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Senator Bill Stouffer Named to Committee to Determine Fate of Federal Spending

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, has been named to a special committee that will study and analyze strategies for securing monies aimed at reinvigorating Missouri's economy.

Senator Stouffer is one of 13 Missouri senators who will serve on the <u>Senate Select Committee on</u> <u>Oversight of Federal Stimulus Plan</u>. The proposal has been introduced by the president and Congress could soon begin debating it.

"It is our goal to ensure if Congress does execute this giant spending package, the way it is spent honors taxpayers as best it can," Sen. Stouffer said. "Although only 7 percent of the proposal is for transportation, it will still be a good chunk of funding for MoDOT to keep fixing roads over the next few years."

The panel is expected to issue recommendations to the full Senate by March 12, 2009.

"We don't yet know when the spending plan will be signed by the president," Sen. Stouffer said. "Clearly, we have a huge task and need to take it seriously. This proposal may have so many earmarks it only stimulates the Q-tip industry."

Senator Stouffer also serves as chairman of the <u>Senate Transportation Committee</u>, vice-chair of the <u>Senate Agriculture</u>, <u>Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee</u>, and is also on the <u>Senate Health</u>, <u>Mental Health</u>, <u>Seniors and Families Committee</u>.

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