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Sen. Kevin Engler Appointed Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee

JEFFERSON CITY—Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, this week was appointed by Sen. President Pro Tem Michael Gibbons, R-Kirkwood, to serve as chairman 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.

Gibbons said he chose Engler to chair the committee because of his ability to bring all sides together on contentious issues through compromise.

“Kevin is a proven leader,” Gibbons said. “Our economy is changing at an alarming rate, and Missourians deserve an affordable, plentiful and clean supply of energy. As a consensus builder, Kevin will make sure the people do not lose out because of a legislative stalemate.”

Several of Engler’s own legislative priorities this year fall in the scope of the panel. He has already filed bills to reduce the tax on E-85 fuel, prohibit automated political solicitations and regulate safety standards for dams and reservoirs.

“This session, the committee will be an important one as we consider legislation protecting consumers and further develop our long-term energy plan to keep costs under control in the future,” Engler said. “I am honored to be chosen for this leadership position so that we can continue to make progress for the citizens of the great state of Missouri.”

Engler, who had been vice chairman of the committee, replaces Sen. David Klindt, R-Bethany, who due to term limits, was not up for re-election to the Senate this past November.

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