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Senator Mayer Recently Appointed to Serve on Joint Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Rob Mayer (R-Dexter) was recently appointed to serve on the <u>Joint Committee on the Reduction and Reorganization of Programs</u> within State Government. The newly established committee was created through legislation passed by the General Assembly during the 2010 regular legislative session.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important committee," said Sen. Mayer. "As chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am well aware of the situation our state is in regarding funding for our state's departments and programs. By working on this committee, I can apply members' recommendations to our state's next fiscal year budget."

The committee is designed to study programs within every state department in order to examine which programs could be eliminated, reduced, or combined with another program or programs.

Thirteen members make up the joint committee, which consists of five members of the Senate; five members of the House of Representatives; Kelvin Simmons, Commissioner of the Office of Administration or his designee, a representative from the governor's office, and a Missouri Supreme Court judge or his or her designee. Senators joining Sen. Mayer on the committee include Sen. Bill Stouffer of Napton, Sen. Jane Cunningham of Chesterfield, Sen. Joan Bray of St. Louis, and Sen. Timothy Green of St. Louis.

The committee must submit a report containing recommendations on how to reduce or reorganize programs within state government to the General Assembly no later than Dec. 31, 2010.

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