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## LEGISLATORS CALL FOR RETURN OF EXCESS FUNDS TO THE PEOPLE

### Bill Would Establish "*Enough is Enough Fund*"; Require Plan to Return Money

(BATON ROUGE) A non-partisan coalition of six Acadiana legislators, led by state Representatives Joel Robideaux, CPA, (I) Lafayette and Fred Mills (D) Parks, have filed legislation requiring any additional state revenues recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference at their May meeting be returned to the people of Louisiana.

The bill would establish the "Enough is Enough" fund to receive the additional revenues and call on the legislature to formulate a plan for their return to the people.

"We have already recognized and spent a surplus of over \$1 billion for fiscal year 2006-2007, and nearly another \$1 billion for fiscal year 2007-2008. If the May Revenue Estimating Conference recognizes any additional revenue – it should be returned to the people in the form of a rebate," said Robideaux.

Additional authors of the legislation include Reps. Taylor Barras (D) New Iberia, Simone Champagne (D) Jeanerette, Page Cortez (R) Lafayette, and Jonathan Perry (R) Kaplan.

"The people of Louisiana are struggling financially. With the high price of gasoline and groceries, it's ridiculous that the state is spending every extra billion it gets," said Mills. "Enough is enough. The state spending spree must stop. It's the people's money, let's give it back to the people."

The legislators plan to raise public awareness and press for passage of the bill. A Senate version of the bill is expected to be announced shortly.