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Smith is accepting applications through October 31, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Jason Smith reminded students that he is accepting applications for nomination to U.S. Service Academies. As a Member of Congress, Smith is able to make nominations for the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

“Attending a Service Academy can be a life changing experience. Students get a world class education and assume a leadership role in the military upon graduation,” **said Congressman Smith**. “Service Academies attract the best and brightest young people from across the country and I am honored to be able to nominate students from right here in southeast and south central Missouri who are committed to protecting, preserving and defending our nation’s freedom.”

Young people interested in a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements for admission to a service academy:

- He or she must be at least 17 years old
- He or she must be a United States citizen
- He or she must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Students interested in a nomination should contact Heather Kamps in Congressman Smith’s West Plains’ office at 417-255-1515 or heather.kamps@mail.house.gov. The deadline for nomination applications to Smith’s office is October 31, 2017.

For additional instructions and frequently asked questions, student can visit Congressman Smith's website at <https://jasonsmith.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>.

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I would appreciate your vote for the vacant 151st State Representative seat on November 7, 2017. I am pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, and pro-education. For more information about me please follow me on Facebook **by clicking [HERE](#)**.

I believe I can effectively represent the people of Stoddard County and the people of western Scott County in the legislature at Jefferson City.

I would like to meet everyone in the 151st during this campaigning, but that won't be possible in a shortened election cycle. Stoddard County is the 10th largest county by area in all of Missouri (823.22 square miles); in addition, the 151st includes Chaffee, Oran, Vanduser, crowder, and Salcedo and the rural areas around them. So far, I have been in Advance, Bell City, Dexter, Bloomfield, Puxico, Bernie, Essex, Grayridge, Circle City, Dudley, Chaffee, Oran, and Vanduser. I have just a couple of weeks form today to get back to those places and some of the rural areas.

I am willing to listen and learn about your concerns and/or desires about the role of state government in your life. If you want to meet me, contact me at (573) 820-7502, give me your name and address, and I will try to see you when I am in your area. If you have a question for me, would like a sign for your yard, or field corner, or would simply like a few flyers to share, contact me. Tell your friends and family about the **Facebook page**.

Again, the election is just a couple of weeks away. It is one of the few issues on the ballot. Any consideration and help would be appreciated.

Finally, I will always prefer to be considered a public servant than a politician.

Thank you,

Herman Morse

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151st District Representative Candidate Elect Curtis Clark is asking for your vote this November. He is married to Michelle and they have four children and three grandchildren with one on they way. He has 28 years of work experience with the Missouri Department of Transportation as was a supervisor for 17 years. He also has law enforcement experience and has served as a deputy for two years at Stoddard County.

"He wants to bring common sense back to Jefferson City. When a bill is passed it's about the bill at hand not all the other items they attach to the bill and trying to sneak in new legislation that has nothing to do with the bill itself. We need to get things done!" Curtis said.

"Family and friends are very important to me," commented Clark. "I am a self taught auctioneer of 40 years. and have worked in sawmills, farmed, trained, and shod horses after working a 40 hour work week."

"I know hard work and what it takes to make a difference. Some of my hobbies include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and playing golf. I attend church at the Stoddard County Cowboy Church."

"I support MoDOT, law enforcement, military, veterans, fire departments, all emergency response, farmers, factories, better schools, and affordable health care. I will work hard to bring more industry to this community."

"If elected I will stay true to the 151st District. I will not resign midstream no matter how hard it gets," commented Clark. " I won't give up. I will do my job as the State Representative for the people."

"I want to be the voice of the people regardless of political party, race or religion," continued Clark. "I will work hard and living here my whole life I take pride in this District."

The Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

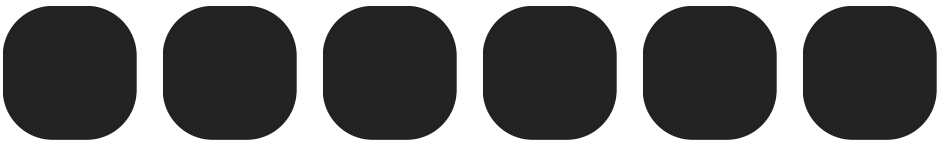
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Congressman Jason Smith's Capitol Report - Stalled in the Senate

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Congressman Smith Capitol Report Stalled in the Senate October 20, 2017

It's always great to be back home and spend time with folks in our area. This week, I've had the opportunity to travel to more than half of the counties in Missouri's 8th Congressional District, and have met with everyone from parents, teachers and students, to doctors, farmers, local small business owners and community leaders. During my travels this week, the folks I visited with consistently told me they were frustrated with Washington. "Why is Congress failing to act on President Trump's agenda?" The truth is, I join you in your frustration.

As a matter of fact, since January, the House of Representatives has passed 362 bills which is almost 100 more than the average under the last four Presidential Administrations. We have passed legislation that will reduce regulations, bring back healthcare choice and competition, cut spending, increase local control and ensure America's energy-independence. Plus, let's not forget that the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Obamacare repeal and replace legislation President Trump asked for and sent it to the Senate months ago. We are delivering for our President and the American people. But the Senate has yet to do the same.

Obstructionists in the Senate need to realize that our President isn't going to put up with business as usual in Washington – he expects results. Sadly, Senate Obstructionists aren't just left-wing liberals. They are "Republicans" who have never supported our President and find it more politically beneficial to obstruct than to deliver results for the American people.

Because of the Senate slow-down, President Trump has only had the chance to sign 64 bills into law. He is ready to take action on much, much more. Of the 362 bills we have passed, 286 are now stuck in the Senate. President Trump is also struggling with a Senate slow-down on confirming people who have been nominated to serve in his Administration. At the same time during Obama's first year in office, the Senate had confirmed 359 of his nominees. Unfortunately for President Trump, the Senate has only acted to confirm 172 of his nominees. I agree with President Trump – the Senate should change the rules and allow a simple majority to get things done.

In fact, just last week, President Trump got tired of waiting on the Senate and took action to advance healthcare policies I've pushed for and passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. His Presidential actions are creating more choices and more competition - ending unconstitutional bailouts for insurance companies, allowing folks to buy insurance across state lines and band together with other hardworking Missourians to bring down the cost of care for their families.

This week, President Trump met with several Senators and urged them to come together for a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to fix the U.S. Tax Code and give Americans a long overdue pay raise saying, "We're going to restore America's competitive edge, rebuild America's middle class, and renew the promise of the American Dream."

It's time for the Senate to do their job. We have got to get legislation moving again in Washington and deliver real results for folks back home. Sleeping on the floor of my office in D.C. can get old, but I'm ready to get back and keep fighting for the people in southeast and south central Missouri as Congress works to deliver on President Trump's legislative agenda.

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Congressman Smith Capitol Report
The Power of Prayer
October 13, 2017

Whenever I am working in Washington, my fellow Republicans and I open our weekly meetings with prayer before declaring our allegiance to the American Flag. This time of reflection sets our intentions and reminds us that we are truly “one nation under God.” Opening with prayer is a long-held practice in our great nation. In fact, Benjamin Franklin began the Constitutional Convention by reminding his fellow founders to bow their heads in prayer.

In 1776, when crafting the United States Constitution, our founding fathers declared that, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” But 241 years later, California Atheist, Dan Barker, tried to challenge our freedom of religion and stop prayer from happening in the U.S. House of Representatives. Barker sued the United States House of Representatives Chaplain, Patrick Conroy, for allowing prayer in the halls of Congress saying that it “violated his constitutional rights.” Fortunately, the court ruled on the side of Chaplain Conroy, prayer and American’s freedom of religion.

Growing up as a preacher’s kid, prayer has always been an essential part of my everyday life. We started and ended our days thanking the Lord, and my parents taught me how to seek Him in times of trouble and times of joy. Being raised with these values and faith has

made me the person I am today and has helped me through many tough times.

Earlier this summer, my dear friend Steve Scalise was shot by an attacker who was targeting Republicans as they practiced for a charity baseball game. After several surgeries and months of rehabilitation, Steve returned to work a couple of weeks ago, and we heard him talk about the power of prayer from the floor of the People’s House. Steve said, “I saw real miracles happen on that ball field... There’s a lot of reasons why I shouldn’t be here, but I am. I think it’s through direct miracles from God.”

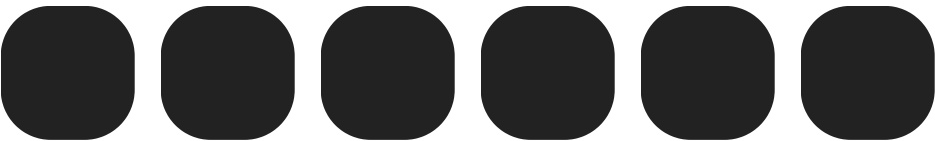
Freedom to express your religion and your beliefs is one of the core values on which our country was founded. Last week, President Trump reversed Obama’s mandate that forced religious groups like the Little Sisters of the Poor and Christian-owned businesses like Hobby Lobby to pay for something that their religion fundamentally does not believe in – birth control. Forcing people who have sincerely held religious and moral objections to cover the cost of contraceptive drugs was a blatant violation of our First Amendment rights.

On Friday, President Trump said, “America is a nation of believers, and together we are strengthened and sustained by the power of prayer.” We live in a world where I think we could all use a little more prayer in our lives. I take time each day to pray for my family, my friends, our country, our first responders, our brave men and women in uniform fighting to keep us safe, and for all of you. I feel blessed to live in a country where we have the freedom to express our beliefs – a country where our founding fathers knew the importance of prayer and where today’s leaders are committed to upholding those values.

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