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District 4 - St. Louis

2010 Legislative Report



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Dear Friends,

The 2010 General Assembly was an historic session with one of the worst budget shortfalls in our state's history.

I'm proud to say that we accomplished many goals, despite the historic budget shortfall. The Senate's priority was education, and while many programs and services were cut across the state, we were able to keep the foundation formula steady for FY 2011. I firmly believe that when times are tough, we must continue to invest in the future of our children.

I also championed a law that would return local control of the police force to the City of St. Louis. I was able to introduce this legislation to the full Senate, but it was held over for further review. This is farther than many of my predecessors were ever able to take this legislation, and I consider it progress.

It has been an honor to serve you. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

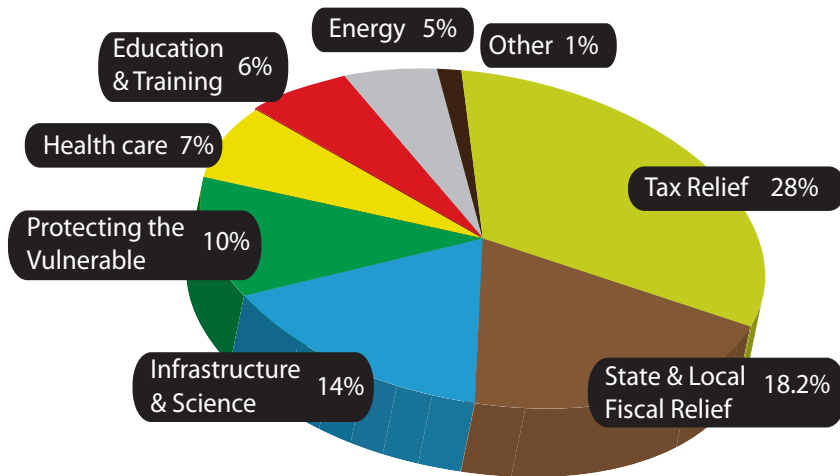
Sincerely,

Meet My Capitol Office Staff



Stacy Morse, Legislative Director; Sen. Keaveny; Lindsey Weinberg, intern; Wilma Rowden, Administrative Assistant. Not pictured is Johnny Little, District Assistant.

Taxpayer Dollars and Budgeting



Approximately \$3.3 Billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

Source: Missouri Department of Economic Development

Federal Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was designed by the President's administration to help the nation weather the recession. Missouri received many dollars in federal assistance that went to extended unemployment benefits, a health information system exchange, Medicaid, and expanding broadband technology, among others.



Stimulus projects in St. Louis:

- Investment in a local company improving piping worldwide
- Home weatherization for low-income families
- Genome Data Center at Washington University
- High-speed rail between St. Louis and Chicago

Balancing the State Budget

The Missouri Constitution requires a balanced budget. Many of you know that Missouri faced an historic budget shortfall this session, and as a result, the Missouri Senate had to make some tough decisions regarding where your tax dollars are spent. We were committed to not raising taxes, while still providing the vital services our state offers. Here are some of the highlights:

Education funding: stays at the same level as previous year = **\$825,068,649 in District 4.**

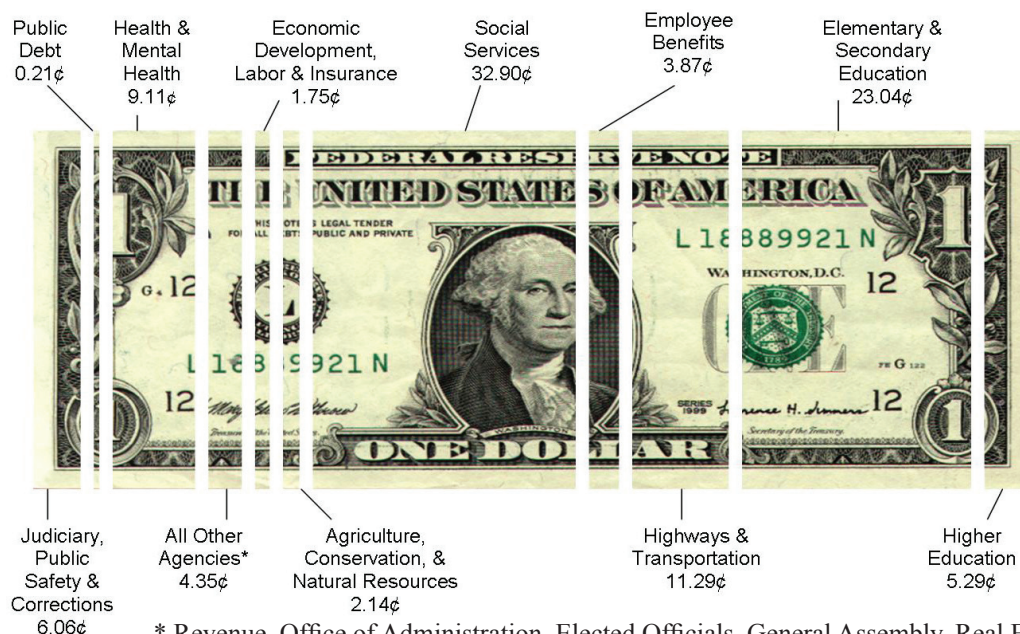
Access Missouri scholarships: equalized to be the same amount for Missouri students who attend public or private institutions.

Missouri Mentorship Fund: Sen. Keaveny fought to protect funding for a program that helps at-risk youth gain employment.

Distribution of each tax dollar

FY 2011 TRULY AGREED AND FINALLY PASSED OPERATING BUDGET

All Funds: \$23.275 Billion



* Revenue, Office of Administration, Elected Officials, General Assembly, Real Estate

Bringing St. Louis to Jefferson City

District 4 Survey Results

Currently the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is controlled by a board appointed by the governor. Do you support the City of St. Louis controlling its own police department?

Yes: 49%

No: 45%

No Opinion 6%

Do you think charter schools are an option for public education in the City of St. Louis?

Yes: 62%

No: 27%

No Opinion 11%

Should the State of Missouri increase funding for Metro?

Yes: 63%

No: 28%

No Opinion 10%

Do you support raising the seatbelt fine from \$10 to \$50?

Yes: 52%

No: 39%

No Opinion 9%

Should payday loans be more regulated?

Yes: 80%

No: 9%

No Opinion 10%

Should the amount of Historic Tax Credits and other tax credits, which are used by developers and individual citizens to finance large projects and save historic buildings, be restricted by the state?

Yes: 49%

No: 30%

No Opinion 22%

See you out in the community!



Senator Keaveny at a parade in his Senate district.

Save the Date

July 10- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free Health Fair! Screenings & more!

Where: St. Louis Community College at Forest Park,
5600 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

July 21 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Payday loan forum. Julia Davis Branch Library
4415 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63115-2626

**For either event, call (573) 751-3599 or (866) 783-1534 or
e-mail: wilma.rowden@senate.mo.gov**

Sen. Keaveny and St. Louis Schools



*Senator Keaveny reads to Jameela Edmond of the
Hodgen Elementary College Bound Academy.*

- St. Louis Public School District's 13 full-service schools were recognized by several prestigious national organizations as a model in education.
- Metro Academic and Classical High School, a St. Louis Public Magnet School, is proudly recognized as the only school in Missouri to make the top 100 list in the United States. Metro also was recognized for providing exceptional career and college preparation.

St. Louis public schools resume August 16, 2010!



Kennard Classical Junior Academy, a St. Louis Public Magnet School specializing in gifted education, earned the prestigious status as one of eight schools in Missouri to be named a 2009 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School.

Help For Senior Citizens

Aging Information.....1-800-235-5503
Meals on Wheels.....314-268-1523
Dept. of Health & Human Services314-340-7300
Nursing Home Ombudsman314-340-7353
OATS Transportation.....314-894-1701
Sr. Citizens & Handicapped Bus Fares....314-231-2345

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Priorities Advanced: 2010 Legislation



SB 643 - Local control of police force:

Would have protected legal defense fund of \$500,000 and kept police officer pensions intact. Debated on Senate floor for the first time in history. Work in interim will focus on restructuring city government.

*** HB 1692 - Modifies child support provisions:**

Will correct state procedures for child support payments and termination.

*** HB 1316 - Delinquent property tax:**

Changes laws regarding the collection of property taxes and allows St. Louis to collect revenue for delinquent property tax.

*** HB 1893 - Veterans audit:** An audit will now be conducted once a year to ensure that embezzlement doesn't take place again.

*** SB 844 - Ethics reform:** New measures on campaign contributions and transparency.

*** HB 1311 - Autism insurance:** Provides up to \$40,000 of insurance coverage and therapy for children through 18 on the autism spectrum. Begins Jan. 1, 2011.

*** Becomes law upon receiving the governor's signature.**



Metro Funding: Overwhelmingly endorsed by voters on April 6. Will restore and expand transit options to the region.

To Return To Next Year

SB 822 - Increase seat belt fines to \$50

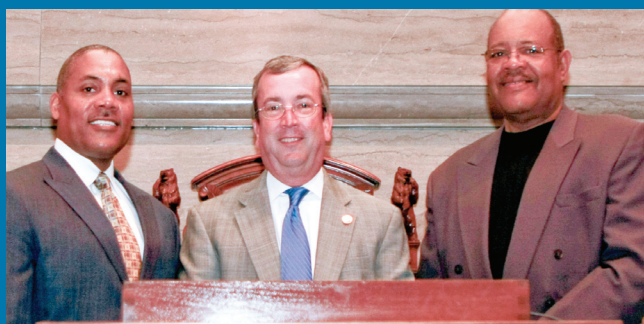
Missouri's seat belt fines amongst the lowest in the country.

SB 969 - Modifies school attendance

Would lower the required school age from seven to six in St. Louis and Kansas City school districts, because younger children learn better.

SB 811- Payday Loan Reform

Would place new interest rate and renewal restrictions on payday loans.



Senator Keaveny endorsed the appointment of Dr. Michael Gerdine (left) to the St. Louis Police Board of Commissioners. Also pictured is Thaddeus Gerdine, Jr.

Keeping the St. Louis Zoo **FREE!**



When an effort to allow entities around the state to charge admission, including the St. Louis Zoo, Sen. Keaveny led a successful effort to keep the city treasure and popular tourist attraction free to visitors.