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Sen. Bill Alter Appointed to Homeland Security Panel

JEFFERSON CITY— Senate President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons, R-Kirkwood, has appointed State Sen. Bill Alter, R-High Ridge, to serve on the bipartisan Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bioterrorism and Homeland Security.

The committee is charged with reviewing state government efforts regarding terrorism and homeland security and annually recommending to the General Assembly how Missouri can best prepare for and respond to potential large-scale incidents.

“Exaggeration is not necessary when it comes to talking about the importance of staying on top of homeland security issues,” Alter said. “Although we hope this country will never again have to go through tragedies like Oklahoma City or September 11, it is all we can do to be as prepared as we can be—just in case.”

The panel consists of seven members from the Missouri Senate and seven members from the Missouri House of Representatives. Alter brings to the committee 22 years of law enforcement experience.

“Protecting the public has always been a priority of mine, so the chance to be involved on such a significant committee is a great honor,” Alter said. “I’m a family man myself, and Missourians can be assured that I will have the best interests of their families in mind.”

The other members of the Joint Committee on Terrorism are: Sens. Rita Days, D-St. Louis; Chuck Gross, R-St. Charles; Harry Kennedy, D-St. Louis; Chris Koster, R-Harrisonville; Charles Wheeler, D-Kansas City; and Rob Mayer, R-Dexter; and Reps. Mark Bruns, R-Jefferson City; Robert Wayne Cooper, R-Camdenton; Gary Dusenberg, R-Blue Springs; Jack Jackson, R-Wildwood; Jeff Roorda, D-Barnhart; Regina Walsh, D-St. Louis; and Edward Wildberger, D-St. Joseph.