

# Senator Wes Shoemyer

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*From the desk of Sen. Wes Shoemyer*

Friends,

This was one of the most important legislative sessions in Missouri history. In addition to everything the General Assembly did in 2009, I want to make sure we do all we can for you in the years to come. Issues like agriculture, education, health care and jobs are most important to my district.

Rest assured, I will do everything I can to make Missouri and the 18<sup>th</sup> District a better place to live, work and raise a family. But I need your help, and that's why I'm out visiting with you at every opportunity to bring your values and concerns with me to Jefferson City each and every year.

Thank you.



*Wes Shoemyer*

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# Welcome to Your State Capitol



*Senator Wes Shoemyer poses with his mom and dad, Dorothy and Robert, during a visit to the Capitol.*



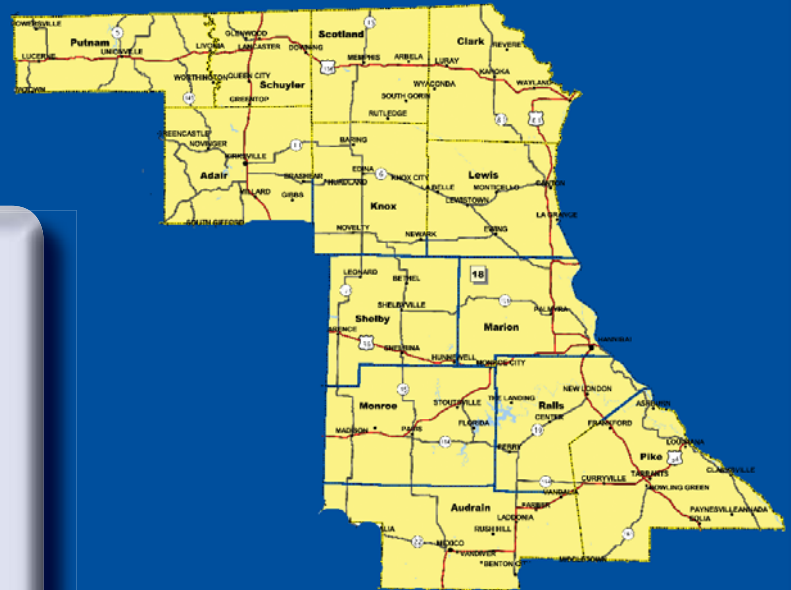
*Senator Wes Shoemyer is joined by his wife, Cheryl, and their children, Andrew, Wendy, Laura and Amy, during inauguration festivities at the Capitol.*

"I appreciate the sacrifices my family makes while I serve in public office. I could not be an effective representative of the people of the 18<sup>th</sup> District without the love and support of my family. I also credit the values my parents instilled in me for my success as a farmer and as an elected public official."

— Senator Wes Shoemyer

## Committees:

- Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources
- Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight
- Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government
- Progress and Development
- Transportation
- Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee
- Healthy Missourians 2020 Committee
- Joint Committee on Legislative Research



*Missouri's 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District: Adair, Audrain, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland and Shelby counties.*



# Missouri's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

This year, lawmakers were faced with one of the biggest fiscal challenges in years. Fortunately, we saw help come from the federal government, in the form of a stimulus package.

These one-time dollars will help pay for much-needed one-time projects slated for the district throughout the fiscal year. Federal one-time and general state budget appropriations to the 18<sup>th</sup> District are spelled out in greater detail below.

## DISTRIBUTION OF EACH TAX DOLLAR FY 2010 AFTER VETO MISSOURI OPERATING BUDGET All Funds: \$23.087 Billion



## The 2010 State Budget for the 18<sup>th</sup> District

Truman State University.....	\$45,236,510
Truman State, one-time funding.....	\$756,339
Truman State, LCDI project pickup (Pershing Building)*.....	\$10,222,081
Mexico LCDI project pickup (Plant Science Center).....	\$2,500,000
Moberly Community College.....	\$6,188,284
State Schools for the Severely Handicapped.....	\$1,642,540
K-12 Education Foundation Formula.....	\$75,961,434
Thousand Hills State Park.....	\$356,747
Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site/Union Covered Bridge.....	\$146,763
Mark Twain State Park.....	\$351,796
Battle of Athens State Historic Site.....	\$160,694
Iliniwek Village State Historic Site.....	\$3,555
Wakonda State Park.....	\$280,326
Clarence Cannon Dam.....	\$444,871
Kirksville Innovation Center.....	\$175,000
Kirksville Vocational Technical Center*.....	\$5,250,000
Pike County Vocational Technical Center*.....	\$2,250,000
Mexico Veterans Home.....	\$8,121,780
Northeast Correctional Center.....	\$15,819,690
Women's Eastern Reception Diagnostic Center.....	\$14,278,437
Hannibal Regional Center.....	\$1,103,436
Kirksville Regional Center.....	\$731,720

Total.....\$183,860,223



*Senator Shoemyer addresses colleagues during budget debate in the Missouri Senate.*

\* Funding temporarily withheld pending further revenue adjustments or budget cuts.



## Visitors from the 18<sup>th</sup> District

As you have heard me state many times, I enjoy when visitors come to Jefferson City to see the past year of folks who visited the Capitol. Feel free to come by anytime during the year to discuss your business with me in Jefferson City to have things done *for* you than *in* your area.



*Coach Matt Smith and the 2008 Clark County Class 2 Football State Champions.*



*Adair County elected officials, State Representative Rebecca McClanahan and Kirksville law enforcement members.*



*The Madison 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, with their teacher, Ms. Susan Purdy, and State Representative Paul Quinn.*



*Katie Walker, of Hannibal, receiving a resolution on the Senate floor. Katie received the 2009 "Wake up to Missouri Outdoors Award."*



*Josh Houchins, of Hannibal, with his parents, Richard and Mary, after receiving a resolution on the Senate floor. Josh was selected by the Missouri's Un...*

## Gubernatorial Appointments

Pictured below are the 2009 Gubernatorial Appointments that were sponsored by me. I appreciate each individual for their hard work and dedication.



*Brenda Niemeyer, of Edina, with her husband, Dan, and their son, Jared. Appointed to the Missouri Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.*



*Debbie Catlett, of Hannibal, with her granddaughter, Madison Tucker. Appointed to the Missouri Quality Homecare Council.*



*Sam Leake, of Perry. Appointed to the Missouri Clean Water Commission.*

Not Pictured: Jim Reinhard, of Paris, appointed to the Missouri Board of Embalmers; and Dr. Jack L. ... to the Missouri Higher Education ... Approval in J...

## to Your State Capitol in 2009

me and to learn how the legislative process works. Below are just a few pictures from this discuss any issues or just to take a tour of your state Capitol. Remember, it's easier to come to it is to stay at home and have things done to you.



f Ewing, with his  
and Jeana, receiving  
e Senate floor. Josh  
e Senate as one of  
nsung Heroes.



Instructor Corey Stott with Scotland County FFA members Kylee Sears and Chad Consbrook visiting during Farm Bureau Leadership Day.



Representing "America's Hometown" of Hannibal, the Tom Sawyers and the Becky Thatchers.



Members of the Scotland County 6<sup>th</sup> grade class receiving a courtesy resolution for obtaining the "Inspire by Example Student Service-Learning Award."



Members of the Rural Advocates for Independent Living visiting Sen. Shoemyer's Senate office.

## ts - 2009 Legislative Session

by myself and Governor Nixon and approved by the Missouri State Senate.  
dication to each one of the boards and commissions.



Elizabeth Grove, of Monroe City.  
Appointed to the Safe Drinking  
Water Commission.



Janis Van Meter, of Lewistown.  
Appointed to the Missouri  
Community Service Commission.



Jim Wells, of Bowling Green,  
with his wife, Brenda, and  
family Mark, Amy, Haley and  
Anna Auwarter. Appointed  
to the Missouri Board of  
Probation and Parole.

, re-appointed to the Missouri State  
Magruder, of Kirksville, appointed  
Loan Authority. (Subject to Senate  
January 2010.)



# Economic Development



Perhaps the most important bill we debated this year was the big economic development bill that was approved in the final hours of the legislative session. It was critical that the Legislature approve some kind of jobs bill this year because of the downturn in the economy that has impacted families across Missouri and across the nation.

House Bill 191, the omnibus economic development bill, will help create jobs by increasing the cap on the Quality Jobs Program from \$60 million to \$80 million annually. These tax incentives are provided to companies wishing to locate or expand in Missouri. In return, they must promise to create or add jobs that pay well and offer health benefits.

House Bill 191 also increases the cap on the New Markets Tax Credit program. I fought for this increase because the program is vital to getting our manufacturing plants going again, like

current efforts to re-open the brick plant in Mexico.

Another provision in the bill prohibits increases in user fees for small business licenses for four years. The measure also makes it easier for the public to find out who is receiving tax credits from the state and what those tax credits are supposed to accomplish by visiting the Missouri Accountability Portal, which is available online at [mapyourtaxes.mo.gov](http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov).

During debate on the economic development bill, in the early morning hours of the last day of session (May 15), I voiced my objection to an increase in the land assemblage tax credit from \$10 million to \$20 million. This measure basically benefits one big developer in St. Louis. At the same time, the state is providing just \$65 million for our largest industry, agriculture. So we're spending up to \$20 million on an 80-acre parcel in the big city, but just three times that amount for all of the farmers in our state.

I also got a little fired up on the Senate

floor during the debate over tax credits after a senator from the Kansas City area complained about "wasteful" state spending on agriculture programs. I reminded my city-dwelling colleague that spending on agriculture programs accounts for less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the state budget and I told him maybe he ought to go hungry for a day in order to gain an appreciation of where his food comes from.

So, I get a bit frustrated when I hear people — like my colleague from the city — complaining about "wealth redistribution." Missourians were paying an average of 12 cents a gallon less for their fuel during peak prices at the pumps thanks to the state's effort to establish an ethanol industry. The economic output from our ethanol plants will be well over \$2 billion. A University of Missouri study found the operation of just one ethanol plant supports 928 jobs. That says a lot to me about the importance of agriculture in the state of Missouri.

## Rural Health Care

Since January, the governor has been working with the state's universities to encourage students to pursue careers in health care to meet a growing need for doctors, nurses, dentists and other health care professionals — a proposal called Caring for Missourians. The budget passed by lawmakers in May distributes more than \$33 million in federal stimulus dollars to our public universities and colleges for any one-time purpose. The governor's office says our public universities have agreed to use that money to implement Caring for Missourians, and a number of university officials have publicly pledged to do just that. I think this program is critical for rural Missouri, which suffers from a lack of access to affordable medical care.

According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), 40 percent of rural counties in Missouri do not have a hospital. The lack of hospitals means a lack of certain services

such as emergency room care and specialty care. It also means folks must travel great distances to get the care they need. Since a large proportion of our rural population is elderly or impoverished and might not have access to transportation, too many of our citizens are not getting the basic health care services they need to live a full and productive life. Officials estimate approximately 28 percent of Missourians lack health coverage.

The projected increase in the rural elderly population adds another dimension to our health care crisis. More and more of our older citizens are making ends meet on one income and are skipping trips to the doctor or not filling their needed prescriptions. DHSS officials say the senior population in Missouri is expected to rise to 15 percent by next year and climb to 18 percent by 2020, which is higher than the national average. Again, the lack of transportation prevents too many older



Missourians from receiving the care they truly need.

Our rural communities are rich in resources, traditions and family values. I can think of no better place to raise a family, but the lack of health care in rural areas remains a challenge. That's why I support the governor's effort to increase the number of students entering health care fields at our public colleges and universities. Some of these graduates will choose to practice in underserved areas of our state, typically rural areas and our urban cores.

## Education



Missouri lawmakers this year sent a comprehensive education bill to the governor. Senate Bill 291 ensures that all revenue collected from the repeal of casino loss limits (Proposition A) be deposited into the Classroom Trust Fund to be distributed to schools. Missouri voters who approved Proposition A in November of 2008 intended

the extra money to go to our public schools, but the ballot language left some loopholes that needed to be closed to make sure the measure did what voters were told it would do.

Senate Bill 291 also creates the P-20 Council to help prepare students to enter the workforce; creates the Missouri Senior Cadets program to give 12<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to mentor younger students; establishes methods for helping school districts apply for grants to prevent drop-outs; requires elementary students to have a certain amount of physical activity each day; and allows school boards to set a four-day school week instead of a five-day school week.



## Horse Processing

The Missouri General Assembly approved a resolution I sponsored (Senate Concurrent Resolution 8) that calls on Congress to support the continuation of horse processing in the United States. The measure offers incentives to help create horse processing plants throughout the country, and opposes any legislation introduced in Congress that would restrict horse processing in this country.

In 2006, Congress forced horse processing plants in the United States to close, eliminating the export of processed equine meat. The ban on processing in the U.S. has had a number of unintended consequences. For one, the Horse Welfare Coalition estimates that 90,000 to 100,000 unwanted horses will now be exposed to potential abandonment and neglect each year. Those unwanted horses add to the 32,000 wild horses U.S. taxpayers already are paying approximately \$40 million to feed and shelter. The Congressional Research Service finds our nation's horse rescue and adoption facilities cannot handle the addition of thousands of abandoned horses each year that will result from a harvesting ban.

I believe this resolution offers a humane solution to the problem of horse abandonment and neglect while providing Missouri livestock producers with a valuable export market.

To track legislation, log onto: [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov)

## Contact Senator Shoemyer



Ian Dunlap handles legislation for Sen. Shoemyer, works with constituents to address their concerns and spends a lot of time in the district attending meetings on behalf of the senator. Originally from Monroe County, Ian graduated from Northwest Missouri State University and now resides in Perry.

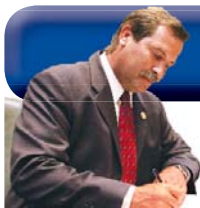
Stacy Steen joined Sen. Shoemyer's staff at the beginning of the 2009 legislative session. She handles constituent issues and has expertise in insurance, health care policy and economic development. Originally from Jefferson City, Stacy earned a Masters in Public Affairs from the University of Missouri and resides in Holts Summit.



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State Treasurer Clint Zweifel — Room 228 — (573) 751-8533  
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Representative Rachel Bringer — District 6, Room 107 — (573) 751-9818  
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