

Dear Terri,

Welcome to the Pratt Report! I hope you had a great week! The legislative session officially ended at 6 p.m. Friday. We are scheduled for one more week in September. I am very happy to be back at home with Sherry.

Sherry is due with our little girl on June 4<sup>th</sup> – and we are very excited! The nursery is done, the car seat is in the car, and the diapers are ready.

### **Visitors this Week**

I had some great visitors this week! My wife Sherry came to Jefferson City with me this week – we had a great time! My mother also visited me at the Capitol this week. Next week, I am making a special trip to the Capitol to meet the Fourth Graders from William Bryant Elementary School.

### **This Week in Jefferson City**

This year was a productive year in Jefferson City!

1. **Education** was my number one priority! I voted to increase education funding by \$170 Million. We also passed a new school funding foundation formula – the formula increases funding for Eastern Jackson County school districts, and allows our school districts to keep local property tax dollars in the school district. The new formula provides over \$1 Billion in new money for schools in the next seven years.
2. Keeping **Jobs** and bringing new jobs to Missouri was a big priority! We passed the Quality Jobs Act to stimulate Missouri's economy. We also passed Legal Reform to keep doctors and nurses in our community.
3. **Fighting crime** was a priority this session. We passed HB 441 making it harder to produce Methamphetamines. We also toughened DWI laws, and put regulations on Missouri's porn shops.
4. **No New Taxes!** We passed a balanced budget this year with tight revenues. The budget was passed with no new taxes!

### **Sad News**

My good friend, State Representative Richard Byrd from St. Louis County passed away Saturday. He leaves behind his wife Moira, and two children, Richard C., age 13, and Ellie, age 3. He was a great mentor for me, and Sherry and I will really miss him. His leadership will be missed by all in Jefferson City.

### **Quote of the Week**

“One person caring about another represents life’s greatest value.”  
Jim Rohn

Have a great week!

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