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Senator Keaveny Appears on Public Access Program to Discuss Fair Tax in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis, recently appeared on Capitol Dialogue with two other members of the General Assembly to discuss the fair tax. The fair tax is a proposed change to the state government tax laws that would replace all state income taxes with a single broad national consumption tax on retail sales.

A growing number of lawmakers in the Missouri Legislature are discussing this across-the-board tax. Guests on the October edition of Capitol Dialogue talk about the concept of a fair tax and what impact it would have on state revenues, including whether or not it would help bring new jobs to Missouri.

"I don't believe the answer to creating more jobs in Missouri is changing our state to a right-to-work or a fair tax state," said Sen. Keaveny. "We have a delicate balance between Missouri's state sales tax and our state's income tax. To be totally dependant on one form of funding I think would be a big mistake."

Capitol Dialogue is a monthly roundtable program produced jointly by the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives that brings legislators from both sides of the aisle together to discuss the positions on pending legislation and issues affecting all Missourians. To watch this 30-minute episode online, visit the Missouri Senate Newsroom website at www.senate.mo.gov/newsroom and click on the Capitol Dialogue link on the right hand side of the page.

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