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## **Senator Rupp Named to Newly Formed Missouri Housing Trust Fund Committee**

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, was recently appointed by Senate Leader Mike Gibbons, R-Kirkwood, to serve as the chairman of the newly formed Senate Select Committee on the Missouri Housing Trust Fund.

Sen. Gibbons created the five-member committee to examine ways to improve and increase funding for the Missouri Housing Trust Fund — a state fund that provides grants to organizations that offer housing assistance to very low-income families and individuals.

“Sen. Rupp is an ideal choice for this committee because of his ability to look at complex issues and then offer common sense solutions,” Sen. Gibbons said. “Under his guidance, I believe this committee will be able to bring new ideas for better funding for this trust fund for the General Assembly to consider next year.”

The trust fund is administrated by the Missouri Housing Development Commission with funds supported by recording fees on real estate documents filed in the state.

The committee will seek public input and issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the state legislature by Jan. 1, 2009.

“I look forward to serving on the committee and exploring ways for local developers and non-profit organizations to continue offering vital services that encourage rehab or new construction of rental housing and offer rental assistance and home repair where it is most needed,” Sen. Rupp said.

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