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## Sen. Jason Crowell Announces Southeast Missouri Residents to Serve on State Committees and Commissions

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced that the Senate has approved the nominations of three residents of Southeast Missouri to state commissions and committees. The appointments were approved by the Senate panel on January 30; and the full Senate gave its consenting vote this week.

"I am always pleased to see residents from Southeast Missouri getting involved on a state level," said Sen. Crowell. "Each of these community members will be an asset to their new position because of their experience and knowledge."



Stephen C. Bradford of Cape Girardeau will serve on the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee, which works to create health improvement plans for state-sponsored healthcare participants. Bradford is currently the president and chief executive officer of Pyramid Home Health Services, Inc. This experience operating Missouri's largest home health services company will provide valuable background to the panel.

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Dr. Samuel Hunter of Sikeston was appointed to the Clean Water Commission. The seven member panel adopts regulations and policies to carry out planning, monitoring, permitting, enforcement, and grant assistance activities relating to Missouri's water quality. Hunter, who practices veterinary medicine at three Southeast Missouri veterinary clinics, will serve as a representative for agriculture on the board.



James M. Lakenan, III, of Perryville will serve on the Seismic Safety Commission. The 17 member commission initiates, with the assistance and participation of other government agencies, a comprehensive program to prepare the state for responding to a major earthquake. Lakenan is Perry County Emergency Management and E-911 Director. His background in emergency management and preparedness will benefit the panel.

The members of many state commissions and boards are appointed by the governor. Gubernatorial appointees then work with their state senator, who serves as a sponsor of the nominee in the confirmation process, which begins before the Senate's appointments committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

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