

Welcome to the Pratt Report – Spring Break Addition!

### **Working in our community**

This week, I spent a lot of time traveling around the district visiting with members of our community. I got some great information and direction about many current issues in Jefferson City. I want to personally thank so many folks in our community for taking time to speak with me this week.

### **Working at home**

I also spent a lot of time working at home this week. Sherry is now seven months pregnant with our baby girl. Sherry got a 3D ultrasound recently – it was amazing seeing our baby girl’s face! We worked on the nursery this week - I put up a chair rail and crown molding, and I painted the nursery (with a lot of help from my mother-in-law and father-in-law). Next weekend, we are going to try and assemble the crib – wish me luck!

### **Bills Passed by the Legislature**

Two major bills have passed the Legislature before Spring Break. These bills will keep jobs in Missouri, and bring new jobs to Missouri.

1. Legal Reform – This bill was drafted to keep doctors in our community, and to stop frivolous lawsuits. This bill is important to our community because Eastern Jackson County lost its only two neurosurgeons recently. If you needed a neurosurgeon – you had to travel to downtown Kansas City to see a neurosurgeon. The Legal Reform bill will keep doctors practicing on our community, and give injured patients a reasonable recovery!
2. Work Comp Reform – This bill ensures that only injured workers receive workers compensation benefits. The bill also prohibits employees under the influence of drugs or alcohol from receiving workers compensation benefits.

### **The Budget**

We will be spending significant time on the budget in the next month. At this time, the State simply does not have enough money to fund every State Program and State Department at full levels. I support the Governor’s \$170 Million increase in education funding because education is my top priority. We will be spending a considerable amount of time reviewing every State Department and State Program, and very difficult decisions will be made.

### **Quote of the Week**

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thank you so much for the privilege and honor of serving you in Jefferson City. I look forward to hearing from you, and fighting for you in the coming months.

Bryan Pratt