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Senator Jim Lembke Works to Help Create Solutions for Missouri's Budget Challenges

Part of Work Group's Solutions Include Streamlining and Restructuring State Government

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, worked with his colleagues in the Missouri Senate to take suggestions submitted by the general public as well as offer ideas to help ease Missouri's budget woes during an all-day work session at the Capitol Tuesday (3/23).

"We are in historic times," Sen. Lembke said. "With the public's help, we are working toward getting government in line and looking at budgeting the way you and I do. If we don't have the money, we don't spend it."

Senator Lembke led a group of senators in charge of looking at general government spending. The panel of four came up with several recommendations:

- Cut \$1.7 million by not printing the state manual (Blue Book).
- Cancel all publication subscriptions across state government.
- Shorten the legislative session.
- Save \$3.5 million by consolidating state leases.
- Cancelling all membership dues would save \$3 million.
- Eliminating technology consulting contracts would save \$6 million.
- Start a temporary moratorium on all state travel.

"All told, our work group came up with approximately \$55 million to \$60 million in cuts," Sen. Lembke said. "Ours was one of eight work groups altogether offering dozens of ideas and ways to save the state money and run our government more efficiently."

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