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Senator Bill Stouffer Elected Senate Majority Caucus Chairman

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, was today elected Majority Caucus Chairman of the Missouri Senate. Senate Republican caucus members elected Sen. Stouffer to the position, which will run over the next two years.

"I am appreciative of this opportunity and thank my colleagues for their trust in me," said Sen. Stouffer. "There are a lot of challenges facing Missouri and I want to work with my colleagues to ensure we work for a government that is disciplined in its spending and forward-thinking in its policies."

As Majority Caucus Chairman, Sen. Stouffer will lead majority caucus meetings and play an instrumental role in the coordination of legislative strategies to advance the agendas of the Senate members in his political party.

Senator Stouffer, a Saline County farmer, represents the counties of Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Howard, Lafayette, Macon, Ray, and Saline. He also chairs the Senate's Committee on Transportation and is the Vice Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. He recently won re-election to his post by receiving 64 percent of the vote and is known in the senate as a champion of constituent services in the nine counties he represents.

"We've worked really hard for the citizens in our area," said Sen. Stouffer. "I'm looking forward to being a part of the next phase as we begin a new year with a new General Assembly."

Senator Stouffer will officially begin his duties as Majority Caucus Chairman at the beginning of the legislative session in January. The First Regular Session of the 95th General Assembly will start on January 7, 2009, and will adjourn on May 15, 2009.

"Bill is a consistent leader for the people of Missouri on important issues ranging from transportation to the care of our seniors and disabled," said presumptive Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph. "His breadth of knowledge on the issues makes him the best person to lead and educate our caucus on the important issues emerging for Missourians."

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