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Senator John Griesheimer Appointed to Transportation Panel

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, was appointed by Sen. President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons, R-Kirkwood, to serve on the 14-member Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight.

The bipartisan, dual-chamber panel meets throughout the year to review investigations, audits, budgets and citizen complaints relating to Missouri's transportation system. Griesheimer is also the vice-chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and serves on the board of directors for OATS, Inc., a non-profit service that provides transportation for Missourians who have difficulty traveling, such as those who are disabled, elderly or citizens of rural areas.

"I am grateful that Sen. Gibbons thinks my experience will be valuable for the panel," Griesheimer said. "I am honored to be given this opportunity to continue to look out for the best interests of the state when it comes to transportation issues."

The joint panel works closely with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and other executive departments to evaluate such facets of transportation as road-improvement plans, efficacy of funding, problems with uninsured motorists and current laws that affect the state's system of transportation.

"As a committee member, I will be able to recommend to my fellow lawmakers how to legislatively fix flaws in the way Missouri's transportation sector operates," Griesheimer said. "Those improvements will be good for Missouri taxpayers, Missouri drivers and Missouri as a state."

Griesheimer's appointment fills the position that was vacated due to the recent passing of Sen. Larry Gene Taylor, R-Shell Knob.