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## Senator Jason Crowell Earns Committee Chairmanship

*Only New Senate Member of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly To Head A Senate Panel*

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, was sworn-in as a member of the Missouri Senate immediately after the First Regular Session of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Missouri General Assembly convened at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

“It is a great honor to serve the citizens of the 27<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District representing Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties and I am grateful for the confidence they placed in me,” Senator Crowell said. “This is truly an historic year to serve in the Missouri Legislature and it’s hard not to be excited about the opportunity we have to make our state government work for the people to improve their lives. The voters on November 2<sup>nd</sup> sent a clear message that they want change, that they want action.”

With that in mind, Senator Crowell highlighted three priorities for the session: workers compensation reform, tort reform, and providing a world-class education opportunity for every Missouri student.

“Inherently what these three issues boil down to is one of balance,” said Crowell. “Right now, they are out of balance and therefore are deterring the state of Missouri from advancing to greater prosperity. We must and will make principled changes.”

The day also saw Michael R. Gibbons (R-Kirkwood) unanimously elected as president pro tem, the highest office in the Missouri Senate.

“I am excited to have Senator Crowell as part of our team in the Missouri Senate,” Senate President Pro Tem Gibbons said. “Senator Crowell illustrated his leadership abilities as majority floor leader in the House the past two years and shown a great commitment to his constituents. I look forward to serving with him in the Senate.”

A day after the legislature convened, Senate President Pro Tem Gibbons appointed Senator Crowell to serve as chairman of the Senate’s Pensions, Veteran’s Affairs and General Laws Committee. This made Senator Crowell the only first-year Senator to chair a committee in the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. Crowell was also appointed vice-chair of the Financial, Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee. Additionally, Crowell will serve on the Gubernatorial Appointments Committee, the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, and the Economic Development, Tourism, and Local Government Committee.

“I am pleased an honored to serve Southeast Missouri and all the citizens of Missouri in these new capacities,” Crowell said.

The Committee on Pensions, Veteran’s Affairs and General Laws handles all matters concerning retirement pension plans as well as veterans’ affairs and general topics.

The Committee on Financial, Governmental Organizations and Elections looks at all matters relating to banks and financial institutions. It examines and reports on potential changes in the organization of state government. The committee also looks at potential matters regarding election law as well as those matters that involve the department of corrections.

The Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments considers and reports upon gubernatorial appointments forwarded to the senate by the governor for the chamber’s advice and consent.

The Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence handles all bills relating to the judicial system. It also examines the constitutionality of potential laws and considers workers compensation laws.

The Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Local Government considers questions and reports on bills relating to the promotion of economic development, tourism, community and business development, county government, as well as township organizations.

Senator Jason Crowell represents the people of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties in the Missouri Senate and can be reached at (573) 751-2459.