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## Representative Cynthia Davis Appointed to Chair Interim Committee on Poverty

The Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives recently announced the appointment of Representative Cynthia Davis to chair the Interim Committee on Poverty. This committee will study the underlying causes of poverty and is charged with discovering fresh new solutions to the problems related to poverty.

“Many times the old band-aid approaches to alleviate suffering only wind up making things worse. Our committee will focus on finding new ideas for how we can best serve some of our most unfortunate constituents,” said Representative Davis.

This appears to be the first time in Missouri's history that such a committee has been formed and may be particularly valuable at a time when there are so many voices competing for state budget dollars.

“Stronger families will give us stronger churches, stronger communities and ultimately a stronger state. I am committed to uncovering such effective and beneficial solutions that will make Missouri a model for the rest of the country.”

Poverty is a complex issue. Most people think it is only an urban problem, but at some level it affects us all. There is an old expression that says, "When the tide comes in, all boats rise." This makes the point that we all go up and down together to some degree. We can look at statistics showing that poverty stricken areas have higher rates of crime, addictions, fragmented families, and involvement with our prison system. We can see the negative effects it has on children, the elderly and the working class. So many times the traditional solutions involve the creation of bigger government intervention and throwing more money at the problem. Many ideas only treat symptoms and don't get to the root of the problem. While we can all agree that poverty is undesirable, it is important to look accurately at causes and

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## Committees

Healthcare Policy  
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## State Links

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**Official Government Homepage  
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**Look up Missouri House Bills –  
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Last Action**

Missouri State Senate  
**Look up Missouri Senate Bills**

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**Consumer Complaints &  
Fraudulent Activity, No-Call List**

## Local Links

St. Charles County  
Government

City of O'Fallon

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City of St. Charles

## Other Links

Missouri State Constitution

Missouri State Jobs

discern the true solutions so that we can understand what ideas prove to be helpful and what may inadvertently make things worse.

## You May Be Richer Than You Think

It has even happened to me. My name was found on the unclaimed property list. You may think that this is just for people who leave town in haste or people who are unaware of their bank accounts. In my case it was only about \$5.00, but accuracy is important. Money needs to go back to the rightful owner.

You may have some money you don't even know about. That is why you haven't claimed it yet. Statistically, **one of every 10 Missourians has assets being held by the state's Unclaimed Property Division.**

The Unclaimed Property Division maintains unclaimed funds in trust for the rightful owners or their legal heirs forever. Unclaimed property never becomes the property of the State of Missouri. In my case, I think I applied for a \$5.00 rebate. Either I never cashed the rebate check or it never made it to my house. The company turned the money over to the state and this put my name on the unclaimed property list.

In just the area that I represent, we have 11,303 residents who have unclaimed property with the State of Missouri. All of the money from those 11,303 residents equals: \$1,599,553.89

Fortunately, \$430,808.50 has been claimed by our residents, but there is still \$1,168,745.39 remaining to be claimed.

To see if the State of Missouri has some unclaimed property of yours, you can [click here](#) to check into it for yourself. If you are not connected to the internet or if want me to check it out for you, please send me your name and I will research this in a confidential manner and get back with you on what I can do to get you the money to which you are entitled. It brings me great satisfaction when I can do something to help any of our residents get what is right.

Current State Talk



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State Talk airs on Mondays at 7:30pm and Thursdays at 8:00pm on the St. Peters cable access channel 18. We talk about State issues that are rarely reported elsewhere.

### Joke of the Day...

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#### *Football Marriage*

*One man to another, "My wife thinks I put football before marriage, even though we just celebrated our third season together."*

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**This Capitol Report is a weekly column by Representative Cynthia Davis**, from the 19<sup>th</sup> District, covering events in the Missouri Legislature and district wide issues.

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