



Senator Scott T. Rupp Named to Key Senate Committees

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, on Thursday was named to several influential Senate committees by Senate President Pro Tem Michael R. Gibbons, R-Kirkwood. Rupp will hold two vice-chairman seats, on the Senate committees on Transportation, as well as Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws. He also will serve on the vital Senate Education Committee and the Small Business, Insurance and Industrial Relations Committee.

"I am honored to be named to these important bodies," Rupp said. "Committee work is in many ways at the heart of the legislative process, and I will do everything I can to improve the lives of Missourians as I serve."

Senate committees take up bills they have been assigned by the Senate president pro tem. They hold public hearings on legislation and make recommendations for or against the measures according to the merits of the bills they've examined. Bills reported favorably from committee are then taken up by the full Senate.

As vice-chair of Transportation, Rupp will be a key member on one of the Senate's most significant committees. The committee is dedicated to all matters relating to roads, highways, bridges, aviation, railroads and other means of transportation, as well as motor vehicles and drivers' licenses.

"There is no question that transportation issues are of utmost importance to the citizens of St. Charles and Lincoln counties, and I will represent the interests of area residents on the Transportation Committee," Rupp said. "Further, I look forward to continuing our state's efforts to improve roads and highways throughout Missouri."

The Committee on Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws addresses all retirement, pension and veterans issues. With school choice and funding for higher education in the spotlight this year, the Senate Education Committee will be addressing a number of important issues. Finally, the Committee on Small Business, Insurance and Industrial Relations covers a wide variety of subjects, including the operation of small businesses, all forms of insurance, urban housing and renewal, labor management, and workers' compensation.

“With my history as a small-business owner helping young people and families afford college, I feel I am tailor-made for many of the issues I will be facing this year,” Rupp said. “I look forward to working with my colleagues on these important matters.”

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