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Legislature Completes Work On State Budget

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri General Assembly has completed work on the \$21.4-billion dollar state budget by the constitutionally-mandated deadline of May 11th. The Missouri Constitution requires lawmakers to finish work on the budget one week prior to adjournment, which falls on May 18th this year.

The 28th Senatorial District, which includes the counties of Barton, Benton, Cedar, Dallas, Henry, Hickory, Pettis, Polk and St. Clair, will receive \$15.7-million in General Revenue funding for Fiscal Year 2008.

Specific items of interest for residents of the 28th District include:

- \$5,619,160 for State Fair Community College
- \$4,944,734 for the Missouri State Fair
- \$3,035,307 for Southwest Missouri Psychiatric Hospital
- \$ 625,501 for State Schools for the Severely Handicapped
- \$ 368,433 for Pomme De Terre State Park
- \$ 337,202 for Harry S. Truman State Park
- \$ 267,584 for Prairie State Park
- \$ 241,026 for Stockton State Park
- \$ 156,242 for Bothwell Lodge State Park, and
- \$ 126,695 for Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Park.

Additionally, as a result of legislative approval of the governor's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, State Fair Community College will receive another \$2,000,000 and Katy Trail Community Health will receive \$1,000,000.

Once again, under the leadership of Governor Blunt and a fiscally responsible General Assembly, we have passed a balanced state budget that does not require tax increases to fund the essential duties of state government. In fact, because of our prudent fiscal management, we are actually going to reduce the tax burden for older Missourians and retirees by phasing out state income taxes on Social Security benefits, while offering tax exemptions on pensions for teachers, firefighters, police officers and government workers who do not participate in Social Security.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: delbertscott@senate.mo.gov.

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