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## Senator Rita Heard Days Appointed to New Federal Stimulus Oversight Committee

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JEFFERSON CITY – State Senator Rita Heard Days, D-St. Louis, has been appointed by Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, to serve as vice-chair of the newly created Senate Select Committee on Oversight of Federal Stimulus Plan.

The committee is responsible for studying and analyzing strategies for securing the maximum amount of federal dollars for Missouri that will likely come from a projected federal economic stimulus plan this year. The committee was created to help the General Assembly act quickly in order to modify state laws that might hinder the state's ability to receive grants through the federal plan.

Each of the 13 members named to the new committee were selected because of their knowledge on particular issues and for their district's relationship representing the thirteen areas of federal government.

"I look forward to working closely with my Senate colleagues on this special committee to help secure a portion of the expected economic stimulus package for the citizens of our state," Sen. Days said. "With my knowledge of housing and urban development, along with the 12 other areas of expertise — including agriculture, defense, education, energy, health care, labor, and transportation — this committee will help move our state forward and create a better quality of life for a Missourians."

The committee held its first meeting Wednesday, Jan. 28, to hear testimony from Gov. Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon, Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder, and various members of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

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