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Smith stops at the Tyson Foods Plant in Dexter to see recent expansion and discuss impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Dexter, Missouri - On Wednesday, Congressman Smith stopped at the Tyson Foods Plant in Dexter, Missouri to see their recent plant expansion first-hand and also to talk about how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is reducing the federal tax burden on American companies like Tyson, leaving employers with more resources to decide best how to invest in their operations.

“Before passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, like most American based companies, Tyson was being held back by one of the highest tax rates found anywhere in the world,” said Congressman Smith. “That is why our action last month was so important – it leveled the playing field for American employers, including those like Tyson here in Dexter. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will help American companies compete against our competitors around the globe and help ensure that American companies and American workers can continue to succeed.”

Tyson Foods in Dexter employs approximately 620 people and sources from local growers for corn and other needs. In the last five years, the Dexter facility completed an over \$5 million expansion while simultaneously increasing hourly wages for employees. While there, Smith learned about day to day operations from manager Mark Avery.

“It’s great when members of the U.S. Congress show interest in our company,” said Mark Avery, Tyson Foods’ complex manager in Dexter. “We enjoyed showing Representative Smith how our team is dedicated to providing safe, wholesome food not only to the people of Missouri, but also to the U.S. and the world.”

“It was great to spend time with the folks from Tyson today and see their operation. They are an important employer in the Dexter area and exactly the type of American company which the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is going to help,” said Congressman Smith. "America is open for business and competitive once again thanks to this legislation which not only levels the playing field for employers, but also takes care of the American worker. More than two million American families, including thousands of Missourians, have already received bonuses, increased pay and other benefits as a direct result of this legislation. Next month millions more will be receiving larger paychecks as the full impact of these tax cuts begins to kick in," concluded Congressman Smith.

Smith is the only member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation on the tax-writing committee in Congress, The Ways and Means Committee, and was instrumental in writing and passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Smith also traveled to St. Charles, Missouri with President Trump in November to discuss the importance of the tax cuts legislation and joined him at a similar stop in Springfield, Missouri last August.

The stop in Dexter is one of many tax-related stops the Congressman is making this week. He will also visit Dent and Texas County to hear about how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has positively impacted Missourians.

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This week, hundreds of thousands of Americans came to our nation's Capital to March for Life. Sadly, we have lost more than 60 million lives in the United States since abortion became legal and Roe v. Wade was upheld by the Supreme Court 45 years ago. That is 60 million less lives which could have grown up to find the cure to cancer, discovered new sources of energy, become an astronaut or the next President of the United States. But more than likely, many of those lives would have had a smaller - but just as noble - role in life. Maybe those aborted babies would have grown up to be the 3rd grade teacher at your local elementary school, a small business owner on Main Street, a brave member of our military, or raised families of their own.

I was in Cuba, Missouri when I met Gianna Jessen. Gianna was almost one of these millions of lives lost, but was saved by a nurse after surviving an abortion and being born alive. Gianna has had a life filled of uphill battles and complications from the attempted abortion, but she has courageously chosen to dedicate her life to fighting for the unborn and their right to life. This week, I met Kelsey and her twin girls. Kelsey is from south central Missouri, and bravely defended the lives of her unborn babies when she was pressured into an abortion. Through the compassionate care of the Rolla Pregnancy Center, Kelsey was able to receive the support she needed to carry her children to term.

I have voted repeatedly and consistently to make sure that no taxpayer funds are used for abortions and instead, I have supported pregnancy resource centers like the Pregnancy Center in Rolla and Birthright in Cape Girardeau who protect innocent lives and provide critical resources to mothers and families. I have spent time with them, and I can tell you first hand that they are putting tax dollars to good use and using them to protect unborn babies' right to life and help mothers like Kelsey fight for their children.

The right to life must extend to every innocent human being, through every stage of life, and I am committed to defending that right. It is because of this commitment that this week, we marched for people like Gianna, Kelsey and her daughters. We march because every innocent life is precious and deserves a chance in this world. We march because our Constitution guarantees all Americans an inalienable right to life. We also march for people like Micah.

Micah was born prematurely at just 20-weeks and survived. After his birth, Micah's family boldly pushed Congress to outlaw 20-week abortions. Micah is now a thriving, healthy five-year-old and is living proof that children born as young as 20-weeks have the potential to grow up and live completely normal lives. I was honored to help author and pass "Micah's Law" to stop 20-week abortions for babies like Micah who could feel pain and survive outside of the womb. While this bill was a step in the right direction, there is more work to be done.

Standing next to over a hundred Missourians in town this week to join the March for Life was a feeling of inspiration and commitment to protecting the rights of the unborn which I won't soon forget. While the protection of the unborn is an ongoing battle around the country, we must lay the foundation for a society that does not accept abortion as a form of birth control. Open hearts and open minds can heal our nation and change abortions into adoptions. We must join together to pray for the protection of the unborn. The intersection of prayer and action can produce amazing results. I know we can accomplish our goals, and innocent human life can be saved.

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Herman Morse Assigned to Committees at MO Capitol

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Herman Morse of Dexter has settled into his new role as the District 151 State Representative after being sworn into office on January 10, 2018.

He will serve on three separate committees while representing District 151 in the Missouri State House of Representatives.

Morse will serve on the Agriculture Policy, Corrections, and Public Institutions and Consent and House Procedures committees.

He will serve with 12 other representatives on the Agriculture Policy Committee. There are ten total members on the Policy Committee and there are 13 on the Consent and House Procedures Committee.

You can contact Herman Morse at (573) 751-1494 or (573) 820-7502.

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Local Democrats Meet in Dexter

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Dexter, Missouri - The Stoddard County Democrat Club met on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 11 N. Walnut Street in Dexter. Harold Gibson, opened the meeting with a prayer. Richard Wilson lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kay Wooley presented the secretary's report and Ruth Gibson informed members of the upcoming meetings and speakers including brenda Schnader of Poplar Bluff, Tom Bischof speaking for V.A.N. Voter Access Network, and Mike Moroni.

Peter Beaudry will serve as the new treasurer, replacing Ruth Gibson, who will still have a presence at the meetings, but will no long serve in that capacity.

Members learned that their president, Peggy Barks, is doing well as she battles cancer.

Article submitted by Theatta Cokley.

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Herman Morse Sworn in as New 151st District State Representative

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Jefferson City, Missouri - Dexter resident Herman Morse is shown inside the state capital in Jefferson City on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 as he takes the oath of office to serve as Missouri's District 151 State Representative.

Morse won the November 2017 special election after Representative Tila Hubrecht resigned from the post at mid-term.

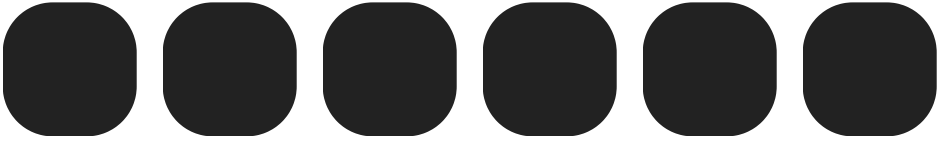
Morse will complete the term in 2018 and must run in the November 2018 election to retain his seat for two more years.

Pictured are Missouri House Speaker Todd Richardson, (R) Poplar Bluff administers the oath of office to Rep. Elect Herman Morse (R) Dexter, as Rep. Steve Cookson, (R) Poplar Bluff watches on.

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