



Senator Scott T. Rupp Named to Lead Senate Committee on Federal Stimulus Package Plan

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, today was named chairman of the newly formed Senate Select Committee on Oversight of Federal Stimulus Plan by Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph.

The committee, which is comprised of 13 Missouri senators, will study and analyze strategies for securing the maximum amount of federal dollars for Missouri and Missourians that is expected to come from the anticipated federal economic stimulus plan of 2009. The committee was created so the Legislature can act quickly to adopt state laws that may currently hinder the state's ability to gain preference to receive grants through the federal plan.

The committee will hold its first meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, in Senate Committee Room 1 and has invited Governor Jay Nixon, Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, and all members of Missouri's Congressional delegation to speak before the committee to share information and strategies for securing Missouri's fair share of the anticipated nearly \$1 trillion federal stimulus plan.

"It's a privilege to head up this new and necessary committee, and I look forward to working with my fellow lawmakers in making sure Missouri receives top consideration for federal taxpayer dollars that could dramatically enhance the funding of our existing programs and services, particularly in the area of transportation, which is expected to be the largest area of federal allotment dollars."

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