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Sen. Eric Schmitt Committee Appointments Focus on Job Creation, Economic Development and Healthcare Reform

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Eric Schmitt, R-Glendale, today was appointed by Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, to serve on several Senate committees including the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government and the Committee on Health, Mental Health, Seniors, and Families (vice-chair). Sen. Schmitt will also serve on the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Pensions and Urban Affairs (vice-chair), the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments.

With the difficult economy, job growth and economic development are sure to be priorities of the Legislature and the Governor. The work of the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government considers and reports on bills relating to these important issues.

“We need to work together to grow our economy and support the creation of quality jobs in Missouri,” said Sen. Schmitt. “We should focus our efforts on fostering an environment that promotes 21st Century jobs and empowers small businesses.”

The Committee on Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families discusses legislation dealing with healthcare reform, mental health issues, and the quality of life for senior citizens.

“With the rising cost of healthcare, the work of this committee will be especially important in order to make healthcare more available, affordable, and portable,” said Sen. Schmitt. “One of my goals while serving on this committee is to find new and innovative ways to help increase the quality of care and reduce skyrocketing costs that affect Missouri families and businesses.”

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Pensions and Urban Affairs handles all matters concerning veterans’ issues, as well as retirement pension plans and urban issues.

“Our veterans chose to make sacrifices in order to defend the freedom and ideals that make our nation great,” said Sen. Schmitt. “It is an honor to serve on a committee to help the Missouri residents who has so nobly served our great nation.”

The Committee on Ways and Means discusses legislation concerning the revenue and public debt of the state and the assessment and classification of real and personal property.

The Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments considers and reports upon gubernatorial appointments forwarded to the Senate by the governor for the chamber’s consent.

“I am pleased to have Sen. Schmitt as a member of the Senate and look forward to working with him,” Sen. Shields said. “Because of his family’s personal experiences with healthcare, I know he will be passionate about improving health and mental health for all Missourians. I also anticipate he will be a strong voice to help create jobs for the people of Missouri.”

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