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Senate Leader Names Senate Committee Chairmen *New Committees Created to Address Issues Important to Missourians*

JEFFERSON CITY –Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, today announced 18 Senate committees that will be tasked with holding public hearings and drafting legislation on issues important to Missourians. The committees will be in place for the First Regular Session of the 95th General Assembly that runs through 2009.

As Senate Leader, Shields names all committees, appoints chairmen and members of the majority caucus to those committees. Shields said he worked with senators to review the roles of the committees and amend them to make sure they encompassed the issues that are important to improving the everyday lives of the people of Missouri.

"I believe we – Republicans and Democrats – must work together to address the emerging issues that affect our everyday lives," Shields said. "That is why I named a committee to be chaired by the Democrat Leader. By working across party lines, the committees and, more importantly, the chairmen and chairwomen I have named will be able to successfully advance quality legislation that will benefit the people of Missouri."

The Senate Committees and Chairmen are(in alphabetical order):

1. Administration: Sen. Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph
2. Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources: Sen. Dan Clemens, R-Marshfield
3. Appropriations: Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin
4. Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment: Sen. Brad Lager, R-Maryville
5. Education: Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter
6. Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections: Sen. Delbert Scott, R-Lowry City
7. General Laws: Sen. Jack Goodman, R-Mt. Vernon
8. Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight: Sen. Chuck Purgason, R-Caulfield
9. Gubernatorial Appointments: Sen. Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph
10. Health, Mental Health, Seniors and Families: Sen. Norma Champion, R-Springfield
11. Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government: Sen. John Greisheimer, R-Washington
12. Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence: Sen. Matt Bartle, R-Lee's Summit
13. Progress and Development: Sen. Victor Callahan, D-Independence
14. Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics: Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington
15. Small Business, Insurance and Industry: Sen. Scott Rupp, R-Wentzville
16. Transportation: Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton
17. Veterans' Affairs and Pensions: Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau
18. Ways and Means: Sen. Carl Vogel, R-Jefferson City

To learn more about the role of each committee, visit www.senate.mo.gov.

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