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State Senator Dave Koehler

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Koehler voices opposition to legislative pay raise

SPRINGFIELD – State Senator Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) is stating his opposition to a legislative pay raise recommended for legislators by the state’s Compensation Review Board. The recommendation comes at a time when the state is having difficulty coming up with a stable revenue stream to pay for other, more important items in the budget.

“I would rather see this money go toward capital improvements, school construction or childhood education,” said Koehler. “To give legislators a raise in the states current fiscal environment is ill – conceived at best,” Senator Koehler said.

Under the process, raises for legislators and other officials including judges and the governor are set by the review board and take effect unless both the House and Senate reject the recommendation.

“With the atmosphere at the State Capitol as tense as it is, to inject a pay raise into the mix would increase the volatility of the situation. I feel this is wrong and soundly reject this,” Senator Koehler said. “We should be tightening our belts in Illinois. There are better places to spend this money.”

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