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## STATEMENT

## by Senator Crowell on the End of the First Regular Session of the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

JEFFERSON CITY— Senator Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) today praised the work of his fellow lawmakers in completing work on several pieces of legislation. The end to the session was 6 p.m. on Friday.

Last week, the Legislature passed HB 444, championed by Sen. Crowell in the Senate, which phased in state income tax exemptions for Social Security benefits, Social Security disability, and non-private retirement benefits. During the last day of session, the General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution 7, which, upon voter approval, would create a constitutional amendment designating English as the official language of official proceedings in the state.

"I am pleased with the progress we have made this year in the Missouri Senate. Whether ending an unfair tax on Social Security benefits or giving Missourians the chance to decide on their official language, we have been able to accomplish some important legislative priorities that will better our state. I look forward to continuing to serve the 27<sup>th</sup> District and Missouri."

- State Senator Jason Crowell