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## **WALSWORTH PURPOSES ONE BILLION NEW DOLLARS IN HIGHWAY AND PORT SPENDING.**

**WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA**--Today, State Representative Mike Walsworth spelled out a plan to spend up to one billion dollars in highway and port spending. Walsworth says this would be a combination of spending 2005-06 surplus dollars and 2006-07 excess revenue.

Walsworth says now that the 05-06 surplus has been officially recognized, it is important that we put as much of these “one time” excess dollars into highways and ports so that we can invest in our future. A break down of the spending would be as follows:

1. 2005-06 surplus
  - a. \$400 million in highway priority funding.
  - b. \$ 50 million in port priority funding.
  
2. 2006-07 excess revenue
  - a. \$300 million in highway priority funding.
  - b. Steel mill allocation-\$300 million (only if Steel mill doesn't locate in La.)
    1. \$200 million in highway priority funding.
    2. \$ 50 million in port priority funding.
    3. \$ 50 million in economic development projects.

Walsworth states, “You don't need a national report to tell you our roads need massive help. Hopefully, this proposal will allow Louisiana to make a real commitment towards roads, ports, and economical development.”

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