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## Panzer Appoints Members to Special Job Creation Committee

*Kanavas, Stepp to co-chair; Leibham to also serve*

**(Madison)** – Senate Majority Leader Mary Panzer (R-West Bend) has appointed members to serve on a special Select Committee on Job Creation to oversee initiatives in the fall legislative session to boost Wisconsin's economy.

Creating jobs is the first step on the road to economic recovery, said Panzer. Stimulating the economy and working with the private sector to create jobs is the Senate Republican's number one priority.

Panzer named Senator Ted Kanavas (R-Brookfield) and Senator Cathy Stepp (R-Racine) to co-chair the Job Creation Committee.

"Senators Kanavas and Stepp have experience running their own businesses, so they bring valuable, real-world business expertise to the table," said Panzer. "They're a natural to lead this committee in the critical task of creating jobs, revitalizing our economy, and growing Wisconsin."

Panzer also named Senator Joe Leibham (R-Sheboygan) to serve on the committee.

"As the chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure, Senator Leibham understands what elements are needed to turn our economy around," said Panzer. "He'll add great leadership to the Job Creation Committee."

"Job growth is our first priority," said Kanavas. "Wisconsin cannot grow unless we provide a climate for growth. This summer and fall we will focus on promoting infrastructure, creating venture capital incentives and providing a better regulatory environment to grow Wisconsin's economy."

"When our committee's work is done, we will have streamlined regulations to show the rest of the country that Wisconsin won't throw up obstacles to your business," said Stepp. "If you want to do business here and create more jobs, then Wisconsin is open to you."

"We must make it easier for businesses to operate here," said Leibham. "I'm pleased to serve on a committee that will strive to enhance our infrastructure and promote job growth in our state."

Kanavas and Stepp have tentatively scheduled August 5<sup>th</sup> as the day of the first hearing for the special Job Creation Committee.

"We look forward to working as partners with the Senate Democrats on the this issue and keep partisanship rhetoric on this committee to a minimum," said Panzer. "Working together to help Wisconsin's economy grow should be a priority for Republicans and Democrats alike."

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