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## Senator David Pearce Appointed to Joint Committee on Missouri's Promise

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) was recently appointed by Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields (R-St. Joseph) to serve on the [Joint Committee on Missouri's Promise](#), which is a 10-member panel created in [House Bill 1965](#) during the 2010 legislative session.

Five senators and five representatives comprise the committee, which is charged with examining issues that impact the future of Missouri and its citizens. Committee members will develop long-term strategies and plans for increasing the economic prosperity and opportunities for Missouri citizens, improving the health status of Missourians, developing an education system that educates students and prepares them for global competition, and other areas that are vital to improving the lives of Missourians.

"It's a privilege to be asked to serve on this committee, which has the very important responsibility of looking ahead to the issues that will affect Missourians for years to come," Sen. Pearce said. "We have seen from the economic downturn how important it is for our state to be prepared. This committee's work will fill a critical niche in bridging our present concerns with our future needs."

The committee is also responsible for developing three-, five-, and 10-year plans for the General Assembly to meet the specified long-term strategies, implementing budget forecasting, and determining the proper course of future legislative and budgetary actions on these issues. By Jan. 1, 2011, and each year thereafter, the committee must issue a report to the General Assembly regarding any findings or recommendations.

Senator Pearce also serves as chairman of the similarly themed Senate Educated Citizenry 2020 Committee, which is charged with determining what education in Missouri should look like by the year 2020 and developing long-term strategies to achieve these future goals.

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