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Budget Items for the 18th

JEFFERSON CITY – The Second Regular Session of the 95th Missouri General Assembly was dominated by budget considerations. When the governor and budget leaders in the House and Senate agreed to a consensus revenue estimate in January at the start of session, we already knew things would be tight. The budget situation only got worse as state revenues continued to decline month after month, and the governor told lawmakers we would need to cut an extra \$500-million from the original budget proposal in order to balance the state budget. In the end, the legislature cut more than \$450 million from the governor's original budget proposal, leaving some of the heavy lifting to the governor and his staff.

As of this writing, the following budget items were included in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the 18th Senatorial District:

Truman State University	\$42,885,941
Moberly Community College	5,234,486
State Schools for the Severely Handicapped	1,381,930
Foundation Formula	74,178,794
Thousand Hills State Park	254,640
Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site/ Union Covered Bridge	71,681
Mark Twain State Park	310,595
Battle of Athens State Historic Site	127,429
Illiniwek Village State Historic Site	2,804
Wakonda State Park	201,863
Clarence Cannon Dam	481,580
Mexico Veterans Home	8,135,962
Northeast Correctional Center	15,398,513
Women's Eastern Reception Diagnostic Center	13,464,814
Hannibal Regional Center	1,085,182
Kirksville Regional Center	720,039

It was one of the most difficult legislative sessions I have been a part of because so many worthy programs and services did not receive full funding or sustained major cuts, such as school transportation, which disproportionately affects rural districts like the 18th Senatorial District. Budget experts in the Senate are concerned that even deeper cuts will have to be made next year, but much of that depends on whether or not the state and national economies continue to improve.

If you have any questions or comments about these or any other issues give my Capitol office a call at (573) 751-7852, send me an email at wes.shoemyer@senate.mo.gov, or drop a line to Room 434, State Capitol, 201 West Capitol Ave., Jefferson City, MO 65101.