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JEFFERSON CITY – The barrage of political television commercials has ended, the political signs have been taken down, and another election is behind us. Now that the voters have spoken, it's time to focus on the task at hand – preparing for the First Regular Session of the 94th Missouri General Assembly which convenes January 3rd.

Missouri lawmakers appointed to interim committees have been holding public hearings across the state during the last six months to gather testimony on a variety of issues important to Missouri citizens, such as health care, the cost of higher education, and transportation. The next step is to distill all of that testimony into meaningful legislation to present to our colleagues in the next legislative session.

Legislators will begin to prefile bills on December 1st and can continue to do so until the first day of session. Bills that are prefiled are automatically introduced and read the first time on the opening day of session, which typically means they will be the first bills assigned to a committee for a hearing.

Some of the major items expected to be debated by the legislature next year include tax reform, immigration reform, and developing a new Medicaid program for Missouri.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: delbertscott@senate.state.mo.us

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