor to a semi, and I rely on rail and barge. Therefore, over the years I have had a particular interest in transportation issues,” Stouffer said. “My district also lies along I-70, and in the next few years we will be determining the best way to rebuild and pay for the interstate.”

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