



Senator Rupp Announces Senate Approval of Gubernatorial Appointees

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, today announced that the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and the full Senate have approved the nominations of: Ryan Espenschied, of O’Fallon, and Jane Henke, of Dardenne Prairie, to the state’s Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board; John Boland, of Troy, to the Missouri Propane Gas Commission; John Orr, of St. Peters, to the Elevator Safety Board; and the reappointment of Timothy Dorsey of St. Charles to the Missouri Fire Education Commission.

Espenschied, who has experience working with children, adolescents and adults as a therapist, group counselor and social worker, and Henke, a counselor, mediator and arbitrator, join the nine-member, non-partisan Child Abuse and Neglect Board, which provides an independent review of child abuse and neglect determinations and rulings made by the state’s Division of Family Services.

A licensed therapist since 2005, Espenschied is employed as an employee assistance program counselor at St. John’s Mercy Health Care in Des Peres and holds a master’s degree in counseling from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. Henke is a counselor with the Center for Biblical Counseling & Education in St. Louis and earned a master’s degree in counseling at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis.

“Ryan Espenschied and Jane Henke are experienced counselors who specialize in a number of areas of therapy and counseling,” Sen. Rupp said. “Their dedication and commitment to working with children and families in these highly emotional situations make them ideal members of the Child Abuse and Neglect Board.”

Boland, vice president of Boland Plumbing Co., Inc., in Troy and a member of the Plumbing Industry Council-St. Louis and Missouri Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors, joins the Missouri Propane Gas Commission. The nine-member commission represents the users, producers and suppliers of Missouri’s propane industry.

“John Boland has more than 30 years of experience in the gas and plumbing industry and will be a great asset to the propane commission,” Sen. Rupp said.

Orr, who is the business representative of the International Union of Elevator Constructors, Local No. 3, has worked in the elevator industry for a number of years. The 11-member Elevator Safety Board develops and interprets elevator statutes and certifies elevator inspectors.

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“I’m pleased that John Orr will contribute his rich and varied experience in the elevator industry as a member of the Elevator Safety Board,” Sen. Rupp said.

A longtime firefighter, paramedic and current captain of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District, Dorsey was reappointed to the Missouri Fire Education Commission.

“Tim Dorsey will continue the important work of the Missouri Fire Education Commission, which works with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute to provide firefighter training throughout the state,” Sen. Rupp said.

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Sen. Rupp with Ryan Espenschied during the Gubernatorial hearing.



Sen. Rupp with Jane Henke during the Gubernatorial hearing.



Sen. Rupp with John Boland during the Gubernatorial hearing.



Sen. Rupp with John Orr during the Gubernatorial hearing.