

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recently passed, and President Obama signed, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, the ARRA allocates federal stimulus and stabilization money to the various states via several funds that come with different stipulations as to the use of the allocated moneys; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri's share of the federal stimulus and stabilization money could be approximately four billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, there is great confusion as to the conditions and stipulations that must be met in order to maximize the amount of funds that the state may receive under ARRA; and

WHEREAS, some of the ARRA funds will use preexisting formulas to determine how much money will go to certain programs, such as worker training, food stamps and renewable energy promotion; and

WHEREAS, other ARRA funds, such as those that come from the stabilization fund, may provide the state with more discretion as to how such funds are spent by the state; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the General Assembly to conduct in-depth studies regarding the parameters of the ARRA funds in order to ensure compliance with federal law and that Missouri receives its fair share of the ARRA funds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby establish a Joint Interim Committee on Oversight of Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be charged with the following:

- (1) Conducting a comprehensive study and analysis of strategies for securing the maximum amount of federal dollars for Missouri and Missourians that will come from the ARRA; and
- (2) Examine any conditions or stipulations that are attached to the receipt of federal funds under ARRA; and
- (3) Investigate exactly for what purpose or programs moneys under ARRA may be used; and
- (4) Such other matters as the Joint Interim Committee may deem necessary in order to determine the proper course of future legislative and budgetary action regarding these issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be composed of ten members, three majority party members and two minority party members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and three majority party members and two minority party members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Interim Committee is authorized to function during the legislative interim between the First Regular Session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly through January 15, 2010, of the Second Regular Session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Interim Committee may solicit input and information necessary to fulfill its obligations, including but not limited to soliciting input and information from any state department or agency the Joint Interim Committee deems relevant, political subdivisions of this State, and the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staffs of Senate Appropriations, Senate Research, House Appropriations, House Research, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the Joint Interim Committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the Joint Interim Committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Interim Committee incurred by the Joint Interim Committee shall be paid by the Joint Contingent Fund.