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Passing a Fiscally Responsible Budget for the Citizens of Missouri

\$23.1 Billion For State's FY2010 Budget Beginning July 1, 2009

The General Assembly fulfilled its constitutional requirement by passing a fair and balanced budget one day before the Friday, May 8 deadline. The governor submitted his annual budget plan to the Legislature back in January, and since then, the Legislature has been working on a plan to pass a budget that was going to work for the people of our state.

Thirteen House bills (HBs 1-13) make up our state's budget plan, and each one allocates money to different state departments and programs in Missouri. This year, funding for education and running crucial functions of state government were the leading priorities. Budget bills enacted a \$63 million increase for our state's school funding foundation formula, designated funding to projects that will create jobs and improve our infrastructure, and created the largest budget reserve totaling \$966 million for spending in future budget years.

The FY 2010 budget reflects the General Assembly's commitment to education. An increase to higher education funding will ensure that more students in our state will be able to afford to carry on their educational experience after graduating high school. And the General Assembly was able to fully fund—for the fourth year in a row—the state's funding formula for K-12 students.

Other budgetary items for the 28th Senatorial District include (totaling \$113,300,738):

- State Fair Community College - \$5,837,071
 - State Fair Community College M&R - \$1,000,000
 - State Schools for the Severely Handicapped - \$873,691
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- K-12 Foundation Formula - \$95,878,895
 - Missouri State Fair - \$4,916,116
 - Pomme De Terre State Park - \$424,113
 - Stockton State Park - \$280,762
 - Bothwell Lodge State Park - \$173,394
 - Prairie State Park - \$307,907
 - Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Historical Site - \$135,770
 - Harry S. Truman State Park - \$313,227
 - Southwest Missouri Psychiatric Hospital - \$3,159,792

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