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## **Rep. Dixon to Participate in National Education Financing Summit**

(Rep. Dixon will be available for a report to the community and discussion of the event upon return, Feb. 19, 2007 at 7 p.m.)

**Jefferson City** – Rep. Bob Dixon, R-Springfield, will travel to Denver, Colorado this weekend to participate in a national conference aimed at helping legislators create better education funding policy. The Education Summit is a collaborative effort between the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

The goal of the summit is to create an environment where education, state and local policymakers, researchers and students can come together to share ideas and experiences to improve state education funding policy. The theme of this year's meeting is Preparing Students for a Global Economy. It will focus on maintaining global competitiveness, reducing the achievement gap, educating teachers and funding adult learners.

“I am excited to have this opportunity to learn from my legislative colleagues from around the country and to share with them some of the experience I have gained from working to improve Missouri’s system of education,” said Rep. Dixon. “We have the chance to share our ideas and experiences and to use that collective knowledge to find new and creative ways to address some of the issues we must overcome when trying to properly fund education.”

The NCSL trip is paid for by private funds. No taxpayer funding will be used by Rep. Dixon. He is the only Missouri legislator participating in the summit.

NCSL is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's 50 states, its commonwealths and territories. NCSL provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues.

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