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STATEMENT

By Senator Jason Crowell on the Successful Rejection of the Legislator Pay Raise

JEFFERSON CITY– Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today applauded the work of the General Assembly to reject a pending pay raise for legislators set to go into effect on Feb. 1, 2009. The pay raise was originally approved by a special citizens’ commission that is charged with reviewing the salaries of elected officials.

“Families throughout Missouri are struggling with their homes and worrying about their jobs, and it would be irresponsible for us to accept a raise. The national economy continues to falter and we are facing budget shortfalls for this year, which proves this is most certainly not the time for salary increases. I am pleased that we were able to move quickly and efficiently to stop this from going into effect.”

-Senator Jason Crowell