



Sen. Rupp Named to Senate Appropriations Committee

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, has been named to serve on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, the senate committee charged with putting together the state’s multi-billion budget each year.

“Deciding how to spend your money on your priorities is one of the most important things we as legislators are called upon to do,” said Sen. Rupp. “I’m proud to be named to this assignment that will help determine how we fund our education, health, and economic development programs in Missouri.”

During the past legislative session, the Senate Appropriations Committee helped craft Missouri’s \$21.5 billion budget, which includes a \$132.6 million increase to elementary and secondary education and a 4-5 percent increase in money to public colleges and universities in the state. In addition, there have been significant increases to state spending on healthcare and a nearly 4 percent increase to the Department of Health and Senior Services share of state money. All of this came as lawmakers also exempted some Social Security benefits from state taxation and set aside \$200 million in case Missouri’s economy did not grow at projected levels.

Senator Rupp will be the only majority member of the Senate Appropriations Committee from the St. Louis Metropolitan area. Regional leaders have responded with excitement that the St. Louis Area will continue to have strong representation on the Senate Appropriations Committee, with this appointment to fill the vacancy left by Sen. Chuck Gross (R- St. Charles) who resigned to become the Director of Administration for St. Charles County in June of this year. Commented Rupp, “The St. Louis Region is extremely vital to the overall prosperity of our state, and I intend to work hard to promote those interests while exercising fiscal conservancy of the peoples tax dollars”

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