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## Senator Bill Stouffer Encourages Use of Free Glasgow Ferry Service

Delay in Missouri River Bridge Construction Leads to Waiving of Ferry Fees

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, today announced that due to a delay in construction of the <u>Missouri River Bridge at Glasgow</u>, ferry service will be free of charge beginning Tuesday, August 4, until construction is complete. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) now estimates a mid-September completion date for the bridge.

A provision in the contract for the bridge project provided financial incentives for the construction company to finish within one year (the bridge was closed to traffic on Aug. 4, 2008), but because of the significant amounts of rain and high water levels that have delayed the project, the company now estimates a completion date of September 15, 2009.

Senator Stouffer commended MoDOT on its efforts to compensate local residents in the form of free ferry service for the added inconvenience of extending the project.

"The public has been great with adjusting their schedules around these new improvements," Sen. Stouffer said. "I encourage local residents to take advantage of the free ferry service until construction is finished. Although an additional six weeks of construction is an added burden, the new bridge will be an asset to the community."

The ferry will also offer free service on Independence Day weekend for July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The ferry has carried approximately 250 cars a day throughout the last year; it runs from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., seven days a week.

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