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## **Sen. Chris Koster Selected for Commerce Committee**

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JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Chris Koster, R-Harrisonville, this week was appointed by Sen. President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons, R-Kirkwood, to serve on the nine-member Senate Committee on Commerce, Energy and the Environment.

The committee is responsible for overseeing legislation dealing with regulatory matters, consumer protection, food and drug safety, environmental health, interstate commerce and energy sources. The importance of the committee's activities were highlighted during Senate President Michael Gibbon's opening remarks.

Gibbons called upon the Senate to pass legislation to provide assistance to low-income families and seniors who are facing financial challenges due to high energy costs, and to develop a long-term energy plan for the state that will keep costs under control in the future.

"I expect the committee to be pivotal this year, because our current energy crisis has catapulted Missouri's need for a comprehensive energy policy to the top of our legislative agenda," Koster said. "As Sen. Gibbons emphasized during this week's opening ceremony, it is crucial that Missourians be guaranteed they will have access to reasonably priced energy to fuel their cars, maintain their farms and heat their homes."

Koster will be replacing Sen. Jon Dolan, R-Lake St. Louis, who recently resigned from the Legislature.

“I am excited at the chance to be on such an important committee,” Koster said. “We will work toward advancing legislation helping low-income citizens pay for heat, exploring alternative fuels, protecting the environment and increasing Missouri’s level of energy independence. It should be a good year.”

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