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Ron Richard to chair economic development committee

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — House Speaker Rod Jetton, R-Marble Hill, has named Representative Ron Richard, R-Joplin, to chair the House Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development. **Rep. Richard represents the 129th district which encompasses part of Jasper and Newton counties.**

"Representative Richard is dedicated to continuing the policies of the Republican Legislature to make Missouri a good place to start a business and to work," said Speaker Jetton.

The House Job Creation & Economic Development Committee considers and reports upon bills and matters referred to it relating to commerce, industrial growth, expansion, and development and the creation and retention of jobs. As chair of the committee, Rep. Richard will preside over committee hearings and be responsible for all legislation referred to the committee.

"I am very proud of the bi-partisan accomplishments of this committee in the past and I am sure this session will bring about the same results," said Rep. Richard.

He was first elected to the House in November 2002. In addition to his legislative duties, Rep. Richard is a partner in A&R Development, C&R Development Corp., and has full duties with C&N Bowl Corporation.