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Sen. Harry Kennedy Welcomes Bosnian Delegation to the Capitol

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Harry Kennedy, D-St. Louis, today welcomed 11 members of a Bosnian delegation that is touring the State Capitol in Jefferson City and the city of St. Louis. This is in anticipation of the official "sister city" signing ceremony Friday (5/9) in St. Louis.

The delegation was introduced to Missouri senators and given a tour of the Capitol. From there, they'll tour the Monsanto and Pfizer buildings in St. Louis tomorrow (5/8).

"I consider this an ongoing cultural experience," said Sen. Kennedy. "Given the fact that St. Louis has welcomed nearly 40,000 Bosnian residents."

The Official Signing Ceremony of the Sister City Proclamation will be held Friday (5/9) at 1:15 p.m. at St. Louis City Hall, 1200 Market St. Sen. Kennedy will be joined by United Bosnian Association of St. Louis President Ibrahim Vajzovic, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, St. Louis County Executive Charley Dooley, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, and Bosnian guests.

"Missouri is a key partner to have," said Ibrahim Vajzovic, president of the United Bosnian Association of St. Louis. "Bosnia-Herzegovina (BH) and Missouri have similar landscapes and economies. Already, there are 60,000 Bosnians living in the region."