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Hello to you!! It has been an incredibly busy week with less than a month to go of session. I was at the Capitol late each night this week, I don't think I left the building before 10pm any night! This week we finished the final debate of the budget with it now being prepared to be sent to the Governor. I am glad to have this portion of our legislative work this far before May arrives. I was very pleased with some of our accomplishments on the budget. I will list just a few of these below:

Public Debt---ALL debt obligations will be met for FY 2016

Elementary & Secondary Education

- \$5.78 billion for K-12 Education — record funding for our public schools
- Increased funding for the Foundation Formula by \$84 million — \$34 million more than the Governor's recommendation
- Continued funding Parents as Teachers (\$2.4m), Virtual Education for Medically Frail Students (\$200k), Teach for America(\$1m) ...just to name a few of these

programs with more of these being expanded to rural areas

- Defunded Common Core — that money must be used to create a MO-based testing system Higher Education
- \$1.26 billion for higher education • Increased funding for 2 and 4 year public colleges and universities by \$30 million

Dept of Revenue & MoDOT

- \$200k for the implementation of a new registration and licensing system
- Cut travel expenses for executive agencies
- Funding for an I-70 tolling study
- \$3m for capital improvements at Missouri ports
- \$500k for transit providers Of?ce of Administration & State Employees
- Cut travel expenses for executive agencies
- Eliminated funding across the budget for the Governor's "Of?ce of Community Engagement"
- \$1.5m more than the Governor's recommendations for IT security upgrades

I didn't vote to support HB 11 as I had some concerns with the expansion of Managed Care. I am relieved that before this can be fully implemented there will be a complete study done with many meetings during the interim, which I will be attending, to ensure that this will be a positive for Missouri.

Committee work has been very busy. I expect committee work to continue to be busy with this schedule becoming even busier as we count down to the end of session. I have worked closely with several other committee members on various bills to make changes or study to ensure that these bills will have a positive impact on Missouri.

The bill that I authored, House Bill 1262, regarding the Schools for the Severely Disabled, will possibly make the House floor this week or next week. I am very excited about this. With is being so late in session, I am also working to see if there is a possibility to add this bill as an amendment on another closely related bill to move it closer to the Governor's desk.

I will close for now but please free to call me or my office any time that I can be of service to you!!

Until Next Week,

Tila

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