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Sen. John Loudon Announces S. Lee Kling Named to Missouri Development Finance Board

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, today announced that the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee and the full Senate have approved the nomination of S. Lee Kling, of Town & Country, to the Missouri Development Finance Board.

The Missouri Development Finance Board administers a range of financing programs for Missouri businesses, local governments and state agencies, issues taxable and tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds or notes and provides market rate or low-interest loans and grants to fund public infrastructure improvements.

"We are extremely honored to have someone with the remarkable business acumen and faithful commitment to public service as Mr. Kling join the Missouri Development Finance Board," Sen. Loudon said. "His longtime business career and outstanding experience as a leader of state and national groups will be invaluable to the board."

Kling is the chairman of the board of The Kling Company, an investment consulting firm in St. Louis. Previously, he was chairman of the board of the former Landmark Bancshares Corporation. He served as Assistant Special Counselor on Inflation for the White House and also spent 20 years in the insurance brokerage business.

Kling's statewide service includes several governmental appointments. He was appointed by the late Gov. Carnahan as commissioner, and later president, of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission in 1996. He was appointed and reappointed three times as the civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Missouri. In 2006, he was appointed to serve on the Missouri Veterans' Commission.

In 2002, Kling had the unique distinction to be elected to the Academy of Missouri Squires, a 100-person membership created in 1960 to honor those who have significantly contributed to the state of Missouri.

Kling has received a number of state awards, including the 2007 Missouri Conspicuous Service Medal awarded by Gov. Matt Blunt.

A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Kling also attended the New York Military Academy in Cornwall-On-Hudson, New York. He received an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and is also a recipient of the Distinguished Business Alumni Award from Washington University.



Sen. Loudon with S. Lee Kling during Gubernatorial hearing.

As a member of the Missouri Development Finance Board, Kling will serve a four-year term.

"Whether it's the President of the United States or the Governor of Missouri of either party calling for help, Lee Kling has always answered the call," Sen. Loudon said. "He is a true patriot."

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