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Dixon Secures Funding for Springfield Crime Lab

Jefferson City, MO — Today, the House gave final approval to House Bill 2023, a capital improvements bill. HB 2023 includes money for the completion of a state crime lab in Springfield. Representative Bob Dixon (R-Springfield) led the effort in the House to include \$1.6 million for the crime lab, which would finance the completion of this project.

“The completion of the lab will improve criminal investigations and the timely delivery of justice,” said Rep. Dixon. “I’m very pleased with today’s success. It is a victory for justice: a victory for victims, the accused, and the taxpayer.”

Just over 23,000 criminal cases are processed each year by the current system. The addition of the new state crime lab will increase data analysis capacity by 30%, helping to reduce delays in processing cases.

Last week, the Senate approved HB 2023 by a vote of 30-4. A conference committee was appointed to reconcile the differences between House and Senate versions of the bill. Today, both chambers approved the conference committee substitute. Now, the truly agreed and finally passed bill goes to Governor Blunt for his signature.

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