

Senator Jim Lembke

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## Senator Jim Lembke Named Vice Chair of Government Accountability and Ways and Means

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, has been named to serve as Vice Chair of two committees and serve on three others.

Senator Lembke is Vice Chair of the Senate Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. The Government Accountability Committee hears bills for expenditures in excess of \$100,000, and ensures taxpayers get the most for their dollar. The Ways and Means Committee deals with bills that include personal property, state revenue and public debt.

"I'm thrilled the leadership in the Senate has entrusted me to help cut government waste and keep the budget balanced," Sen. Lembke said. "Being chosen as Vice Chair for both Government Accountability and Ways and Means is an honor for a freshman legislator. The people in the 1<sup>st</sup> District and all of Missouri can rest assured this will be a government held accountable for its spending."

Senator Lembke will also sit on the Senate's Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee; Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee; and Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee.

"Senator Lembke established the reputation as a "government watchdog" during his four years in the House as chair of the Appropriations Committee and this is a natural transition to work toward his strengths," Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, said. "He will now be able to put his expertise as a small business owner to use and create much needed jobs in Missouri."

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