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## **Senate Republicans Elect Leadership**

### ***Gibbons Endorsed to Serve as President Pro Tem for Two More Years***

JEFFERSON CITY – Senate Republicans today unanimously endorsed Sen. Michael R. Gibbons, R- Kirkwood, to serve as President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate for the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly beginning Jan. 3, 2007. Gibbons must be elected to the post by the full Senate when they convene. He was elected unanimously as Senate President Pro Tem in 2005.

“When I became pro tem, my goal for the Missouri Senate was to work together with the House and Governor to give every Missourian the opportunity to pursue their dreams, improve their lives and make our state the best place in America to live, work and raise a family,” Gibbons said. “The reforms we accomplished over the past two years have put Missourians on a strong foundation for decades to come and I want to continue that work as president pro tem.”

Also elected to Senate Majority Caucus leadership positions include:

- Sen. Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, re-elected as Majority Floor Leader
- Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, re-elected as Assistant Majority Floor Leader
- Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, elected Majority Caucus Whip
- Sen. Chris Koster, R-Harrisonville, re-elected as Caucus Chair
- Sen. Delbert Scott, R-Lowry City, re-elected as Caucus Secretary

Gibbons said the leadership of these senators was an important key to passing legislation that improves the lives of all Missourians.

“We bucked the national trend and maintained a strong majority in the Missouri Senate on Election Day because we worked to pass real reforms to benefit the people of Missouri,” Gibbons said. “This leadership team will continue to work for the people by accomplishing our priorities of making healthcare available and affordable for all Missourians and reforming our state’s tax structure to only generate enough revenue to pay for the critical functions of government.”

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