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Senate Agriculture Committee Receives Name Change

*Chairman Senator Dan Clemens Requests Change to Better
Reflect Missouri's Agriculture Industry*

JEFFERSON CITY – The Senate Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources Committee has received a name change and will now be officially titled the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources.

Committee chairman Senator Dan Clemens, R-Marshfield, requested the change after Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, presented him with the opportunity to refine the committee's purpose and emphasize what agriculture means to the state.

"Missouri agriculture is not just a local or regional industry," Sen. Clemens said. "Missouri farmers produce food for the world, so our goals still remain the same—to protect and enhance the state's number-one industry while maintaining a commitment to Missouri's natural resources for both sportsman activities and outdoor recreation."

Sen. Clemens' panel considers legislation relating to animals, animal disease, pest control, agriculture, the state park system, conservation of the state's natural resources, soil and water, wildlife and game refuges.

"Missouri has approximately 30 million acres of farm land," Sen. Shields said. "Agriculture and food production have an enormous impact on the state's economy. By emphasizing what this industry means to Missouri—even through something as simple as a committee name change—we can clarify our vision for agriculture's place in Missouri's future."

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