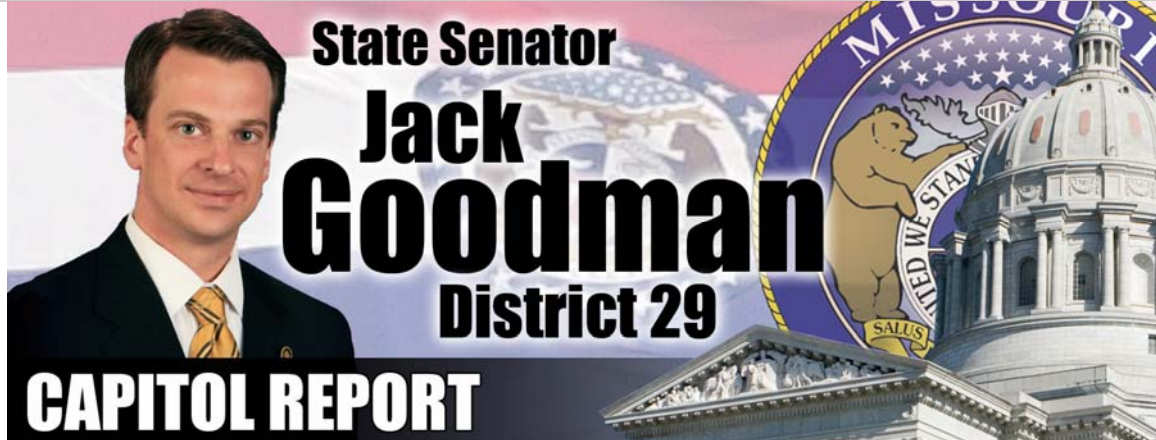


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Senate Committees Appointed

Some of the most important legislative work we perform in the Senate is performed in committees. This is where the public has an opportunity to comment on legislation and where bills are refined before heading out to the Senate floor for consideration by the full body. Today, Charlie Shields, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, announced his appointments to all standing committees. With this important step, we can begin addressing the many legislative issues facing Missouri this year.

Once again, I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve on such a wide variety of committees. This year I have been named chairman of the Senate General Laws committee, a new committee that will serve as a catch-all for priority legislation that may not be related to only one type of issue. While I enjoyed my time on the Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee, I am excited about the potential to work with new legislation and a new set of issues.

In addition to General Laws, I will continue to serve as vice-chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, a position I have held since 2007. The Judiciary Committee is responsible for ensuring that all civil and criminal laws in Missouri are efficient and effective. We also examine the constitutionality of all proposed laws that come through the Senate.

For the first time, I was appointed to the Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee. This committee considers all matters relating to small businesses, and other issues relating to labor, fair employment standards, workers' compensation and industrial development. Industry and small business

have always constituted a huge part of Missouri's economy. I am especially honored by the opportunity to serve on this committee in a time where Missourians are looking to all levels of government for help in addressing the economic crisis.

Finally, I was appointed to the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee. This committee considers any issues relating to the promotion of economic development, the creation and retention of jobs, the promotion of tourism in Missouri as a state industry, community and business development, county government and political subdivisions. This is another committee that will see some interesting legislation this year considering the current economic climate.

I am anxious to sit down with my fellow committee members and get to work on this year's legislation. As always, I welcome your ideas, questions and concerns about Missouri government. You may contact me at the Capitol as follows: (573) 751-2234, jack.goodman@senate.mo.gov or by writing to Senator Jack Goodman, Missouri State Capitol, Room 331-A, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

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