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# Senator Jim Lembke Handles Resolution Rejecting Pay Raises for Elected Officials and Judges

*Legislature Has Until Saturday to Make Decision*

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JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, will handle [House Concurrent Resolution 5](#) in the Senate. The measure turns down pay-raise recommendations made by the [Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials](#).

“These are tough economic times,” Sen. Lembke said. “The last thing we need is to give ourselves a raise while jobs are being lost throughout the state.”

The commission recommended a \$1,500 annual pay raise to each of the state’s associate judges and a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for judges, legislators and elected officials *only if* the General Assembly were to approve the same COLA for state employees. State law requires a two-thirds majority vote in both the Missouri Senate and the House in order to overturn the committee’s recommendations. Otherwise, they will become law effective on February 1. The House on Monday voted 129-31 to scuttle the raise plan.

“It is my duty to handle this resolution in the Senate,” Sen. Lembke said. “We can’t afford to let this slide by. We have to take a stand and let the taxpayers know we are good stewards of their money. It’s our obligation as public servants to make the tough choices and sacrifices for the good of our state.”

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