



Senator Scott T. Rupp

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Senator Rupp's Accountability and Transparency Legislation Clears Senate

Senator Scott T. Rupp's (R-Wentzville) legislation that allows for more open accountability and transparency in government was passed by the Senate today. The measure now goes to the House of Representatives for similar consideration.

[Senate Bill 757](#) would establish the Joint Committee on Recovery Accountability and Transparency to protect federal stimulus funds from fraud, waste, and abuse. The committee, made up of members of the Missouri Senate and the House, would oversee the contracts and grants established by the funds.

"Having oversight after the contracts have been issued will protect us from the ten thousand dollar hammers and 35 thousand dollar toilets, like we've seen in federal spending before," said Sen. Rupp. "It's bad enough that the federal government is adding to our debt, so we can't let matters get worse by allowing the same waste that got us in this trouble to begin with."

The act also requires the governor to submit a daily report of all amounts held from the state operating budget to the Missouri Accountability Portal, as well as the expenses state employees or elected officials turn in for out-of-state travel.

"This bill basically says that as citizens, we want to know where this money is going," said Sen. Rupp. "We'll make sure that every dollar is accounted for, and hopefully stop fraud, waste, and abuse before it happens. If we have to use this money, let's use it to get the economy going again for the benefit of all, not those who are defrauding the tax payer."

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