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Senator Bill Stouffer Comments on Rejecting Pay Increase and the Federal Stimulus

Plan Would Have Taken Effect Automatically without Swift Action

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, voted with 31 of his Senate colleagues yesterday (1/29) and turned down recommendations made by the [Missouri Citizens' Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials](#) to give state judges and elected officials a pay hike.

Senator Stouffer cast his vote as the Senate approved [House Concurrent Resolution 5](#), which turns down the plan to give a \$1,500 raise to associate circuit judges around Missouri and pinned a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for lawmakers to a COLA for state employees.

“We simply can’t hand out pay raises in a year when we are millions of dollars behind on revenues,” Sen. Stouffer said. “I’m glad the Senate and the House took swift action and rejected the raises.”

State law requires a two-thirds majority vote from each chamber in order to stop recommended raises from automatically taking effect on February 1. The Missouri House voted earlier this week 129-31 against the recommendations.

Senator Stouffer is also applauding Congressmen [Sam Graves](#) and [Blaine Luetkemeyer](#) for voting against the federal stimulus package in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“Government bailouts are a dangerous precedent,” Sen. Stouffer said. “I thank our representatives on Capitol Hill for listening to the people and making the right decision on spending nearly \$1 trillion of taxpayers’ money.”

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