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Governor Parson Delivers Annual State of the State Address

Members of the House and Senate gathered in the House Chamber on Wednesday afternoon to hear Governor Parson share his vision for the state. Parson delivered his annual State of the State address where he unveiled the budget items and policy initiatives he wants to put in place with the help of the legislature.

In his speech, Parson outlined priorities that include key investments in workforce development, new investments to support and improve the state's infrastructure, improving access to health and mental health care, and downsizing government by consolidating two correctional centers. He told lawmakers, "I stand before you today to share a vision - a vision that will chart Missouri's future into the next decade. Missouri is dear to my heart, and by working together, we can protect and build a Missouri that is successful for the next generation."

House Speaker Haahr Announces Committee Assignments for the 100th General Assembly

House Speaker Elijah Haahr recently announced the House Committee chairmanships and his selections for Republican membership on House committees for the 100th General Assembly.

"One of the greatest qualities of the Republican Caucus is the diverse experiences and talents this group of individuals brings to our legislative process," said Haahr. "We have worked hard to take full advantage of each member's unique background and match them with committees that will bring their expertise forward to address the state's most difficult challenges."

Haahr continued, "The work done by the committees is one of the most integral parts to the policy-making process. It is in committee hearings where every Missourian has the opportunity to testify on bills before the General Assembly. These committees also hear directly from stakeholders of

legislation, ask the tough questions to thoroughly examine all the complexities of legislation, and make recommendations to the full body on bills that should proceed through the process.”

There are 43 standing, special and subcommittees in the House of Representatives that specialize in specific areas of legislation. The Speaker appoints all majority members of regular standing committees and all members to special standing committees – which have the authority and duties of a regular standing committee.

Haahr added, “Under the leadership of the men and women chairs, I have full confidence that our committees will be very productive this year in crafting bold and innovative legislative proposals to build a better Missouri.”

Representing the 54th District in Jefferson City

I was honored to be appointed as Chairman of the Fiscal Review Committee which serves as the last stop for a bill after it has been printed and perfected on the House Floor and before it moves on to its final passage. I am fortunate to have several very capable colleagues from both parties serving on the committee with me which will enable us to make very thoughtful and sometimes unpopular financial decisions as we work within our state’s financial limits. While many of the earlier bills moving out of the house are able to be incorporated into the budget discussions which must be approved by both chambers, bills late in session require considerable scrutiny and deliberation particularly if they will result in the outlay of state dollars.

In addition, I will serve on the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee. This committee reviews all bills passed out of Committees on Agriculture Policy; Children and Families; Conservation and Natural Resources; Corrections and Public Institutions; Elementary and Secondary Education; Insurance Policy; Judiciary; Pensions; Professional Registration and Licensing; Transportation; and Veterans and makes recommendations that they pass, don’t pass or in some instances send them back to committee for additional work.

I appreciate you allowing me to serve as your voice in Jefferson City.

Sincerely,



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