



THE MISSOURI SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER SEN. MAIDA COLEMAN

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Sen. Coleman re-elected to Minority Leader post

JEFFERSON CITY – After a two-seat pick up two days ago, Missouri Senate Democrats returned Sen. Maida Coleman (D-St. Louis) to her position as Minority Floor Leader during the first caucus meeting of the new Senate members.

“While Missouri didn’t make the dramatic gains of Democrats at the national level, picking up two Senate seats and five House seats is notable,” she said. “Missouri is a cautious state, but we laid the groundwork for 2008.”

Sen. Coleman said the Democrats look forward to working with the Republican majority, especially on key issues like restoring the Medical Assistance for the Working Disabled program. She added that she hopes the House can be convinced to pass the strong Medicaid provider fraud bill which passed the Senate last year.

Other leadership positions went to Sen. Chuck Graham of Columbia, Assistant Minority Floor Leader; newly re-elected Sen. Frank Barnitz of Lake Spring, Caucus Chairman; and Sen. Yvonne Wilson of Kansas City, Caucus Secretary.

Sen. Coleman emphasized that the Democratic caucus is strongly united and will be acting in the best interests of Missouri’s citizenry.

“Democrats will be outlining our legislative priorities more fully in the coming weeks,” she said. “I hope Republicans will take notice of the changing political air nationally and in Missouri and focus on solving problems.”

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